Thagard on front line of body armor development

By Bayard Stern Managing Editor

hile under threat of enemy fire in Iraq that could come at any time without warning, U.S. soldiers there and elsewhere need all the protection they can get.

Enter James Thagard. He is designing bullet-resistant body armor that soon may protect soldiers' arms, legs and shoulders.

visiting assistant professor at the FAMU-FSU College of Engineering, is developing both the com- of wounded people with injuries, posite materials and ergonomic including loss of arms and legs, designs for body armor meant to work in conjunction with the exist- injuries," Thagard said. ing protective vests now being used. The U.S. military primarily uses a vest called the Interceptor that is made of Kevlar fiber and fit- college. He received his master's ted with ceramic plates in front and

back. It is designed to block shrapnel, pistol and some rifle rounds. But it only protects the torso, leaving arms and legs exposed. Thagard wants to remedy this.

He and his team are developing composite materials that are lightweight, tough and can be molded to be comfortable, vet highly effective.

By using a hybrid recipe of ballistic fibers and nano-particletoughened polymers, Thagard has prototyped protection that is light Thagard, an FSU graduate and and nonrestrictive for soldiers.

"I think anybody who meets the soldiers or has just seen pictures would want to help prevent future

Thagard is on the faculty of the Florida Advanced Center for Composite Technologies within the (Continued on page 2)

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FloridaState 100005 Healthy cooking with a dash of 'cool'

By Vida Volkert Staff Writer

rom tasty recipes for women on the go to professional advice on how to stay fit while still eating rich foods, FSU alumna and former CNN anchor Carolyn O'Neil serves up "The Dish on Eating



Healthy and Being Fabulous!" book," O'Neil said. "We wanted her new book published this 'The Dish' to be the very first diet past summer by Simon & Schuster Atria Books.

"There is nothing else like this written by a credible nutritionist," O'Neil said.

A certified dietitian, O'Neil is a public speaker, media consultant drink depending on the kind of and journalist with more than 20 day women are having, the authors years of study and television reporting on food, nutrition and the science of nutrition. cuisine.

Throughout her career report- City' meets food and ing on food choices, diets and nutrition," O'Neil nutrition studies, she has met said. "It has style, a many women — professionals or voice and personality." not — who want to look their best, live healthy lifestyles and eat right. They all seem to agree that most diets are hard to integrate into their busy schedules, whether dining out with colleagues and clients, or eating on the run to meet work or "The Dish on family obligations.

O'Neil and her co-author, nutrition writer Densie Webb, wrote "The Dish" for such women dulging in the - acknowledging that dieting occasional order of doesn't have to focus on deprivation.

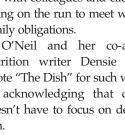
"Women of all ages have been (Continued on telling us, 'I don't want another diet page 2)

book aimed at glamour girls of all ages and sizes. It's not just a lifestyle, it's a way of thinking that can adapt to your unique life and your personal tastes."

By suggesting what to eat or give a nontraditional approach to

"It's 'Sex and the Using the lan-

guage of pop culture to appeal to the reader, O'Neil has cleverly given chapters names like Cheating." It gives tips on how to stay healthy while in-French fries or slice of cheeseCarolyn O'Neil



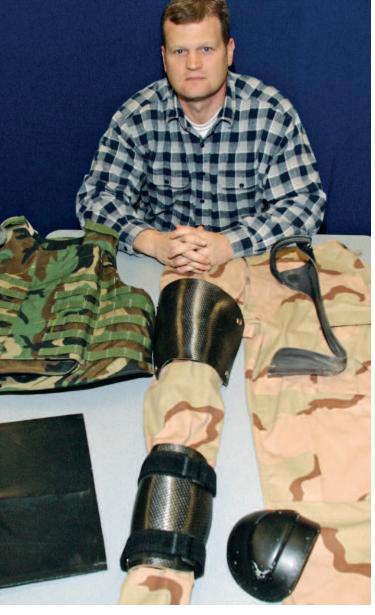
Thagard's body armor 'recipe' has a broad range of potential applications

degree and a doctorate in industrial engineering from FSU. He is now in his second year working as a visiting assistant professor at the college

He started his research by developing ballistic recipes and making flat panels that are used for ballistic testing. These panels were tested in accordance with standards set by the National Institute of Justice. The recipe he developed gives the desired ballistic, wear and environmental protection. From this formula, Thagard has developed prototypes of the shapes and forms necessary for the development of soldier extremity protection. Thagard's work in this area began with the prototyping of concept pieces for the Army Research Laboratory.

"We had pitched some of our work in composite orthotics and prosthetics to the Army Research Laboratory, and they definitely saw a need for some more advanced engineering in this field," Thagard said. "We had some prototypes of sports orthopedic stuff like knee braces and shin guards. They really liked the types of shapes that we were forming and the types of applications that we were looking at, including extremity protection."

But a visit from Florida Senator Bill Nelson's office steered him toward a new partner, Armor Holdings, Inc., based in Jacksonville. He is now working closely with them to develop the potentialy new body armor. The company manufactures personal protective equipment for military and



Thagard displays samples of body armor and orthotics

in 2005

law enforcement and armored military vehicles. Armor already gave FSU \$100,000 for research last year and is expected to give more for further research and development that we have right now," Thagard

"We had a meeting with Armor Holding company in October 2004 and that kicked off the relationship

said. "We let them know what kind of technology we have and showed them our concept pieces of body armor. They were very receptive and told us their ideas and what they were looking for. Not only does the extremity protection need to have ballistic properties, but we needed to give it structural properties and protect it from the environment such as humidity and ultra violet light that degrades ballistic materials. We have to give it wear resistance and scuff resistance because it's going to be worn on the outside '

The manufacturing and prototyping is done at FSU. Thagard makes the composite materials and forms them into the shapes needed to fit a body. Then, ballistics testing is done at Armor Holding Inc. Thagard showed off some of the impressively impenetrable pieces that he has fired into. The simple looking black squares were marred by indentations from bullets, and the remaining fragmented pieces that fused to the material upon impact, but there were no holes.

"There are no ballistic requirements set for extremity protection," Thagard said. "So with all of our ballistics we tried to make the ballistic properties exceed the new requirements for the current outer tactical vest. We developed a recipe that we liked which gave us the desired structural properties, wear resistance and protection from the environment, and that's when we actually started prototyping some pieces."

The composite materials Thagard is developing have already been proven to work in other areas that don't require ballis tic properties. By creating composites, Thagard can mold these materials to make orthotics and prosthetics that are stronger, more flexible and lighter than current materials.

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"When I visited Walter Reed Army Medical Center to discuss uses for our composites in making orthotics and prosthetics, I met some folks, many who look like kids, who have been injured and need help getting on with their lives. What I do now can help an entire generation of people, so it's important to try and think ahead." Thagard already has created

functioning orthotics with his materials and design. "Craphonso Thorpe (FSU wide receiver) wore a custom composite brace that we made for him," he

said. "The whole area of orthotics is under served. They're just now trying to move towards these more advanced materials with composites because we can tailor the properties, a spring here, stiff here, flexible here.

Thagard is the son of Dr. Norm Thagard, the former NASA astronaut who teaches at the college.

"Because of my father's background, I have put greater expectations on what I am going to achieve in life," Thagard said. "Maybe some of my drive to get a Ph.D. was his influence. But he says he's the real doctor. You grow up with him being an astronaut and watching shuttle launches and that whole atmosphere gets you thinking about science and really creates that fascination. It definitely influenced my decision to go into engineering.

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Joseph McElrath

By Vida Volkert Staff Writer

> department of English. One professor was chosen to edit a significant historical biography. Another wrote a wildly successful children's book that could be made into a movie. Another has found increased success running a program that uses poetry as a therapeutic outlet for some of life's most daunting circumstances. Still another wrote "The Godfather Returns." What's more, two others received distinguished awards that will heighten their prominence and that of the department.

building at a quick rate," said Hunt Hawkins, department chair,

by Yale University Press as the primary textual editor of the biography of Frederick Douglass, a slaveturned-abolitionist who came to be regarded as the most distinguished African American of the 19th centu-

College of Arts and Sciences, specializes in late 19th century

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Writing about nutrition helps people make the right choices

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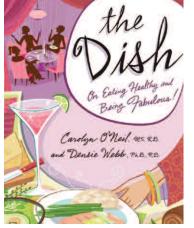
"Learning how to cheat and have all the things that you want, but in balance."

The Scotland native who grew up in Pinellas County, Fla., built the foundation of her knowledge about food by earning a bachelor's of science in nutrition at ESU in 1976, with a minor in English.

Her motto is "the more you know about food, the more food you can have."

The writing and science courses O'Neil took have allowed her to have a successful career writing and reporting on food and nutrition issues, she said.

"Florida State showed us the range of places that nutrition information is applied, whether you are working in food service or as a public health nutritionist," she said.



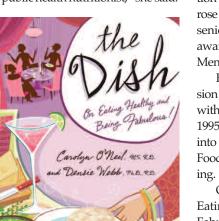
After earning a master's degree in nutrition with a specialization in communication at Boston University in 1979, O'Neil became a nutrition reporter at CNN, where she rose to be executive producer and senior correspondent for the award-winning program "On the /lenu.

Her exemplary work in television food journalism was rewarded with two James Beard Awards in 1995. In 1988, she was inducted into the James Beard Who's Who in Food and Beverage in America list-

O'Neil's book "The Dish on Eating Healthy and Being Fabulous!" is available Amazon.com



Executive chefs: President T.K. Wetherell, right, with the assistance of Vice President for Research Kirby Kemper and Vice President for University Relations Lee Hinkle, prepares and cooks waffles during the university's Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration, Jan. 12, to thank shift workers for their service.





