Trustees approve three-year budget

Economic reality forces program changes, layoffs

By Browning Brooks
Director, News and Public Affairs

The Florida State University’s budget has been cut $82 million since 2007. Of that total, $56.6 million will be cut during this fiscal year.

At its June 17 meeting, the university’s Board of Trustees approved a three-year plan to cut that $56.6 million, beginning in fiscal year 2009-10.

Administrators first began preparing for this budget crisis almost three years ago. These preparations included the formation of a Budget Crisis Committee, composed of faculty and student representatives.

The plan calls for as many as 200 faculty and staff layoffs, including about 25 tenured professors; the merger, restructuring or suspension of academic programs; a requirement that branch campuses support themselves within three years; and a 15-percent tuition increase each year of the three-year plan. It does not call for across-the-board salary cuts or furloughs for employees.

The university is attempting to assist affected individuals in finding other positions either on or off campus. Human Resources has established the Office of Budget Crisis Support Services to meet with them individually.

“For more than two years, we have worked diligently to manage these cuts, but we are now at the point where we will have to restructure or suspend some programs to preserve the core educational mission of the university,” said President T.K. Wetherell.

“We wish we were not forced to take these actions, but the campus will be better served by targeted solutions rather than by diluting the educational experience for all,” said Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs Lawrence G. Thomas, continued on PAGE 6

Robust student scholarship leads to national honors

By Melanie Yeager

One student is building a computer program to analyze the evolution of an ecosystem. Another provided Liberian refugees with vocational training to rebuild their lives. Still another is intent on engineering a safe sanitation system for impoverished Haiti.

These projects — each a passion with a purpose — are examples of the ambitious work being carried out by The Florida State University’s latest national award winners.

“The recognition earned by our national fellowship winners reflects not only the academic strengths, creative talents and social commitment of our students but also the strong culture of scholarship, research, creativity and innovation that characterizes Florida State University as a whole,” said Karen Laughlin, dean of Undergraduate Studies.

The 2008-2009 awards year started off with a bang last fall when Myron Rolle was named Florida State’s third Rhodes Scholar in four years. (In the past five years, only nine American universities have produced more Rhodes Scholars than Florida State.) By year’s end, FSU students had landed most of the prestigious national awards available, including one Goldwater Scholarship, one Truman Scholarship, one Udall Scholarship, two Boren scholarships and eight Fulbright grants.

It’s an impressive feat for any university, said Paula Warrick, president of the National Association of Fellowship Advisors. Florida State excelled in a rigorously competitive process among the nation’s universities, she said, noting that candidates for these elite awards are selected based on their academic excellence, intellectual curiosity, leadership potential, extracurricular activities and social commitment.

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Let us play

Second annual gala will raise funds for women’s athletics.

Family football weekends

Florida State and the Leon County Tourism Development Council deliver affordable fun.

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WETHERELL TO STEP DOWN

Thomas Kent “T.K.” Wetherell, who has served as The Florida State University’s 13th president since January 2003, announced his intent to step down as president during the university’s Board of Trustees meeting on June 17.

In a letter to Board of Trustees Chairman Jim Smith, Wetherell said the timing is right to step down to pursue other interests, including teaching in Florida State’s College of Education and spending more time with his family. Wetherell plans to remain in office until the next president is hired.

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At the June 17 meeting, Smith directed three university employees to head the search team to find Wetherell’s successor — General Counsel Betty Steffens, Assistant Vice President for Human Resources Joyce Ingram, and Ella Scole Opperman Professor of Music Jayne Standley.

For the latest news about the presidential search, visit http://president.fsu.edu/search.
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Women’s athletics

Event aims to raise endowment

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When you let us play…we are a force for change in our community.

These words are the driving force behind the inaugural “Let Us Play” dinner and auction, a special event to raise funds for The Florida State University’s Women’s Scholarship Endowment, scheduled for September 25 at the Florida State Basketball Training Center. With headliners across the years such as track star Susan Kuijken, Kim Batten and Kim Williams; basketball standouts Brooke Wyckoff and Tia Pacal; golf champion Caroline Westrup; soccer star Mami Yamaguchi; and softball standout Jessica Van der Linden, to name just a few, women athletes at Florida State have been highly successful.

Florida State answered their plea to “Let Us Play.” The university and the players are stronger and more successful because Florida State was able to provide the support they needed. Now Becky Spetman, wife of Athletics Director Randy Spetman, and a team of volunteers want to make sure women’s athletics has scholarship funding to respond to the “Let Us Play” call for decades to come.

“I have always had a passion for women’s athletics, and I wanted to get involved to support them,” Spetman said. “FSU has a great women’s program, but we needed to do more, so we put together a committee of 20 women — former athletes and prominent figures on campus and in the local business community — who support women’s academics and athletics.

