ON A ROLLE

MYRON ROLLE
AWARDED RHODES SCHOLARSHIP

By Jill Elish
News and Public Affairs

High academic achievement? Check. Integrity of character? Check. A spirit of unselfishness, respect for others, potential for leadership and physical vigor? Check, check, check and check. Florida State University student-athlete Myron Rolle, 22, is seemingly the living embodiment of the criteria established more than 100 years ago for the Rhodes Scholarship, one of the oldest and most prestigious awards for international study. The Rhodes Trust agreed. On Nov. 22, it named Rolle one of 32 U.S. Rhodes Scholars for 2009. In being chosen, Rolle became the first starting player on a major college football team to win a Rhodes Scholarship since Stanford tight end Cory Booker in 1992. Booker now is the mayor of Newark, N.J.

“I feel very fortunate to have been selected as a Rhodes Scholar,” Rolle said. “I’ve learned so much just by going through the process of application and interviews, and I am a better person for it. The interview process requires candidates to evaluate their

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Standing up for our students

By Browning Brooks
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The presidents of Florida State University and the University of Florida are jointly asking for public support of Gov. Charlie Crist’s (B.S. ’78, Political Science) new comprehensive approach to improve the quality of education for the 300,000 students enrolled in Florida’s state universities.

Florida State President T.K. Wetherell and University of Florida President Bernard Machen launched the SOS program — “Stand up for Our Students” — at the Florida State-UF football game on Nov. 29, asking fans to go to a new Web site, www.students.org, for information on how to contact their legislators.

If current budget predictions hold, the state’s public universities will have lost a quarter of a billion dollars in cuts over two years. UF and Florida State are throwing their full support behind Crist’s proposal to allow university boards of trustees to implement differential tuitions, with one-third of the money going to need-based scholarships. Both presidents said the governor’s reforms will strengthen all 11 universities now and for decades to come by establishing clear lines of governance at the individual institution and state levels and by balancing financial needs with affordability for families. The result will be high-quality universities that prepare graduates for the marketplace.

Wetherell said the need for the tuition increase is clear. “Positions have been frozen now. We are not hiring, and we’ve reduced the number of classes. We are looking at eliminating certain programs. We just believe we need to take action to retain a certain quality,” he said.

A tuition increase is the best means to bolster the universities, Wetherell said, but it doesn’t need to be — and won’t be — a steep increase.

“If you implemented it fully for the next four years for an incoming class, Florida still would have the lowest tuition in the nation,” he said. “And it’s important to

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For all life can be
Seven Days of Opening Nights heads into its 11th season in 2009 in some fairly unusual circumstances. Given that The Florida State University’s popular festival’s primary stage, Ruby Diamond Auditorium, is undergoing renovations, Seven Days is something of a vagabond, taking its show — make that shows, some 14 of them — on the road.

That hasn’t stopped Seven Days from putting together a full season of performances, bringing in acclaimed musicians, authors, filmmakers, dancers and actors for a two-week cultural whirlwind in February.

“Sure, it’s a challenge,” said Seven Days director Steve MacQueen of the venue issue. “But a lot of other local arts organizations are in the same boat, so there’s no use crying about it. You just go find other places to do it, and we’ve managed to find some really great alternatives.”

Those alternatives include Bethel AME Church, which hosts gospel giant the 8 Blind Boys of Alabama and soul star Mavis Staples for Seven Days’ season opener on Feb. 13. Other venues include The Moon, which will see concerts by Grammy-winning folk singer Shawn Colvin (Feb. 19) and a pair of New Orleans legends, Dr. John and the Neville Brothers (March 1); Pebble Hill Plantation, where classical pianist Simone Dinnerstein (Feb. 22) will perform the first public concert ever held in the plantation house’s breathtaking “big room”; Florida A&M University’s Lee Hall, where four-time Grammy winner Dianne Reeves (Feb. 24) will join forces for the very first time with Tallahassee’s own jazz genius, Marcus Roberts; Christian Heritage Church, where 12-time Grammy winner Ricky Skaggs and Kentucky Thunder will unleash their potent brand of bluegrass; and perennial sponsor Tallahassee Community College, which will be the site of two shows this year: Two-time Grammy winners The Turtle Island String Quartet (Feb. 26) will offer their amazing take on the music of John Coltrane, while Rick Miller’s hysterical one-man show MacHomer (Feb. 20-21) offers the Bard’s “Macbeth,” performed entirely in the voices of “The Simpsons.” It must be seen to be believed.

And, of course, Seven Days will take advantage of several venues on the Florida State campus. The highly lauded dance troupe Noche Flamenco, featuring the incomparable Soledad Barrio, performs two shows on Feb. 17-18 at the beautiful Smith-Fichter Dance Theatre in Montgomery Hall. In addition to her Pebble Hill performance, Simone Dinnerstein will play at Opperman Music Hall on Feb. 23.

Seven Days’ ‘cultural whirlwind’ returns to Florida State in February
Major conference to examine origins of life

This spring, the world’s foremost evolutionary biologist, E. O. Wilson of Harvard University, and a slate of prominent historians, physicists and other scientists will descend upon the Florida State University campus from March 16 to March 28 for “Origins ’09: Celebrating the Birth and Life of Beginnings,” a conference to discuss how religion, philosophy, history, the arts and fundamental discoveries in science have shaped humanity’s understanding of life and civilization.

The conference will have a national radio audience on March 20 at National Public Radio’s “Talk of the Nation: Science Friday” with Ira Flatow broadcasts from the Florida State campus. Inspired by the global celebration of the 200th anniversary of Charles Darwin’s birth, it is the global celebration of the 200th anniversary of Darwin’s publication of On the Origin of Species by Means of Natural Selection.

Biologist feted by Discover magazine

Florida State University alumnus and New York University biologist Richard Bonneau (B.A. ’97, Biochemistry) has been named one of 20 “visionary” scientists under the age of 40 by Discover magazine’s December 2008 issue.

Bonneau and his colleagues at the Institute for Systems Biology in Seattle have created models that map the control circuit governing living organisms. This is an important milestone in systems biology because it allows researchers to model how the organisms adapt over time in response to their environment.

Baker named nation’s ‘Mayor of the Year’

Florida State University alumnus Rick Baker — now in his second term as the popular mayor of St. Petersburg, Fla. — outshone the competition of some 20,000 mayors to be named America’s Mayor of the Year for 2008 by Governing magazine.

While a Florida State student, Baker served as president of both the Student Senate and the Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity.

Alumni sought for research project

David W. Eccles, the lead research scientist at The Florida State University Center for Expert Performance Research, is seeking participants for a national study of household finances. Participants will be asked to complete a survey involving only a few hours of work and will be paid $50. Households that are asked to participate in the second phase of research will be paid $310. Participants should be a couple (one male and one female between the ages of 31 and 61) who are not business owners, have never experienced bankruptcy, and have children.