English department finds awards and achievements in publishing



Last year was stellar for the

"We have a momentum that's

• Joseph McElrath was chosen

McElrath, associate dean of the

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Julianna Baggott

American literature, textual and bibliographical studies, and scholarly editing. Donald J. Foss, dean of Arts and Sciences, called him "the perfect choice to carry out this responsibility."

•Using the pseudonym "N.E. Bode," Assistant Professor Julianna Baggott wrote one of 2004's bestselling children's books, "The Anybodies." The motion picture rights have already been purchased by Nickelodeon Movies and sister company Paramount Pictures.

Moviegoers should probably get in line now. Baggott's - make that N.E. Bode's - first wildly imaginative forav into children's literature has been snapped up by young readers and lauded by critics since its release last spring.

"What I love is that it's respected by the literary elite, including starred reviews in Kirkus Review and the School Library Journal and a Book-of-the-Week pick in the Washington Post, but it also has a real commercial appeal, from Paramount to People Magazine," said Baggott. Still in the early days of an already prolific career, her list of literary successes also boasts three novels for adults - one a



Joann Gardner

national bestseller for publisher Simon and Schuster — and a volume of poetry - all since 2001.

•Associate Professor Joann Gardner held her first Runaway with Words poetry-writing workshop in 1991 at a Panama City shelter for runaways and disadvantaged teens. Today, it has its own textbook and is staffed by FSU graduate and undergraduate students from the department of English and the Creative Writing Program, the College of Education and the School of Visual Arts and Dance. Under Gardner's direction. program participants have improved their writing skills and reduced recidivism at shelters and detention centers. The program is used as far away as California and Oregon.

"Runaway with Words is the most important outreach program in our department, and one of the most significant in the university," Hawkins said.

Kimbrell received a 2004 National Endowment for the Arts individual artist's fellowship in poetry. The \$20,000 fellowship will allow him to finish his forthcoming collection of



Nancy Warren

poetry, expected in 2006 by Sarabande

"Of course, writing is a rather solitary affair," Kimbrell said. "The support of the judges and their belief in my work brings me a vital source of encouragement and a sense of community, and that will last far beyond the year for which I've been funded."

Of the 1,600 applicants for this year's fellowship, fewer than 3 percent were funded.

 Assistant Professor Nancy Bradley Warren received the Gustave O. Arlt Award from the Council of Graduate Schools for her book "Spiritual Economies: Female Monasticism in Later Medieval England," published in 2001. Warren is an expert on women and religion in medieval culture.

"This is a splendid honor for a young faculty member. In fact, I can hardly think of a better one," Foss

Prior to joining the English faculty at FSU, Warren, 33, spent about a year in Europe researching in monasteries and libraries. She uncovered letters written by nuns that depict the times in which they lived and give women in medieval



Mark Wineaardner

times a voice of their own. Warren's second book based on the same research, "Women of God and Arms: Female Spirituality and Political Conflict, 1390-c.1600," is scheduled to be released this spring.

•Professor of English Mark Winegardner wrote "The Godfather Returns," the sequel to Mario Puzo's legendary 1969 novel. Its success has further galvanized his stature in creative writing circles.

While writing the novel, Winegardner made trips every other month to Yaddo, a writers colony in Saratoga Springs, N.Y.

The rest of his time was spent writing at home where he finished the book in August. To promote the book, he was sent by Random House on a whirlwind 10-city tour across the country.

"Mark Winegardner is a flat-out brilliant fiction writer," said Robert Olen Butler, an English professor, Pulitzer Prize-winning author and current director of FSU's Creative Writing Program, "I can't think of a writer in America who would be better able to make a novel from a best selling franchise into not only an exciting read, but a work of art."

'Alma Mater' is Johnny Lawrence legacy

By Bayard Stern Managing Editor

For soldiers returning home from World War II and starting college in 1947, it was a happy and exciting time. The former Florida State

College for Women had gone co-ed and new classes, sports and buildings were being added. New rules were being written and traditions were being born.

One such tradition waiting to be founded was the creation of a school song — an alma mater. Offered was \$50 and a gold watch for the winning entry to the song writing contest. Johnny Lawrence heard about this and had confidence to do it.

"Dad entered the contest and

won," son Michael Lawrence said. "He bragged to my mom (Della Leslie Mozley Lawrence) that he

ALMA MATER

High o'er the towering pines our voices swell, Praising those Gothic spires we love so well, Here sons and daughters stand, faithful and true Hailing our ALMA MATER, FSU.

> would win it and she didn't believe him

"He composed the song to make it very singable. He said the Star Spangled Banner was unsingable. He wanted it to be easy to carry the tune and make the lyrics that rhymed easily, a song that could be sung by anybody. He always had a natural gift for music. After the Korean War he became a professional musician for the rest of his life."

Johnny Lawrence's legacy lives



Johnny, Della, and Michael **I** awrence

on at FSU as the alma mater he composed is still being sung at appropriate university events. Two of his grandsons, John M. Lawrence and Iames P. Lawrence now attend FSU

James Kimbrell

•Assistant Professor James

Wright to retire

Ed Wright, dean of the FSU Panama City Campus, has announced that he will retire from FSU this summer. A national search will be initiated to find a successor before fall classes begin. Wright was named dean in January 2000.

During his five-year tenure, FSU Panama City experienced substantial growth - nearly a 75 percent increase in enrollment. In addition. Wright created 13 full-time daytime undergraduate programs, and new undergraduate and graduate programs which include fully accredited engineering and computer science programs. Thirty new resident faculty were hired and more than \$3.5 million was privately given.



SACS reaccredits FSU

At its December meeting, the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) reaffirmed FSU's accreditation for an additional 10 years.

"We are extremely pleased that the SACS commission reaffirmed the quality of our academic programs, campuses and faculty," President TK Wetherell said

Graduate Studies Dean Dianne Harrison, the university's liaison to SACS, said the stamp of approval is the culmination of a three-year preparation process.

"The reaccreditation team visited us in April 2004, and the official decision was made Dec. 6," she said. "The SACS staff had particular praise for Leaders Educated to Make a Difference, or LEAD — part of FSU's overall Quality Enhancement Plan."

While LEAD was a requirement of the SACS reaccreditation process, it is a sustained and ongo-



ing initiative throughout FSU to develop student leadership that will result in a better student experience and a better university, Harrison said.

The reaccreditation covers all academic programs at FSU, including its campuses in the Republic of Panama and Panama City, Fla. The university currently offers more than 300 degree programs at the bachelor's, master's, advanced master's/specialist, doctoral and professional levels.

Bowden immortalized FSU dedicated

the Bobby Bowden Field at Doak Campbell Stadium prior to the kickoff of the FSU vs. Florida game on Nov. 20. In addition, a threestory, stained-glass window commemorating the naming of the field was unveiled at the game. The 30-by-20-foot

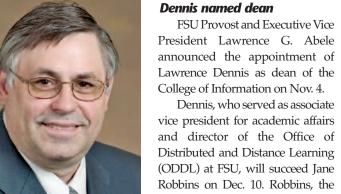
window has been installed over the front entrance of the new Covle E. Moore Athletic Center on the north side of Doak Campbell Stadium.

Created by FSU artist Robert Bischoff, his wife, IoAnn, and 12 FSU students in the Master Craftsman Program, the window will be among the five largest stained glass windows in America. It is composed of 112 individual panels and 8,500 pieces of

The window depicts Bowden overlooking the field among a sea of Seminole fans in the stands. To make the scene more personal, Bischoff's design includes familiar figures in the crowd scene, including the students who helped create the window and Bowden's wife, Ann, who is designated by the initials "A.B." on the back of her shirt.

Shikapuri named citizen of the vear

Roshan (Shan) Shikarpuri, a certified public accountant and FSU alumnus (B.S. '74, M.A.C.C. '76), was recently named Palm Harbor Citizen of the Year by the Palm Harbor (Fla.) Chamber of Commerce, Shikarpuri, who was a member of the honorary Beta



Lawrence Dennis

Alpha Psi accounting fraternity, was recognized for his significant contributions to Palm Harbor, Pinellas County and the state of Florida

A resident of Florida for more than 30 years, Shikarpuri has served as honorary mayor of Palm Harbor and president of the chamber and its foundation. He headed the Palm Harbor Firefighters Pension Board and Palm Harbor Rotary Club and its foundation.

Shikarpuri was born in Kandahar, Afghanistan, and speaks seven languages fluently.

Callaway appointed to state board

Gov. Jeb Bush has appointed Donna G. Callaway, a middle school principal and former teacher of the year, to the state Board of Education

Callaway, who has an undergraduate degree and two master's degrees from FSU, is the principal Tallahassee's Augusta Raa of Middle School

She will serve on the board until Dec. 31, 2005, to finish the term of William L. Proctor, who was elected to the state legislature.



Roshan (Shan) Shikarpuri

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'85, J.D. '88) was named by Gov. Jeb Bush to the Public Service Commission, which regulates utilities and phone, water and sewer companies in Florida. Edgar, who succeeds Lila

Jaber, has served as deputy secretary of the Department of Environmental Protection since 1999 and previously worked as chief environmental policy analyst in the governor's office.

Wetherells honored for philanthropy

T.K. and Virginia Wetherell were honored as the 2004 Philanthropists of the Year by the Big Bend Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Profedean of the school since 1994, is ssionals during a luncheon to celebrate National Philanthropy Day.

> In October 2003, the Wetherells announced that they would leave their \$7.5 million Oak Hill Plantation to FSU through their estate

> > The gift is the largest personal



T.K. and Virginia Wetherell

donation to a public university by a sitting president in the nation's history.

"The greatest challenge in raising funds for higher education is making folks understand that it is important to give, even in these difficult financial times." T.K. Wetherell said. "What matters most is what we leave behind and give back to others, not what we accumulate for ourselves."

