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Congressional Seminoles



Clockwise from top:
U.S. Rep. Dina Titus,
U.S. Rep. Kathy Castor
and U.S. Sen. Kay Hagan.
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When the 111th U.S. Congress convened in Washington, D.C., on Jan. 3, U.S. Rep. Dina Titus (D-Nev.) and U.S. Sen. Kay Hagan (D-N.C.) became the latest graduates of The Florida State University to assume the responsibility of conducting the business of the American people.

Today, there are six Florida State Seminole serving on Capitol Hill. Titus and Hagan join U.S. Rep. Kathy Castor (D-Fla.) and U.S. Rep. Jason Altmire (D-Pa.), both elected in 2006; U.S. Sen. Mel Martinez (R-Fla.), who was elected in 2004; and U.S. Rep. Allen Boyd (D-Fla.), who was elected in 1996.

THE SUITE LIFE Living and learning at Florida State

By Bayard Stern
Managing Editor

Mahi and Christina, DeGraff Hall roommates and international affairs majors, both aspire to be translators at the United Nations. Laura, a cellist, rehearses daily with her neighbors at Cawthon Hall. Allison is studying meteorology and, like everyone else living at Landis Hall, is an honors student.

It's by careful design, as opposed to fortunate coincidence, that these students who share common academic interests and career goals are beginning their time at

The Florida State University by living — and learning — in close proximity to each other in residence halls across campus.

Florida State's "living-learning communities" and the honors community have been individually developed not only to provide a place to learn, but also to promote a sense of community. While each of Florida State's living-learning programs is unique, they all share a basic emphasis on academics. Participants live in the same residence halls and enroll in specific classes that bring them together as a group. These arrangements are contributing to the overall success of students throughout their college career. Participants have been shown to earn better grades, graduate sooner and have a more satisfying overall college experience compared to their counterparts in the university's general population, according to Rita Moser, director of University Housing.

"Students really get more fully engaged in campus life if they live in any of our residence halls," Moser said. "The living-learning communities are really special because of their diverse subject range and how well developed they are. Students really enjoy being a part of them."

Florida State professors direct the programs, regularly bring in guest speakers for colloquiums, and teach special in-house course sections only open to community members. In order for a student, usually a freshman, to be placed in any of the living-learning communities, he or she must apply for a space in a program. Each hall has different requirements based on its academic emphasis and they all have a limited enrollment.



Laura Laskey

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Institute encourages black men toward full potential

By Jeffery Seay
Editor in Chief

When Florida State University senior Joseph Morgan, 23, transferred from Tallahassee Community College in the fall of 2007, he set out to make the most of his college experience. As a social science major with a concentration in political science and economics, Morgan is planning on a career in government. To that end, he works part time in the Office of the Commissioner of the Florida Department of Education and has received numerous job offers from within the department after he earns his degree this summer.

But as a black man, Morgan knows that sometimes the odds can be stacked against him.

Building upon its well-established track record of helping minorities push through adversity in order to succeed academically, Florida State has established the Black Male Institute to help students assimilate into both the university community and the professional world beyond. In other words, to help students become involved in something bigger than themselves.

For a go-getter like Morgan, life at a university did not seem to be the impenetrable monolith that some minority students find. Still,

he appreciates the extra support and "push" to get involved that the Black Male Institute provides.

"I joined the Black Male Institute to improve my campus life, for social networking opportunities and to develop leadership skills," Morgan said. "It is designed to assist black males with academic and social integration."

"Thus far, I have had an opportunity to interact with faculty and staff members in out-of-class experiences," he said. "It's an excellent way to meet students and make new friends, and learn how to work with diverse people. The Black Male

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Remembering Paul A.M. Dirac

Florida State colleagues recall the legendary physicist

By Gary Fineout

Today's students who stroll across the campus of The Florida State University may only know the name of Paul Adrien Maurice Dirac from the statue that graces the front of the science library that also bears his name.

But to those who worked at Florida State when Dirac was alive, the Nobel Prize winner remains an ever-present reminder of the wonders of physics and science.

And even though Dirac had a reputation for being taciturn, his colleagues in the physics department still got a glimpse at the human side of the man who spoke lovingly of the "beautiful mathematics" that lies within physics.

He was the kind of man who would insist on walking everywhere, including to and from his home, located near the western edge of campus. He enjoyed long walks in the woods. Or he could be a daredevil who would take a long swim in a local lake in the dead of winter.

His intellectual curiosity was always in full force, as on the day he spent nearly an hour talking to a fellow physicist about quarks, or when he asked about football, a game foreign to the British-born Dirac. Dirac only decided to come to Florida State after first visiting the campus in June to gauge his ability to deal with Tallahassee's notoriously hot, humid summers.

"People told him that's not very smart, because June is the worst month of the year in Tallahassee," recalled John Albright, a former Florida State physics professor. "He said he knew that, but he decided if he could get through the month of June without being cooked to death, then he would come."

And Dirac did come, working at FSU from 1971 until his death in 1984. It was a coup for the university, since Dirac was one of the most renowned physicists of the 20th century, winning countless honors, including the Nobel Prize in 1933 for his work on atomic theory. Dirac was a pioneer in quantum mechanics, and he predicted the existence of antimatter.

Yet despite his ability to unlock

some of the mysteries of the universe, Dirac only talked when he had something to say.

"For 12 years I had lunch with Paul Dirac," said Steve Edwards, dean of the faculties emeritus and former chairman of the physics department at FSU. "It was very enlightening, although on some days it was perfectly all right to sit there for an hour and not say anything to each other."

Adds Albright: "Dirac was very parsimonious with words. He would not use five words when one word would do."

While Dirac normally worked alone, those in the physics department would look forward to daily lunches with the physicist held in the kitchen of the Keen Building.

"That's an experience that some of us thought was too valuable to miss," Albright said. "There were times you could go up there for 30 to 40 minutes and he would just sit there quietly and not say a word. The next day he might come and have some question of his own."

Many in the physics department would share time outside of their offices with Dirac as well, mingling with him at parties or sharing dinner with Dirac and his wife.

"I went to parties with him, and he was quite charming at parties because he always had a twinkle in his eye about some aspect of physics that might come up," said Donald Robson, a retired Florida State physics professor.

Edwards said that the reaction Dirac got from his Florida State colleagues is one of the reasons the Nobel Laureate stayed at the university until his death. They didn't treat him differently because of all his achievements.

Paul A.M. Dirac of the University of Cambridge, England, and Erwin Schrödinger of Berlin University, Germany, shared the 1933 Nobel Prize in Physics for "the discovery of new productive forms of atomic theory."

"He felt at home here," Edwards said. "The physics faculty treated him like anybody else."

One constant with Dirac during most of his time at Florida State was his daily commute from his house to his office on campus. Even when weather was bad, Dirac would insist on walking. It wasn't that Dirac didn't know how to drive. He told Albright he preferred walking because it gave him time to think.

"The reason he didn't want to drive a car back and forth was because he would have to think about driving," Albright said. "But when he was walking he could think about physics."

Albright recalls how one day he was able to give Dirac a ride to neighboring Florida A&M University for a lecture, but only after engaging in a bit of trickery. After Dirac asked his fellow Florida State professors if they could give him directions to the FAMU campus, Albright came up with endlessly complicated directions in an effort to dissuade him from walking.

But Albright's ploy didn't last. After sitting through Dirac's lecture, he walked up to him and then offered to take him home.

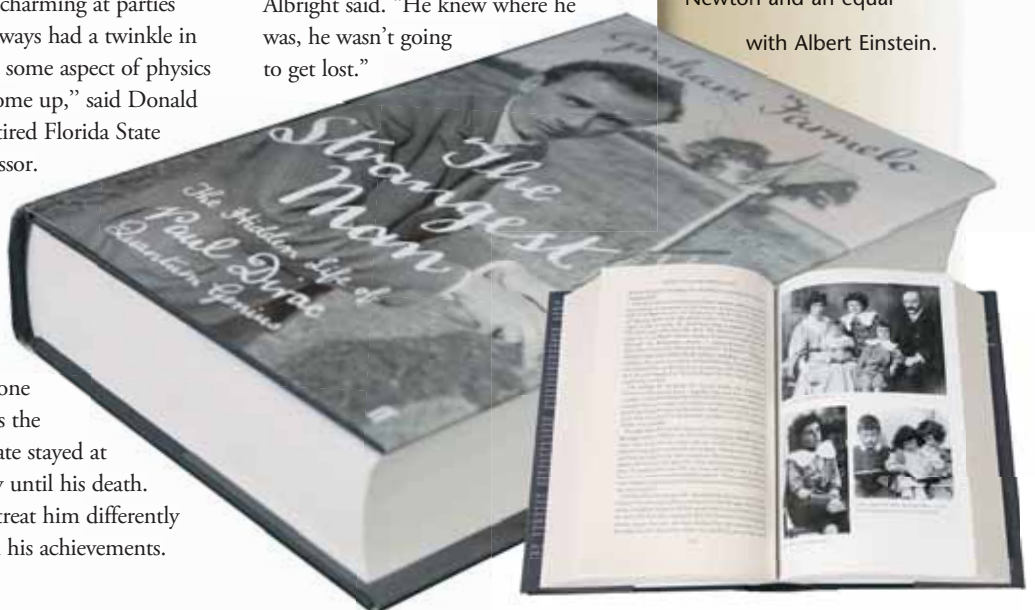
"He looked at me and smiled and said 'I'm going to walk home,'" Albright said. "He knew where he was, he wasn't going to get lost."

A new biography of Paul A.M. Dirac delves into his complex personal life by discussing the hatred he felt toward his father, the suicide of his brother, and the possibility that he had Asperger syndrome, a mild form of autism.

The Strangest Man: The Hidden Life of Paul Dirac, Quantum Genius, written by

Graham Farmelo, senior research fellow at the Science Museum, London, is helping to establish Dirac in the public consciousness as a pioneer in quantum mechanics — one of the top two or three physicists of the 20th century, the greatest British physicist since Isaac Newton and an equal

with Albert Einstein.



SHORT TAKES



'Miracle on the Hudson' lands student at Florida State

On Jan. 15, 2009, Reenee Williams was scheduled to fly back to Tallahassee from a business trip to New York City. Her flight, U.S. Airways 1549, took off as scheduled from LaGuardia Airport, but was interrupted shortly after takeoff when several Canadian Geese were sucked into the jet's engines, rendering them useless. The plane's pilot, Captain Chesley "Sully" Sullenberger, made a crash landing into the Hudson River. Fortunately, all 155 people on board survived.



FSU Photo Lab/Bill Lax

Reenee Williams

The traumatic experience, along with what she was wearing that day, led Williams to make a pivotal decision in her life.

"When I saw the picture of myself after we were rescued, I realized I was wearing my Florida State sweatshirt, which I now think of as lucky," Williams said. "It was then that I knew I was going back to school at Florida State."

Williams, 24, a publicist for 360 Music Studio, re-enrolled at Florida State in February and is starting this summer as a creative writing major with a focus on business.

"I always knew I wanted to go back to school, but I didn't know when it was going to happen or what was going to prompt me to go back," she said. "The experience definitely made me a stronger person, and I have a different outlook on life because I know what I need to do. This made me realize that, 'Yeah, I want to be in school.'"

"I was enrolled in 2002 with scholarships, which I thankfully still

have," she said. "I just didn't have the balance in my life. My career in the music industry was taking off, so I wanted to do that for a little while and get some hands-on experience."

Building for a rainy day

Waiting out a lightning storm is no way to conduct a team practice. That is why the Florida State University Department of Athletics and Seminole Boosters have embarked on a fundraising campaign to build an indoor practice facility. Not only would all of the university's sports teams be able to beat Mother Nature at her own game, but they would have the same guaranteed practice ability of schools such as Louisiana State University and the University of Alabama, and Northern schools that must contend with snow.

Florida State's general student population also would benefit.

"We would use the facility not only for intercollegiate athletics but also for intramurals, band practice and even physical education classes," said Randy Spetman, Florida State's director of athletics.

The facility even would be used on rainy game days for pregame revelry. Spetman recalled how inclement weather had curtailed the fun on Langford Green prior to last year's match-up against Florida.

Roughly \$3 million in pledges have been received toward the facility's \$25 million price tag. The Seminole Boosters board of directors has decided that construction will not begin until all of the cash is in hand, according to

Seminole Boosters Executive Director Charlie Barnes.

To contribute, call Seminole Boosters at (850) 644-3484.

Student Stars profiled on Web

Students at The Florida State University are up to some industrious work. Take, for instance, Chantal Garcia de Gonzalo, a triple major in chemistry, biochemistry and Italian. She has had her work included in a presentation to the Inter-American Photochemistry Society. The public is invited to read about Garcia de Gonzalo and other student stars on the university's "Student Profiles" Web page at www.fsu.edu/students/profiles.

Doctoral program for nurses

Beginning in fall 2009, the Florida State University College of Nursing will offer a new graduate program leading to a Doctor of Nursing Practice (D.N.P.) degree. The professional clinical doctorate will prepare highly qualified nurse experts for advanced positions as practitioners or administrative leaders in the health care industry.

"We are so pleased that the Florida Board of Governors and the university support the advancement of nursing education to help meet our state's health care needs and the growing demands on our health care system," said College of Nursing Dean Lisa Plowfield. "It is essential that Florida remains on the forefront of nursing education. The graduates

of this new doctoral program at The Florida State University will be well qualified to help solve many of the system issues we face in health care today and meet the changing needs of our patients, their families and the communities nurses serve."