To participate, call (850) 644-5465 or send an e-mail to fincentstudy@fsu.edu. The survey will not ask participants to disclose any information about their identities, and all volunteered data will be kept secure and confidential.

Chemists receive National Medal of Science

Florida State University alumnus Mostafa A. El-Sayed (Ph.D. ’79, Chemistry) was one of eight scientific leaders honored for his seminal contributions to the understanding of the electronic and optical properties of nanomaterials and their applications in nanocatalysis and nanomedicine.

El-Sayed, who also directs Georgia Tech’s Laser Dynamics Laboratory, is one of three major initiatives under Florida’s current Nobel Laureate is Sir Harold W. Kroto (1996-1986); James M. Buchanan (1986-1986); Paul Adrien Maurice Dirac (1929-1928); Robert Sanderson Mulliken (1896-1986); Konrad Emil Bloch (1912-2000); James M. Buchanan (1919-1931); and John Robert Schrieffer (1913-1931). Florida State’s current Nobel Laureate is Sir Harold W. Kroto (1939-).
Broyles empowers women in male-dominated field

By Maria Mallory White

One of the leading plaintiffs in a national class-action lawsuit, Edna V. Broyles took on Wall Street discrimination and harassment against women in the largest federal case of its kind.

Broyles, one of the 2008 Alumni Recognition Award winners from The Florida State University’s College of Human Sciences, is currently vice president of investments in the Advisory & Brokerage Services segment of UBS Financial Services in Tampa. A successful businesswoman and loyal Seminole, Broyles is a nationally known leader and women’s advocate.

Jeffery Seay
Editor in Chief

For all generations: Heritage Day 2009

Henry appointed administrator of Florida’s second most-populous county

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With a budget of $3.5 billion to oversee, 6,000 employees in her charge, and 1.8 million residents depending on her managerial ability, Bertha Henry has her work cut out for her. The 53-year-old Florida State University alumna (B.S. ’77; Government; M.S. ’78; Public Administration) has been appointed by the Board of Trustees as the administrator of Broward County—Florida’s second most populous. She is the first African-American woman to hold the position.

From the airport to the seaport, to the schools, hospitals and police and fire departments, Bertha Henry says “we are very much a full-service government,” said Henry, who has served in numerous city and county administrative posts leading up to this career pinnacle.

Aside from her usual duties, there is always the possibility of special circumstances with which she must deal. If a hurricane slams into Broward County, Henry oversees the emergency response. If the Super Bowl is played at Dolphin Stadium, the buck stops with Henry to ensure that everything goes off without a hitch, from accommodating visiting football fans to working with the FBI and other law enforcement agencies.

“Next year, Broward County will become the home port of the world’s largest cruise ship,” Henry said. “The speed at which Broward County is changing is incredible. The ship will hold 6,000 passengers and more than 2,000 crew members.”

In one day, the terminal has to be able to handle both disembarking and embarking passengers.

“We have to deal with the logistics of moving 12,000 people in that really short window,” she said. “Plus all of the security measures required by the agencies that we work with.”

Despite the magnitude of such challenges, Henry is gratified by seeing projects through from beginning to end. “I’m like the CEO of a three-and-a-half-billion-dollar corporation,” she said. “What we do affects all of our residents, not to mention our visitors. Our season is now pretty much year-round, and no longer only from December to April.”

Henry describes the five-and-a-half years she spent as a Florida State student as “a ball.”

“My job requires that I relate to any and all kinds of people,” she said. “Being an African-American who attended all-black elementary, junior and senior-high schools, Florida State was my first opportunity to attend a diverse school. My first year, I had some adjustments to make, but by the time I graduated, it was a piece of cake.

“I was a member of the Black Student Union,” she said. “The black population at Florida State was very small in 1973, and we were very close. We, as black students, were able to participate in both cultural worlds, and I do believe that assisted me greatly.”

Mary Lou Norwood Reading Room in Strozier Library, Alumna Mary Lou Norwood (B.A. ’47) who died in 2008, will be remembered for the tireless way that she gave of her time and talents over the decades to many aspects of Florida State University.

Among Norwood’s many passions, she was dedicated to an initiative — The Heritage Protocol — to maintain and celebrate Florida State’s proud history. Working with dedicated faculty, staff and alumni, personnel of the Heritage Protocol are finding and identifying historical memorabilia for an online museum and tool for researchers.

The Heritage Day celebration will continue with a stroll down the historic paths of Legacy Walk starting at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 21, at the front of the Westcott Building and honoring the family of Francis Eppes, acknowledged as a founding father of the institution.

The pageant of events will conclude with the unveiling of a statue of Edward Conradi, who served as the institution’s fourth president from 1909 to 1941. The walk will pause at Dodd Hall to hear future plans for the Werkindt Humanities Reading Room, which is to be transformed into a museum about the history of Florida State. Next, the lawn and gardens along Jefferson Street will be celebrated as the University’s Greek Park, a place where sororities and fraternities will be encouraged to take on private beautification projects in honor of their houses.

“The idea of the Greek Park is to preserve and enhance a space on a campus with limited green areas. With the support of sororities and fraternities, the area between Landis Hall and Jefferson Street will become a welcoming haven in a historically significant area of our campus,” said Donna McHugh, assistant vice president for Community Relations.

“Scholarship sorority kicked off the creation of the Greek Park with their generous gift of the ‘Three Sisters’ statue and plaza, which was unveiled during the organization’s centennial celebration.”

In addition, the university will celebrate the completion of renovations to its seven historic residence halls, and students who lived in the halls are invited to attend. The 15-year project, which modernized the interiors while retaining their original facades, began with Jennie Humphrey Hall in 1992 and concluded with Landis Hall in 2006. Entertainment and a reception will be held inside Cawthon Hall featuring students from Cawthon’s Music Living-Learning Community, and campus tours for interested parties will conclude the afternoon.

For the latest Heritage Day information and to reserve a spot, visit heritage.day.fsu.edu.
A Pioneer in Physics: Philip J. Wyatt

Philip J. Wyatt
By Bayard Stern
Managing Editor

In 1959, when Philip J. Wyatt was a promising young doctoral student in The Florida State University Department of Physics, he witnessed the installation of its famous EN Tandem Van de Graaff nuclear accelerator. Now, at 76, Wyatt is a highly regarded physicist and a pioneer in the field of laser light scattering and particle size measurement, a technology that turned out to be quite similar to his nuclear physics scattering work at Florida State.

Wyatt’s career has largely been dedicated to developing the methods and instruments used to decipher the unknown physical properties of molecules that make up, well, just about everything. Some of his early support came from a company that cared deeply about its closely guarded ingredients.