The event will feature dinner, appearances by former Florida State athletes, including Gabrielle Reece — volleyball champ and fashion model — and both live and silent auctions with items like weekend getaways, dinner with the Bowdows, daybox seats and specialty packages.

“It takes hundreds of thousands of dollars to endow a single scholarship. We need help from all Seminole fans,” Spetman said. “We’re expecting a big crowd for an evening to celebrate our star athletes — past, present and future.”

For more information, to contribute items or services for the event, and to reserve tickets, visit www.seminoles.com/genrel/letusplay.html or call (850) 644-3484.

College hosts ‘boot camp’ to turn veterans into entrepreneurs

By Lindsay Potvin

College of Business

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The Entrepreneurship Bootcamp for Veterans with Disabilities, which began in 2007 at the Whitman School of Management at Syracuse University, is offered.


Reserved for alumni, friends, faculty and staff are a force for change in our community.
Wagner named Lawton Distinguished Professor

A psychology professor who has helped establish The Florida State University as one of the nation’s premier institutions for research into learning disabilities such as dyslexia has received The Florida State University’s highest faculty honor.

Richard K. Wagner, Florida State’s Alfred Biner Professor of Psychology and a Distinguished Professor of Psychology, has been named the 2009-2010 Robert O. Lawton Distinguished Professor. It is the highest award that the Florida State faculty can bestow on one of its own.

Richard Wagner

“I could not have been more surprised and delighted to learn of this award,” Wagner said. “It is incredibly humbling for three reasons. The first is what I know about the contributions of some equally or more deserving colleagues who have yet to receive it. The second is what I know about the contributions of previous recipients, including psychology Professor Jim Smith, who has been a mentor to me since I arrived at Florida State fresh out of graduate school. The third is how much of a role my colleagues and friends have played in what we have accomplished.”

PeaceJam makes FSU its southeastern headquarters

PeaceJam, an international organization that seeks to inspire students to better themselves and their surroundings through education, inspiration and action, has made The Florida State University its Southeast region headquarters and, in turn, will give Florida State students unprecedented access to the 12 Nobel Peace laureates who sit on its board of directors.

The laureates take turns headlining annual conferences sponsored by each region. This past spring, Nobel Peace laureate Betty Williams was the guest at Florida State’s first PeaceJam.

“We seek to transform our students, no matter their age, in three ways, the first being through education,” said Rody Thompson, director of PeaceJam Southeast. “PeaceJam is more than just a conference. It has a yearlong, age-appropriate curriculum for elementary-, middle- and high-school students. Florida State students will be able to serve younger students in Leon County (Florida) by going into schools to teach them about the lives and work of Nobel Peace laureates, helping them to understand their values and roles as leaders for change. Florida State students also will be involved in planning and presenting conference workshops, and figuring out service initiatives for the younger students and, in turn, being able to work alongside them.

“Then there is transformational inspiration derived through interaction with our Nobel laureates,” Thompson said. “The conference, which is geared for high school students, is the most compelling way to inspire kids, and every year we’ll have a different Nobel laureate on campus.”

It is Thompson’s hope that high school students from throughout PeaceJam Southeast’s five-state region — Florida, Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina and North Carolina — will be able to attend future PeaceJams on the Florida State campus.

“Lastly, transformation comes from taking action,” she said. “Everyone who participates in PeaceJam must be engaged in service. So beginning in elementary school and going all the way through, there are service requirements through our Global Call to Action. PeaceJam’s Global Call to Action encourages students to engage in service projects to address 10 core issues of injustice and suffering, which include finding ways to equalize access to water and other natural resources; ending racism and hate; halting the spread of global disease; eliminating extreme poverty; restoring Earth’s environment; and breaking the cycle of violence.

The spring 2010 PeaceJam Southeast conference will be March 20-21. The headlining Nobel Peace laureate has yet to be determined.

PeaceJam Southeast is a program of Florida State’s Center for Leadership and Civic Education. To learn more, visit PeaceJam.org, call (850) 645-8782 or send an e-mail to rhthompson@admin.fsu.edu.

Coming to TV this fall: ‘Strength, Skill, Character’

During the Seminoles’ 2009 televised football games, viewers will be treated to a special “national television message” about The Florida State University and three of its highest-caliber students who embody the university’s values of “Strength, Skill and Character.” However, their identities won’t be revealed until the commercial air during the first televised game against Miami on Sept. 7. Check local listings for time and station.

A similar national television message aired during the 2008 football season featuring Rhodes Scholars Garrett Johnson and Joe O’Shea, and Goldwater Scholar Rebecca Stone. It can be viewed at www.fsu.com.