The D.N.P. program has been designed for nurses with Bachelor of Science in Nursing (B.S.N.) or Master of Science in Nursing (M.S.N.) degrees. Students will choose one of two tracks — either Family Nurse Practitioner (F.N.P.) or Health Systems Leadership.

About 16 students will be admitted to the D.N.P. program for 2009. Admissions are expected to increase in each subsequent year, with up to 70 students by 2013.

FSU in NYC '09

The university's annual fine arts exposition to the Big Apple — known as "Sight, Sound & Motion: Florida State University in New York City" — will take place May 4-6.



Trio Solis

Monday, May 4

- School of Theatre Senior Showcase at the Ailey Citigroup Theater/Joan Weill Center for Dance, 405 W. 55th St. at 9th Avenue, 4 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. RSVP by sending an e-mail to Brad Brock at bbrock@admin.fsu.edu.

bbrock@admin.fsu.edu.

- Musical Theatre and Dance showcases at the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater, 405 W. 55th St. at 9th Avenue, 8 p.m.
- College of Music "Trio Solis" faculty ensemble performance at the Weill Recital Hall/Carnegie Hall, 154 W. 57th St., 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$10 for general admission and \$8 for Florida State alumni, can be purchased at the Carnegie Hall box office by calling (212) 247-7800, or online at www.carnegiehall.org.

Tuesday, May 5

- The Film School film screening at the Angelika Film Center, 18 W. Houston St. at Mercer Street, 8 p.m. (See article about The Film School, page 9.)

Flying High home shows and summer camp

This spring, the Florida State University Flying High Circus (www.circus.fsu.edu) will treat the public to "Spectacular," a series of new and spellbinding performances that put a contemporary spin on classic circus themes. The home shows will take place Friday, April 3, at 7 p.m.; Saturday, April 4, at 2 and 7 p.m.; Sunday, April 5, at 2 p.m.; Friday, April 10, at 7 p.m.; and Saturday, April 11, at 2 and 7 p.m.



What's more, the Flying High troupe will present a summer camp under its Big Top on the Florida State campus for Tallahassee-area children ages 7 to 17. During any one of eight weeklong sessions that begin June 22, campers will have the opportunity to learn everything from juggling to flying on the trapeze, all taught by Florida State students. The campers will be able to display their circus craft during a showcase performance at the conclusion of the camp. To learn more, call (850) 644-4874 or visit www.circus.fsu.edu/camp.html.

Looking for friends of John S. Parrott

John S. Parrott, who studied mathematics and Chinese at The Florida State University from 1961 to 1964 and died in 1965 while serving in the Peace Corps, is the subject of a biographical novel being written by his first cousin, Timothy C. Parrott of Iowa City, Iowa. Parrott is hoping to interview Florida State alumni who knew his cousin. To contact Parrott, send an e-mail to timoshka@aol.com.



Artists' rendering of proposed indoor practice facility.

Julio Agustin Matos

Transitions: Broadway veteran helps students become professionals

RAVE REVIEWS

By Jeffery Seay
Editor in Chief

"Julio was a joy to have as a student here at FSU. We are extremely proud of his accomplishments in a number of Broadway shows. He has become a gifted teacher, and we are thrilled that he has been willing to come back to FSU and work with the next generation of music theater students!"

— **Gayle Seaton**
program director, Music Theatre

"Julio is a great guy. When he was a freshman, we were doing 'A Chorus Line.' (Theatre Professor) Michael Richey was directing and I was choreographing. Julio wasn't a music theater major yet. Michael and I were having it out because he wanted to cast Julio as 'Ritchie' and I was adamant that he shouldn't, because Julio couldn't dance his way out of a paper bag! To make a long story short, we cast him. When Julio said that he was going to audition for the program, I put the fear of God into him about his lack of dancing skills. He doubled up on all his dance classes and even danced in one of the 'An Evening of Dance' concerts in the Department of Dance. Four years later, he graduated from the Music Theatre program, and for most of his professional years, he has been cast in dancing roles. We still laugh about that."

— **Kate Gelabert**
associate professor, Theatre

The dream of achieving celebrity in showbiz is realized only by the lucky few. So, too, is realizing the dream of finding steady work as an actor. Over the past 15 years, Broadway veteran Julio Agustin Matos — an alumnus of The Florida State University — has been able to do just that, transcending the "struggling actor" stereotype to be able to rely on the steady paycheck of a bona fide professional.

His simple secret: being prepared.

"I've always considered myself lucky in this business," said Matos, who earned a Bachelor of Music degree in Florida State's Music Theatre program in 1990. In addition to being a working actor, he is the deputy chairman of the Department of Theater and Speech at City College of New York.

"Luck is when opportunity and preparation meet," Matos said. "The little things matter, like showing up on time. A lot of it sounds like common sense, but often there is very little that is common about common sense."

Matos' philosophy for maintaining career momentum has paid huge dividends. He has performed with the original Broadway casts of "Steel Pier" (1997), "Fosse" (1999) and "Never Gonna Dance" (2003). He has performed in the Broadway revivals of "Chicago" (2000 and 2007) and

"Bells Are Ringing" (2001). He also performed with the national Broadway tour of "Kiss of the Spider Woman" (1996).

In addition to the shows themselves, Matos has worked with some of Broadway's most prominent leading ladies. He performed with Chita Rivera in "Kiss of the Spider Woman," with Faith Prince in "Bells are Ringing," and with Bebe Neuwirth in "Chicago." For "Fosse," he was choreographed by Gwen Verdon and Ann Reinking.

Early on, Matos found that possessing integrity is as crucial as talent in order to break into New York's tightly knit theater community.

"Once you're in, you're in," Matos said. "When I first moved to New York City, I was going to auditions, singing and dancing, and I was really good at listening to what they wanted. I would get down to the very end, but I wouldn't get hired."

"It wasn't until I got one lucky break out of town that the Broadway directors started calling the person who I worked with to find out what kind of person I was," he said. "They knew I had the talent, but they wanted to find out what I was like as a person to work with. When I heard that, I was really shocked. But they want to know if they can trust you."

Matos admits to making his share of mistakes, but more importantly, learning from them and moving on. He has created The Transition Workshop (www.TheTransitionWorkshop.com) to help college students navigate the move into the professional world and, though they are still in school, begin to think of themselves as professionals.

"In part, it's about working

backwards," he said. "You need to know what your goals are and actually put them into words."

Coming out of a stage door to a throng of adoring fans or seeing their names up in lights starts with smart money management and making solid connections within the industry. Through his workshops, Matos encourages perseverance and the setting of realistic goals.

"Keeping your career moving is a matter of looking for the next job, even when you're working," he said. "It's a matter of surrounding yourself with people who are doing what you want to do. It's a matter of thinking of yourself as a working professional even when you're not working."

"After I teach my workshop, people tell me that they didn't realize so much went into working."

Despite performing under the white-hot lights of Broadway, Matos remains most passionate about helping others to succeed. In addition to his

teaching duties at City College of New York and teaching his Transition Workshop, Matos has twice returned to Florida State as the Marcus Bailey and Betty Graves Shelfer Eminent Scholar Chair in Music Theatre. He was the first person to occupy the chair in 2000.

"Even though I went to Penn State for my master's degree in directing, and I am very grateful for everything I got there, my alma mater will always be Florida State," he said. "Kate Gelabert (Theatre associate professor) and Gayle Seaton (Music Theatre program director) are the teachers who cared about me. They are why I go back."

"For the past year and a half, I've had an overwhelming sense that I'm living my dream in every way," he said. "I'm happy and I'm doing something important with my life — helping others to reach their dreams, step by step."

True tales from Audition Land

In 1997, Florida State alumnus Julio Agustin Matos, who was living in Los Angeles at the time, was auditioning in New York for "The Capeman," the tragic tale of a 16-year-old Puerto Rican gang member.

Because Matos is of Puerto Rican descent, he thought he had a reasonable shot at winning a part. However, when the casting director asked him if he could be "more Puerto Rican," Matos replied with tongue firmly planted in cheek, "No, I literally cannot be any more Puerto Rican!" Everything happens for a reason, as the saying goes. Afterward, Matos literally went next door and nailed an audition for famed theater director Susan Stroman, who was casting "Steel Pier."



Julio Agustin Matos

Global Pathways Certificate receives national recognition

The new Florida State University Global Pathways Certificate program has been selected as a national winner in the NASPA Excellence Award recognition process.

The NASPA Excellence Awards recognize the contributions of the members of NASPA-Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education, who are transforming higher education through outstanding programs, innovative services and effective administration.



The Global Pathways Certificate received the Bronze Award for its international programs.

"For the Global Pathways Certificate program to receive such a prestigious award in its first semester is a great triumph," said Global Pathways Certificate Coordinator Cadence Kidwell. "NASPA has recognized that a dedicated group of FSU faculty and Student Affairs staff have designed a program that benefits our entire campus community and

beyond as our students take their international and cross-cultural efforts into their respective fields."

To date, there are 150 students enrolled in the certificate program, and four have graduated in the six months it has been running. Fourteen are expected to graduate this spring.

The Global Pathways Certificate, an initiative of Florida State's International Center, was designed by the divisions of Academic Affairs and Student Affairs and is supported by the Claude Pepper Center for Intercultural Dialogue. The certificate maximizes the rich cultural learning experiences available to students on campus, in the community and abroad.

Students can choose a certificate theme based on their interests and goals, take related academic courses and a language, and participate in international and cross-cultural experiences and events to enhance their theme. Such active learning and reflection, together with cross-cultural interaction, dialogue and service, help provide the invaluable skills and competencies needed to be a global-ready graduate.

Faculty planning lectures and student groups planning events with international themes are using the Global Pathways program to gain a larger audience for their events. Students participating in the program frequently report that they are now involved in activities that they previously knew nothing

about. The international exchange program is now revitalized with faculty and student interest.

The Global Pathways Certificate is one of the few global competency certificate programs at higher education institutions that combine co-curricular activities with academic course work. This option takes into account students' time and financial constraints and helps to integrate international students into domestic students' learning experiences and vice versa. Options for service and research abroad also are unique among global competency certificate programs.

To learn more about the Global Pathways Certificate, visit www.global.fsu.edu.

Raising young readers: WFSU-TV strives to positively affect young lives

By Bayard Stern
Managing Editor

What letter does the word “Florida” start with? What color is a banana? Encouraging young children to think about literal concepts like these can pay big dividends in their future reading success.

The PBS Kids Raising Readers program has partnered with WFSU-TV to participate in the nationwide effort, which is designed to improve the literacy of children by introducing them to fun, modern and carefully researched ways to think about reading and words. WFSU-TV was one of only 20 stations selected out of 354 Public Broadcasting Service member stations across the country to participate in the Raising Readers program.

“A big part of the project is to expose kids to really innovative content that promotes all-around literacy,” said Kim Kelling, director of educational services at WFSU-TV. “We are promoting the Raising Readers program by going out into the community to reach the kids directly in any way we can. We visit schools, sponsor educational activities and give out reading materials. We also let their teachers know about educational Web sites like PBS ‘Kids Island’ (www.wfsu.org) and let them know about the great programming, like the new ‘Electric Company.’”

Kelling said that WFSU-TV was chosen as a partner in the Raising Readers program because of its 45-year history of success in broadcasting public radio and television, and its many strong ties to the community and other PBS stations in the region.

“As one of the first stations in the

country to make the commitment to be a part of PBS’s Ready to Learn initiative, we’ve been getting children prepared to enter school for decades,” said Patrick Keating, general manager of WFSU. “I’m always meeting successful adults who tell me that they learned their numbers, letters and colors by watching ‘Sesame Street’ on WFSU-TV when they were kids. Today we have expanded our efforts with a real emphasis on literacy.”

WFSU-TV, part of Florida State’s Division of University Relations, is a PBS affiliate serving 20 counties in North Florida, South Georgia and Southeast Alabama.

A major goal of the Raising Readers program is to reach a specific demographic of children who come from low-income families and the adults in their lives.

“We also are educating the parents, teachers and caregivers who see the kids every day,” Kelling said. “These are the people who can really make a difference in how they talk to the kids about reading and being interested in words to help them be prepared for a lifetime of learning.”

WFSU is focusing on specific areas selected by ZIP code that were at or below the federal guidelines for poverty. In these areas, there are a little more than 10,000 families with children who are between the ages of 2 and 8, which is the target audience. WFSU partners with schools, offers curriculum materials and PBS media content and pairs them with all sorts of activities. It also lets families know what programs are available, such as the new show “Super Why!” and the PBS Kids Web site (www.pbskids.org).

“We’re working in North Florida in areas that include Gadsden County, Quincy, Gretna and Leon

County,” Kelling said. “We’re trying to reach them through a very different type of approach, and that is to create messaging content where these families live, and to think out of the box on how to do it. So, yes, we’re airing great content on our WFSU station designed to help these kids, but if they don’t know about it, they won’t access it. That is why we’re partnering with Cumulus radio and Comcast to deliver literacy messages directly to our target audience. We want to bring many new, fun and educational reading tools to as many kids as we can.”

PBS Kids is a national literacy

initiative that uses dynamic, research-based multimedia content designed to help meet the urgent literacy needs of children, according to Kelling. The project is part of the

Ready to Learn initiative, funded by the U.S. Department of Education in partnership with the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, PBS and the Ready to Learn Partnership.