“Believe it or not, some of our early funding came from the Coca-Cola Company,” Wyatt said. “I sent a paper into the Applied Optics journal concerning a comparison of the scattering properties of various cola drinks. They were very interested to see if we were discovering their secret formula.”

Wyatt’s productive career and innovative research was recently highlighted when he was awarded the 2009 Prize for Industrial Application of Physics by the American Physical Society. The prestigious honor was established to recognize excellence in the industrial application of physics and came with a $10,000 award. His citation read, “For pioneering developments in the physics of the inverse scattering problem: new applications of laser light scattering and the successful sustained commercialization of new related analytical methods and instrumentation.”

“Essentially, we want to measure how light scatters from some unknown object,” Wyatt said about his specialty. “Trying to determine the physical properties of that object, just from the scattered information alone, is called the ‘inverse scattering problem’ — the solution of which we hope to deduce. This ability has tremendous applications in many different fields.”

Before coming to Florida State and earning a doctoral degree in physics, Wyatt earned a bachelor’s degree from the University of Chicago, a master’s degree from the University of Illinois, and studied at the University of Cambridge.

Wyatt remembers Florida State’s first three students to earn doctorates in physics: Knuck Lee, Prakash Noid and N.V.V.J. Swamy. All were students of notable Florida State physicist Alex E.S. Green.

“During Green’s 1958 sabbatical at Los Alamos National Laboratory, he arranged for me to spend six months there to use the supercomputer for my thesis research,” Wyatt said.

Wyatt said two other professors he interacted with while at Florida State also were an important part of his education. “It was a young, rapidly growing physics department,” he said. “It was an exciting time, and I had some great professors, including Mike Kasha (Distinguished University Research Professor, Molecular Biophysics) and Ray Sheline (Professor Emeritus, Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry). They were a very wonderful and famous group. We also started the Florida State Chapter of Sigma Pi Sigma, a physics honorary society.”

Wyatt founded his company, Wyatt Technology Inc., 26 years ago and is its chief executive officer. It develops, manufactures and sells analytical instruments that are described as absolute light-scattering spectrometers. In 2008, his company was voted one of the best places to work for scientists by the journals The Scientist and Chemical and Engineering News.

“You can bring your dog to work,” he said. “We cannot be successful in fulfilling our commitment to our customers unless our staff is fully supportive of one another. It’s a very interesting company, and I’m having a ball.”

Wyatt’s two sons have followed him into the business, and now they help lead it. Geoffrey Wyatt is the president of the company and Clifford Wyatt is the executive vice president.

“Our instruments are used in 53 countries around the world,” Philip Wyatt said from Santa Barbara, Calif., where the company is based. “At present, many of our customers are in the biotechnology, chemical, petrochemical, pharmaceutical and government arenas. Of course, many academic institutions use them, including FSU’s Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry.

“Wyatt has written more than 50 published articles, co-written three textbooks, and was a finalist for the nation’s first Apollo scientist-astronaut selection program in 1965. As a fellow of the American Physical Society and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, he has had more than 30 foreign and domestic patents issued relating to laser light scattering. He is a registered patent agent before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and is a member of the executive committee of the Forum on Industrial and Applied Physics of the American Physical Society.

“My sons asked me when I’m going to retire,” Wyatt said. “I said maybe when I’m 95.”

Animal-rights advocate featured in Humane Society film

By Melanie Yeager

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Last September, 18-year-old sophomore Jesse O’Shea turned his dream of launching the nation’s first student-run chapter of the United Way on a college or university campus. The Student United Way of The Florida State University (www.stu-unitedway.org) is based on O’Shea’s own experiences.

“Giving teaches students to be financially successful and responsible,” said O’Shea, who is a senior in terms of credit hours, with a double major in biological science, focusing on molecular biology and interdisciplinary social sciences. “Advocacy encourages students to be politically active and to physically engage by putting on social justice awareness events and promoting equality of opportunity, which is the American dream. Volunteering gives students a chance to be in direct service to others.”

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The quintessentially American brand of Starbucks Coffee is expanding its horizons of comfortable seating areas and uniquely named beverages across the globe to the Southern Hemisphere and Asia. Leading the way in bringing the “Starbucks experience” to that part of the world is John Culver, a Florida State University alumnus and president of Starbucks Asia Pacific.

Culver’s region of responsibility is vast and includes Starbucks stores located in Japan, Korea, Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore, Indonesia, the Philippines, Australia and New Zealand.

“Many people think of Asia as a tea-drinking culture, but coffee is a very popular drink on this side of the world,” Culver said from Hong Kong, where his office is based. “Our area covers a fairly large piece of geography. I do a lot of traveling because I try and visit every store in my territory. It’s very exciting to work with so many people from such dynamic and diverse cultures.”

Culver has worked for Starbucks for more than six years, and was named to his current position two years ago.

“I feel I have the greatest job in the company,” Culver said. “It’s been a great experience and very inspiring for me to see the brand come to life in Asia. As the heart of our success is how the various cultures in this part of the world have embraced Starbucks, and our customers have made us a part of their daily routines.”

While a student at Florida State, Culver majored in hotel and restaurant administration and graduated with a bachelor’s degree in 1982. He was a member of the Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity.

“I’m extremely proud and grateful for the years I spent at Florida State,” he said. “I really think my education at Florida State helped to prepare me for where I am today. Some of my fondest memories are from my days at FSU.

“My most rewarding and favorite class was called the Little Dinner Series,” Culver said. “Ashby Stiff was the professor, and he really knew what aspects of the business were important for us to learn. I went on to be a lab assistant in the class the following year. It was an excellent educational experience in terms of really teaching me about all aspects of restaurant operations. A key component to the success of our class was our ability to work well within teams to get things done, and that still holds true in my job today.”

Culver has dedicated his entire career to the restaurant and food industry. He worked during high school in various restaurants and throughout his four years at Florida State at The Melting Pot. After graduating, Culver went on to work for Houlihan’s restaurants and then Nestle for 16 years before being hired by Starbucks. He said he was drawn to Starbucks because the company has a deep commitment to its people and is dedicated to being involved within its local communities.

“It’s very important for Starbucks as a company to not only be successful in terms of financial performance, but then also do it in a way that recognizes and rewards the hard work and dedication of all our partners (employees), while giving back to the local communities where we do business,” he said. “We spend a lot of time making sure we are encouraging community service projects and making a positive impact.”

“Our oldest market in Asia is Japan, with about 865 stores,” he said. “In the Asia-Pacific region we have more than 1,700 stores with approximately 40,000 partners who serve more than five million cups per week.”

And what does Culver like to order in his local Starbucks in Hong Kong?

“My favorite drink is a cup of Sumatra coffee from a French press,” he said. “We have coffees that come from all over the world, and Sumatra is an Indonesian coffee that comes out of our Asia Pacific region. It has distinct spicy notes to it, as well as just a deep rich flavor.”