The Wetherells also have been nominated for the national AFP Paschal-Murray Award for Outstanding Philanthropists, which recognizes the contributions that individuals and organizations make to further specific causes and missions in their communities.

"National Philanthropy Day provides us with the opportunity to remind our community, our society and the world that the spirit of giving is alive and well," said Bonnie Flynn, president of the Big Bend Chapter of the AFP. "I cannot think of two people who embody the meaning of giving and the dedication to enrich our community better than the Wetherells."

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As superintendent, Montford strives for quality that is consistent

By Jeffery Seay Editor in Chief

> Growing up in Blountstown, Fla., Bill Montford probably never imagined himself beginning a third term as the superintendent of schools for Leon County, Fla. This past November, however, residents here made him the first superintendent to be elected to the post more than twice in the county's history since Amos Godby stepped down in 1964.

ice as the culmination of a career born out of an understanding of the importance of education and a respect for the professionalism of educators.

impression was Moody Eldridge, his principal at Blountstown High School, As a sophomore, Montford spent his study hall period working in the office while the secretary was at lunch. He saw first-hand the daily issues, problems and routine of a principal's office, and the way a veteran principal like Eldridge ran the school.

principal's secretary," Montford said. "Moody was someone that I admired and respected a great deal."

Montford recounted with nostaglia

By Vida Volkert Staff Writer

people who are experts on microscopic fossils around the world, and a team of FSU alumni led by Mitch Covington is among them.

Pospichal (M.S. '89, Ph.D. '93) and James Arney (M.S. '02), all former students of FSU geology professor Woody Wise, operate a micropaleontology consulting firm, working on off-shore petroleum and deepwater exploration wells in the Gulf of Mexico.

always on the 'hot seat' since they are the ones the companies depend on to keep the operation out of danger," Wise said.

Bugware Inc., is based in a cottage in the back of his home in Tallahassee - a brightly lit cabin equipped with sophisticated microscopes and computer technology. But the most critical part of the job takes place on board his clients' drilling ships, where the team's

Dennis described the students, faculty and staff

Holt named regional vp of Phi

Phi Kappa Phi as vice president of the southeast region. Holt is an associate professor of communications and director of the university honors program at Tennessee State University. Prior to her election to the national office, Holt served as president of the TSU chapter of Phi Kappa Phi. It was during her term as chapter president that she won a Phi Kappa Phi Promotion of Excellence Grant. With the grant funds, Holt helped to organize the TSU/Phi Kappa Phi Minority Leadership Conference. As a regional vice president, Holt will work with chapter officers to help strengthen chapters in the Southeast region.

Edgar named to commission

Environmental regulator and FSU alumna Lisa Beth Edgar (B.S.

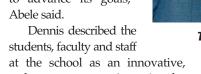
national leader in the evolving field of libraries and information, the school pioneered online education and is now widely acknowledged as the nation's No.1 online program in library and informa-

Under Robbins, an innovative

tion studies. Dennis' experience and technology background made him the obvious choice to succeed her, Abele said.

retiring.

"Larry is a leader in understanding and using technology to enhance education, and his expertise will help the College of Information continue to advance its goals,"



enthusiastic group of people who know how to get things done.

Kappa Phi Sandra Holt has been elected to

the board of the Honor Society of

Montford sees this public serv-

One person who made such an

"For one hour a day, I was the

In addition to Eldridge,

and admiration a list of many of his teachers who he credits with shaping him into the person he is. Miss Ada Holley. Miss Annie Bell Taylor, Miss Betty Paul Hayes. Miss Olivia Eldridge. Miss Betty McClellan. These were the teachers, for him who touched his life and made all the difference "I had wonderful teachers throughout my

schooling in Blountstown," he said. "I had an interest throughout my own education in being a teacher, but even back at an early age, I always wanted to be a principal For me, it was a rather easy choice and a fulfilling one to go into education."

While growing up, Montford remembers making occasional trips to Tallahassee with his parents. Driving into town along Tennessee Street, his parents would invariably gesture toward FSU and tell him, "You will go to school there one day." He accepted their advice and earned a bachelor of science in math education in 1969 and a master of science in education administration and supervision 1971. Along the way at FSU, Montford



Bill Montford

had the benefit of another educator who took a special interest in him: Mode Stone

Prior to Stone's tenure as dean of the College of Education, he worked with Montford's grandfather, both of whom were in the logging business in Blountstown.

"As an old family friend, Dean Stone took me under his wing and introduced me to several math

education professors. including Dr. Robert Kalin. Dr. Robert Dr. Kansky, E.T. Denmark — he's still here in town-and others. So I received some very personal attention from Dean Stone and from the faculty."

After graduation from FSU. Montford started his classroom career as a mathematics teacher at Tallahassee's Bellevue Middle School.

There, he learned firsthand that teachers must support the emotional well-being of students in addition to teaching.

Eventually. Montford realized the effect a teacher can have on children and their families. He then discovered

a superintendent has more farreaching and meaningful influence.

"I saw (running) as an opportunity to have an impact on more students, more families and, to a much larger degree, a positive impact on our community. There have been challenges, but it has been a wonderful opportunity to give back to the Tallahassee community that has been so good to me."

One such challenge that Montford sees as exciting, is preparing for the future of public education, not only in Leon County, but throughout Florida and the nation.

"Never before has there been such a need to ensure the consistency and availability of a good. sound public education system for all young people," he said. "I think it's an exciting and very demanding time for those of us in public education

We have to ensure that our education system is one that is based on fairness and equality."

Montford gives high praise not only to the teachers and principals of the Leon County School System but to its bus drivers, custodians and lunchroom workers.

"We are blessed to have tremendously talented personnel." he said. "Tallahassee is a great place to live. We don't really have a teacher shortage here. We have an abundance of applicants, so we are able to hire really top-notch teachers and principals and others in our school system."

He also credits the county's rare situation of having two universities, a community college, state government and a business community that is supportive of the local public education system.

Geologists use ancient clues to aid high-tech drilling

There are only a few hundred

Covington (M.S. '86), Jim

"You might say these guys are

Covington's consulting firm,

expertise is used to determine whether the company is drilling in the right spot and depth for oil.

"We look at the fossil samples right when they come out of the well," Covington said. "And we can tell them within half an hour what geological age they have

drilled through. They usually have a target age where they expect to find oil or an overpressure layer. Our job is to tell them when to stop and save them days of drilling."

Oil companies spend about half a million dollars a day operating their drilling systems. That's in addition to the



The Nautilus deep-sea rig

money invested in the rights to drill that the federal government offers up for bid. They may pay up to \$10 million for the right spend years drilling and, in most cases



Mitch Covington

never find any oil, Covington said

The worst happens if they drill through high pressure gas "blow out" zones. If such zones are not detected in time, they can cause the entire well to blow out and burn.

> "All the decisions made on these technologically advanced operations depend on 50-60million-year-old tiny fossils," he said.

> > Known as calcareous nannofossils, those smaller than 30 microns, they mostly are shaped like a disc. But there are some exceptions, like the

cylindrical fossil Covington discovered on the Niobrara Chalka geological formation in northwestern Kansas in 1984.

He named the fossil Biscutum

zulloi, after the late Victor Zullo, a professor of paleontology whom he studied under at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington.

The Niobrara Chalk formation was deposited during the Cretaceous time period. "At that time, the oceans covered the interior of the continent with a shallow seaway. and dinosaurs roamed the land that was still above water" he said

The Cretaceous period ended 65 million years ago when most of the organisms that would become nannofossils and all dinosaurs were wiped out, probably by a meteorite, he said

The use of nannofossils in the oil industry began in the early 1960s. In the past, oil companies would drill to a certain depth or until a blowout happened

Thanks to the new nannofossil technology, those days are essentiallv gone

"This type of paleontologist is a marketable career in the oil industry although it's very dangerous. It's an exciting job to be out there because we are at the cutting age of science," Covington said.

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Political unrest took Popovic from FSU to Serbian Parliament

By Bayard Stern Manaaina Editor

While getting his master's degree in chemistry from FSU in the mid '90s, Aleksander Popovic's homeland of Serbia was in turmoil with regional conflicts and international actions against it. Today, after helping to introduce democratic reforms to his nation, the 33-year-old FSU alumnus is the Minister of Science and Environmental Protection of Serbia and Montenegro.

"Modern political life in Serbia started in 1990 with the first democratic elections since World War II," Popovic said. "I became involved from the very beginning because I thought it was my duty to fight for the democratization of my country. I would

dethroning the Milosevic regime and becoming the first noncommunist president in 54 years.

"Our party won 45 seats in the Serbian Parliament and 10 seats in the Yugoslav



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probably never be actively involved in politics in countries with established democratic traditions. And I believe that after we build the foundation for a strong democratic society here based on the rule of law and strong democratic institutions, I will leave politics. I don't think politics is my destiny."

Destiny or not, Popovic has become a major player in starting a new government and political party. The Democratic Party of Serbia, founded in 1992, is that nation's biggest conservative, right-of-center political party. For eight years, it was an opposition party under the regime of Slobodan Milosevic. In the 2000 elections, its candidate and party president, Vojislav Kostunica, was elected president of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, thus

Parliament in 2000," Popovic said. "In elections held in December 2003, we became the second most influential party in the Parliament and together, with some smaller parties, formed the first conservative government in Serbia since 1941. In the Cabinet, our party has 10 out of 19 seats. I'm one out of

three vice-presidents of the party elected at party Congress in 2003, and in the party I'm in charge of party foreign affairs."