Kim Kelling

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WFSU-TV's Tasha Weinstein hands out reading materials to students at Oak Ridge Elementary School in Tallahassee.

WFSU recognized for innovation



WFSU-TV has been nationally recognized by the Corporation for Public Broadcasting for its “SciGirls” community outreach effort. In March, WFSU-TV was honored with a My Source Community Impact Award for Education for its commitment to education through its innovative SciGirls program.

“We are honored to be recognized by the Corporation for Public Broadcasting for one of our most popular community efforts,” said Kim Kelling, director of educational services at WFSU-TV.

SciGirls is a summer camp program designed to get middle school girls interested in science. Created by WFSU-TV and the National High Magnetic Field Laboratory in 2006, SciGirls participants travel to a variety of area sites and engage in hands-on activities that underscore important science principles.

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Institute provides a more balanced collegiate experience than solely attending class and studying.”

More than a year ago, Student Program Coordinator Joi Nathan, who works with the youth outreach programs of Florida State’s Center for Leadership and Civic Education, noticed that there were few black male students at Florida State taking part in opportunities to serve as mentors to Tallahassee elementary and middle school students. She also noticed that many of the children who needed mentoring were black boys who had been held back not one or two times, but three times.

“Joi started working with some other staff members to come up with some kind of program to get

black male students at Florida State more interested in doing community service,” said Eric Weldy, an associate vice president for Student Affairs. “That’s what sparked the idea for the Black Male Institute, and I was drawn into the effort.”

In the summer of 2008, a pilot program was conducted with 40 first-year black male students recruited through the university’s Center for Academic Retention and Enhancement program (www.fsu.edu/~care) to help them get involved in community service. This spring, the Black Male Institute began in earnest with four main objectives: to provide mentors to its members, and give them chances to serve as mentors; to help them integrate academically; to provide

them with leadership opportunities; and to help them integrate socially. It also welcomed freshmen, sophomores and juniors. However, a few exceptions have been made for seniors. Its 20 members — all of whom applied to the program and underwent an interview process — will be given the chance to create a community service project of their own.

“One way we’ll be able to achieve our mission is to get our students really interested in community service,” Weldy said. “They will have an opportunity to learn about all the different resources available on campus that relate to doing community service within the Tallahassee community. What I have found in my career, not only here at Florida State, is that many students want to give back to the local community but they really

don’t know where to start.”

Members also receive mentoring from Florida State faculty and staff members, as well as alumni and professionals in the Tallahassee community.

What’s more, members can participate in activities, such as “rap sessions,” that help them gain confidence in order to thrive as students and become productive members of the community. The rap sessions let them just talk to each other about whatever is on their minds.

“This gives the members an opportunity to take ownership of the program,” Weldy said. “They really begin to talk amongst themselves and with men who have graduated and gone on into the work force about

things like how to get into graduate school, how to handle relationships, what it means to be a black male in today’s society.”

As it continues, the institute will “put a face” on young black men who are seeking to contribute to and become leaders of society, according to Weldy.

So far, Morgan has found that his experiences in the Black Male Institute have lent themselves to making him more marketable upon graduation.

“I’ve learned about what life is like for an African-American male from a practical perspective,” Morgan said. “Last but not least, membership in the Black Male Institute has been an opportunity to learn more about myself.”

Academy applies world-class training techniques to youth

By Dave Fiore

Dave Plettl, a Florida State University assistant strength coach, had convinced himself that his dream was dead. His vision for applying world-class training techniques to young athletes had never found enough traction to become a sustainable business venture.

That was until he met a couple of former Florida State star athletes who would join him in his quest to upgrade the athleticism of our youth and become the leadership core of what is now Titus Sports Academy.

The concept for Titus, which is based in Tallahassee, started while Plettl was coaching at the University of Texas in Austin.

"The athletes were highly skilled in their sport, really good at their craft, but simple things like running and jumping — the basics of fundamental athleticism — were missing," he said. "We need to increase athleticism at a younger age. At some of our early camps, I could see the dramatic improvement in these areas and felt that we could meet a real need."

Plettl met former Florida State shortstop Adam Faurot (B.S. '97, Finance) at their Tallahassee church and went out to watch him work with a few athletes at Tallahassee Community College.

"I had shelved the idea for Titus, but after seeing Adam work with the athletes he was training, I decided to share my vision one more time," Plettl said. "Adam listened to me and said it was a great idea, but he had kind of a blank stare. I thought it was just another dead end."

Plettl's story had more of an impact on Faurot than the glassy-eye response conveyed, however.

"Adam called me at midnight that night and said he couldn't sleep," Plettl said. "He said, 'Let's do it.'" And in 2001, the Florida version of Titus was born.

Within a year, Faurot would meet up with former Florida State wide receiver Kez McCorvey (B.S. '95, Sociology), who just had his professional career ended by a torn knee ligament and was looking for an opportunity to work in the sports field in some capacity.

It was a perfect fit, especially since Plettl has other full-time responsibilities.

"At first, I was a hands-on coach, but I soon became more of a mentor and consultant," Plettl said. "The great thing about also working at FSU is that the new modes of training, testing and evaluating happen here. I can apply research of the highest level. There is incredible value in that what I do at the university can be applied at Titus. These kids will have the option to be better than the last generation."

If it was Plettl who brought the training and knowledge to the table, it was Faurot who brought the passion and energy to make it happen.

"I always had a dream of doing this," Faurot said. "Dave has worked with world-class athletes and Olympic champions at the highest levels. I watched and listened to him on training and how it relates to playing sports, and I knew young people could benefit from this."

"Titus is an elite version of training and developing talent, working on different abilities trained at different

times," he said. "I have almost a regretful passion because I could have been so much better. We are bridging the gap in the ability to be competitive, making young people more capable and confident. I really could have used that."

Faurot, who was born in Blountstown, Fla., grew up going to Florida State baseball games and dreamed of one day being a Seminole. His time playing at Dick Howser Stadium set the bar high, he said.

"FSU spoiled me — it was first class," Faurot said. "We developed a sense of pride and tradition that not everyone experiences. I came from someplace special. It was an honor to play here."

McCorvey also set his sights on Florida State after attending the Bobby Bowden football camps with his high school teammates from Pascagoula, Miss.

"My goal was to earn a scholarship and play here," McCorvey said. "At

my second camp, I was offered a scholarship on the spot and came to FSU without being highly ranked, but I was a good student and a decent player." McCorvey was a four-year starter for the 'Noles, and his highlights are still playing on YouTube.

After graduating, McCorvey played three years for the Detroit Lions, then played in NFL Europe and in Canada before moving back to Tallahassee.

"I knew I wanted to stay in sports, and I was super-interested in what they were doing at these camps," McCorvey said. "I learned Dave's training process and realized I didn't know as much as I thought I did. But I was born to be a coach and teacher. It is what I do — develop young people. I get the same rush in seeing young people enjoy the program as I did playing."

At Titus, everyone is a part of the same team — even when they are playing different sports, McCorvey said.

"They all are working toward a certain level of excellence together," he

said. "We work hard and expect to be successful. Just like Coach Bowden did with me."

Titus now operates programs in four public school systems, one for law enforcement, and has offices in Tallahassee; Jacksonville, Fla.; Jackson, Tenn.; and Wilmington, Del.

A sampling of professional athletes who have trained at Titus:

FOOTBALL

Anquan Boldin (*Arizona Cardinals*)
Peter Boulware (*Baltimore Ravens*)
Corey Simon (*Tennessee Titans*)
Paul Irons (*Cleveland Browns*)
Greg Jones (*Jacksonville Jaguars*)
Alex Barron (*St. Louis Rams*)
Bryant McFadden (*Pittsburgh Steelers*)
Craphonso Thorpe (*New York Giants*)
Ernie Sims (*Detroit Lions*)
Antonio Cromartie (*San Diego Chargers*)
Kameron Wimbley (*Cleveland Browns*)
Lorenzo Booker (*Philadelphia Eagles*)

BASEBALL

Buster Posey (*San Francisco Giants*)
Cole Figueroa (*San Diego Padres*)
Shane Costa (*Kansas City Royals*)
David Ross (*Cincinnati Reds*)
Jeff Mathis (*Los Angeles Angels*)
Justin Lord (*Pittsburgh Pirates*)
Zach McClellan (*Kansas City Royals*)
Xavier Paul (*Los Angeles Dodgers*)
Matt Paul (*Los Angeles Dodgers*)
Brandon Jones (*Atlanta Braves*)
Stephen Chapman (*Milwaukee Brewers*)

MOTOCROSS/ SUPERCROSS

Davi Millsaps (*Supercross Champion*)
Travis Pastrana (*X Games Champion*)
Austin Stroupe
Martin Davalos
Brian Johnson
Ben Lamay
Chad Charbonneau



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GOLDen Ring: Laying a foundation for the future of Florida State

least 27 percent of our alumni have graduated in the last decade.

These statistics are important when you consider what lies ahead for Florida State. Since fiscal year 2005-2006, state of Florida revenue available to support universities and other state initiatives has fallen about 18 percent. Florida State has already reduced its budget by \$21 million, or almost 6 percent. The special session of the Florida Legislature in January reduced our budget by another 4 percent, and there is every indication that the next fiscal year will be worse.

In short, it is becoming clear that we can no longer depend on state funds in order to flourish as a university. Private support from our alumni and other groups is what will help keep this university great.

Florida State has already benefited from the generosity of our alumni and friends — as evidenced by the success of our last capital campaign, "FSU Connect." But we are now looking to the next generation of alumni, this

group of 70,000 recent graduates, to take the reins of Florida State's future.

One way the university is addressing this core group is through the GOLDen Ring Honor Society (Graduates Of the Last Decade) and the GOLDen Ring Development Council.

The GOLDen Ring was established late in the fall of 2001 to recognize those who have graduated in the last 10 years and contribute \$250 or more annually to the university. To help build and strengthen their connection to Florida State, members receive a subscription to the Florida State Times and invitations to special events.

The GOLDen Ring Development Council held its first meeting in the fall of 2002. Composed of alumni from around the country, council members share a vision to educate fellow recent graduates on the need for philanthropic support of Florida State.

"Focusing our efforts on connecting our young alumni and friends to the university is like building the foundation

of a house," said Alex Mullineaux (B.S. '02), outgoing chairman of the council. "The stronger the foundation, the stronger the overall structure. Our mission is to foster support from recent graduates early so they can enjoy a lifetime of involvement with FSU."

Recently, the council elected Sean Thomasson (B.S. '03), as its new chairman. In his new role, Thomasson will spearhead efforts to identify, cultivate and educate his fellow recent graduates on the pressing financial needs of the university.

"The GOLDen Ring is a great opportunity for us to help recent graduates feel like they are still connected to the university and that their contributions are valued," Thomasson said. "No matter how far they are from Tallahassee, they are still an important part of the mission of Florida State."

The other members of the GOLDen Ring Development Council are Jean Accius (B.S. '02), James Cole (B.S.

'06), Michelle Dahnke (B.S. '06; M.S. '07), Willie Jackson (B.S. '07), Christopher Koch (B.S. '05), Clinton Mayo (B.S. '05), Robin Smith (B.S. '00) and Diane Standaert (B.A. '01). In addition to the alumni members of the council, Jill Chandler, the 2009 senior class president, serves as a student representative.

These alumni already are part of the university's next generation of volunteer leadership. In order to effectively inspire this ever growing alumni group, we must continue to add members to the GOLDen Ring Development Council. The council's goal is to have every college at Florida State and every region of the state and country represented.

If you are interested in learning more about GOLDen Ring or joining the Development Council, visit <http://foundation.fsu.edu/community/Page.aspx?pid=881> or contact me at (850) 644-4507 or bdavidson@foundation.fsu.edu.

Each spring in Tallahassee, the azaleas and dogwoods bloom. The city's annual Springtime Tallahassee parade welcomes the warmer weather. And another class filled with bright, young minds graduates from The Florida State University.

Just as these students look back fondly on their time at Florida State while eagerly stepping into their future, this time of year offers us at the university an opportunity to reflect on the past and plan for our future.

Our alumni base naturally continues to grow with each passing year. Over the past decade, this growth has been astounding. Consider that, since 1999, Florida State has graduated more than 70,000 students. With more than 256,000 living alumni, that means at

CRIME-FIGHTING DUO: Husband and wife keep Orange County safe

By Bayard Stern

Managing Editor

Florida State University alumni Valdez Butler "Val" Demings and Jerry Demings have made history as the leaders of two major Florida law enforcement agencies. Val Demings was appointed the first female chief of police for the city of Orlando in 2007, and Jerry Demings was elected the first African-American sheriff of Orange County in 2008.

Because they serve as sheriff and police chief of the same county, their legal jurisdictions run alongside each other geographically. They also share an even closer personal relationship as husband and wife of more than 20 years.

The remarkable parallels of their lives extend back to their childhoods, each being the youngest sibling of a large family. Each worked his or her way up the chain of command from patrol officer to Orlando police chief. They are serious Florida State football fans, ride Harley Davidson touring motorcycles and have a passion for volunteering in their community.

Jerry Demings also earned the distinction of serving as the first African-American chief of police in Orlando, the position his wife, Val Demings, now commands. He retired from the agency in 2002 after 21 years. Prior to being elected sheriff, Jerry Demings served as the director of public safety for Orange County.

Jerry Demings, 49, a native of Orlando and the youngest of five children, earned a Bachelor of Science degree in finance from Florida State in 1980.