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Happy 100th to the FSU Alumni Association

Scott Atwell
President, Alumni Association

Alumni invites Asia to enjoy a caramel macchiato

When it comes to advertising an upcoming social or philanthropy project, or encouraging each other to live their values — last year’s Rush Week theme — the Greeks of The Florida State University for decades have had a special way to get the word out. Armed with buckets of paint and loads of creativity, generations of sorority sisters and fraternity brothers have artfully rendered murals on the parking lot retaining walls along College Avenue and Copeland and Jefferson streets.

“I love this tradition and I have a lot of fun doing it,” said Kappa Delta sister Leslie Loquist, 20, a fashion merchandising student from Rock Island, Ill. “We have different sisters who are in charge of our various events. They suggest an overall direction for a certain design, but I still like to be creative and come up with different ideas.”

Loquist added that the longevity of the mural tradition is obvious in the thick layers of paint that coat the walls.

“I think it’s really nice because it lets us share with the rest of the Florida State community what’s going on within the Panhel of the community,” said Kappa Delta sister Megan Leonard, 20, an art history student from Jacksonville, Fla. “When it comes to things like elections and other prominent events on campus, it really lets people see what we support and what we’re about, rather than just our socials and dating functions.”

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The art of being greek

By Jeffery Seay
Editor in Chief

Pablo Picasso may have had it right when he said, “We don’t grow older, we grow riper.” For the Florida State University Alumni Association — whose seeds were planted exactly a century ago — the quote evokes legitimate imagery of an organization that has blossomed, and now it’s time to enjoy the fruit. Your alumni association turns 100 this year, and we’re throwing a birthday party.

In front of us is a 2009 calendar ripe for celebrating a “centennial of service,” and it promises to be a year of robust activity spindled with poignant, reflective moments that swell our hearts with pride — like the inspiring notes of the “Hymn to the Garnet and the Gold.”

The festivities begin on Saturday, Feb. 21, as part of the university’s annual Heritage Day celebration, the first of 100 branded events that will include a lecture series and new 25th reunion, funded in part by gifts from our Centennial Circle of Friends. (Ask us how to join.) Our Alumni Centennial Committee is led by National Board Chairman Maury Kolchakian, who welcomes your suggestions and input. You can keep tabs on the entire year by visiting our Web site at www.alumni.fsu.edu.

While this column is supposed to be about the 100th year, I cannot help reflecting upon the first — in its infancy layered across my desk in brittle, tan pages lifted from association archives:

In May 1909, 20 graduates from the newly created Florida State College for Women established an Alumni Association, electing 1909 graduate Bessie Dawson as their first president. The earliest committee minutes show an association eager to give back, establishing its first year a loan program for needy students. It paid $54 per semester.

Later, in 1920, the first Alumni Club was formed in New York City. Alumni living throughout Florida followed suit, creating “Flastocks” clubs in their hometowns, providing the foundation for today’s Seminole Club network. I have no doubt the graduates of 1909 would be proud of what has become of their Alumni Association. Today, as it was a century earlier, the collective strength of our membership is making a difference at our beloved institution. Thank you for being a part of the past and the future.

Happy birthday, Florida State Alumni Association. You’re looking great at 100.
Hard-working Thornton plays smart in NBA

By Gary Libman

Thirty minutes after a team practice, the Los Angeles Clippers’ indoor basketball courts are almost empty. In one corner, 7-foot center Chris Kaman rests barefoot on the floor talking to General Manager and Coach Mike Dunleavy. In another corner, forward Al Thornton, seated on a chair, bounces a basketball from one hand to another, staccato style, at his long legs.

Thornton thoughtfully answers a reporter’s questions, but when the interview ends, he bounds to one of two parallel National Basketball Association-regulation basketball courts in the practice center to work with Clippers Assistant Coach Fred Vinson.

For the next 45 minutes on the large, well-lighted practice floor, Thornton starts from either side of the foul line, dribbles, pivots in various directions and shoots. He’s a blur on his first step with a dribble, and yelps when he misses a shot. Resting infrequently, the 6-foot-5 former Florida State Seminoles player breathes hard and grunts as he works. Thornton finishes shooting more than an hour after practice and heads for the weight room, where again he is the only Clipper still working out.

“His out here almost every day (after practice),” Vinson said. “Sometimes I tell him, ‘We’re going to get some easy shots today,’ but he doesn’t know how to go easy. He only knows how to go hard.”

Aside from his work ethic, the Clippers’ first-round draft pick impressed during the 2007-2008 season by averaging 12.1 points per game and making the NBA’s all-rookie team. Thornton was trying to make an even stronger impression this year by gaining strength without losing quickness. He started the season at 235 pounds, compared to 220 in the previous season.

“Last year, I realized that the NBA was a lot more physical (than college),” said Thornton, who keeps in touch with former Seminole teammates and coaches. “I’ll be more physical this year when I’m driving to the basket. I probably won’t get as many ticky-tack bruises.”

The need to be stronger was only one lesson Thornton learned last season.

He knows all the plays and defensive rotations at small forward and power forward this season after sometimes getting confused his rookie year. No more leaving a potential shot away from the basket to help with defense.

“That’s a definite no-no,” he said. “He also will be more careful about contact with rivals such as San Antonio’s Manu Ginobili, who screamed and reacted this past season to what Thornton says was an imaginary elbow but nevertheless drew a foul on Thornton.”

And he’s slowing down during games.

“We played all-out, full speed at Florida State,” he said. “In the NBA, you go hard sometimes, but you also have to slow down the pace to read the situation. That’s how the best teams do it. They read the situation, talk to each other, and think the game out. They play very smart.”

Florida Gov. Charlie Crist (B.S. ’78, Political Science) congratulates Florida State Rhodes Scholar Myron Rolle in the Governor’s Office in November.
A new pyramid has been uncovered in Egypt. "Uncovered" doesn’t sound right; Pyramids’ glories were to be displayed above ground. Nevertheless, a new pyramid was discovered last November buried beneath the sands of Saqqara. They are among the oldest manmade masonry structures. Archaeologists still debate the range of purpose pyramids served, with their precise lines and polished limestone sides that blazed like suns on the Egyptian plain.

The architect of the original pyramids was made into a god by the Egyptians, but there is no record of what guided his thoughts, or why the structures were so vast. The pyramids at Giza remain among the largest structures ever built by man.

Pyramids marked the beginning of civilization as we recognize it. Is it possible those ancient people, overwhelmed by the vast night sky and the random cataclysm of life in the early Bronze Age decided to shake their fists at the universe? We too are important, they might have said, not just the Nile and the stars. See what we have made.

Why do the pyramids fascinate us after nearly 50 centuries? It is because they are beautiful. We are hard-wired to recognize beauty; we are drawn to it. A University of Birmingham study published in 2004 showed that newborns as young as five hours old “prefer human faces that adults also consider attractive.” And the newborns are also interested in faces that adults consider unattractive.