Heritage Protocol accepting historical items

The Florida State University’s Heritage Protocol program is dedicated to identifying, acquiring, cataloging, and preserving items related to the institutional history and cultural heritage of the university and its predecessor institutions. To that end, the program is accepting donations of artifacts from alumni, former faculty and staff members, and friends of the university. Photographs and ephemera are of particular interest, but nothing is off limits. To donate an item or make arrangements to have the item picked up, send an e-mail to Eddie Woodward at woodward@fsu.edu or call 850-645-7988.

Alumni sought for research project

David W. Eccles, the lead research scientist at the Florida State University Center for Expert Performance Research, is seeking participants for a national study of household finances. Participants will be asked to complete a survey involving only a few hours of work and will be paid $50. Households that are asked to participate in the second phase of research will be paid $300. Participants should be part of a couple (one male and one female between the ages of 51 and 61) who are not business owners, have never experienced bankruptcy, and have children.

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

Florida State Times readership survey

The editors of the Florida State Times invite our readers to take a survey about this publication at http://tinyurl.com/FSTimes-Survey. The survey will remain posted through the end of September and can be taken at any time until then. Results will be published later this year in the Florida State Times.

‘TRUE Seminoles’ pregame tailgate parties

During the 2009 football season, the Seminole Student Boosters and the Florida State University Division of Student Affairs will co-sponsor two TRUE Seminoles pre-game tailgate parties: Sept. 7, from 3 to 5 p.m., prior to the Miami game; and Sept. 26, time tba, prior to the University of South Florida game. Both events will be at Wildwood Plaza, between Ragus and Wildwood halls on the Florida State campus.

The TRUE Seminoles campaign began in 2007 as a way to unite the student body by advancing the ideals of “Tradition, Respect, Unity and Excellence.”

This year’s TRUE Pride T-shirt, the proceeds of which endow scholarships for student-athletes and provide opportunities for students in need, will be available in Tallahassee at Garnet & Gold, Bill’s Bookstore, the Seminole Sportshop at Doak Campbell Stadium, the Seminole Bookstore in the campus parking garage on Woodward Avenue, and at www.seminoles.com.

Athletics donates $100,000 to library

The Florida State University’s Strozier Library has become one of the top beneficiaries of the Seminole football team’s win over Wisconsin in the Champs Sports Bowl last December. Florida State Athletics delivered a check in June for $100,000 to the library from proceeds of the team’s participation in the Orlando-based bowl.

“We are pleased to be a part of the shrinking number of athletics programs that are self-sustaining, which enhances the impact of the academic support.”

Florida State defeated Wisconsin 42-13 to finish the 2008 season with a 9-4 record. The bowl game was the Seminole’s 27th consecutive, which is the longest active streak in college football.

Strozier Library has benefited from several gifts from athletics in the past and this most recent donation comes at a time when funds are in highest demand on campus,” said Julia Zimmerman, dean of University Libraries. “It is critical that the libraries at Florida State receive support from our friends and alumni in order to fulfill our mission. It is nice to be a part of this team and we appreciate the support of athletics.”
Spend money wisely, creatively to weather recession

By Dave Fiore

The fact that families are feeling the pinch of an economic recession is not surprising, but according to a Florida State University researcher, the impact may be more widespread than expected.

In his study, which focused primarily with recession-related stress in the workplace, Wayne Hochwarter, the Jim Moran Professor of Management at Florida State’s College of Business, found that more than 70 percent of men and women admitted also making significant spending changes at home. This included decisions to limit or eliminate the purchase of items deemed nonessential.

“Scared — it’s the one word I would use to describe the mental status of employees these days,” Hochwarter said. “Employees are more stressed and more strained today, and they aren’t looking to make a move to improve their situation. The study shows employees have little confidence that the next work situation will be any more secure than the current one.”

While the economic tide is low, two Florida State alumni are teaching others to stretch their dollars further, one by promoting handmade over mass-produced gifts, the other by promoting coupons.

Don’t throw caution to the wind to follow her dream, Beth Cummings (B.A. ’05, Theatre) opened an online store called “Diffraction,” selling handmade jewelry made from original photographs.

“I have been creating things all my life, and I come from an entrepreneurial family,” Cummings said. “I tried the 9-to-5 thing for a while, but it was not what I wanted to do. I started Diffraction as a creative outlet, and it grew. I started getting wholesalers and doing shows and then realized it could be a full-time career.”

At the one-year mark, Cummings now focuses on her sister company, DiffractionFIBER (www.diffractionfiber.etsy.com), for which she designs and produces offbeat pillows, mouse pads and keychains from material that is made up of 100-percent recycled plastic bottles.

“They are modern with a sense of humor,” Cummings said. “I love the modern aesthetic, but it is always cold. This is a fun way to liven things up.”

Handmade gifts are especially popular in a recession, according to Cummings.

“If someone is looking for a great present and wants to spend $20, a unique, handmade gift is perfect,” she said. “With less money to spend, they put more thought on where to spend it, and most will choose handmade every time.”