"I really feel that my time at Florida State created a tremendous foundation for me to build on," Demings said. "It was a very positive experience. Having that business and finance background has helped me be effective in many different leadership roles."

Several Florida State faculty members played an important role in Demings' collegiate experience.

"Earl Gordon really cared," Demings said. "He ran the Horizons Unlimited program, which interested me when I was considering what college to go to." Gordon taught in the sociology department, retiring in 1985. He ran the program, which was designed to give support to minority students.

"One of the most memorable professors I had was Dr. (Sandra) Rackley," Demings said. "I took a speech course from her. She spent a lot of time with us to ensure that we were successful as college students. Her class was interesting, but she also talked about survival on the college campus. And Joe Icerman in the accounting department taught me a lot about business."

Jerry Demings went on to earn a

Master of Business Administration degree in 1989 from Florida Metropolitan University: Orlando College. He is a 1998 graduate of the 194th session of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's National Academy and a 2000 graduate of the 23rd session of the FBI's National Executive Institute.

Val Demings, 52, originally from Jacksonville, Fla., earned a Bachelor of Science degree in criminology from Florida State in 1979. She later earned a master's degree in public administration from Webster University in Orlando. Demings is a graduate of the 226th Session of the FBI National Academy.

"I did my research, and Florida State University was the only college that I wanted to attend," Val Demings said. "In addition to my classes, I did college work-study with the FSU Police Department, which was great. I remember Jim Sewell, who worked at the police department at that time. He really was a wonderful mentor for me."

The youngest of seven children, Val Demings described her time at Florida State as important for her family as well as herself.

"It was pretty amazing for me to be on a college campus," she said. "My family was poor. No one in my family



Val Demings

Jerry Demings

had ever graduated from college before. It was a whole new experience for me. My memories of my college days are just absolutely wonderful."

After graduating from Florida State, Demings moved back to Jacksonville and was a social worker in foster care for several years. Then, in 1983, she was accepted into the Orlando Police Academy and never looked back.

"I meet a lot of people and they ask, 'Did you work your way up in the agency or did you come in from

someplace else?'" Demings said. "I'm proud to say I worked my way up."

Demings now is the 36th chief of police in Orlando. Her husband was the 34th.

"I'm absolutely honored to serve as the Orlando police chief," she said. "I've been here since Feb. 12, 1984. I've been assigned to many different jobs at this agency, and that experience makes a big difference in helping me command. I have the respect from the men and women here, and

I respect them. I've grown up with them, and we have worked together in many capacities. So it's been a natural progression for me, and I have had a great transition into the role of chief of police.

"I'm very proud of Florida State University and the wonderful academic program that the university has," she said. "But Florida State also does a lot of good things for the community. I'm very proud to be a Seminole."

Students get up-close view of political process

By Jeffery Seay

Editor in Chief

When the youth of Florida look for the best place to learn the ropes of politics or begin a career of public service, they look to The Florida State University.

At only four blocks from the Capitol, Florida State gives its students the advantage of proximity to a real-world classroom of legislative experiences in the capital of the nation's fourth most-populous state. In February, Florida State President T.K. Wetherell hosted a reception for a group of highly motivated students who are taking part in Florida's Executive Office of the Governor Internship Program.

Among those in attendance was Brian Dundes, 20, a junior from Jacksonville, Fla., majoring in political science.

"This program was the reason why I wanted to come to Florida State," Dundes said. "I work for the Governor's Department of Scheduling. I'm not allowed to talk a great deal about it, but we do the governor's day-to-day scheduling, and it's a lot of fun. I've met and had the opportunity to talk with many different constituents, with representatives, with ambassadors from around the world — people I would never get an opportunity to talk with otherwise."

"I've always known that I've wanted to go into politics, so what better place than Florida State near the heart of politics," Dundes said. "I recommend it highly to anyone who is considering going into this kind of life."

Sophomore Nathaniel Jones echoed Dundes' enthusiasm.

"This was really one of the main reasons why I wanted to come to Florida State," said Jones, 19, a political science major from Hudson, Fla. Jones is an intern in the Governor's Office of Legal Affairs. "I want to get into politics and elected office somehow. You get exposed to so many great people, and get to make so many different connections. It's really great to be this close to all of the action in the state."

Because he is a student at Florida State with access to the Executive Office of the Governor Internship Program, Jones has been able to interact with state attorneys, state representatives and even Florida Gov. Charlie Crist on a variety of legal issues that are handled through the office.

"It's really great to be there, not knowing who you're going to see and who you're going to meet," Jones said.

Senior Ali Blay of Pensacola, Fla., has found the experience equally rewarding.

"I'm interning in the Governor's Office of Policy and Budget,

specifically working on finance and economic analysis," said Blay, 21, who is majoring in applied economics and business. "We do forecasting, we work on the 2010 census, and we go to committee meetings and take notes."

"Florida State's proximity to the Capitol is absolutely beneficial, because we're able to take classes and balance our workload with the internship."

Florida Lt. Gov. Jeff Kottkamp (B.S. '84, Political Science) also attended Wetherell's reception, which was held at the President's House. Kottkamp encouraged the students — a group that could easily represent the state's best and brightest next-generation political hopefuls and public servants — to get involved in public service.

"I hope that all of you, as you go through your lives, will at some point get involved in public service," Kottkamp said. "It is a remarkably rewarding experience. There really is no higher calling than to serve others. It's something I enjoy."

"My chief of staff went to school here at Florida State," Kottkamp said. "He worked in the internship program. Being part of this program while working through a legislative session is a remarkable experience."

Kottkamp thanked the interns for taking a first step that allows them to serve and learn, firsthand, how the political process works.

"We hope that the internship is something that you'll remember your entire life," he said.



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Florida State President T.K. Wetherell, far right, and Florida Lt. Gov. Jeff Kottkamp, far left, welcome three members of the Executive Office of the Governor Internship Program: Brian Dundes, Ali Blay and Nathaniel Jones.

Looking for success in Hollywood?

Begin at Florida State

By Dave Fiore

From the beginning, the students at the Florida State University College of Motion Picture, Television and Recording Arts have experienced dramatic success in learning and applying the art of filmmaking. But like a stunning movie twist that takes its audience by surprise, the college's graduates have become a major force to be reckoned with in Hollywood and beyond.

In just 20 short years, The Film School — as it is better and more practically known — is placing nearly 100 percent of its students in the industry and building a significant network of influential alumni. In addition, its students are winning student film awards at unprecedented rates.

How is this happening to a school created only in 1989 by the Florida Legislature and located in the beautiful but unHollywood-like Florida Panhandle?

The answer is simple, according to Film School Dean Frank Patterson. Do everything differently.

"The creators of the school took a truly original and inventive approach to education," Patterson said. "The model has always been to get all the people who want to be filmmakers in a big pile and let the cream rise to the top. But we decided to play the game in a different way. We take a very small number of students and a different approach to education by focusing on the learning at the very place where learning happens — during the making of a movie."

In previous positions at other schools, with many more students, Patterson said he would work with students at key moments of their production, but only in the classroom, preventing opportunities for real learning.

"I would never spend a minute

in the field touching them in the most important moments — when they were solving creative problems," Patterson said. "It is a terrible feeling for a filmmaker to feel good about all the elements of a movie, but nobody wants to watch it. One teacher to 30 students would never work here."

Instead, The Film Schools takes just 30 students each semester, for a teacher-student ratio of between 8 and 9 to 1.

"We have 10 applicants for every seat in our program, and we interview 120 applicants to get to 30," Patterson said. "They say directing is 90 percent casting. Our success is our casting."

The smaller class sizes allow the faculty to break the educational process into the fundamental components of film — development, preproduction, production, postproduction, exhibition and distribution.

"The curriculum is wrapped around the making of a film, instead of the making of a film being wrapped around the curriculum," Patterson said.

Students make films every semester, rotating responsibilities so they can learn all aspects of the filmmaking process. The nonstop production offers another benefit, Patterson said.

"It is the repetition of the creative problem-solving exercise that is the key," he said. "We are much like music teachers adding layers every semester. Students get to work on all the components every semester with faculty in their related field. It is a program I wish I could have gone through. We are like a conservatory with collaborations, and no one else is doing that. It is truly the only way for a little school in Tallahassee to compete with schools like the University of Southern California and New York University."

And compete it does. Its students have won more than 800 awards, honors, prizes and featured screenings

at both national and international festivals and competitions. The results are especially impressive considering the size of the other schools, which often have 10 times the number of students, and the fact that elsewhere students' personal finances can give them a distinct advantage.

"When the students at the other schools pay for their own films, sometimes from considerable wealth, they often hire professional crews to help," Patterson said. "At Florida State, it is all done by the students with professional faculty at their side. The students do it all."

While he appreciates the awards, Patterson said they are not the focus.

"The awards are great, but the real reward is in learning and having the professionals helping solve problems," he said. "In reality, we are not paying for films, we are paying for the classrooms."

When students leave Florida State after earning a Bachelor or Master of Fine Arts degree, almost all enter the field, but even more impressive is how many stay there.

"Our success as a school is really measured in two ways," Patterson said. "One is the success of our students and their creative work, and the second is the extent to which our graduates have successful careers in the industry. In addition to having essentially 100 percent heading into the industry and landing a job within the first 12 months, we reached 70 percent of our graduates in 2004, and 93.6 percent were employed in the film and television industries."

That statistic is partly attributable to the school's extensive mentorship program, Patterson said.

"We work so intimately with our students that when they graduate, they are very loyal," he said. "When they become

successful, we quickly ask them to give back through mentoring. We find a mentor for every graduate, who commits to being available 24/7 for one year, meeting one on one at least every two months. In the big world of filmmaking — filled with Goliaths — they are like little Davids sticking together."

They may still consider themselves the underdog, but that status will be difficult to maintain much longer. The Hollywood Reporter recently named Patterson one of the nation's top mentors to a generation of Hollywood filmmakers. A special, Aug. 28, 2008, edition of the major trade publication lists Patterson among the 12 most influential film school professors in the United States.

It all adds up to a new and prominent feather in Florida State's cap, Patterson said.

"Our alumni can take real pride in our film school and the arts at Florida State," he said. "In addition to producing talented filmmakers, we are developing young men and women with excellent character who understand the power of the medium as an opportunity to make a difference."



Frank Patterson

Prominent Seminoles in Showbiz

Jonathan King (M.F.A. '92)



Formerly at Sony Pictures, where he co-produced the Academy Award-winning 2006 motion picture "Dreamgirls," King now serves as executive vice president for production of narrative fiction films at Participant Media, a leading provider of socially conscious documentaries (including another Academy Award winner, Al Gore's "An Inconvenient Truth").

Melissa Carter (M.F.A. '96)



Carter earned both story and original screenplay credits on the 2004 motion picture "Little Black Book," which co-starred Brittany Murphy, Kathy Bates and Holly Hunter.

Barry Jenkins (B.F.A. '03)



Jenkins, one of *Filmmaker* magazine's "New Faces of Independent Film for 2008," landed a coveted job at Oprah Winfrey's Harpo Films immediately after graduating, then traveled the country and settled in San Francisco, where he and fellow Film School alumni Justin Barber and Cherie Sauter formed a multimedia production collective, Strike Anywhere Films. Their first project, a Jenkins script called "Medicine for Melancholy," received widespread praise from critics and has been an audience favorite at film festivals. The film also garnered Jenkins a nomination for a prestigious Gotham Independent Film Award in the Breakthrough Director category.

Ali Bell (B.F.A. '99)



The *Hollywood Reporter* named Bell one of the top film industry executives under the age of 35. She is the vice president of production/development for Ivan Reitman's production banner, The Montecito Picture Company. The company recently produced the film "Disturbia" and is in pre/post-production with a slate of films that include such talents as Atom Egoyan, Jason Jones, Michael Keaton, Carol Burnett, Elizabeth Banks, Jason Sudeikis and Rainn Wilson.



In February, Florida State University alumnus Nathan Levine-Heaney (M.F.A. '08), standing at left, discussed the craft of cinematography with current Florida State students on a soundstage at The Film School. Levine-Heaney has been honored by the American Society of Cinematographers with the 2009 Burton "Bud" Stone Student Heritage Award, given for outstanding artistic achievement in student cinematography.


Charlie Barnes

**Executive
Director,
Seminole
Boosters**

The legend of John Henry vs. the Steam Hammer is the best kind of story because it's true. John Henry was the greatest of all the steel-driving men, and after him there were no more like him.

There are, I think, comparisons to be drawn between John Henry and Bobby Bowden. John Henry saw the steam-powered hammer as a soulless contraption to steal the livelihood of hard-working men and he challenged it. Bobby Bowden has watched college football grow more corporate and less forgiving, sometimes indifferent to the virtues the game is supposed to teach.

This will be the thirty-fourth spring of the Bobby Bowden Tour and thirty-four years is a long time. More than 70% of all the alumni who have *ever* graduated from Florida State — going all the way back to 1851 — have received their degrees since Bobby Bowden became Head Coach here. He has already coached the sons of some of his Seminole players: Ponder, Piurowski, Simms on this team alone.

Eighty years is also a long time, and Bobby Bowden will be eighty years old this fall. He had already been the Head Coach at three other universities before he returned to FSU in 1976.

The way things used to be, and the way it was for a long time, has changed at the top of the college football pyramid. Bobby Bowden's enduring strength has been his remarkable skill at adapting to the changing social and cultural landscapes.