The author surmises that “just as a fetus develops eyes and lips, it also develops knowledge of what a face is ‘supposed’ to look like based on an evolution-informed average of what all human faces look like.”

Appropriately, standards of beauty vary only slightly over time and culture. The psychologist says, “Show an insular European two African faces, and the one the European picks as more attractive is also the one an African would pick.”

Proportion is the key. Proportion is the cornerstone of architectural design and the genetic key to our concept of beauty. Architecture students understand the power of architecture to influence the social landscape. For example, metropolitan American courthouses usually contain a series of courtrooms. Most are just simple rooms, outfitted for the pedestrian business of the legal trade. But there is usually one majestic salon outfitted with 20-foot fluted Corinthian columns and mahogany appointments designed to impress all with, as they say, the majesty of the law. The more grandiose the venue, the more important you may assume the proceedings to be. Many Florida State alumni winces at the dissonance between the Gothic architecture of the old campus and some of the ghastly 1960s constructions that line West Tennessee Street. Built during the university’s rapid expansion, they appear to have been raised up as cheaply and as quickly as possible.

Until it was washed and painted just a year or so ago, McCollum Hall was six stories of fifth-streaked slabs of raw concrete, more suggestive of a Soviet mental facility than a college residence hall. It is an ugly building, and we know that it is ugly the moment we see it.

Bad architecture is not beautiful. We want beauty. We turn to beauty as the bud turns toward the sun. Beauty uplifts us and reassures us, and the beauty of our buildings shapes our lives and sets the tone for us. American college football stadiums are where we wear our colors and engage in ritual combat with neighboring tribes. When the construction of University Center began more than 20 years ago, the collegiate Gothic (technically it is Jacobean) design was deliberately chosen to underscore who we wish to be. The design not only reflects but also shapes the personality of our fan base.

Like most stadiums, Doak Campbell began life as a shallow dish. As the mosaic walls of University Center rose around it, the stadium became a thing of beauty. Doak Campbell was not designed — as some stadiums are — to hold in the heat, to contain and amplify the noise. It was not designed to be raw and ugly — as some are — in order to project power and to intimidate.

No, if Doak Campbell does intimidate at first glance, it is due to the breathtaking scale and grandeur of its surroundings. I’m told University Center is the largest contiguous brick construction in the history of the United States. It is beautiful. Classic. And it was intended to be so.

Our architecture is a reflection of who we are and who we see ourselves to be as Florida State University community. The hill where Westcott stands is the oldest continuous site of higher education in the state of Florida. Since our founding, our buildings for the most part have echoed the classic architecture identified with university education for a thousand years. Restoration of buildings and interiors on our main campus has substantially enriched the experience of our undergraduates.

President Talbot “Sandy” D’Alemberi directed that all construction at Florida State follow the established Jacobean architectural standard. T.K. Wetherell continued the directive, and Seminole Booster President Andy Miller made certain that University Center was the centerpiece of that theme.

In an astonishingly short time, our entire park of Seminole athletics facilities has been built, all cloaked in the magnificent Jacobean brick and stone. The new College of Medicine and a wide range of new dorms and student services buildings also echo the timeless standard.

Think of architecture as our inheritance as alumni, as a way of linking ourselves with the genetic memories of our university. Through classic architecture our forebears whisper to us that both past and future do share a familiar and reassuring landscape.

The sands do cover everything in the end. But beauty endures and is the noblest yearning of mankind.

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“...The classic academic tradition, at least in the sciences, is you do some research in an area, you write a paper and get something published in a journal and go do something else,” O’Brien said. “We do more than that.”

The consortium originally began as an alliance of three of Florida’s universities: Florida State, the University of Florida and the University of Miami. But the partnership has been so successful that it has blossomed into a federally funded collaboration that aims to benefit the entire southeastern United States. The consortium’s members now include Auburn University, the University of Georgia, the University of Alabama in Huntsville, and North Carolina State University.

“We’re not trying to spread our research everywhere; we’re trying to bring in people with expertise,” said Keith Ingram, the Southeast Climate Consortium coordinator and an associate research scientist at the University of Florida.

Florida State University contributes climate research data, while UF uses its agricultural research efforts to quantify the potential impact on farmers and those in Florida’s large agricultural industry. The University of Miami helps out with economic analysis and keeps tabs on what information is needed for those who use the consortium’s forecasts. The consortium has brought in climatologists from other states, as well as experts who have researched the impact of climate on pests and agricultural diseases.

Florida State’s main role — through the Center for Ocean-Atmospheric Prediction Studies — includes monitoring ocean temperatures along the equator in the Pacific; these temperatures control the weather phenomena known as El Niño and La Niña. El Niño, which means “little boy” in Spanish, gets its name because it is usually noticed on Christmas Day. During a strong El Niño, water temperatures and air temperatures simultaneously increase, causing a disruption in the atmospheric circulation pattern. La Niña, or “little girl,” is an opposite effect, in which the water temperatures are cooler.

Florida State University keeps a constant watch on the development of both El Niño and La Niña — which can recur every four to seven years — because what happens in the Pacific greatly influences what happens in the southeastern United States.

“All the states (in the consortium) have climate variations due to El Niño and La Niña,” O’Brien said. “El Niño ‘kills hurricanes,’ but brings winter rain, he said, while La Niña is associated with drought. But even a so-called ‘neutral’ period in which neither phenomenon is present in the Pacific Ocean can have ramifications for farmers. Devastating freezes that have harmed the citrus industry have occurred during these neutral periods, according to research put together by the consortium.

Consortium scientists are able to do models based on these climate patterns, which are then used to come up with forecasts on everything from rainfall to temperatures. Agriculture scientists plug in the climate information to figure out what the impact will be on a diverse set of crops, including cotton, peanuts, tomatoes, blueberries and citrus. The scientists come up with recommendations that are then passed as quickly as possible to farmers and growers.

“We have this cascading effect,” Ingram said. “If we have a climate outlook that’s released today, people already looking at commodity applications and getting it in a brochure that includes recommendations that would make sense (and) that farmers would use.”
1950s

H.W. “Bubba” Asbell (M.S. ’56) wrote the poem “Farewell to the Greatest Generation,” which was read by a professional reader at the convention of the International Society of Poets in Las Vegas.

Daniel Revengaugh (B.M. ’59) worked with Carlisle Floyd, a former Florida State University music professor, to record a sonata that was written by Floyd more than 50 years ago.

1960s

J. Rogers Padgett Jr. (B.S. ’60) has retired from serving as a circuit court judge in Tampa, Fla.

Dennis E. Nickle (B.S. ’61) has returned to the United States after a stint of teaching software at the Middle East Technical University in Ankara, Turkey.