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Although Cummings and husband Patrick Ragan Davis (B.A. ’05, Theatre) turned stay-at-home mom decided even before the recession that her family needed to make some changes.

“When we had our baby, we went from two incomes to one, so we had to cut down our spending and shop differently,” Nuzzo said. “We had always been watching pennies, but when I learned the secret of combining store sales with store coupons and manufacturer’s coupons, things really clicked. By combining the three, our grocery spending went down by about one-third, but I was bringing home two to three times more stuff.”

Today, Nuzzo’s Web site, www.FrugalCoupons.Living.com, is known across the country — and the world — as an invaluable resource for families looking to save big dollars, one coupon at a time.

Creating the site became a necessity after word began to spread of her money-saving ways, according to Nuzzo.

“Friends and family were constantly asking me where the deals were, and I was always repeating myself, so I started posting to a personal blog and then started the Web site,” Nuzzo said.

Helping to increase her exposure were an article in U.S. News & World Report and an appearance on the “Dr. Phil” show in February 2009. Today, the site averages between 5,000 and 7,000 visitors per day.

“I did not want to reinvent the wheel,” Nuzzo said. “The key is to plan your menus around what is on sale and then stockpile. We have items stored in the pantry, laundry room, bathroom cabinets and the linen closet.”

The process of gathering, printing and organizing the coupons, and then making the shopping lists, takes the average family around an hour and a half every week, Nuzzo said.

“We are now looking differently at every dollar we have,” she said. “When we are able to buy more than we can use, we donate it to charity. It is important to spend less and give away more, which is good for everyone in times like these.”

Alumnus’s book recounts remarkable era in Florida politics

By Dave Fiore

When Florida State University alumnus Bob McKnight (M.B.A. ’67, Management) sat down to record his thoughts about his time as a state legislator from South Florida in the late 1970s and early 1980s, he never dreamed it would evolve into a book that would help define an era of unprecedented change in Florida politics.

The idea for “The Golden Years: … The Florida Legislature, ‘70s and ‘80s, Reflections on Campaigns and Public Service” (Sentry Press, 2007) was born from McKnight’s realization that not much had been written about the tumultuous political period.

“It started as a memoir but quickly veered into more substantive issues,” McKnight said. “‘The Golden Years’ were an extraordinary opportunity for change in Florida, mandated by the U.S. Supreme Court.”

A forced reapportionment resulted in a dramatic shift of power from the Panhandle to South Florida and brought an end to the influence of the infamous “ porkchoppers,” a North Florida-based group of “good ol’ boy” conservative legislators. It also created an influx of inexperienced first-term lawmakers with wide eyes and big ideas.

“The new people were better educated, altruistic and progressive,” McKnight said. “There was no more ‘good ol’ boy’ network, and no more ties to special interests. They didn’t even know who the special interests were. It was a like a clean slate.”

It took the entire decade of the 1970s to effect all that change, according to McKnight, a period that also included the emergence of some of Florida’s political elite, such as Lawton Chiles, Reubin Askew and Bob Graham.

The book, which has attracted interest as possible PBS and cable documentaries, is in its second printing. Information on the book, documentary and a political blog maintained by McKnight can be obtained at www.goldenyearspoliticalcollection.com.
Maths and Sciences, the School of Communication and Information studies. Students in existing programs will transition seamlessly into the new college in August. “The recent climate of cuts in educational funding makes resources at the university very scarce,” said Larry Dennis, dean of the College of Information, who will serve as dean of the new combined college. “The merger gives us the opportunity to rethink how we can provide quality education for more students with less money.”

The beauty of this merger is that it brings together the strengths of both colleges and the School of Library and Information Studies. Traditions of innovation and success of three Florida State programs,” said Gary Heald, who became interim dean of the College of Communication after the February retirement of longtime dean John Mayo. "Communication has cutting-edge programs in communication, advertising, new media, digital video and project management; U.S. News & World Report ranks the programs in Communication Science and Disorders and those in the College of Information among the very best in the nation. We are building our future on a foundation of excellence.”

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**Students support faculty salaries with campaign**

**By Jeffery Seay**
Editor in Chief

You know times are tough when students begin raising money to help pay the salaries of their professors. On March 19, The Florida State University’s 2009 Senior Class launched the “POP! Protect Our Professors” campaign, a noble effort to support the university’s faculty in the face of pay cuts that were being proposed by the Florida Legislature. The Senior Class set out to raise $100,000 from their own ranks, from fellow Florida State students and from the general public.

From setting up information tables on campus to using Facebook and other online resources to generate support, the Senior Class raised $57,023.65 over three-and-a-half months. What’s more, an anonymous donor who had originally pledged to match the campaign total decided to contribute $100,000 on top of what the seniors raised.