Popovic also is the Minister of Science and Environmental Protection in the Serbian government, elected for a four-year term

"The term itself depends on the support of the Parliament," Popovic said, "Since our enough budget money and develop pro-

government is a minority one, I'm not sure that we will have support in the Parliament for four years."

Popovic now is trying to solve Serbia's serious environmental challenges. The

country has relied heavily on coal for power, which has left tons of coal ash and air pollution to be dealt with. This is a result of decades of communist rule where environmental concerns were not often a priority, weak pollution laws were enacted and adequate resources to mitigate grams in both sectors. Most of the challenges are connected with the lack of money. After 10 disastrous years at the end of last century, including wars in the area, NATO bombing and economic sanctions, the biggest challenge is to improve the situation in both fields that are in my portfolio and to solve as many problems as possible in the shortest possible amount of time. And, of course, to adjust our legal framework in both science and environmental protection to European Union standards."

Popovic came to FSU after getting his undergraduate degree in chemistry from

the University of Belgrade in 1993. At FSU, he studied under chemistry and biochemistry Associate Michael Professor Blaber. Popovic specialized in protein crystallography and calorimetry.

"Aleksander was very bright and complex," Blaber said. "He was always very much aware of political events in Europe while he was here. He was very polite, very old world, very knowl-

edgeable and I think another term that comes to mind is patriotic. He was very driven to participate in the political process and in trying to get rid of Milosevic. It was a time where a country was trying to change its entire government. Here you have a kid who was very patriotic and wanted to help his country form a democracy.

"He really was in on the ground floor."



By Dorothy Clifford

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Rogers creates Web site to defeat voter apathy

Bv Vida Volkert Staff Writer

Scott Rogers likes to observe politics from across the ideological spectrum of the public's tastes in a wide variety of candidates and the political culture's sometimes raw nature. That makes politics kind of like — sushi. A graduate of the FSU College of Social Sciences, Rogers started the nonpartisan online resource Politicalsushi .com to help reverse the trend of voter apathy among the young and give potential voters a tool to research political and social issues.

"Politicians will only pay attention to the concerns of America's younger generation when the young become politically active and vote," Rogers said.

The colorful Web site, designed as a sushi restaurant menu with sushi rolls and sashimi as icons, attempts to target people



Scott Rogers

in the 18- to 24-year-old demographic.

The Web site provides news updates, humor and links to political organizations and sites where viewers can register to vote

"When I was dreaming up using the sushi iconography, I was looking for a fun sort of groovy look that would attract young people's attention.

make the site overbearing and serious but wanted to make it a bit lighthearted and fun," Rogers said.

Serbian Federal Parliament

such problems as they arose were not avail-

able. Popovic's job is daunting, but he has

confidence in his employees and himself to

"I have 110 people working in the scien-

tific portion and 250 people who focus on

the environmental protection portion of the

ministry," he said. "My job is to secure

correct Serbia's environmental woes.

Pew Charitable Trusts, a pri-

ports nonprofit activities in the arts and culture, education, public policy and religion.

Causes of voter apathy include stress, longer commutes: a decline in the number of people who read the newspapers, less civic education and party allegiance; and an erosion of faith that government cares about or can solve the problems of the nation, according to Curtis Gans, director of the

"We did not want to Committee for the Study of the American Electorate, a Washington, D.C., voting advocacy group

> With nearly 10 years experience researching and working in the political arena, Rogers, 33, hopes his Web site will help reverse this trend.

> Last year, about 50,000 individuals visited Politicalsushi.com — a high number considering that the site had about 5,000 hits at the end of 2002, the year in which it was launched, according to Rogers.

After graduating from FSU with a bachelor's degree in political science degree in 1995, Rogers worked as a political consultant for several online organizations.

He has worked as campaign manager for Citizens for Judicial Reform and has interned with the American Chamber of Commerce in the United Kingdom and in the Washington, D.C., office of a Florida congressman

"FSU gave me the tools to manage both politics and business," he said.

To visit the site, go to www.politicalsushi.com



Voter apathy among the young is a serious concern in the United States, a country that ranks at the bottom with Switzerland.

While 70 percent of Americans 25 and older voted in 2000, only 42 percent of younger Americans went to the polls, according to the vate organization that sup-

deal that can't be beat.

a limited piece of art. Fifth Quarter in the French Quarter.

FloridaState Mes FebruaryMarch 2005 / **Morris 'wrote the book' on Florida**

Allen and Joan Morris, 1995

On election night 2004, Neil Skene, Tallahassee lawyer and columnist for Florida Trend magazine, was in the media center at the Division of Elections when a Washington Post reporter wondered if Florida ever had had a higher turnout in a presidential elec-

In moments, Skene could tell him that Florida had never had as many people turn up at the polls. A call home and request for his 15-year-old daughter, Jennifer, to pull The Florida Handbook off the shelf in his study and Skene could supply actual vote totals

listed for the last few elections.

"I can't imagine writing about Florida politics without The Florida Handbook close by," Skene said.

The 30th edition of "The Florida Handbook," a biennial compilation of state facts and statistics, will be published in the spring. It is the most famous book written by the late Allen Morris, historian, journalist and longtime clerk of Florida's House of Representatives. His other works include "Florida Place Names," "The Language of Lawmaking" and "Our Florida Government.

An offshoot of the Handbook was the

establishment of the state's photographic collection in FSU's Robert Manning Strozier Library, where Morris spent part of his time between 1952 and 1970

His wife, Joan Perry Morris, helped with the 25th edition and has continued the work since then. She also collaborated with Martee Wills on "Seminole History," published in 1987

A high school dropout who came to Florida in 1921 from Chicago, Allen Morris rose from a copy boy for The Miami News to the dean of Capitol newsmen. He was awarded an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters by FSU in 1973. The award was presented in the House Chambers at an unparalleled joint session of the House and Senate, with the governor and members of the Cabinet, Supreme Court and Board of Regents attending.

In 2006, the Allen Morris Conference on the History of Florida and the Atlantic World. sponsored by the FSU department of history and the Allen Morris Endowment, will be held at FSU's Augustus Turnbull Center. The biennial conference fosters scholarly research on the history of Florida that links the state to regional, national and international histories.

Truly an FSU family, Joan, who holds bachelor's and master's degrees in library science, worked in the cataloging department of Strozier from 1958 to 1966. She and Allen met in the staff lounge. They married in

Allen's son, David, earned two bachelor's, a master's and a doctorate from FSU. His wife, Connie, completed her master's in library science and worked in the reference section of Strozier between 1984 and 2001. Their daughter, Michelle, holds a bachelor's from FSU. Allen's daughter, Martha Morris context of how we got here."

Marsh of Atlanta, also holds a back library science from FSU.

A quiet man with a droll sense of humor, Morris was a good storyteller who looked like a country editor. His job in 1939 as political editor for The Miami Herald was the inspiration for The Florida Handbook.

"I soon learned that newspapers' readers regarded the political editor as the source of information on anything in the state," Morris

Later, in Tallahassee, the need for accurate facts at his fingertips was underscored as a legislative correspondent and as the author of "Cracker Politics," a popular column that ran in 15 state newspapers.

"I consider Allen's book the bible on state government and Florida," said Phil Ashler, a retired rear admiral whose state titles include representative from Escambia County, vice chancellor of the State University System, plus secretary of state, treasurer, insurance commissioner and fire marshal

The admiral, a neighbor of the author until Morris's death in May 2002, owns one of the few complete sets of the handbook in a private library. The books now are on loan to Ashler's son, Harrison Ashler, who teach es Florida history and government classes in a Pensacola middle school

Joan Morris currently is working on the 2005-2006 edition that will be published, as usual, by Tallahassee's Rose Printing Co. The book, which began with 398 pages, had grown to 784 pages in the 2003-2004 edition. "We don't have enough historical perspective in our thinking today," Skene said. "Journalists, lawyers, policymakers, teachers - we all need to put today's events in the

Bowden busts are a must have for memorabilia collectors realized I really had a good deal. I've been by collectors or fans of FSU and Bobby

For FSU fans who are collectors, it's a

Just ask Ron Hobbs (B.S. '62, M.S. '67), who knows something about collecting. From stamps to coins to one of the largest baseball card collections in the country, Hobbs has realized that the Bobby Bowden Legacy Endowment sculptures — a limited edition offering created by world-renowned sculptor W. Stanley "Sandy" Proctor — are unique because fans get to make a donation to a worthwhile cause and, in return, receive

For Hobbs, the deal was so sweet that he bought two at an auction of the first 15. One commemorates FSU's 1993 National Championship. The other commemorates the 1995 Sugar Bowl victory, otherwise known as the

"That one's dear to my heart because many of us think that a bust should have been made for the tie game against the University of Florida when the Seminoles tied the Gators 31-31. It was Spurrier's 'Choke in Doak,'" Hobbs said. "The ensuing

game was the Sugar Bowl, which was the 'fifth quarter.' This bust really represents a game and a half. I attended the 31-31 tie game and stayed through the whole thing. I was thrilled at that 'win.'

"The first one that I bought commemorates the 1993 National Championship,' Hobbs said. "I bid more aggressively than I thought I was going to bid, and when the hammer came down, it was mine. I had buyer's remorse for about 30 seconds until I

making donations to the university for some time now. This is an opportunity for me to make another donation to the university and have something tangible that I can look at available, it will increase in price. It will be everv dav."

Hobbs was a Lambda Chi Alpha at FSU when he met his wife Carolyn, an Alpha Gamma Delta, in 1960. They married in 1964 and two of their three sons eventually graduated from FSU, too. Hobbs served as the



Ron Hobbs

national chairman of the Seminole Boosters in 2002 and has been inducted into the Boosters' milliondollar Micco club. As a collector

Hobbs was able to speak to the increase in value these sculptures will have over time.