Col. George P. “Pres” McGee (B.S. ’65) became vice president of project management at Zedsoft, a company that develops software products for the simulation and visualization industry.

1970s

Franklin “Budd” Titlow (B.S. ’70), owner and operator of Naturegraphs Freelance Photography/Writing, was elected to the 2008 board of directors for the North Carolina Chapter of the Water Resources Research Association.

Anne Petty (Ph.D. ’72) established Kitsuwe Books, a small press that produces quality books for ecletic readers.

William R. Adams (Ph.D. ’74) was awarded the senator Bob Williams Award by Florida Gov. Charlie Crist and Secretary of State Kurt Browning in recognition of public service that has forever changed the course of historic preservation in Florida.

Harris Brandt (M.S. ’74) is director of branding and communications for the Toy Industry Association, a not-for-profit trade association representing the U.S. toy industry.

Stephen G. Blackwell (B.S. ’75) has joined Thompson Coburn LLP as the firm’s chief operating officer in St. Louis.

Barrett “Barry” Smith (B.S. ’75), after recovering from a life-altering polio diagnosis, which rendered him unable to continue his formerly promising athletic career, has become a partner of the BDK Group, a sports marketing and entertainment company.

Gerard G. Vernet (Ph.D. ’75) participated in the 2007 U.S.-Egypt Education Forum, sponsored by the People to People Ambassador Programs. He was part of a delegation of school counselors who strive to promote international understanding among people of different backgrounds and cultures.

Lonnie N. Groot (J.D. ’76) has been board-certified in the area of city, county and local government law by The Florida Bar.

Michael Wright (M.S. ’76) is the new county administrator for Highlands County, Fla.

Ramona Baker (M.F.A. ’77) became the new director of Goucher College’s Master of Arts in Arts Administration Program.

Miranda Fitzgerald (J.D. ’78) was named in the 2008-2009 National Association of Professional and Executive Women’s “Women of Excellence” registry.

George H. Sheldon (J.D. ’78) has been appointed by Florida Gov. Charlie Crist as secretary of the Florida Department of Children and Families.

1980s

William A. “Hoe” Brown (B.S. ’80) has been sworn in as a member of the Tampa Port Authority Board of Commissioners after being appointed by Florida Gov. Charlie Crist.

Raymond Ealy (B.A. ’81) has been appointed as a partner at QuantumMethod. He will lead new product development, sales and marketing initiatives at the Los Angeles company.

Keith John Bauer (B.A. ’84) has been promoted to senior account executive for ClearChannel Outdoor, the largest outdoor advertising company in the world.

Tom Joe Wolfe III (B.S. ’84) is the director of treasury for Marriott Vacation Club International in LakeLid, Fla.

Craig S. Evans (M.M. ’85, M.M.E. ’86) has become the executive director of the Foundation for Orange County Public Schools in Orlando, Fla. He most recently served as associate vice president for Institutional Advancement at Ithaca College, N.Y.

Cheri Joan Shapiro Smith (B.S. ’85) has been appointed property manager by Crossman and Company, the largest third-party retail leasing and property management firm in Central Florida.

David Caldevilla (J.D. ’86) has been reappointed to serve a second four-year term on the Judicial Nominating Commission of the Florida Second District Court of Appeal.

Cynthia L. Cox (J.D. ’86) has been appointed by the Florida Supreme Court to a special Character and Fitness Commission of the Florida Board of Bar Examiners.

Tony Lamar Carter Sr. (B.S. ’88) has retired from the U.S. Army after 20 years of service and is currently a property manager for the Executive Development Program at Eckerson Retirement Community Corporate in Baltimore.

Camille Ann Consolvo (Ph.D. ’88) has been named vice president for student affairs at Eastern Oregon University in La Grande, Ore.

Robert M. Gutierrez (B.S. ’89) has been elected to the board of directors of the National Organization of Social Security Claimants’ Representatives. He has been invited to speak at the organization’s National Conference on Social Security Disability Law.

Glenola L. Thornton (J.D. ’89) has become the chairwoman of the Greater Tallahassee Chamber of Commerce, making her the first black person to hold that position.

1990s

Stephen Kinsey (B.S. ’90) was promoted to assistant chief of police for the Fort Lauderdale Police Department in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. He also has graduated from the 234th session of the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Va.

Samantha Ward (J.D. ’90) won the Circuit Court Judge Group 2 election in Florida to fill one of the three seats that opened with the January 2009 retirement of three circuit court judges. A veteran assistant public defender, she has 18 years of experience as a practicing lawyer.

Hon. Michael Francis Andrews (J.D. ’91) circuit court judge in Florida’s Sixth Judicial Circuit, has been named the recipient of the 2008 Distinguished Judicial Service Award, which honors outstanding and sustained service to the public especially as it relates to support of pro bono legal services.

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Earl L. Gordon, 83, a retired Florida State University sociology professor, died Aug. 12, 2008. Gordon was born in 1925 in Thomasville, Ga., and stayed there until moving to Tallahassee in 1948 to attend what was then called Florida A&M College. He received a bachelor's degree in sociology, followed by a master's degree in counseling. He then got a job at Florida A&M University as a men's counselor during the 1950s and 1960s. In 1968, Gordon was one of the first two African-American faculty members to be hired by Florida State, at a time when integration had not been fully accepted. The university hired Gordon as a professor of sociology and put him in charge of the Horizons Unlimited program. This program helped provide support and encouragement to roughly 200 under-prepared minority students, allowing them to graduate from high school and pursue a degree. The program yielded numerous successful minority college graduates.

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IN MEMORIAM

**1920s**
- Dorothy Mac "Dodrie" McMurry Flattery (L.I. '26)
- Martha Seed "Pat" Alemu (B.S. '29)

**1930s**
- Katherine Elizabeth Johnson
- Lorraine Kiker (B.A. '31)
- Nelle Fain Bridges (B.A. '39)
- Virginia Craig Evans (B.S. '39)
- Helen Alline McBride Jackson (B.A. '39)

**1940s**
- Efia E. England (B.A. '40)
- Mary "Dodie" Eldrid Holle Lister (B.S. '42)
- Emmogene Brown Riek (B.S. '43)
- Audrey Townsend Leslie (B.A. '44)
- Mary K. McDonald Watson (B.S. '44)
- Vinga Hyman Con "B.S. '45"
- Hazel Winifred Reynolds Edwards (B.S. '45)
- Margaret Shackelford Mason (B.S. '47)
- Grace Elizabeth Whidbey Furland (B.S. '48)
- Sim A. Lambrecht (B.S. '48)
- Jean Katherine Johnson Mark (B.S. '48)
- Richard Eugene Bradley (B.S. '49)
- Mike Reed "Dixie" Burnham (B.S. '49)
- William E. Yeohorn (B.A. '49, M.A. '50)