The final budget did not include pay cuts for faculty members; Gov. Charlie Crist’s veto of state employee pay cuts did not directly affect faculty members. Still, faculty member salaries throughout Florida continue to be adversely affected by the Legislature’s inadequate funding of higher education. At Florida State, the average faculty salary is $10,000 behind the national average, despite some variances. It is not unusual for a faculty member to leave FSU for a comparable position elsewhere and receive a raise of anywhere from $20,000 to $40,000.

Administrators have yet to decide how “POP!” money will be applied. “The faculty is extremely grateful for the student support in the ‘Protect Our Professors’ campaign,” said Eric Walker, an associate professor of English who serves as the president of the Faculty Senate. “Far more than any dollar amount, this effort provides a tremendous morale boost during threatening times. Once again, FSU students have demonstrated their ability to keep their eye on the ball: the academic mission of the university, which is crucial to the future of the state.”

Walker predicted that higher education will be given greater priority as this generation of students assumes positions of leadership in the state.

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Rites of autumn await alumni

New books and CDs by Florida State faculty and graduates

“The Yoruba Diaspora in the Atlantic World”
edited by Toyin Falola and Matt D. Chids
(assistant professor in Caribbean history)
Indiana University Press
This anthology traces the experiences and trials of the Yoruba culture, focusing on their enslavement, middle passage, experiences in America and return to Africa. The 19 essays provide varying perspectives of the Yoruba, covering their integration, transformation and resistance of American culture.

“Pediatric Emergency Medicine”
Jill M. Burr, Steven G. Rothrock
(B.S. ’82), John A. Brennan and Lamee Brzez
Saunders Elsevier
This reference textbook covers the specific knowledge described by the authors as essential in caring for a child in an emergency situation. Features such as “Quick Facts,” a section that lists common symptoms and provides different diagnoses, are designed to be quick, easy to read and highly applicable in an emergency situation. Diagnostic algorithms, test tools and charts illustrate crucial information.

“The Adventures of a Sheltered Life”
Sonja Primm
Tate Publishing and Enterprises
In this memoir, Primm writes that she has always been told that she has lived a sheltered life. But that as it may, she has had exciting and sometimes dangerous adventures. The book covers her time as a student at The Florida State University in the 1950s, when she was a member of the University Chorale and learned 100 songs.

“Adventures! Finding Adventure in One’s Own Home State”
Dan Dolack
(B.S. ’89)
Authorhouse
After the death of his wife and a period of mourning, Dan Dolack became determined not to spend the rest of his life sitting, overeating and watching television. This book documents his quest to explore his home state of Pennsylvania by motorcycle. His adventures and pictures include his visit to the “haunted” Fort Mifflin, taking his first parachute jump and touring the site where United Airlines Flight 93 crashed on Sept. 11, 2001, near Shanksville.

“Broken Strings: Wisdom for Divorced and Separated Families”
Deborah Hansen
(B.S. ’71)
Authorhouse
The ending of a marriage can be emotionally messy for both parties, but divorces that involve children can be even messier. The author has 15 years of experience being a divorced parent and recognizes that separated families are part of the fabric of today’s society. This book illustrates that families of divorce, though altered, can find a new reality and become healthy again.

“The Search for a Hero”
Dr. Myung Un Lee
(M.A. ’81)
Authorhouse
In his second novel, Lee explores the idea of the same “cowboy” image safely leading and ruling the world in the 21st century.

“The Rise of an American Cowboy”
Dr. Myung Un Lee (M.A. ’81)
New World Media
Historically, the image of the “American cowboy” has been invoked for many purposes, such as to use to shake off the aura of confidence known as the “Vietnam syndrome” and recapture the “Old glory” of the country. In his second novel, Lee explores the idea of this same “cowboy” image safely leading and ruling the world in the 21st century.

“Weeki Wachee, City of Mermaids: A History of One of Florida’s Oldest Roadside Attractions”
Lu Vickers
(B.A. ’87, M.S. ’99, Ph.D. ’97) and Sun Dillman
University Press of Florida
Filled with photographs and history, this book tells the tale of Weeki Wachee, also known as the City of Mermaids — the Jessica Almodovar attraction at a natural spring in Hernando County, Fla. The attraction features entertainers who dress as mermaids and mermen, and perform a variety of underwater acts, which have ranged from eating bananas and performing ballet to full-blown aquatic musicals.

“Designing and Conducting Research in Education”
Clifford J. Drew, Michael Hardtman and John L. Hosy
(assistant professor of teacher education and research faculty member of the Florida Center for Reading Research)
Sage Publications
Designed for students who will be studying others’ research and conducting their own book, this is a practice-oriented approach to understanding, planning and conducting research in education. Included are key explanations of various research methods, steps of the research process and real-world research applications.