"They are limited editions that will be purchased

Bowden who won't have any plans to part with them. This automatically adds a layer of unavailability. So, when one does become more difficult to purchase.

"In addition, when they are purchased today, the university receives a donation from you, and you're able to get a bust in return for that donation. That's the best buy you can get. In the future, they won't be a taxdeductible purchase as they are now."

Proceeds from the sale of the sculptures go toward scholarships to support FSU student athletes

Hobbs added that these sculptures are not just collectibles, but are bona fide pieces of art that come with a certificate of authenticity signed by Sandy Proctor, as well as Bobby Bowden.

"I've been associated with the Booster organization and Bobby Bowden for the last 20 years," Hobbs said. "I thought this would be a very appropriate opportunity for me to commemorate the success that he has given FSU by putting something in my home that reminds me of what Bobby has done for the university.'

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HERITAGE GROVE PROVIDES COMMUNITY FOR UNIVERSITY'S FRATERNITIES

By Jeffery Seay Fditor in Chief

Rising atop a rolling hill along Ocala Road stands a new center for many Florida State fraternity men to study, socialize and call home.

Heritage Grove, the university's new Greek park, is aptly named. It pays homage to a heritage at FSU that is more than a halfcentury old — one forged by young men who made fraternity life part of their university experience.

The park is the result of the creative thinking of two alumni, Seminole Boosters President Andy Miller and local attorney Doug Mannheimer. For some time, the two had been aware of a long-standing problem at FSU: the ramshackle housing inhabited by many fraternities. But with a nod from the administration of President Emeritus Talbot "Sandy" D'Alemberte and through an agreement with the Leon County Education Housing Authority, the Heritage Grove project was able to move from concept to reality.

Five of the park's 13 lots are owned outright by Alpha Tau Omega, Lambda Chi Alpha, Phi Delta Theta, Pi Kappa Alpha and Sigma Phi Epsilon. The other eight, owned by the authority, feature apartment buildings that accommodate 48 students living in 24 two-bedroom, two-bath apartments, fully equipped with kitchens, washers and dryers.

"Doug and I had been involved with the Greek community for a long time," Miller said. "He was a Lambda Chi (Alpha) and I was a Pike (Pi Kappa Alpha). We both served in official alumni capacities in terms of being involved with the chapters. We, as well as many of our university administrators and other leaders in the Greek community, realized that we had substandard housing at Florida State among the fraternities. Some were supplied by the university and some were just private homes that had been converted into fraternity houses and rented to the chapters.'

"We were a great women's college," Mannheimer said. "Therefore, the sorority housing had been a great deal better, through alumni giving, than fraternity housing. The university had made a pretty valiant effort in 1949 and 1950 to build 11 fraternity houses, but when we reached the end of the 20th century, they were reaching the end of their useful life.'

Apart from the fraternity houses themselves, Miller and Mannheimer realized that fraternity men were renting the same contemporary apartments available to any student. The idea was then born to simply build good apartments that would be used as Greek housing and add the common space



Doug Mannheimer, left, and Andy Miller

buildings would capture the architectural flavor of the university and provide housing that would instill pride in both fraternity and university.

The next hurdle became a question of land. Where could the project be built?

"We discussed this with Sandy D'Alemberte and the late Alan Sundberg, who was the university general counsel then," Mannheimer said. "We asked if the property that had been known as the Ted and Sarah Rodrique property, given around 15 years ago, would be an appropriate spot."

After D'Alemberte discussed this option with deans and other university officials, the roughly 40-acre property was designated as the Ocala Road Student Housing Project. It was Sundberg who then suggested seeking financial help from the Leon County Education Housing Authority, the mission of which is to provide affordable student housing in Leon County.

"We got the LCEHA to float a bond issue to bring the balance of the funds needed to develop the property," Miller said. "The authority provided all the site work and infrastructure, and it also built eight of the houses that would be rented to fraternities that didn't have sufficient capital to buy their own houses. Five fraternities that would secure their own financing and build their own houses bought the remaining lots from the housing authority."

Construction began in late 2003 and the first tenants moved in this past fall. Today, Heritage Grove is nearly complete, with only two privately owned fraternity houses yet to be built. As with any student apartment housing, a single property manager oversees the more than 600 tenants who must cosign leases with a parent or guardian.

"You won't have students trying to collect rent from each other anymore," Mannheimer said.

There is a clubhouse, a pool, weight rooms and a vollevball court. The location allows students to walk to nearby restaurants, shops and a grocery store. In addition, perimeter parking surrounds the buildings and a common green.

"Fraternities and sororities have been around for as long as universities have been around." Miller said.

"To be able to nurture and develop constituent bodies is a great asset to the university in the long term. Providing good housing stabilizes the whole program and makes a more healthy environment."









By Vida Volkert

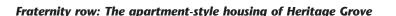
Staff Writer

na Deborah Rocco.

In 2003, when producer Donald Bellisario was developing his "NCIS" drama for television, Rocco was selected by her Washington, D.C., bosses to assist actress Sasha Alexander in the role of special agent. A soft spoken and slim brunette with angelic looks, Rocco is one of the most outstanding special agents with the Naval Criminal Investigative Service. She might spend one week on board an aircraft carrier working on an espionage case and the next inside a city dumpster looking for evidence on a murder case.

and "Lifetime Achievement."

terrorism



FebruaryMarch 2005 / **Rocco's experience lends reality to 'NCIS' drama**

If there is a real-life model for a modern secret agent TV star, she could be FSU alum-

At 39, her dedication and untiring efforts fighting crime around the world have been recognized with two of the three most prestigious law enforcement awards from the Hawaii Joint Police Association: "Top Cop"

"My life is so normal," Rocco said. "I think I'm only interesting because I just happen to work for this organization. We're like the FBI, the CIA and the Secret Service."

The mission of the NCIS is to protect the worldwide interests of the U.S. Navy and the Marine Corps. Some of its agents get to travel to exotic places and work under extreme circumstances in cases that may involve issues ranging from computer intrusion to

Rocco's job has taken her to Virginia,

Boston, Hawaii and Naples, Italy, where she is currently based with her husband and fellow NCIS agent Steve Rocco. and their two daughters.

The job that put Rocco in the spotlight among her peers and made her a celebrity in Hawaii was her involvement with cleaning up crime on the Honolulu streets. While she was a supervisory special agent at Pearl Harbor for the criminal investigations division, the burglary clearance rate was 76 percent. Prior to her involvement, the island's rate was 4.5 percent.

"That's a phenomenal rate, considering that the national average rate is 19 percent," said Paul Ciecarelli, special agent in charge of the NCIS office of special projects in Washington,

D.C., and Rocco's former supervisor. "That's a testament to her capabilities."

Rocco not only is a very capable investigator, but an outstanding leader. Agents working under her supervision trust her judgment because they know she would not send them to do something that she would not do, Ciecarelli said.

Teamwork is essential to getting results at the NCIS, since the job requires experts in different fields, from forensics to linguistics. The TV show "NCIS" does a fair job in portraying that aspect of the agency, although Rocco



admits to "not always resolving everything in one hour."

An alumna of the FSU School of Criminology and Criminal Justice (B.S. '87), Rocco joined the NCIS in 1988, at the age of 22. Because she did not have the law enforcement experience, joining the agency seemed like a dream to her. However, she impressed her panel of interviewers with her references and her strong desire to succeed in the NCIS. She promised them they would never regret hiring her, and so far she has not disappoint-

"At least having the FSU degree in criminology showed them that I had an interest in law enforcement," she said. "I have a great education that prepared me very well for my

Originally from a small town in New Hampshire, Rocco praised the support of her family

"I could not have asked for better parents," she said. "They were shaking their heads when they knew I was going into the law enforcement field and would be carrying a weapon, but they have seen all the opportunities that I have gotten over the years thanks to my job."



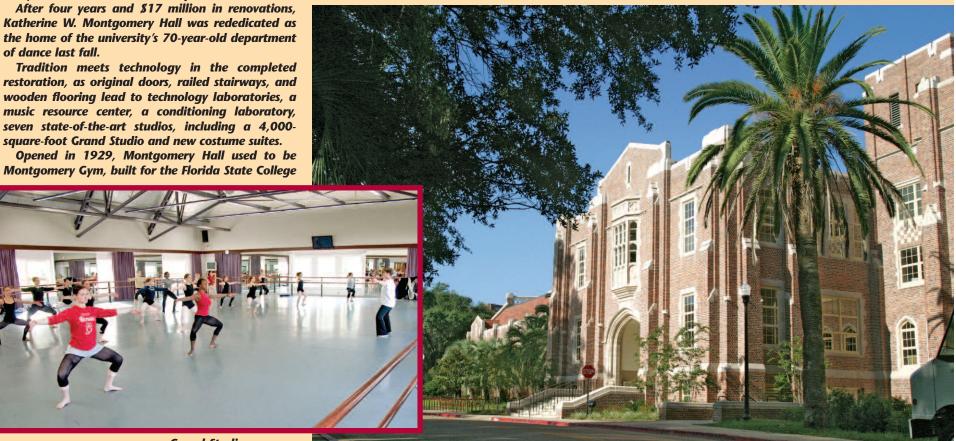
Deborah Rocco

A traditional space made technologically ready = dance nirvana

FSU, nationally known for its cutting edge dance program, now has a facility to for Women. Montgomery, also known as "Miss Katie's Gym," is named after match its stellar reputation.

"The renovations to Montgomery Hall are nothing less than spectacular," said Libby Patenaude, chair of the department of dance.

Katherine W. Montgomery, FSCW's beloved physical education professor, who encouraged her students toward physical fitness.