**1950s**
- Thomas C. Dula (B.S. '50, M.S. '51, Ed.D. '53)
- Glenn A. Dobson Carr (M.S. '51)
- Jean Elizabeth Riell (B.S. '52)
- Gerald K. Case (B.S. '53)
- Constance E. Davis (B.S. '53)
- John Charles Thompson St. (B.S. '53)
- Cliff J. E. Dobson (B.S. '54)
- William Jennings Harts (Ph.D. '54)
- Wilma L. Landau (M.A. '55)
- Albert C. Clarke (Ed.D. '56)
- William J. Laffle III (B.S. '57)
- Helen F. Denn Gardner (B.S. '57)
- John H. Schill (B.S. '57)
- Curtis L. Simmons Sr. (B.S. '57)
- Helen C. Amo (B.S. '58)
- Priscilla Barnes Abram (B.S. '59)
- John A. Birold (B.S. '59)
- Deleora Seemeyer (B.S. '59, M.S. '61)

**1960s**
- Ernest Robert Meier (B.S. '60)
- Col. Hal Robert "Montie" Montgomery (M.S. '60)
- Franklin J. Amsley (B.S. '61)
- Ben Sue Brown Graveshaw (B.A. '62)
- Frank Gardner (B.S. '62)
- Karen Moran Keon (B.M. '62)
- Robert James Hostetler (M.A. '62)
- Felix M. Berardo (Ph.D. '65)
- Grace Myrl Fritchie (B.A. '67)
- Ernest Robert Meier (B.S. '60)
- Dorothy Josephine Butcher McIntyre (B.S. '66)
- Susan E. "Dixie" Taft (B.S. '66)
- Grace More Fritchie (B.A. '67)

**1970s**
- James Stewart Spooner (B.S. '70)
- Fay Kelley Williams (M.S. '70)
- Barbara Suee Winter (B.A. '70)
- Stanley K. Bohboff (B.A. '71, M.A. '72, M.S. '76)
- David M. Riddle (M.S. '71)
- Stuart J. Hite (B.S. '72)
- Robert A. Jannell II (B.S. '72)
- Davis G. Anderson (J.D. '73)
- Gordon R. Woody (M.S. '73)
- Mary Watson Wright (M.S. '73)
- Barbara F. Brigham Young (M.S. '73, Ph.D. '75)
- Bradley H. Fournier (M.S. '74)
- William H. Steenbergs (B.A. '75)
- John V. Hansen (B.S. '76)
- John Tuffbrooks (Ed.D. '76)
- Linda Diane Wade (B.S. '77)
- Shirley A. Fox (B.S. '78)
- Richard Gerson (Ph.D. '78)
- Isom S. Muma (Ph.D. '78)

**1980s**
- Bruce R. Hall (B.A. '80)
- Mary Rose Sherban Lawrence (B.S. '80, M.S. '81)
- Russ L. Reser (B.S. '80)
- Marc Maris Fritchie (Ph.D. '81)
- James Bozeman (B.S. '82)
- Kate Chandler Morgan (M.B.A. '83)
- Marcella Ann Swangr (B.S. '83)
- Inez Walker Taylor Shock (M.S.W. '85)
- Matthew Perry Conaher (M.P.A. '86, M.S. '93)
- Leonard T. Savary (B.S. '88)
- Steven L. Jeffers (Ph.D. '89)

**1990s**
- Scott E. Simpson (B.S. '91)
- James Gary Brown (B.S. '92)
- Crystal Diane Hall (M.S. '92)
- Michael A. Walsh (B.S. '92)
- Deane Oliver Craig Jr. (B.S. '93)
- Charles A. Gros III (B.A. '93)
- William Dewey Huddleston (Ed.D. '93)
- Judith Christine Inman (M.S. '93, Ph.D. '94)

**2000s**
- Asphalt "Trey" Harwood (B.S. '07)
- Kelly Jane Rochelle (B.S. '08)

**Faculty/Staff**
- James C. Botts
- Albert Collick Jr.
- Arland Frederick Christ-Janer
- Faye Sims Cobbs
- Elias L. Dixon
- Catherine Jones
- Raphael Kavathke
- Rachel Mac Skelly
- Gary L. Witty
The Death Penalty
Raymond Paternoster, Robert Braine and Sarah Bacon (assistant professor of Criminology and Criminal Justice)
Oxford University Press

New books and CDs by Florida State faculty and graduates

“Be Mediocre”
Guide for Those Who Refuse to Ultimately, his confrontation of the demons in administration, and justifications for and against its use.

“Handbook of Giftedness in Children”
Edited by Steven I. Pfeiffer (Florida State professor of Educational Psychology and Learning Systems)
Springer

Florida State alumnus turns policing into prose
By Melissa Martinez

On television, police agents are in violent shoot-outs and often get the glamorous women, but in real life there is a lot less drama and a lot more down time. It was during this down time that Florida State University alumnus James O. Born (B.S. ’83), a Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) agent, became inspired to write police novels with authentic voices.

Born would read Tom Clancy and W.E.B. Griffin novels, but felt the books did not reflect his own experience as a law enforcement officer.

“I could not rip a shotgun out of someone’s hands without suffering a catastrophic injury,” Born said. “I didn’t crawl out of crushed police cars and shake off the injury. Neither did any cop I knew.”

As an FDLE agent, Born has investigated everything from serial crime to organized crime. Prior to 1990, he spent four years as a U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration agent.

“Changing Hats While Managing Change: From Social Work Practice to Managing Change: From Case Studies”
Wendy P. Crook

Based on his experiences in prison, one of the most important Civil War cities in Greece, Greene illustrates the experience of white and black Confederate soldiers, as well as the non-military residents of Petersburg as they watch the city’s transformations during the war. Using unpublished sources, this book weaves the personal stories of thousands of people, all of whom shared one experience — the Civil War.

“Civil War Petersburg: Confederate City in the Crucible of War”
William Greene (B.A. ’72)
University of Virginia Press

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“Distant Peaks: A Journey Through Cultures and Conquests”
Peter Len (B.A. ’87, M.A. ’94)
Kilimanjaro Publishing

Based on the author’s mountain-climbing trips, this book describes Leo's struggles, triumphs and defeats, and provides both figurative and literal portraits from his climbing trips.

“This Exit”
Cutway Crossing
Brad “Woody” Bendle (B.S. ’93, M.S. ’99)
HighPoint Recording Studios

This book presents the widening education gap between students in high-income schools and those in impoverished schools.

“The Remembrance: A Story of Family Love and Survival”
Nathan Smith Higgs (B.S. ’92)
Cypress Publications

Based on a true story of love, family and survival. When the small community of Porterdale, Ga., is devastated by an epidemic of murders, the Smith family feels the impact with the death of husband and father Luther Smith. The tragic forces Leola, his wife, and their two daughters to move in with her parents, a place devoid of love. After several years of living with them and learning several revealing secrets about her unhappy childhood, Leola gets remarried to a man with five children.