When Bowden first began coaching in 1954, an assistant coach didn't have to be much more than mean; a Head Coach had to be able to talk to alumni. A well-liked coach had a job for life, even if he didn't win many more than half his games.

There wasn't so much money on the table then; there weren't so many frightening financial consequences at stake as there are today.

Bowden saw the introduction of complex strategy and offenses built around the forward pass. Bill Peterson is credited with introducing the pro passing game to college, and Bobby Bowden was his receivers coach. Bowden was a Southern boy who saw the dawn of integration and was smart enough to understand its potential and move beyond the culture. He learned how to motivate student-athletes rather than simply

Like all of the greats, Bowden succeeds on his own terms

yell at jocks. Eventually, he embraced the value of a professionally managed recruiting program and became an excellent closer.

There is simply too much money on the table now. For the coaches and for the universities that employ them, the financial rewards for winning and the consequences of losing are too great. The game will never again see a Head Coach with the tenure of a Bobby Bowden or Joe Paterno.

As little as ten years ago, football coaches would tell you that no one goes into the business for the money, but that seems no longer to be true. Now there is so much money in the game that the profession has begun to draw men who might otherwise become trial lawyers or corporate CEOs.

This modern breed of coaches is more apt to construct a business model for their football programs. They stay abreast of all the latest

technology. They text, they Facebook, they Twitter. They hire recruiting coordinators and personnel directors to assist in evaluating recruits. They hire proven professional assistant coaches and require each one of them to be a relentless recruiter.

Assistants who don't coach their position players to success, who don't evaluate and recruit their positions effectively, are dismissed. Good assistants want to become coordinators, and good coordinators want to become Head Coaches. The fastest route is to work for a winning program with its attendant television and Internet exposure. Good assistants don't expect to stay on a championship staff; they expect to get noticed and then move out, and up.

The world of college football has changed. The steam hammer has arrived.

Many things contribute to the soaring cost of college athletic

programs. Title IX expenditures are mandated by law; NCAA academic normal progress rules require student-athletes — even A students — to go to classes 12 months a year rather than nine; so the cost of scholarships seems to increase exponentially. Add to those things the costs of energy and maintenance of first class athletic facilities.

We demand winning and winning has its price. Seminole Boosters are always concerned about the price. Your generous gifts provide the money to meet that challenge. We depend on our fans and our friends to supply the money that winning requires.

Two sports make money, and so it is upon the backs of football and basketball that intercollegiate athletics budgets are balanced. Top coaches command top money, but top coaches can also bring in millions of dollars to pay for the entire skein of men's and women's sports.

John Henry challenged the steam hammer to a contest, to

preserve a way of life. You remember that he beat the infernal machine, but you also know the sad ending of the story. You and I want very much for Bobby Bowden's story to have a great ending.

Bobby Bowden is the living proof that character does count. For all the good he represents, for all the values and virtues that he's instilled in generations of Seminole players and fans, we want to see him stand on the champion's platform again.

Emerson mused about the nature of great men more than one hundred years ago: "When nature removes a great man, people explore the horizon for a successor; but none comes, and none will. His class is extinguished with him ..."

So, come join us at one of the Bobby Bowden banquets this spring, or play in the Bobby Bowden golf tournament. Come shake the hand of a great man while you can; a man who has swung the hammer better and longer than just about anyone.

2009 Bowden Tour Calendar

Orange Park
Monday, April 13
Austin Rehfield
(904) 264-2732
awrehfield@aol.com

Pensacola
Thursday, April 16
Brett Berg
(251) 605-7067
bberg@uwl.edu

Panama City
Friday, April 17
Janice Hanks
(850) 258-6506
jannole@aol.com

Atlanta
Monday, April 20
Erika Carlson
(678) 576-3232
erikabrettcarlson@gmail.com

Lake City
Thursday, April 23
Steve Gordan
(386) 365-5413
Christopher.gordan@heahealthcare.com

Polk County
Friday, April 24
Amy Bruce
(863) 235-0376
Abruce1@nctgroup.com

Miami
Saturday, April 25
Naila Maroon
(786) 877-4971
Nmaroon44@yahoo.com

Wakulla
Monday, April 27
Steve Brown
(850) 570-3910
brown@fortune-group.com

Tampa
Friday, May 1
Mike Palios
(813) 998-2766
mike@tampanoles.com

Orlando
Saturday, May 2
Kevin Carmody
(407) 310-3301
nolekc@aol.com

Jacksonville
Monday, May 4
Max Zahn
(904) 716-5637
fsimax@bellsouth.net

Ocala
Tuesday, May 5
Sally Smith
(352) 390-3472
marioncountyseminoles@gmail.com

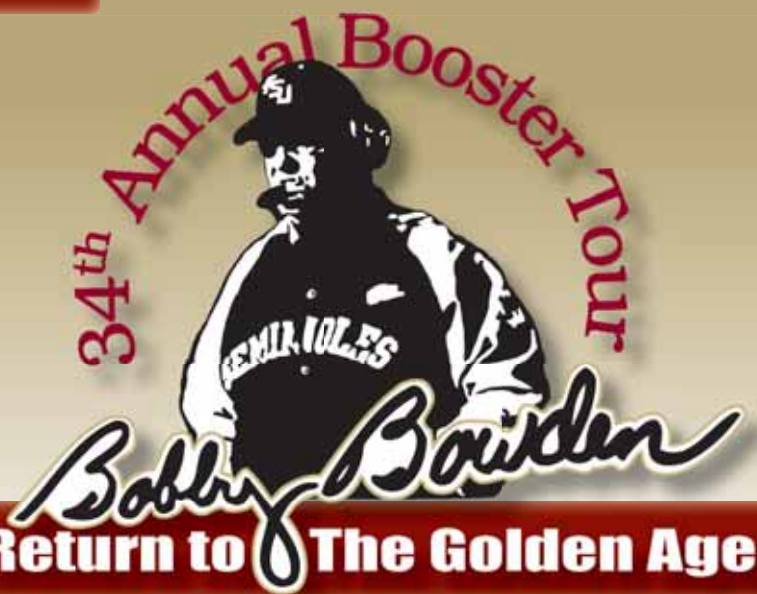
Fort Lauderdale
Friday, May 8
Mike Watson
(954) 684-3587
wizardwats@msn.com

West Palm Beach
Saturday, May 9
Scott Osteen
(772) 473-9542
scoost@comcast.net

Bradenton *
Thursday, May 14
Mark Barnebey
(941) 720-6587
markbarnebey@kirkpinkerton.com
mbarnebey@tamapabay.rr.com

Pinellas County
Friday, May 15
Marshal O'Shields
(727) 410-1632
msoshields@aol.com

Fort Myers
Saturday, May 16
Bob Shearman
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Alumni

1950s

Bill Ritchie Tilley (M.S. '51, Ed.D. '51) was honored with the dedication of the B.R. Tilley Academic Services Building at Darton College in Albany, Ga.

1960s

Richard J. Erickson (B.A. '64, M.A. '65) was awarded the Military Service Medal for his long and distinguished career by the General Richard Montgomery Chapter, National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. He was recognized for his leadership, soldierly bearing and excellence.

Paula K. Andrews (B.A. '65, M.A. '70) is the co-chair of the business law section of the Boston Bar Association, which participates in the consideration and enactment of laws relating to corporations, banking, business practice and commercial laws.

Joyce Hix Dannecker (B.S. '65, M.S. '74) has been appointed library director of the three-county Northwest Regional Library System, composed of eight public libraries in Bay, Gulf and Liberty counties in the Florida Panhandle.

Norman Earl Thagard (B.S. '65, M.S. '66), a former astronaut, was named a fellow of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics for 2009. Thagard is a Florida State University professor of electrical and computer engineering, and the associate dean for college relations at the Florida State University-Florida A&M University College of Engineering.

Richard A. Clemens (B.S. '66) has retired from Merrill Lynch after 39 years as a financial consultant in Clearwater, Fla.

Howard R. "Dick" Danford (B.S. '68, M.S. '72) retired after 37 years as an educator, 17 of which were spent as a college basketball coach.

1970s

Marsha L. Lyons (J.D. '70) is now a member of the Bankruptcy Bar of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Florida, where she is handling bankruptcies, foreclosures and other commercial matters at Lyons and Farrar, PA.

Miranda Franks Fitzgerald (B.S. '72, J.D. '78) has been selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers of America 2009, a publication that has been recognized by *Corporate Counsel* magazine as "the most respected referral list of attorneys in practice." Fitzgerald works for the firm Lowndes, Drosdick, Doster, Kantor and Reed, PA, and practices in the areas of administrative law, environmental law, land use and zoning law and real estate law.

Joanna Barren Hayes (B.S. '72) received the Excel Award for Excellence in Teaching, awarded by the Foundation for Excellence in Education, in the area of motivating high achievers. She received a cash award, a cruise for two and a behind-the-scenes look at NASA, and attended a dinner hosted by former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, with speaker Debbie Phelps.

Ronald D. Risner (B.A. '72), president of Risner Consulting Group Inc., has formed a joint venture and been awarded a construction consulting and auditing advisory service contract with the Panama Canal Authority. The authority is undergoing a seven-year, \$5 billion capital expansion program that includes a third set of locks and will effectively double the number of vessels that can navigate the canal each year.

Capt. Winston E. Scott (B.M.E. '72), a former astronaut, has been named dean of the Florida Institute of Technology College of Aeronautics.

Capt. Lonnie N. Groot (B.S. '73, J.D. '76) was reappointed to the board of directors of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Volusia and Flagler counties. He is currently with the law firm Stenstrom, McIntosh, Colbert, Whigham and Parlow in Deltona, Fla., and he also serves as legal counsel to the club.

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Molly J. Tasker (J.D. '73) was elected to the Melbourne City Council in Melbourne, Fla., representing District 5, population 80,000.

David P. Wicks (B.S. '73) received the Rockwood School District Outstanding Service to Education Award. He has been teaching the blind and visually impaired since graduating from The Florida State University, and he provides consultative and direct education services for nearly a dozen school districts in Missouri.

John H. Hickey (B.A. '76) was named a "Top Lawyer" by the South Florida Legal Guide.

Diahann W. Thomas Lassus (B.S. '76) is the owner of the Providence, R.I., wealth management firm Lassus Wherley, which has received national certification as a Women's Business Enterprise by the Women Presidents Educational Organization, a regional certifying partner of the Women's Business Enterprise National Council.

Michael R. D'Onofrio (B.S. '77, J.D. '00) joined Hahn Loeser and Parks, LLP, as a partner in the firm's Naples, Fla., office, where he will continue to practice commercial litigation.

Charles E. Hackney (B.S. '77) was awarded the Certificate of Excellence in Assessment Administration by the International Association of Assessing Officers. He serves as the Manatee County, Fla., property appraiser.

William L. Harvey (B.S. '77) is the chief financial officer of Interval Leisure Group, a leading provider of membership services to the vacation ownership industry.

Susan Beth Hassmiller (B.S. '77, M.S. '79) was appointed as senior adviser for nursing by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

James W. Linn (B.S. '77) has been selected for inclusion in the 2009 edition of The Best Lawyers in America. He is currently a shareholder at Lewis, Longman and Walker, PA, Tallahassee, Fla.

Dennis North (B.S. '77) is the chief financial officer for Food for the Poor, the foremost international relief organization in Florida, operating in the Caribbean and Latin America.

Michael H. Stone (Ph.D. '77) was presented with the Distinguished Faculty Award in Research at East Tennessee State University. He has led the initiative for the university's new Center of Excellence for Sport Science and Coach Education, a facility designed as a model for developing, conducting and supporting sport science research, education and service in the field of sport performance and coach education.

Florida Sen. Steven A. Geller (B.A. '79, J.D. '82) was featured as the luncheon keynote speaker at the fourth annual Florida Gaming Summit at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel and Casino in Hollywood, Fla.

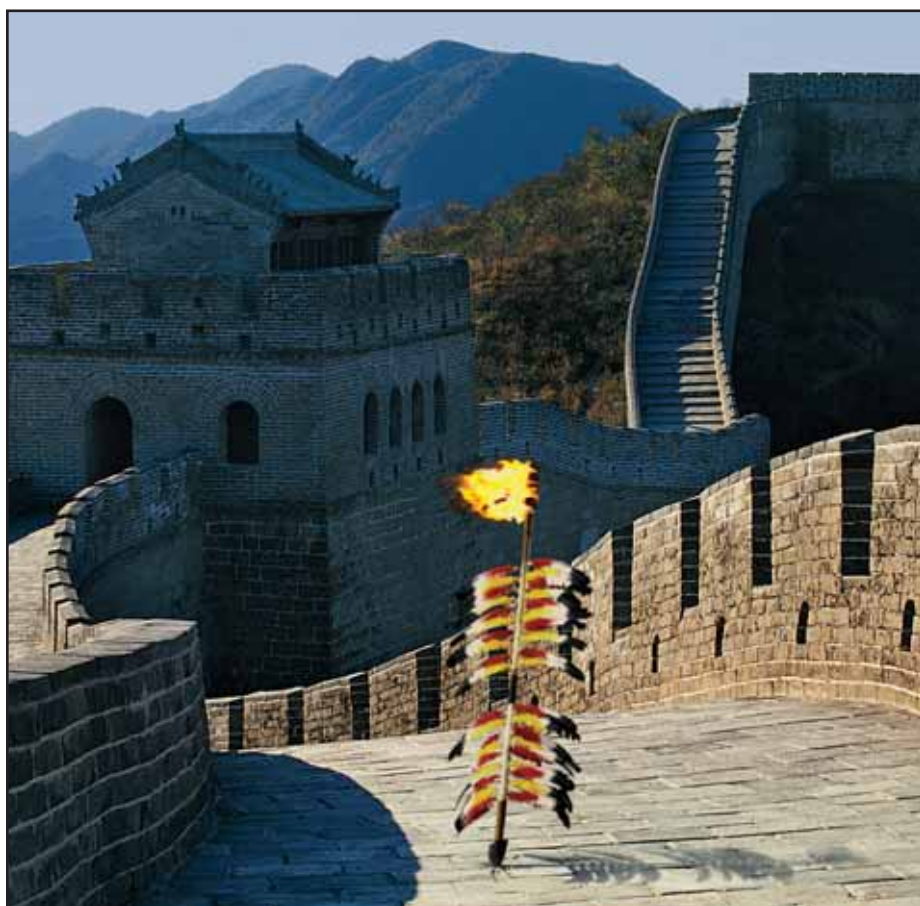
Anne Longman (J.D. '79) has been selected for inclusion in the 2009 edition of The Best Lawyers in America. She is currently a shareholder at Lewis, Longman and Walker, PA, Tallahassee, Fla.