Grand Studio

Burt Reynolds—just may be our biggest fan

At its heart, it is the story of a love affair. Burt Reynolds is one of the best guys ever. Much better even than you think. If Bobby Bowden's professional life is the story of Seminole football's ascent to greatness, then Burt Reynolds' is the story of the maturing of our alumni, and of their passion and lifelong commitment to FSU



Our fans and alumni know that Burt is an actor and an alumnus who has been involved with the university. Most have little idea who the man really is, and to what extent his life reflects all that is good and noble about FSU.

Burton "Buddy" Reynolds was a highly recruited high school star from West Palm who committed informally to Miami, but was turned toward FSU by Seminole Coach Tom Nugent. Another man who influenced his decision was his close friend from high school, a Seminole baseball player named Dick Howser. Nugent jested with the young Reynolds that FSU wanted him so bad they had named a freshman girls' dorm on campus in his honor. "Reynolds Hall – my own dorm filled with beautiful women!" he said, smiling at the memory

Burt was a star from the first day he arrived on campus. He bypassed the freshman team directly to be made a member of the varsity and a starter. In recording a bitter loss to Auburn, the FSU yearbook Tally Ho described, "Freshman left halfback Buddy Reynolds almost turned the trick for the Seminoles in the third quarter. He broke through left tackle and dashed for 54 yards." Unfortunately, as he crossed the goal line Burt was knocked cold by Tiger defensive back and future Alabama governor Fob James.

Spring came to Tallahassee. One day in practice Burt went up to catch a ball and came down awkward on his knee. As simple as that, his football career was finished. Oh, he tried to re-habilitate, made an attempt to come back later, but the intricacies of knees were still mysteries in that earlier day. It was over.

He told me once, "If I hadn't busted my knee I'd be a high school football coach in West Palm today." He sounded as if that would have been a fine outcome as far as he's concerned. He is and was a man at peace with himself.

Those who've seen his movies know Reynolds is clever. Few realize that he is such a devoted academic and intellectual. As Coach Bowden's assistant through all of the 1980s and 1990s, Sue Hall developed a close relationship with Reynolds. "You would not believe the size of his personal library," Hall said.

And what feeds that voracious appetite? History, art. architecture, social commentary, the classics. "Burt told me he acquired his

appreciation of fine art and literature from his close friend Dinah Shore," she said. "He has an amazing mind. He is an extremely gifted man in terms of his intellect."

Reynolds tries to come to at least one game a year, usually watching from Bobby Bowden's private office where he can see the action unfold and then watch the replays on TV. "He's a real student of the game," Hall said. "I always try to send him media guides at the beginning of each season. He never needs a script for the Great Moments segments. He remembers just about everything that has ever happened in Seminole football."

Reynolds' relationship with Bowden goes deeper than many realize. "Coach Bowden and Burt talk a lot about religion," Hall said.. She believes that Bowden's close relationship has made a substantial difference in Reynolds' spiritual life.

Bowden has mentioned that he and Reynolds designed the arrow helmet together. Monk Bonasorte was an FSU safety and All-American who now directs the fabulously successful Varsity Club program. "Back in 1979 when I played, our uniforms were actually in kind of poor condition. They were patched up because uniforms were expensive and the school didn't have a lot of money," he said. "Burt bought the first set of gold pants — they were actually called Notre Dame gold. It was the first time we'd had new uniforms in awhile." Reynolds bought the first set of allgarnet uniforms too, and had some of his Hollywood pals tweak the design.

Monk is close to Reynolds now. "He's a complicated guy," he said, "but he's the best." Yes, the best.

I first met him in 1987 at the lavish Seminole Booster "Bernie & The Bandit" production enjoyed by the thousands of fans who crowded into the Tucker Center the Friday before the first home game. Burt brought some pals with him, including actors Dom DeLuise, Bernie Casey and Ricardo Montalban to be his guests at the official dedication of Burt Revnolds Hall.

At that 1987 meeting we discussed the details of the weekend, including the dramatic pre-game surprise where Reynolds would row the flaming spear into the turf.

He made quite a show of it. Chief Osceola handed him the burning spear at mid-field. Reynolds stood facing the alumni side of the stadium then raised the spear triumphantly overhead. The crowd roared. The he turned to the student side and did the same. Fans were in frenzy when he finally rammed the fiery point into the turf.

At a distance, no one could see the emotion on his face. But whatever it meant to us, it meant even more to him.

I saw him another time after that, years later in Palm Beach. He was a surprise visitor to the Palm Beach Seminole Club's annual Bobby Bowden Banquet. We were back stage getting ready for him to make his appearance. It wasn't the best time in his personal or professional life. He was holding his little son. He looked tired. I said I didn't want to intrude, but I wanted him to know that there are lots of us

FSU alumni who love him and appreciate what he's done for the university, and that fans like the ones here tonight will always be there for you. You can always come home to Florida

His voice cracked just a little. He said that his relationship with the fans gave him strength, and that was why he was there, that he needed now to draw on that strength.

Of course once the curtain went up and the hundreds of Seminoles whooped in shocked surprised, he was the ultimate professional. He was classic celebrity Burt, the personality so familiar to everyone. He and Coach Bowden shared the microphone.

They crushed in to be close to him, just to be with him. And he wanted to be with them. Burton Reynolds was a devoted Seminole long before he was Burt Reynolds of the movies, decades before he was the #1-ranked male box office draw in the world. And now, in the afternoon of a celebrated career as an actor, teacher and director, he remains a completely devoted son of Florida State University.

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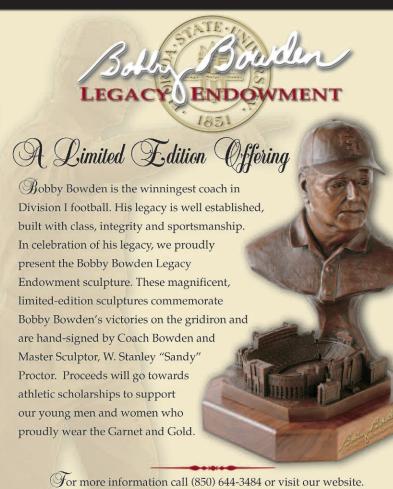
From time to time something from him, always welcome just shows up in the mail. Most recently it was an autographed photo of him sporting the Mean Machine football uniform of his character from the new 2005 version of "The Longest Yard" charging full ahead with game-faced fury.

He's written: "Charlie - Do you know anybody that would like a mean, not fat but not too swift sixty-six year old running back?"

Well yes, pal. Yes I do. And there are ten of thousands of us.



Burt Reynolds shares a laugh with Bobby Bowden and North Carolina State Head Coach Chuck Amato prior to the Nov. 10, 2001 kick off.



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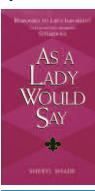
As a Lady Would Say by Shervi Shade (B.S.'80) Rutledge Hill Press, Nashville, Tenn.

gives examples of what not to say.

Ultimate Encounter by Terry Dodd (B.A.'64) **Pleasant Word**

Earth's population.

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FloridaStateImes New Books by FSU graduates and faculty

Prometheus Books, Amherst, NY.

Jeremy Bentham wrote not only on polit-

ical philosophy but also - clandestinely- on

religion. In this book, McKown presents us

with Bentham's definition of religion,

describing how Bentham's attacks on the

Christianity of his time, which denigrated

human life in the here-and-now for

Bentham's imagined future postmortem

state of glory, fully complemented his utili-

tarian philosophy of the greatest happiness

Palmdale, a remote town in Glades

County, population less than 1,000, is on the

curb of creeping urbanization. Today, more

people than Palmdale's entire population are

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of the greatest number of people.

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by Nancy Dale (B.A.'65)

Where the Swallowtail Kite Soars

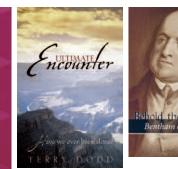
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An etiquette survival guide for females. It focuses on those moments when knowing exactly what to say is both challenging and important. This book offers the correct thing to say in more an 125 social situations and

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by Delos B. McKown (Ph.D.'72)





culture and Florida's last wilderness is threatened by growth that exploits "blue gold" water and the land. This story reflects a tragic national trend threatening the survival of rural America

Beating the Breaks: Major League Ballplayers who Overcame Disabilities by Rick Swaine (B.A.'72) www.mcfarlandpub.com, Jefferson,

N.C. Few baseball fans are aware of the number of players with disabilities who have succeeded in the majors.

The affected players themselves downplay their weaknesses to minimize their disabilities. More than 20 players who have overcome disabilities to achieve major league careers are profiled.

Bobby Bowden's Tales from the Seminole Sidelines by Bobby Bowden (FSU head football coach) with Steve Ellis www.SportsPublishingLLC.com

Bobby Bowden is spending what should be his retirement years gathering victories. This book is a collection of stories from

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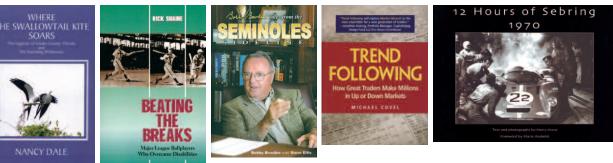
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by Harry Hurst (B.A.'73), foreword by Mario Andretti

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E. Ray Solomon (B.S., M.S.'58), dean of the FSU College of Business from 1973 to 1991, was honored with a Lifetime Leadership award at the 10th Distinguished Leadership Awards Program at the University Center Club.

1.0 -Edgar Wycoff (B.S., Ph.D. '74) retired as professor emeritus of communication at the University of Central Florida, Orlando

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Ronald R. Ingle (M.S.) has extended his tenure as the Coastal Carolina University president.

Jimmy T. Arnold (M.S., Ph.D. '67) earned the title professor emeritus by the Virginia Tech Board of Visitors.

John W. Merting (B.A.) was elected as chairman of the Southeastern Admiralty Law Institute.