“The Master of Secrets”
D.S. Littner
(R.A. ’74, M.A. ’77)
Hampton Roads Publishing Company
Set during the time of the birth of Christianity, this novel follows Addan, a young boy sent to find his father after witnessing the death of Jesus. On his journey, he falls prey to bandits and is rescued by Joshua, whose influence goes against everything that Jesus taught. Yet Addan is shamamed by Joshua. Faith, doubt and redemption are tested in this story.
‘OGZEB’ demonstrates viability of alternative energy

By Bayard Stern  
Managing Editor

In its form is inviting — a red house on stilts with vaulted ceilings, reclaimed wood beams, angled windows and a contemporary décor. Its function is nothing short of revolutionary — a completely solar-powered structure that serves as a real-world testing facility for hydrogen power, hydrogen combustion and other innovative clean energy and design technologies developed at The Florida State University.

The Off-Grid Zero Emissions Building (OGZEB) was developed, designed and built under the leadership of researchers from Florida State’s Energy and Sustainability Center. “The OGZEB is a test bed for developing and implementing cutting-edge technologies in both residential and commercial settings,” said Anjaneyulu Krothapalli, the Don Fuqua Eminent Scholar Professor of Mechanical Engineering and director of the center. “It also serves as an energy-efficient model for student living and office space.”

The building is completely powered by solar energy collected from a solar array installed on the roof. The energy collected can be used for all of its electrical needs, but in addition, the electricity generated powers an innovative system that converts water into hydrogen, which is stored, and then converted back into electricity.

Justin Kramer, OGZEB’s project manager, is a graduate of the Florida A&M University-Florida State University College of Engineering. He completed his master’s thesis on sustainable energy engineering with a focus on OGZEB.

“The sunlight coming in is converted into direct current,” Kramer said. “That power is then converted into alternating current by an inverter, and that powers the house. Excess power is stored in a hydrogen system that takes excess electricity and uses it to split water molecules by using a water electrolysis device we developed, which separates water into its component elements of hydrogen and oxygen. The oxygen gets vented into the atmosphere and the hydrogen is stored.”

Kramer explained that by keeping hydrogen away from oxygen, it is actually stored energy because hydrogen seeks to combine with oxygen to make water. The hydrogen is stored in tanks that are able to hold enough to produce up to 30 day’s worth of electricity. So at night or on cloudy days, when electricity is required but not being produced by the solar panels, or if more power is ever needed, the stored hydrogen is recombined with oxygen in a fuel cell, and this process produces the electricity for the house.

“It’s a very clean and clean system,” Kramer said. “The only byproduct coming out of the fuel cell is water vapor.”

OGZEB also uses a new technology to allow hydrogen combustion to be usable in appliances. The house is furnished with a custom-remodeled, hydrogen-burning Viking stove.

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In one of the first “experiments” conducted with the hydrogen-burning stove, Kramer said some of the OGZEB team tested the equipment with a crawfish boil, and all systems worked perfectly. Kramer stressed that many people contributed to the OGZEB project, including professors and students from the Energy and Sustainability Center, the College of Engineering’s Department of Mechanical Engineering, and local architects and engineers. The interior designer was Pam Andrus, a graduate student from Florida State’s Interior Design program.

OGZEB is nestled in the heart of Florida State’s campus adjacent to the Love Building near Woodward Avenue. It’s divided into separate living and office space, allowing each to function independently of the other. One of the missions of the project is to have graduate students live in the house for months at a time. By having people living there, OGZEB and all of its systems will have prolonged exposure to many different conditions and variables. The office space is to be used by researchers to study OGZEB’s environment and its total functionality while occupied. Every room has sensors installed that detect and record information on indoor air quality, carbon monoxide levels, organic chemicals, temperature and humidity. This data will help researchers determine how efficiently all of the technologies perform and interact with each other.

According to Kramer, the OGZEB was designed to rival the top environmentally friendly houses in the world. It has been registered to be LEED Platinum-certified, the highest level of certification awarded for energy efficiency standards given by the U.S. Green Building Council.

In addition to its clean power supply, some of OGZEB’s other “green” features include a structured, insulated panel system that makes up the shell and the core of the house. This system is extremely well insulated, produces little construction waste and is quick to assemble. In the interior, reclaimed wood was used throughout, and the exposed truss that supports the roof was recovered from an old barn. In addition, light-emitting diode (LED) lights, solar thermal heating and geothermal heating and cooling systems are used. All of OGZEB’s mechanical systems are designed to be removable and easily replaced for research purposes and as technology progresses.

“We’ve integrated all of these environmentally friendly technologies together in this project and the ongoing research will study how they best perform in conjunction with each other,” Kramer said. “It becomes a question of figuring out how to most efficiently balance our energy-producing systems with the energy-consuming ones.”