1980s

Robert M. Breslau (B.S. '81, M.S. '83) has been promoted to president of real estate investment services at Stiles Corporation, based in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., where he is responsible for the development and acquisition of all projects and properties for the company and its partners in the Southeastern United States.

Debbie A. Gilley (B.S. '81, M.S. '89) has been appointed to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission Advisory Committee on the use of medical isotopes. She is an environmental manager with the Florida Bureau of Radiation Control.

Allison M. Lewis (M.S. '81, M.A. '88) has won the 2008 National Distance Learning Week Outstanding Online Instructor award.



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Earl R. Solomon (B.S. '81) has been named by Ameris Bank as president of all banking activities in Leon and Wakulla County, Fla.

Andra C. Douglas (B.S. '82), owner of the New York Sharks women's football team, was honored by a proclamation from U.S. Rep. Anthony Weiner of New York. She presented her jersey to John Urban, president of the Sports Museum of America, and this jersey will be the first women's tackle football item to be permanently displayed at the museum, which also houses the Heisman Trophy.

Emmett Schall (B.S. '82) relinquished command of the 5th Brigade, 1st Armored division, Army Evaluation Task Force, in a formal ceremony at Fort Bliss, Texas.

Norma Stanley (B.S. '82) has been selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers of America 2009. Fitzgerald works for the firm Lowndes, Drosdick, Doster, Kantor and Reed, PA, and practices in the areas of elder law and trusts and estates.

Stephen J. LaMontagne (B.S. '83) was admitted into the Atlanta-based accounting firm Moore Colson as partner in charge of its real estate practice. Prior to joining the firm, he worked as assurance partner and Southeast real estate practice leader for KPMG, LLP.

Florida Rep. Marti Coley (B.S. '84), District 7, was appointed as chairwoman of the Joint Legislative Auditing Committee and as the vice chairwoman of both the Full Appropriations Council on Education and Economic Development and the Education Policy Council.

The Hon. Jeffrey Dean Kottkamp (B.S. '84), Florida's lieutenant governor, was honored with the Southwest Florida Council of Boy Scouts' Distinguished Citizen Award, in recognition of his long record of public service and youth advocacy in Florida.

Thomas M. Ramsberger (B.S. '84, J.D. '87), founder of Ramsberger Law Group, PA, has been certified by the Florida Supreme Court as a circuit civil mediator.

In addition to his full-time practice of law and mediation services, Thomas is starting his 11th year as an adjunct professor of law at Stetson University College of Law in St. Petersburg, Fla.

Richard D. Combs (B.S. '85) was promoted to the position of senior director, product sales engineering for First Data.

Gary Wilson (B.S. '85) has been elected by his peers for inclusion in the 2009 edition of Best Lawyers in America.

Greg McBride (B.S. '86) is a screenwriter in Los Angeles and has sold a dramatic series, "Over the Rainbow," to MTV. He also has a bestselling book about his dramatic 250-pound weight loss titled "Just Stop Eating So Much."

Juan M. Ortiz (B.S. '86) has been named chief financial officer of Navarro Discount Pharmacies, where he will be responsible for all financial operations of the 31-store chain as well as for the company's administrative, information technology and human resource functions.

Col. Charles H. Wilson III (B.S. '86) has been promoted to colonel in the Army and selected to be the next U.S. Army attaché to the Czech Republic.

Robbie Ann Castleman (M.S. '88), associate professor of theology, has been awarded the J. Vernon McGee Chair of Biblical Studies at John Brown University in Siloam Springs, Ark.

Katherine A. Forest (B.S. '88) is an associate at White and Allen, PA, a North Carolina law firm.

Frank D. Martello (M.S. '88) became a National Board Certified Teacher as he entered his 20th year in Volusia County, Fla. He also passed the Florida Educators Leadership Exam, earning certification in educational leadership.

Robert M. Gutierrez (B.S. '89) has been selected as a member of the West/Thompson Publishing Co. editorial advisory committee in Social Security law. West/Thompson is the largest legal research company in the United States.

1990s

H. Michael Burgett (B.A. '90) was ranked No. 18 in *Catalyst* magazine's "Top 25 Entrepreneurs." He is the founder, president and managing partner of CIO Partners.

John W. Forehand (B.S. '90) has been selected for inclusion in the 2009 edition of The Best Lawyers in America. He is currently a shareholder at Lewis, Longman and Walker, PA, at its Tallahassee, Fla., location.

Marc L. Joseph (B.S. '90), owner of the real estate company Marc Joseph Realty, has started Foreclosure Tours R Us, a bus service in Fort Myers, Fla., that shuttles bargain-hunting potential homeowners to foreclosed houses in the area. The service has been featured in news segments on NBC, ABC and Fox, and has received international attention from European and Japanese buyers.

Jeanne Bisnette Curtin (B.S. '92, M.S. '99, J.D. '01) has joined Dan Hartman and Ethan Way to form the new law firm Hartman Curtin and Way, PA, in Tallahassee, Fla.

Charlotte M. Barnes (B.A. '93) wrote the book "Stella Ducktopolis," which was named a finalist in the "Children's Picture Book: Soft-Cover Fiction" category of the 2008 National Best Books awards, sponsored by USA Book News.

Barbara Jean Davis (M.A. '93) received the Outstanding High School Art Educator of the Year award from the state of Florida for her work as a sculpture and photography teacher at Florida High (Florida State University Schools) in Tallahassee, Fla.

Maj. Ryan E. Burchnell (B.S. '94) completed a Master of Arts degree in homeland security studies at the Naval Postgraduate School Center for Homeland Defense and Security in Monterey, Calif.

Juan C. Martinez (J.D. '94) joined the Miami office of law firm Gray Robinson, PA, as a shareholder. Prior to joining the firm,

he was a partner at Fowler White Burnett, PA. He has a wide range of experience in real estate disputes and is a frequent author and lecturer on the subjects of foreclosures, title litigation and the Uniform Commercial Code.

Christopher P. McGuire (B.S. '94) was appointed principal of Broward Virtual School, a public school serving students in grades 6 through 12 in Broward County, Fla., using distance-learning technology.

Marc O. Bides (B.S. '95) graduated from Seattle University School of Law and has been admitted to the Washington State Bar.

William P. Blanchard (B.S. '95) is the new store manager of Edwin Watts Golf in Tallahassee, Fla.

William Nicholas Catoggio (B.S. '95) is the founder and chief executive officer of ScubaNation.com, a Web site that unites scuba diving enthusiasts worldwide to dive, connect and share their underwater experiences.

Dr. Christienne Alexande Sain (B.S. '95, M.D. '05), a member of the first class of students to graduate from the Florida State University College of Medicine, is now a full-time practicing physician. Sain practices family medicine at Patients First in Tallahassee, Fla., and is a part-time member of the Florida State University College of Medicine faculty.

Maj. Gerald D. Sullivan Jr. (B.S. '95) received a Master of Science degree in strategic intelligence from the National Defense Intelligence College and was assigned to the policy division, Directorate of Weather, Headquarters, U.S. Air Force.

Warrick D. Dunn (B.S. '97), a Florida State football legend, became the sixth player in National Football League history with 10,000 career yards rushing and 500 receptions. Dunn achieved the milestone playing for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers during a game against the Atlanta Falcons.

Stephen Kirk Hanson (B.S. '97, M.S. '97) was named Special Olympics: Palm Beach County Coach of the Year, 2008.

Thomas E. Pearson (B.A. '98) received a 2007-2008 "Bessie Award" for his choreography on his work "Vanishing Point." The Bessie Awards are equivalent to the "Tony" or "Oscar" awards for contemporary dance.

Allison E. Turnbull (B.S. '98, J.D. '01) has been made a partner at national law firm Baker and Hostetter. She currently practices in the areas of land use and real estate development at the firm's office in Orlando, Fla.

Ethan A. Way (J.D. '98) has joined Dan Hartman and Jeanne Curtin to form the new law firm Hartman Curtin and Way, PA, in Tallahassee, Fla.

Chad Bates (B.S. '99), a former Florida State University football player, has been hired as offensive line coach of the Vero Beach High School Fighting Indians in Vero Beach, Fla. After his college football career, Bates went on to play for NFL Europe for two years, then for the Dallas Cowboys in 1999.

2000s

M. Christopher Lyon (J.D. '00) presented a legislative update and 2009 forecast at the Marine Shoreline Development and Permitting Workshop, a program of the Law Seminars International, held in Tampa, Fla.

Mandy L. Runnels (B.S. '00) is the finance director for RJD Group, a public relations firm, and will focus on fundraising strategy, PAC management and event planning.

Dr. Lorna Jane Stewart-Fedelem (B.S. '00, M.D. '05), a member of the first class of students to graduate from the Florida State University College of Medicine, is now a full-time practicing physician. She currently practices family medicine for the Tallahassee Memorial Hospital Hospitalist Group in Tallahassee, Fla.

Dr. Joda Garvin Lynn (B.S. '01, M.D. '05), a member of the first class of students to graduate from the Florida

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State University College of Medicine, has become a full-time practicing physician, practicing emergency medicine and staffing emergency rooms in Perry, Fla., Apalachicola, Fla., and hospitals in North Florida and South Georgia.

Melissa Helen Bruyn (B.S. '02) was named men's designer for Pacific Sunwear Corporation in Anaheim, Calif.

Jeffrey L. Smith Sr. (M.S. '04) is now the manager of the Virrick Park Branch of the Miami-Dade Public Library System.

Dr. Natosha D. Canty (M.D. '05), a member of the first class of students to graduate from the Florida State University College of Medicine, has become a full-time practicing physician. Canty currently practices family medicine for Capital Health Plan in Tallahassee, Fla.

Jeremy K. Cloud (B.S. '05) passed the Georgia Bar Exam and has joined the Atlanta office of international law firm Jones Day.

Sandra M. Cook (Ph.D. '05) is the first female to be elected superintendent of schools for Washington County, Fla.

Dr. Shayla L. Gray (M.D. '05), a member of the first class of students to graduate from the Florida State University College of Medicine, has become a full-time practicing physician. She now practices family medicine in Madison, Fla.

Dr. Alex Ho (M.D. '05), a member of the first class of students to graduate from the Florida State University College of Medicine, has become a full-time practicing physician. He practices emergency medicine at Tallahassee Memorial Hospital in Tallahassee, Fla., and is a part-time member of the Florida State College of Medicine faculty.

Kristine E. Good (B.S. '06) is the co-owner of Sweet Cheeks Boutique, a fashion-forward clothier for children under six.

Jeffery J. Nagel (B.S. '06) graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard Recruit Training Center in Cape May, N.J. During the eight-week training program, Nagel completed a vigorous training curriculum consisting of academic and practical instruction in areas including water safety and survival, military customs and courtesies, seamanship skills, first aid, fire fighting and marksmanship.

Patricia E. Raub (B.S. '06) received the designation of Certified Public Accountant and works at James Moore & Co., a regional firm specializing in financial statement audits, reviews and compilations, business and individual tax preparation and planning, software and technology consulting, business evaluation services and a variety of bookkeeping services.

Cathleen T. Connolly (Ph.D. '07) earned the distinction of Certified Consultant by the Association for Applied Sport Psychology, the professional organization of sport and exercise psychology.

John R. Mason III (B.M. '07) serves as organ scholar and assisting music director at the Cathedral of St. Peter in St. Petersburg, Fla.

Pamela A. Arnedos (B.A. '08) completed 12 weeks of basic training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C., designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.