1966

Ron Fannin (M.S.) received the Alumni Merit Award at the MSM-UMR Alumni Association Banquet through the University of Missouri- Rolla.

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Jan A. Longnecker (B.S.) retired from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention after 33 years of federal service, Atlanta, Ga.

Bennet M. Stern (M.S.) has been living in Israel since 1971 and is in a management position in the Information Systems Division of the Israel Electricity Corp.

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R. Wayne Maddox (B.S.) was one of 20 to be honored by Parenting Press as out-

standing parent educators. He is a social worker who has served with Prevent Child Abuse as a volunteer instructor of parenting classes for 10 years, Franklin, Tenn.

1970

Maureen Dinnen (M.S.) was elected to the Broward County School Board, District 3. Fla.

- Stephen Harned (B.S.) retired as the meteorologist-in-charge of the National Weather Service office. He is now the owner and president of Atlantic States Weather Inc., a meteorological consulting firm in Cary, N.C.
- Steven McConville (B.S.) retired as a special agent in charge with the U.S. Treasury Department after a 32-year career in law enforcement.

- Elaine Tuten Edwards (B.S.) was awarded the School Psychologist of the Year by the Florida Association of School Psychologists.
- 1.07Melvin Chambless Jr. (B.S.) is the director of the commercial district of Pearisburg, Va
- Alice Kershaw Luckhardt (B.S.) has had nonfiction articles published with Ancestry Magazine, Family Chronicle Magazine and Florida Monthly magazine.

Robert Chamberlain (B.S., M.S.P. '82) retired after 30 years from the City of Tallahassee as assistant director of Taltran

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 $1, \bigcirc \overline{}$ Lydia Owen Boesch (B.S.) has been appointed to the North Carolina Parks

and Recreation Authority. Lewis F. Collins, Jr. (B.S.), a partner in the Tampa office of Butler Pappas Weihmuller Katz Craig LLP, is the president-elect of the Federation of Defense and Corporate Counsel at its annual meeting in Chesapeake, Md. The Federation is an international organization of over 1300 lawyers, corporate counsel, risk managers and claim professionals involved in the defense of civil litigation.

Mildred "Millie" Willis Duncan (B.S.) is

- now the administrator of Wildflower Court, a nursing facility in Juneau, Alaska.
- Diahann W. Lassus, (B.S.) CPA, CFP practitioner, and president of Lassus Wherley was honored at the Platinum Star Awards, an event being hosted by the Central Jersey Chapter of NAWBO (National Association of Women Business Owners), N.J.

- Victoria M. Aitken (B.A.), a Floridalicensed, nationally certified massage therapist, started Oak Spirit Inc., which provides massage therapy services in the Sarasota, Bradenton and Venice, Fla. areas
- Esther L. Devall (B.S.) was honored by Parenting Press as an outstanding parent educator.
- Larry R. Schrecengost (B.S.) retired as a police sergeant from the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office after 32 years of service.

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York, was elected Westchester County court judge.

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Francis Sheppard (B.S., J.D. '84) was named managing partner at Rumberger, Kirk & Caldwell in Orlando. **T. Neal Trafford** (B.S.), formerly with Palm Beach County schools after 23 years, is now the new K-5 principal for the Florida State University School, Tallahassee

1987 Alice Howe Lindsay (B.S.) completed her doctorate in educational leadership and was promoted to assistant director of the region XIV Comprehensive Center at ETS, Tampa, Fla.

- 1900 Brian R. Toung (J.D.), a licensed flight instructer, skydiver and board-certified trial lawyer, is running for county judge in Volusia County.
- 1984 Robert Palmer (B.S.) joins the HNTB corporation as chief transportation planner, Jacksonville, Fla. HNTB offers engineering and planning services.



Robert Dibella (B.S.) an attorney in New Bruce B. Humphrey (B.S.) together with W.O. (Bill) Birchfield has formed the law

firm of Birchfield & Humphrey P.A., Jacksonville, Fla. 1987

Patrick Brady (B.S.) has moved to a new office in Fort Lauderdale, where he continues to provide insurance and financial services through Allstate Insurance

1989

- Kurtis T. Bauerle (B.S., J.D. '98), founding partner of the law firm Harris, Harris, Bauerle, and Sharma, has been named to the Million Dollar Advocates Forum, an elite group of trial lawyers who have reached verdicts of up to \$1 million dollars
- Penny Bearry Deutsch (B.S. '89) was recently sworn in as second vice chair of the Charlotte County local advocacy council, the members of which are appointed by Gov. Jeb Bush, to oversee the welfare of the children, disabled and aged in Florida.

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David Fitzgerald (B.S.) is the president and CEO of Central Florida Real Estate Ventures Inc., an affiliate agent of

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Prudential, Oviedo, Fla. of Social Insurance, Tampa. Cdr. Jay Seligman (B.A., M.S.W. '93) was

Shawn J. McCormick (B.S.) has been pro-Office.

Monica Jordan Richards (B.S.) is the vice president and counsel of Merrill Lynch Commodities Inc.

Elizabeth P. Perez (B.A., J.D. '98) is an asso-

LLP. Miami.

Justin Maierhofer (B.A.) received his mas-





school management.

Rapheal Gonzalez Ir. (I.D.) was awarded membership in the National Academy

promoted to commander in the United States public health service and is a national mental health coordinator.

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claimed a neighborhood hero for his work with the Jacksonville Sheriff's

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ciate of the law firm of Shutts & Bowen

1995

ter's degree from George Washington University in political management and is a senior federal affairs manager, Washington, D.C.

1996

Sean Brady (B.S.) works as the director of information technology for the ElderCare Companies Inc., Hollywood,

David Prophitt (M.S.) has been named state manager of the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life, Atlanta. Jason White (B.S.) joins elder law practice of McConnaughhay, Duffy, Coonrod, Pope & Weaver P.A., Panama City, Fla. Jason Williams (B.S.) has joined the law firm of Foley & Lardner, Orlando.

1997

Bobby Pittman, Jr. (B.S.) received an appointment as deputy assistant secretary, multilateral development institutions and policy, to the U.S. Treasury Department, where he is responsible for international financial institution reform and development policy.

Raynarldo Whitty (B.S.) joined Brinks, Hofer, Gilson & Lione as an associate in the Chicago office.

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Lemondra Hamilton (M.M.E.) is the chorus director for "The Promise," a musical work, presented in the form of contemporary opera. It is a work that moves beyond the public persona and charismatic leader that was Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Brian Keller (B.S., M.S. '00) is the director of ticket operations for the Potomac Cannons baseball team, a single A affiliate of the Washington, DC, MLB team. Warren Pearson (B.S.) was appointed as an assistant attorney general in the civil litigation unit for the state of Florida, Tallahassee.

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Capt. Aaron Brooks (B.A.) was promoted to Marine captain and appointed as a department head responsible for fuels, ordinance and contracting at Marine Corps Air Station, Beaufort, S.C.

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Michael Pokallus (B.S.) was promoted to budgets and staff planning coordinator in the station operations division of ATA Airlines, Indianapolis, Ind.

Charles Rovetta



Charles Rovetta

Dean Emeritus Charles Rovetta died Nov. 13 in Tallahassee. Rovetta was dean of the College of Business from 1953 to 1973 when he stepped down to serve as an accounting professor until his retirement in 1979. In 1982, the business school building was named in his honor to highlight his accomplishments as a visionary in business

Rovetta was responsible for moving the school from a largely secretarial and clerical program into a modern college of business

as noted by several retired members of the FSU faculty. He established one of the first master's degree accounting programs in the nation.

"Rovetta knew he had to expand the program with more accounting and finance, plus a graduate program with the MBA, then the doctoral program in 1966/67," said E. Ray Solomon, Rovetta's successor as dean.

"I will most miss Rovetta's thoughtfulness and his dreams of providing a highquality education," said former FSU accounting professor Homer Black.

Former professor Richard Baker remembers Rovetta as "very gentle, mild and quietspeaking ... but all the time it was very clear that he was the man in charge. He was also a dean who one would come to love, which was unusual on a college campus."

Rovetta grew up in Herrin, Ill., and graduated from the University of Chicago. He leaves a legacy of dedication to the business school and "a tradition of seeking the best possible faculty, from the ground floor up, leading to the outstanding business program of today," Solomon said.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Dean Charles A. Rovetta Scholarship Fund, FSU Foundation, 225 University Center Building C, Tallahassee, FL 32306-2660 or contact Spence Sealy, Assistant Dean for Development, at 850-644-0133.