“This project’s goal is to help develop and promote cost-effective and environmentally friendly energy-producing systems and construction techniques.”

To learn more about the OGZEB project, visit www.esc.fsu.edu/ogzeb.html.

‘LEEDing’ in responsible building

By Bayard Stern  
Managing Editor

Whether they are ultra-modern research facilities, high-tech classrooms or a grand performance hall, all new and renovated buildings at The Florida State University are now being designed and constructed to be as energy-efficient and environmentally friendly as possible. According to Larry Rubin, Florida State’s director of Facilities Design and Construction, all new major construction and renovation projects are being designed and built using methods that will enable the university to achieve LEED certification, which stands for “Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design.”

“We think that being good stewards of the environment in terms of our construction projects is important and worthwhile,” Rubin said. “Building wisely in order to conserve resources is always a good thing to do. And when you start planning the project early on to meet LEED standards, the economy of it makes good sense both monetarily and environmentally.”

Florida State has completed two LEED-certified buildings to date. The McIntosh Track and Field Building earned a LEED Silver Certification and the King Life Sciences Building, home of the Department of Biological Science, earned a LEED certification.

Completed projects awaiting LEED certification include the Materials Research Building and the College of Education’s Stone Building expansion. Buildings currently under construction that are registered for LEED certification include the Ruby Diamond Auditorium/Westcott Building renovation, the William Johnston Building renovation, Student Success Center II and the Florida State University Conference Center.

Awarded by the U.S. Green Building Council, LEED certification signifies that completed building projects meet the highest recognized standards of green-building design and performance. In order for a building to be LEED-certified, a construction project must meet strict criteria and earn required points in categories that include energy and water efficiency; site selection, including proximity to public transportation; green space preservation and habitat protection; indoor environmental quality; stewardship of resources and sensitivity to their impacts; and innovative design.

“Being an institute of higher learning, we should set the right tone,” Rubin said. “Building energy-conscious facilities enables Florida State to save money over the long run by conserving energy. We hear from students and faculty that they really appreciate our efforts to do as much as we possibly can.”

On campus house goes off the electricity grid

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Celebrating a century
FSU Alumni Association
stages yearlong birthday bash

By Scott Atwell
Alumni Association President

A full century has passed, and it still ranks as one of the most significant dates in the history of our institution: 1909, a year that ushered in a new name (Florida State College for Women), a new president (Edward Conradi, who would serve for more than 30 years) and a new seal (Vires, Artes, Mores). It also was the year in which graduates of the Class of 1909 began an Alumni Association, its object to “promote fellowship among the alumnae, to further the well being of the college and to cooperate in its work.”

A century later, we continue to build upon that promise, celebrating the centennial with 100 events in our 100th year.

In February, on the very weekend of the university’s annual Heritage Day festivities, the curtain came up on the association’s Centennial celebration with a “Night of Gertrudis” piano concert performed by beloved professor of music Tommie Wright. Wright is a “40er,” one of the 125 legendary faculty members who arrived on the Florida State campus in 1949. He spent 59 years in the classroom and taught more than 58,000 students. Who better to salute our alumni than the man who has taught more of them than anyone else in history?

From there, our celebration went on the road to meet alumni in their own backyards: Orlando, Tampa, Atlanta and Miami welcomed home Florida State grads who make us proud on Broadway, welcomed home Florida State Rhodes Scholars Myron Rolle, Garrett Johnson, Joe O’Shea and Myron Rolle. The university has produced three Rhodes Scholars in four years, more than all universities in Florida combined.

Along the way, we were proud to offer our alumni exclusive presentations by the Admissions Office and Career Center. We followed our arts programs to New York for an alumni travel event that featured Florida State grads who make us proud on Broadway, welcomed home the Class of 1959 for a 50th reunion, and celebrated the accomplishments of our emeritus alumni (graduated at least 50 years ago) with an awards brunch.

Under the leadership of our 36-member National Board of Directors, chaired by Phi Beta Kappa Maury Kolchakian, your Alumni Association has rolled through the first half of its schedule of 100 events. The fall is chock-full of more fun and activities, including our Alumni Association Ambassador Tommie Wright.

Alumni Association President Scott Atwell (r) presents outgoing board chair Maury Kolchakian (l), J.D. ’78, with a feather from Chief Osceola’s spear during the 2008 football season.

Fall Centennial Events

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Aug. 21 Kickoff Luncheon
Sept. 26 Time Capsule Dedication
Oct. 7 FSU Symphony at Ringling
Oct. 9 Alumni Cup Golf Tournament
Oct. 17 Odds and Evens Flag Football
Oct. 22 Seminoles at Sea Disney Cruise
Oct. 30 Homecoming Parade
Oct. 31 Homecoming Breakfast/Festival of Colleges
Nov. 20 Salute to the Presidents
Dec. 11 30th Anniversary Open House

In December, FSUAA members will receive a commemorative Centennial publication.
Many Seminole Clubs host Emeritus Luncheons to honor alumni who graduated at least 50 years ago.