IN MEMORIAM

1920s

- Mary Getzen Wilson (B.A. '29)

1930s

- Mary Esther Willa Ericson (L.I. '36)
- Fenton Woodward
- McLean Washburn (B.S. '37)
- Martha Mae Little Chinn (BS. '39)

1940s

- Maria Carmen Alvarez Madsen (B.A. '41)
- Allefair E. Stuart (B.A. '41)
- Alma Louise Pent Twitchell (B.S. '44)
- Ruby Pate Bodkin (B.A. '48)
- Martha "Clarkie" McCormack Allen (B.A. '49)
- Helen Ruth Looby (B.A. '49)

1950s

- Nancy Hefner Bates (B.S. '50)
- Elizabeth Blount Hill (B.S. '50)
- Violetta Sosin Hinkle (B.S. '50)
- Bill Ritchie Tilley (M.S. '51, Ed.D. '51)
- Mary Ann Nicholson Rigby (B.S. '52)
- Barbara Nan Adams Wassell (B.S. '52)
- Nancy Louise Lane Whiting (B.S. '52)
- Preston Elmo Bradley (B.S. '53)
- Martha Blackburn Shipley (M.S. '56)
- Marion Wallace Arrington (B.S. '57)
- Ouida Higdon Keyser (B.S. '57)
- Raymond E. "Gene" LeaMond (B.A. '57)
- Gary E. Lloyd (B.S. '57)
- Donald Blaine Randall (B.S. '57)
- Robert George Sommer (B.S. '57)
- Evelyn De Frehn Metzger (B.S. '58)
- Kathryn Sanchez Schoneck (B.S. '58)
- Walter Astrid Payne (B.S. '59)

1960s

- Charles F. Jumper (Ph.D. '61)
- Erskine L. Palmer (B.S. '62, M.S. '62)
- Robert E. Foss (B.S. '63)
- John George Brennan (B.S. '64)
- Michael Alan Vickers (B.S. '65, M.S. '67)
- Betty Tougas McCauley (B.S. '66)
- John Charles Buckley (B.A. '67)
- Judson C. Spence Sr. (M.A. '68, Ph.D. '68)
- William Martin Bilbrey (B.S. '69)
- Ronald Reed Johnson (B.S. '69)

1970s

- John Henry Patrick (B.A. '70, M.S. '74)
- Joseph A. Orr (Ph.D. '72)
- Barry Zane Rhodes (J.D. '72)
- Patsy Eyvonne Birge Thagard (B.S. '72)
- Carol Yvonne Williams (B.M.E. '72)
- Mary Lucille Parker Harper (M.S. '73)
- Greg Crim Zahn Sr. (B.S. '75)
- Albert H. Waldrep (B.S. '77)
- Hazel Marie Baerwaldt Zibell (M.S. '77)
- Robert Waters Hatch (B.F.A. '78, M.F.A. '94)
- Manuel A. Machin (B.S. '79)

1980s

- Laury Scott Quackenbush (Ph.D. '81)
- Laurel Ann White (M.S. '81)
- Betty Welch Florance (M.S.W. '83)
- Mary D. Fears (B.S. '88)

1990s

- Brett Steven Saks (B.S. '91)
- Michael Allen Bowman (B.S. '92)
- Patricia Peyton Smallwood Parks (M.S.W. '93)
- Babu L. Jain (Ph.D. '95)

2000s

- Stephanie Jean Rutan McCormick (B.S. '03)
- Heather Dawn-Marie Windsor (B.S. '05)

Faculty/Staff

- Jewell Baxter Harrison
- Mary L. Lester
- Donald Thomas Wiedenhoef

OBITUARIES

Dennis Boyle

Dennis Boyle, 56, a Tallahassee businessman and dedicated Florida State University alumnus, died Feb. 1.

Boyle earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in mass communication at Florida State University. He worked as a disc jockey before being hired by the university's Department of Athletics. He was instrumental in creating mobile telecasts to bring Seminole games back to Tallahassee and in taking "The Bobby Bowden Show" statewide.

Over his career, Boyle managed Tallahassee's former Radisson Hotel, three television stations, Ayavalla Plantation and many real estate investments. As CEO of Phipps Ventures Inc., he helped establish the John H. Phipps Endowment, which funds several scholarships and a named professorship in the Florida State University Department of Communication.

Boyle was a past chairman of Seminole Boosters. His contributions to Florida State were significant, and many of his friends at the university and in the community mourn his passing.

"The College of Communication has lost a dear friend," said John Mayo, dean of the College of Communication at Florida State. "Dennis Boyle's dedication and contributions to our programs will benefit the faculty and our students for generations to come. He was a forceful advocate and a supporter of all things FSU."



Norejane Hendrickson

Norejane Hendrickson, 89, retired Florida State University professor of child development and home and family life, died Dec. 6, 2008.

In 1968, Hendrickson and her husband moved to Tallahassee, Fla., and she started her career at Florida State. She later became the head of the department of Child and Family Sciences, and taught until 1985.

Hendrickson was born in Coudersport, Pa. She earned a bachelor's degree from Mansfield University in Mansfield, Pa., where a scholarship exists in her name. She earned a master's degree from Michigan State University in East Lansing, Mich., and a Ph.D. from The Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio, where she became a professor of family and child development. While there, she met and married her husband of 40 years, fellow professor Andrew Hendrickson.

Noel LaSeur

Noel E. LaSeur, 86, retired Florida State University professor of meteorology, died Jan. 8.

LaSeur was on the first team of civilian scientists to ever fly into a hurricane for research purposes. In 1955, he became an associate director of the newly funded National Hurricane Research Project. He received tenure from Florida State in 1956, and he continued both his teaching at the university and his research around the world. He became chairman of the Florida State Department of Meteorology in 1974. He took a two-year sabbatical in 1976 to become the director of research at the National Hurricane Research Center in Miami, then returned to Florida State teaching fulltime until 1983 and part time until 2001.

LaSeur made invaluable contributions to the field of hurricane research. His research spanned six continents and dozens of countries, and he was one of the most respected tropical meteorologists in the field. He not only vastly improved our understanding of hurricanes but, because of his ability to stimulate interest in his students, he has left behind a generation of eager young scientists. He earned a bachelor's degree in math and a master's degree and doctoral degree in meteorology from the University of Chicago.



Trudy Griffin-Pierce

Trudy Griffin-Pierce, 60, one of the founding members of the Florida State University American Indian Student Fellowship, died on Jan. 6. Griffin-Pierce, who was of Catawba Indian heritage, earned her Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from Florida State in 1970. She went on to become the author of five books, an artist and a medical anthropologist, working as an associate professor of anthropology at the University of Arizona.

Griffin-Pierce's most recent book, "Chiricahua Apache Enduring Power: Naiche's Puberty Ceremony Paintings," was selected by the Southern Anthropology Society for the James Mooney Award in 2008. She received the Alice Logan Writing Award in 2000 for her book "Native Peoples of the Southwest." She earned both her master's degree and doctorate in anthropology from the University of Arizona.



Mary Sue Sutherland

Mary Sue Sutherland, 67, retired Florida State University professor of middle and secondary education, died Oct. 11, 2008.

Sutherland taught at Florida State from 1980 to 2007 in the Department of Middle School and Secondary Education, and she served as the coordinator of the undergraduate and graduate schools and community health education programs.

Born in Lansing, Mich., she earned her bachelor's degree from Michigan State University in East Lansing, Mich., her Master of Science and Master of Public Health degrees from the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, Tenn., and her doctorate from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa, Ala. She taught at the University of Maine in Farmington, Maine, the State University College at Brockport, N.Y., the University of Alabama and within the State of Georgia College System before finally moving to Tallahassee, Fla.

She focused her academic activities on African-American-faith-community cardiovascular and prevention programs, and Safe and Drug Free Schools/Community Needs assessment, evaluation and program development. In addition, she served as the executive director of Health Promotion Program Initiatives Inc.

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Scott Atwell

**President,
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Seminoles at Sea: Alumni launch Bahamas cruise with FSU flavor

They call it the *Disney Wonder*®. So we were wondering, what if you scheduled a Disney cruise on the night of the Florida State-North Carolina football game and downlinked the broadcast live on the large screen TV at poolside — while we were sailing for Nassau, Bahamas?

What if the ship sailed on the 10-year anniversary of our 1999 football national championship, and we were joined on board by quarterback and Heisman Trophy winner Chris Weinke?

What if we created a new 10-year reunion and invited the classes of 1999 and 2000 to join us?

Well, we can stop wondering, because the world just got a lot smaller. On Oct. 22, the FSU Alumni Association will host a travel event like none other, featuring the aforementioned Florida State programming and the regular *Disney Cruise Line*® one of the most beloved on the seas, for adults and children alike.

A world-class spa, live entertainment, private Bahamian island and adults-only areas are paired on *Disney Cruise Line*® with unparalleled dining, children's programming and legendary hospitality. In a Disney first, these assets will be personalized with Florida State activities for what promises to be a "bucket list" event for Seminole faithful.

Imagine a 5 p.m. port departure on Thursday, Oct. 22, that heralds a two-and-a-half hour pregame pep rally leading up to the 7:30 p.m. kickoff of the FSU football game in Chapel Hill.

We'll spend the summer evaluating additional programming, such as faculty lectures, that are appropriate and interesting for our Florida State travelers, including field events that square off various class years on the Saturday Port of Call at Disney's private island, *Castaway Cay* Island.

Home port for *Disney Cruise Line*® is Port Canaveral, due east of Orlando and centrally located for our Florida alumni and friends. For those flying to Orlando, complimentary airport

transportation is provided by Disney's Magical Express Service.

Weinke, of course, is a Class of 2000 graduate, and like many of his classmates, has children who are the perfect age for a Disney cruise.

"It sounds like it will be a great time," said Weinke, who now calls Austin, Texas, home. "I am excited about being a part of this event."

If the seas cooperate, the Saturday night sail back to Port Canaveral will feature a pool-side replay of Weinke and company's national championship game versus Virginia Tech.

Florida State has an extraordinary presence in leadership positions at Disney, including *Walt Disney World*® President Meg Croftin, who earned her undergraduate and MBA degrees from Florida State, and Vice President for Capital Sales

Anne Hamilton, who was recently named "Alumnus of the Year" at the Dedman School of Hospitality.

But here's the deal: our friends at *Disney Cruise Line*® have set aside a limited number of cabins at special rates. October seems like a lifetime away, but the fact is Disney cruises

sell out faster than any other line. So make your plans today — and your reservations — exclusively through our Web site at www.alumni.fsu.edu.

We look forward to seeing you on this magical, voyage of a lifetime aboard the *Disney Wonder*®.



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Heisman Trophy winner Chris Weinke will be on board to celebrate the 1999 national championship.

WHAT: 3-Night Bahamas Cruise

WHEN: Oct. 22-25

WHERE: From Port Canaveral, to Nassau and Castaway Cay island

Castaway Cay Island will host field events for the 1999-2000 Class reunion.

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Living the suite life ... *continued from page 1*

The **Bryan Hall Learning Community** (Bryan Hall) was the first living-learning community on campus, started in 1997. Bryan Hall's learning community isn't major-specific, but its theme is "curiosity and the desire to learn." The students are offered a choice of liberal studies classes, as well as small group tutorials known as mentoring groups and weekly colloquiums.

"FSU has won national recognition for our innovative approach to developing a broad range of living-learning programs," said Karen Laughlin, dean of Undergraduate Studies. "Any student who is serious about academics and wants to be fully engaged with both the academic and the social life of the campus would be well served by a learning community. This is a rich way to start off the college experience, and I encourage any student who is looking at options for living on campus to explore the living-learning communities very carefully."

Located in the heart of campus, across from Landis Green and Stroz Library, Cawthon Hall houses two living-learning communities. All of the living-learning communities are housed either in completely renovated or new residence halls that feature a pair of two-person bedrooms and a shared bathroom, which is referred to as suite-style housing. Classrooms and practice spaces are located on the ground floors and are equipped with multimedia capabilities, and all buildings are hardwired for broadband Internet connections.

The **Music Living-Learning Center** (Cawthon Hall) provides first- and second-year music majors with access to courses taught by professors and other music professionals.

"I really enjoy living here," said Laura Laskey, a music therapy major from Tampa, Fla., who plays the cello. "It has been easy to make friends, and I find it really inspiring on those days when I don't feel like practicing. I'll just walk down the halls and hear someone practicing in their room, and then I'll suddenly want to practice."

The **Women in Math, Science and Engineering Living-Learning Community** (Cawthon Hall), known as WIMSE, is committed to the success of women who are studying in areas of science, technology, engineering and mathematics, or STEM fields. WIMSE's Research Experience Program provides its students with the opportunity to participate in current research applicable to their studies.

The **Pre-Health Professions Learning Community** (Reynolds Hall) is sponsored by the College of Human Sciences and brings together students pursuing careers in allied health, athletic training, dentistry, medicine, physical or occupational therapy and other health-related professions. Residents have the option of training with the university's First Responder Program or shadowing local physicians.

"Our students are exposed to various speakers and professional training throughout the semester," said Angela Sehgal, director of the Pre-Health Professions Learning Community and director of athletic training education. "Then the students go shadow a professor in the field they are interested in to decide if they really want to pursue that profession. So early on, we immerse them in real-world experiences."

The **Social Science and Public Affairs Living-Learning Community** (DeGraff Hall) is designed for students with an interest in the social sciences and the world around them.

"The living-learning community trains tomorrow's civic

activists and political leaders," said Philip Steinberg, geography professor and director of the social science community. "It's an environment where hallway discussions center on topics covered in classes, where the dueling political views of suitemates spill over into classroom debates and vice versa."

"After I graduate, I want to work for the United Nations and be a translator, and so does my roommate," said Moshtayeen Ahmad, who goes by Mahi. "It's nice to just go downstairs and be in class. Then I can just go back upstairs and keep talking about what was said in class with my roommate."

"Being a part of this community has added a lot to my college experience," said Zachary Harrison, another DeGraff Hall resident and a Russian and Eastern European studies major from Cape Coral, Fla. "Our classes held here are really in-depth, and the professors get to know us well. It's a good environment for me. We all get to know each other, hang out, have fun, and we actually talk about issues that are going on in the world."