“The War of the Worlds”
Holly Iglesias (Ph.D. ’99)
Kore Press

This collection of poetry captures the massive yet fleeting wonder of the 1994 World’s Fair held in St. Louis. Each poem captures a unique aspect of the event, representing a small piece of the huge fair.

James O. Born (B.S. ’83)
The Berkley Publishing Group

“Walking Money”
Mobsters, mules and an astonishing catch of $1.5 million in cash; Born’s debut novel has it all. Florida state cop Bill Tasker finds himself teamed with a female FBI agent on a case involving a stolen Stinger missile.

“Escape Clause”
Bill Tasker’s boss sends him on his first really big case; the 100 million dollars in gold stolen from the Naaman Correctional Prison, where he is to investigate an inmate homicide. When Tasker arrives, he discovers more than murder: he discovers discipline, discipline, discipline.

Field of Fire

Brian Dwyer (B.S. ’91)

In what he assumed would be a routine, low-level bust, Dwyer discovered a shadowy plot involving a beautiful,fragrant FIB agent and a truck filled with tons of cocaine that had been on the “man who changed America.”

February/March 2009
World War II claimed the lives of an estimated 50 million to 70 million soldiers and civilians worldwide between 1939 and 1945. The significance of this time period cannot be overlooked, making it of paramount importance to honor and remember the commitment of the millions of Americans who left the security of their homes for the uncertainty of war in unfamiliar lands. In the interest of preserving their legacy and sharing their stories, the Florida State University College of Arts and Sciences established the Institute on World War II and the Human Experience in the Department of History in 1997.

The World War II Institute was created to systematically and professionally preserve the letters, unit histories and personal recollections of those who served their country in a time of need. Through the memories and donated artifacts of the men and women affected by the war, the institute is able to offer the community a better perspective of the physical and emotional wartime experiences of soldiers and civilians alike. In addition to the archiving and housing of military artifacts and oral histories, the World War II Institute serves as a center for student and faculty research and also provides, through the history department, employment opportunities for graduate students to encourage further research and instruction about World War II.

Just over a decade ago, the institute began with donations from Kevin Dougherty, as well as George and Marian Langford. Dougherty’s father, Paul, was a photographer with Gen. George S. Patton’s Third Army and left a large box of his photos and cameras to his son. Convinced that this World War II memorabilia possessed educational value, Dougherty contacted Florida State history Professor William Oldson with the intention of donating the items to the university. Dougherty’s gift, which coincided with a $15,000 contribution from philanthropists George and Marian Langford, helped launch the World War II Institute.

The Langfords, longtime benefactors of Florida State, fully endorsed the creation of a World War II archive composed of letters, papers and photographs. George Langford, the only member of his family who is not a Florida State alumnus, was a combat engineer in Europe during the war (one of four siblings to fight in World War II). Coupled with their $15,000 gift, the Langfords also presented a collection of letters George and his siblings wrote home during the war. Currently, both the Langfords serve as members of the institute’s advisory board.

“Without George’s financial assistance, and more importantly his contacts and personal accounts of the war, there would absolutely be no institute,” said Oldson, director of the institute. “His assistance to the Tallahassee community, the university and to the institute is exemplary.”

Today, the institute is involved in a number of academic initiatives, including a work-study position through the history department that is open to Florida State students and lectures offered by researchers, staff and visiting speakers invited by interested local and national groups. The World War II Institute strives to involve department of history students in its collections.

“This is different from reading about the war in a history textbook,” said Oldson, who also teaches seminars related to World War II and the Holocaust. “It’s one thing for professors to lecture about POWs or the Bataan Death March, but it’s completely another to let students read a diary, which is a firsthand account of a prisoner of war who was their age in 1941. That makes an impact like no other.”

With every donated piece of history, the World War II Institute is able to preserve the experiences of the millions of men and women who fought in the war. As one of the largest non-federally funded World War II archives in the nation, the institute strives to keep these memories alive for generations to come. To find out how you can support the Institute on World War II and the Human Experience or donate memorabilia, visit www.fsu.edu/~ww2 or call (850) 644-9324.
Four professors join prestigious ranks of AAAS fellows

By Barry Ray
FSU News and Public Affairs

The Florida State University has long been recognized internationally for the high quality of scientific research conducted on its campus in numerous disciplines. That pre-eminence has once more been affirmed as four Florida State professors were elevated to the rank of fellow by the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS).

Election as a fellow of the AAAS is an honor bestowed upon members by their peers. Fellows are recognized for meritorious efforts to advance science or its applications.

The Florida State faculty members selected as AAAS fellows for 2008, and the language provided on their AAAS citations, are as follows:

• David M. Gilbert, J. Herbert Taylor Distinguished Professor of Molecular Biology, Department of Biological Science, “for distinguished contributions to the field of computational and theoretical chemistry, particularly the theoretical modeling of diffusion-controlled reactions and other processes in biomolecular systems. It is always nice to have our state’s pre-eminent university here in Tallahassee,” the citation continued. “Prof. Gilbert is the last of the four to stand up for the people and the state. He is recognized as the world’s foremost expert on cis-trans photosomerizations useful as models for the understanding of complex biological systems.”

• Stephan von Molnár, professor, Department of Physics, “for seminal research on magnetic polarons, the metal-insulator transition, dilute magnetic semiconductors and magnetic nanoparticles.”

• Huan-Xiang Zhou, professor, Department of Physics, “for distinguishing contributions to the field of computational and theoretical chemistry, particularly the theoretical modeling of diffusion-controlled reactions and other processes in biomolecular systems. It is always nice to have our state’s pre-eminent university here in Tallahassee,” the citation continued. “Prof. Gilbert is the last of the four to stand up for the people and the state. He is recognized as the world’s foremost expert on cis-trans photosomerizations useful as models for the understanding of complex biological systems.”

• Jack Saltiel, professor, Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, “for outstanding contributions to the elucidation of the mechanisms of selected

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• Allows local control of each university by trustees, a group that includes the student body president who represents the concerns of students. Even if the maximum increase is levied, tuition will still be the lowest in the country.
• Will cost approximately $12 more per credit hour for nearly 70 percent of the UF and Florida State students who receive a Bright Futures scholarship.
• Will be no additional cost for the approximately 25 percent to 30 percent of students currently holding Florida Prepaid contracts.
• Will cost about $300 to $400 per year for all other students — adding less than 3 percent to the total cost of attendance.
• Will give students choices at different costs, as it is likely that each university will adjust costs to reflect the marketplace.
• Will require universities to demonstrate accountability in areas such as increased retention and graduation rates in order to participate in the program. Graduating students in a timely manner saves significant dollars for the student.
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