1020-1020 Theresa Pinder Falconnier (B.A. '29), Daisy Brantley Hansen (L.I. '29)

Katie Horne Willis (L.I. '32), Margaret Harrison Pendarvis (L.I. '33), Jessie Booton Sammons (B.S. '33), Mary Eleanor Nicholson Daniel (B.S. '34), Adelaide Duval Wilson (B.A. '35), Sue Bevis Lastinger (B.A. '36), Anna Linger Lawton (B.A. '36), Mary Green (B.A. '37), Jane Gale Laude (B.A. '38), Elizabeth Bow Macey (B.S. '38), Margaret (Peggy) E. Hughes (B.A. '39), Nancy Rou Richardson (B.A. '39)

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Elizabeth Berg Bradley (A.B. '50), Carl Haire Jr. (B.S. '50), Robert Fuson (M.A. '51), Arnold W. Mosblech (B.A. '51), Floride Wilkinson Shaw (B.S. '51), Marilyn Brinkley Newton (B.S. '51), Wilbur Avera (B.S. '52), Louise Valentine Goins (B.S. '52), Walter Frye (M.A. '53), John Morris (B.S. '53), Harold J. Thornton Jr. (B.S. '53, M.S. '56), Cadesman Pope Jr. (B.S. '54), James G. Young Jr. ('55), Donald Hickson (B.S. '57), Ronald Fell (B.S. '58), Robert Gregory ('58)

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Kathryn Graham Crayton (B.S. '70), Mary Johnson Edwards (B.A. '70, M.S. '85), Grant Lee (Ph.D. '71), Robert Leitch (B.S. '72), Andrew Lindsey (I.D. '72), Elsie C. Padron (M.A. '72, PhD '80), Dorothy Harrell Baxter (B.S. '73), Roger A. Coe (J.D. '74), William Dunlap (B.S. '74), Jerry L. Lenon (B.S. '74), Kenneth Rebello (B.S. '74), Russell Spivey (B.S. '74), Winnie Holcomb Daugherty (M.S. '75), David E. Friestad (M.S. '75, PhD '78), Audrey Jordan Barnard (Ph.D. '77), Joseph J. Ahearn (B.S. '79), Jean Sterling Snyder (M.S. '79)

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Elizabeth Phinney-Gianchandani (B.A. '92), John McGlamry III (M.M. '92), Robin A. Nixon (M.A. '97, Ph.D. '02), David Harden (B.S. '98)

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FSU leads charge to modernize America's power grid

Bv David Cox Media Relations Office

America's electric power grid is long overdue for an overhau

Now, Florida State University will play a major role in identifying ways to upgrade and modernize Florida's and the nation's power grid, thanks to a \$5 million federal grant

FSU will lead a consortium of research institutions funded by the U.S. Department of Energy that will include other Florida universities, public utilities and industries in a multifaceted effort to understand, improve, safeguard and modernize the state's extensive electric power grid.

"There has been little improvement in the nation's electric delivery system for several decades," said Steinar Dale, director of FSU's Center for Advanced Power Systems (CAPS), which will spearhead the project. "With the innumerable changes in technology and the advent of new superconducting materials, electricity can and should be moved more reliably and efficiently for the benefit of all electric consumers."

Money for the research project is contained in a \$388 billion omnibus spending bill passed by Congress to fund most federal agencies in 2005. President George W. Bush recently signed the bill into law.

Americans don't have to look far back to see glaring examples of the problems facing



the nation's electric power grid. There was

the huge August 2003 outage that left 50 million people across eight states in the Northeast and Canada, including all of New York City, without power for a day. In 2000 and 2001, Californians were plagued by almost continuous rolling blackouts throughout the state

The FSU-led project will identify how the system can be made more reliable and less vulnerable to events that could lead to cascading power outages, including exploitation by terrorists. The largest universitybased, real-time digital simulator will model proposed modifications in the grid to help engineers understand the effect of changes without having to experiment on the grid itself. The project also will include research on superconducting technologies to facilitate more efficient transmission of energy than is currently capable with aluminum and cop-

CAPS, which is already involved in extensive research and development to help build the first all-electric warship for the U.S. Navy, will be assisted in the project by the National High Magnetic Field Laboratory, the FAMU-FSU College of Engineering and other state universities.

"CAPS' work with the Navy to understand how to move electric power around a ship also applies to how power is moved to Professor and President Emeritus Talbot meet the needs of people in a metropolitan area, state or region," Dale said. "We think this relationship with the Navy and now the Department of Energy will make FSU a Professor Thomas Blomberg, School of major contributor in solving many of our citizens' energy problems."

The lack of investment in the country's power grid has led to a decline in the United States' manufacturing capabilities and closure of many power engineering educational

"FSU is now one of the nation's pre-eminent centers for power engineering and advanced power systems simulation," Dale said. "This new collaboration with the DOE will help us deal with modernizing a system that is critical to all of our lives. Without it, we could literally be back in the Dark Ages."

Other FSU projects funded by the federal government for 2005 include:

•Climate prediction, Professor James O'Brien, department of meteorology, \$3.6 million from the Department of Agriculture; •Carbon nanotubes, Professor Ben

Wang, FAMU-FSU College of Engineering, \$2.5 million from the Army Research Lab;

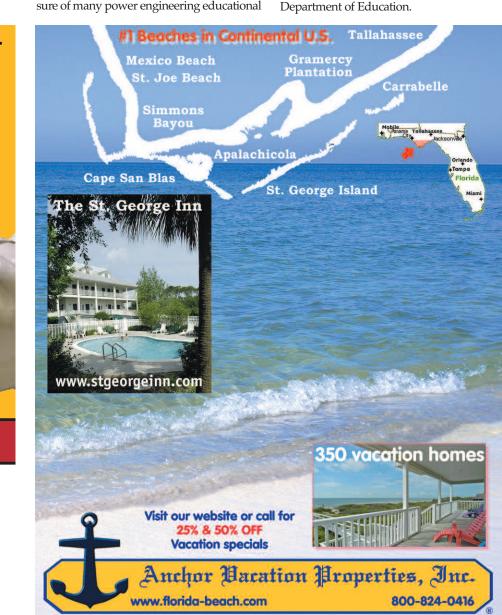
•Expert performance, Professor Laura Hassler, Learning Systems Institute, \$1 million from the Office of Naval Research;

•Multiuniversity reading initiative Hassler, LSI, \$1 million from the Department of Education:

•Distance learning in Eastern Europe, D'Alemberte, College of Law, \$775,000 from the Agency for International Development:

• Juvenile justice education, Dean and Criminology and Criminal Justice, \$500,000 from the Department of Justice;

•Digitizing library materials, chairman of the Board of Directors Thomas Spulak, Pepper Institute on Aging, \$500,000 from the Department of Education.



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I have attended and have degrees from other universities, but I never was interested in joining their alumni associations. My experience at FSU was so positive that I wanted to give back to FSU. I was thrilled to be invited to become a Foundation Trustee and I am presently serving my second three year term.

Sandra Schultz, Ph.D. of Philosophy

PICTURED: Two graduate students from the comprehensive planning and growth management program



From active student to Alumni director, Waits has remained involved

By Bayard Stern Managing Editor

Tommy Waits has seen FSU from many vantage points since 1952. He started as a student, became the director of the FSU Alumni Association and has remained a dedicated admirer and fan. His recent retirement as president of the Florida Hotel and Motel Association has given Waits pause to ponder his next involvement with FSU.

"Watching FSU grow over the years has been incredible," Waits said from his College Avenue office where Westcott stands on the next hill over. "I have nothing but warm and wonderful feelings for FSU in every way possible. Since I experienced it as a student, I have seen many changes. When I was a student, Smith Hall used to be by itself in the cow pasture."

While a student in the '50s, Waits was in the Flying High Circus and the Student Government Association, was a cheerleader and joined the Kappa Alpha fraternity.

"When I started at FSU, I was a little older because I was in the Marines during the Korean War," Waits said. "But other veterans were around and I think we really appreciated our situation being in college at FSU. I know I did."

Waits recounted a few special experiences that have remained with him.

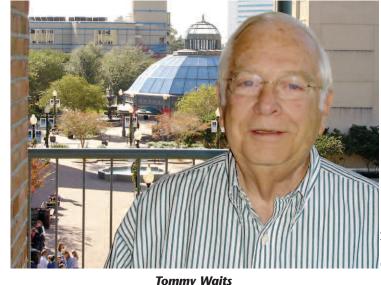
"Leading cheers wasn't something I ever thought I would be doing, but it was great," he said. "While in the circus, I was the

Emmett Kelly Clown, rode the bicycle with four gals holding on, did adagio and was a rigger, which was a good deal because it was a weekend job and we traveled a lot. I saw John Nugent come in and give his famous "Magic of Believing" speech to the students. It got everybody pumped up and emotional. And that's when the idea of really believing in FSU began to move me and I think many around me. It was a tumultuous time in our country and on cam-

pus. There were academic freedom issues, student protests and some campus fires. It was an interesting, exciting and challenging time to go through."

Waits graduated in 1956 with a bachelor's degree in accounting. Though he spent five years as an auditor for the state of Florida, he answered the call to return to his alma mater as director of the Alumni Association, a post he held for 13 years.

"I served under five FSU presidents," Waits said. "I wore many hats in those days. The Alumni Association was just getting started and, at that time, the Boosters were under us. FSU hired Bill Peterson as head football coach and I got to know him well. Bill and I used to travel all over Florida together.



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He would do recruiting and I would do some money raising and alumni meetings. I believe we helped lay some of the groundwork for the great programs in place today. It was a wonderful part of my life."

While in the circus, Waits met Betty Lou and Jim Joanos. Like Waits, they both have been involved with FSU in numerous capacities.

"Tommy was the alumni director when I was the chairman of alumni back in the '60s," said Judge Jim Joanos. "He's just a wonderful person. At a very early time, he positioned FSU's Alumni Association as a more modern and progressive one. He was doing things back in the '60s that other alumni associations didn't start doing until a much later time. While he was there, whatever fundraising that was done was done through the Alumni Association. And he was also the executive director of the Boosters. So he did a lot for Florida State."

"I have known Tommy since I was a freshman," said Betty Lou Joanos, former assistant director of the Alumni Association. "He was very involved on campus, and we were just really good friends and maintained that friendship through the years. He's very organized and is a visionary in many respects."

After working for FSU, Waits went on to found the Florida Hotel and Motel Association. After serving as its president and CEO since then, he

retired this past December.

"Our trade association represents the interests of hotels, motels, their owners, operators and managers," Waits said. "We act as their spokesman and protect their interests and concerns in the Legislative arena and deal with the regulatory agencies. It's been a real challenge. Hotel operators are wonderful people, and I've enjoyed it tremendously."

These days, Waits wants to spend more time with his grandchildren, participate in volunteer work, conduct a little bit of business and have some time to devote to attending FSU football and baseball games to support his beloved Seminoles.

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