The **Social Justice Living-Learning Community** (Wildwood Hall) is designed for students of all majors who have a desire to understand and practice social justice. Approximately 40 first-year students learn about social activism, social change and the philosophical foundations of justice.

The **Nursing Learning Community** (Wildwood Hall) is limited to students who have declared their intent to select nursing as their major. The community allows pre-nursing students to establish a connection to the College of Nursing as freshmen so that, long before they're formally admitted and begin their nursing courses, they can benefit from the resources of the college and build relationships with faculty and nursing students.

The **Landis Honors**

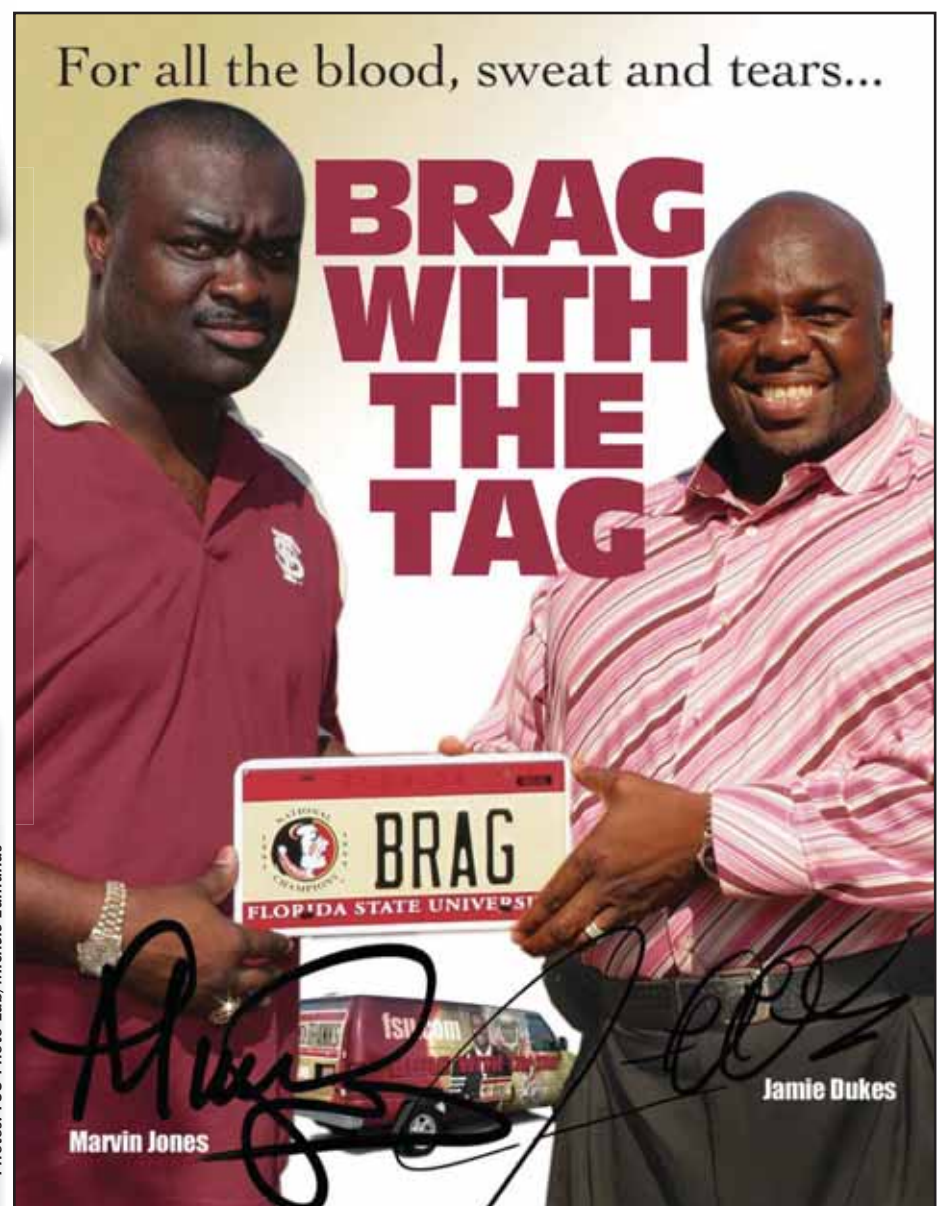
Community (Landis Hall) is an option for students who are members of the University Honors Program.

"Landis is a great place to be," said Allison Kearns, a meteorology and math major from Miramar, Fla. "There are a lot of nice study lounges and they enforce quiet hours, as we found out," Kearns said, laughing with her roommate, political science major Amy Gutierrez of Jacksonville, Fla. "Everyone's really nice here, and they care about learning."

For information about the living-learning and honors communities at Florida State, visit the Web site: www.housing.fsu.edu.



Living where they learn: top right, Moshtayeen "Mahi" Ahmad of the Social Science and Public Affairs Living-Learning Community; top left, Allison Kearns and Amy Gutierrez of the Landis Honors Community; middle left, Zachary Harrison of the Social Science and Public Affairs Living-Learning Community; and bottom left, Angela Sehgal, director of the Pre-Health Professions Learning Community.



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Congressional Seminoles ...

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Dina Titus

By Jeffery Seay
Editor in Chief

In 1988, Dina Titus' thoughts about running for the Nevada Senate were all philosophical. At the time, Titus had more than a decade to her credit as a professor of political science at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. She reckoned that a run was feasible because she made her living studying political science, writing about politics and, as a self-avowed political junkie, she would enjoy the experience. Besides, whether she won or lost, she would have a lot to tell her students.

Then the race began, and all thoughts of engaging in a mere academic exercise evaporated.

"Once I signed on the dotted line, I forgot all about that intellectualizing — I was 'in it to win it,'" said Titus, who earned her doctorate in political science from The Florida State University in 1976. Titus won that first race in 1988, and three subsequent senatorial races in 1994, 2000 and 2006.

Now, after a 22-year career in the Nevada Senate, including 16 years as minority leader, and with more than 30 years to her credit as a political science professor at UNLV, Titus has a new experience to share with her students — that of U.S. representative.

"It is very exciting and very humbling to be even a small part of such a historic moment," Titus said of the sheer thrill of being elected to Congress. "I can't imagine a better time to be here with the changes that are taking place in our country, with the new president, and with an opportunity to serve in the majority."

Titus brings to Washington her expertise on the history and policies of nuclear power, weaponry and waste. Despite her high office, she remains a teacher at heart.

"Teaching is what I enjoy doing," Titus said. "I've always had a lot of student interns in my Nevada office, and I plan on having student interns here in Washington. I'm also a student myself. I learn something new every day, even though I've been teaching about Congress for over 30 years."

"I'm going to pursue an agenda that I worked on in the state legislature," she said. "A big aspect of that is education, because it's what I do. Another aspect is renewable energy. I think that is another key to the future."

Titus' college career began with uncommon promise. After having performed exceptionally well in a summer program for high school students at the College of William and

Mary in Virginia, she was admitted full time for the fall — without a high school diploma. After earning a bachelor's degree from William and Mary and a master's degree from the University of Georgia, she enrolled at Florida State as a doctoral student.

"I was part of Florida State's political science department at a time when it was ranked third in the nation in terms of the research productivity of its faculty," Titus said. "I studied under the best. Faculty like Tom Dye and Norm Luttbeg — people with national reputations — were on my (doctoral) committee. I received great academic training while I was there."

She made a lasting impression on the faculty with whom she studied.

"Dina Titus was one of our most outstanding students to come through the Ph.D. program in political science at Florida State," said Thomas R. Dye, professor emeritus of political science (1968 to 1998). "She breezed through her academics, and she impressed everyone with her character and charm. We expected great things from her. I'm not really surprised to see her end up in Congress. I'm very proud of her. I think that all of us who taught her in the 1970s would be very pleased to know that she has gone on to Congress."



Kathy Castor has been busy since her election to the U.S. House of Representatives in 2006. Her inaugural term representing the residents of the Tampa Bay area began with her being the first freshman to speak on the House floor and ended with the growing economic crisis. Along the way, Castor — a 1991 graduate of the Florida State University College of Law — focused on health care, energy and education, and was especially proud of her work to increase the value of Pell Grant scholarships.

When talking with the congresswoman, one gets the impression that it is a strong affinity for her hometown that guides Castor's service in the House.

"It is such a privilege and an honor to be the advocate for my neighbors in my hometown that I love, on issues



Kay Hagan

By Jeffery Seay
Editor in Chief

trail, Hagan said that the people she met from all walks of life made the campaign worthwhile.

"I really enjoy people," she said. "During the campaign, I can't tell you how many thousands of miles we put on our van — stopping at tobacco farms, small businesses, university research centers. This was when gas prices were at their highest. While we were filling up at gas stations, we got the chance to talk to the citizens of North Carolina and, literally, share their pain at the pump!"

Just as campaigning for her father and uncle had been a family affair, Hagan's three children campaigned in her run for the U.S. Senate.

"My son, Tilden, took off the whole year," she said. "My younger daughter, Carrie, took off half a year, and my older daughter, Jeanette, who is earning her Ph.D. in geology in California, was able to spend quite a bit of time campaigning as well. They did many of the same things that I did as a child, but because they were older than I was, they really contributed in a major way."

Hagan began her academic career at Florida State as a dance major before switching to American studies. She lived in Jennie Murphree Hall and became a sister of the Chi Omega sorority. She even spent a semester abroad at Florida State's London

Florida State University alumna Kay Hagan is no stranger to hard-fought political campaigns. She won her first race in 1998 for the North Carolina Senate, the beginning of a five-term career in which she would become the chairwoman of the Appropriations and the Pensions, Retirement and Aging committees.

Even as a girl growing up in Lakeland, Fla., Hagan campaigned for her father, former Lakeland city councilman and mayor Joe Ruthven, and her uncle, Lawton Chiles — a political giant of the Sunshine State who served as state senator, U.S. senator and governor.

After her latest hard-fought campaign in 2008, Hagan now represents North Carolina in the U.S. Senate. She defeated incumbent Elizabeth Dole.

"It was a great victory," said Hagan, who earned her Bachelor of Science degree in American studies from Florida State in 1975. "I was well known in the Raleigh area and in my home district around Guilford County, but a lot of people didn't know me statewide. So I traveled all over North Carolina, from Murphy to Manteo, meeting thousands of people."

Through long days on the campaign

Kathy Castor

By Christie Morgan
College of Law

that really matter to them," she said. "I think coming from local government helped — it has taught me a lot. You have to keep your focus on what is happening at home and in people's lives and how we can help them or stay out of the way."

Castor's love for the area she represents — which includes parts of Hillsborough, Pinellas and Manatee counties — runs deep. When she is in Washington, D.C., she misses its excellent Cuban cuisine, especially roast pork sandwiches, black beans and rice, and café con leche. She also roots for Tampa's sports teams from afar when Congress is in session. She loves football and the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, but as one who prefers college football, she attends more University of South Florida Bulls games with her family when she is in Tampa. And no matter where she is, she also roots for the Florida State Seminoles.

The lifestyle of a U.S. representative

is not for everyone, but Castor learned from her parents at an early age the importance of serving.

"I always loved public policy, from when I was young," Castor said. "My parents were very involved in Tampa in public service. My father, Judge Don Castor, was a county court judge for 30 years, and my mother, Betty Castor, was a trailblazing female politician in the Tampa Bay area and then the state of Florida."

In 2002, 30 years after her mother was elected to the Hillsborough County Commission, Castor was elected to the same body. She had not aspired to run for national office prior to 2005, but with her term on the county commission ending and the House seat she now holds opening, the timing was right for Castor to make a change.

"I just thought at that time, and I still do even after being here, that the folks up here are so off track; they

Study Center, from where she and her roommates would strike out across Europe on weekends and breaks.

Hagan's Jennie Murphree roommate, Bev Meadors — with whom she has remained friends — attended her U.S. Senate swearing-in ceremony.

"Florida State gave me an excellent background in history and English, and business and accounting," Hagan said. "I ended up becoming the budget chairwoman for the state of North Carolina for a number of years. We had a \$24 billion budget in North Carolina. Now that I'm in the U.S. Senate, it's a good background in understanding what is important to citizens, not only in North Carolina, but the entire country."

After graduating from Florida State, Hagan attended Wake Forest, where she earned her law degree and met her husband, Chip Hagan. Today, the Hagans are avid Atlantic Coast Conference basketball fans.

"When Florida State comes to Greensboro for the ACC tournament, my husband meets President T.K. Wetherell at the airport, and enjoys showing him some Southern hospitality in North Carolina," Kay Hagan said. "Even though Chip didn't attend FSU, he loves to welcome the Seminoles to town. We very much roll out the red carpet when Florida State comes to Greensboro, which is where our home is."

are just not in touch with what is happening back home," said Castor, who as an Emory undergraduate interned for Lawton Chiles when he was a U.S. senator.

Now in her second term, Castor admits there is much that she wants to accomplish in the House. She says that she relies on the skills she learned in law school, and she attributes her ability to solve problems and interpret legislation to her legal education and practice.

And even though being away from her family while she is in the nation's capital is taxing, she makes the unconventional schedule work.

Helping Castor navigate her double-duty in D.C. and Tampa is her husband, fellow Florida State Law alumnus William R. "Bill" Lewis ('91). Lewis, a partner in the Butler Pappas law firm, and Castor, started dating during her second year of law school. They have two daughters, 11-year-old Julia and 9-year-old Chrissy.

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