Seminole Club officers convene annually at Florida State for a Leadership Conference that helps them guide their clubs.

Students reap the benefits of scholarships provided by Seminole Clubs in their area.

We support constituent organizations like the Black Alumni Association, seen here celebrating a Homecoming Reunion where Oscar Braynon II ('00), state representative from South Florida, was recognized.

In Winston-Salem, N.C., the Triad Seminole Club's work with the Ronald McDonald House is an example of Seminole Club work in the community.

The Kentucky Seminole Club adapted a highway as part of its community outreach.

Alumni Association Seminole Clubs

Keeping the GARNET & GOLD connected with...
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Networking events organized by Seminole Clubs help members connect within their local communities.
Your Alumni Association at Work

Student Alumni

Students Today. Alumni Tomorrow. Seminoles Forever. FSU’s Student Alumni Association honors the university’s rich legacy by promoting tradition and encouraging students to get to know alumni. This fall, the organization celebrates its 30th anniversary.

Class of 1959 50th Reunion

This Golden Reunion ushered in a new status for the Class of 1959 — emeritus alumni. The class reassembled on the April weekend of the Florida State University spring football game and enjoyed several events, including, a piano performance by Tommie Wright.

Emeritus Reunion

They’re getting better! Our emeritus alumni (50-plus years since graduation) gathered for the annual reunion, including a special 60th for the Class of 1949. The stunning April weekend included the annual Emeritus Awards brunch, featuring Commitment to Excellence Award winners Alice Englert (‘47), Betty Lou Joanos (‘57, Ph.D. ‘85) and Tommy Waits (‘56).

Homecoming

Our earliest record of “Homecoming” dates back to a 1929 gathering for the Florida State College for Women. Over the years, one constant remains: the Alumni Association is the organizing entity of this annual pilgrimage, which rallied around the theme “Unconquered Legacy” in 2008.
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Yesterday and today, Florida State’s campus offers welcoming assurance

There are times when the spirit years to be renewed, the Human spark to be refreshed. For many Seminoles and for many Americans, this is such a time.

Our University and the cool green hills of Tallahassee has always been a place to nourish renewal of the spirit. On campus, yes, new buildings confide the old familiar trails, but much of the core remains as it was for us, and for those who were here before us. Look at old photographs of Florida State University and Florida State College for Women students in an earlier day. The trees are still there; the same landscapes can be seen with brick and stone façades rising in the distance, and we know those places. They were here before us. They welcomed and embraced us in our youth, and they will be here after us to warm the lives of men and women not yet born.

You may have walked down Landis Green to the Library at twilight. You may remember the buttery yellow light of Pensacola Street and the magnificient, newly bricked grand towers of University Center glowing gold in the afternoon sun.

Where Westcott stands is the oldest continuous site of higher education in the state of Florida. Our architecture reseurs us with timeless grandeur; its cool niches offer a calming lagoon letting us pause to breathe. We take time to remember all that this place has meant to us across our lives.

Our University leadership is in transition. Our alumni- President — his football coach and Ph.D. pamphlet both garnished with the same garner & gold colors — is stepping down. Our beloved football Coach, who will forever be identified with us as we will with him, is turning the pages of the final chapter. Our Hall of Fame baseball Coach came here in 1964 as a Seminole player and has been Head Coach for 30 years.

There is a lot of hush noise about Florida State right now in the newspapers and on the Internet. Much of it is caustic and destructive but it will be endured. We’ve been through trying times before and emerged triumphant, and so we will again. Don’t pay much attention to the noise. It will pass, and it will pass so soon that you may find you can’t remember all the details a year from today.

In the National Championship game in the Sugar Bowl in 2000, I sat with a large group of friends, and we were very excited and animated as the game progressed early on. Our Seminoles jumped to a big lead over the hapless Virginia Tech Hokies.

The mood changed sharply as Virginia Tech fought back. If you recall, the third quarter was awful, shocking. Virginia Tech went ahead as the fourth quarter began, and our once-merry band of fans was raging against everything that seemed to be at fault with our Seminoles. Threats were made, and dark promises. But one fellow kept smiling. He’s a communications entrepreneur from Louisville, Ky., named Sherman Henderson. Sherm told everyone to be calm. “It’s going to be all right,” he said. “Trust me; we’ll win.”

Loud voices demanded to know, “Why?” Why did he think we were going to win?

Sherm just kept smiling, and said, “We’ll win because we’re too good to play that bad for this long.”

And of course Sherm was right.

What he said was right about the Sugar Bowl game nine years ago, and it’s just as right today about our University. We are too good, too strong, and there are too many alumni who love the school for the current unpleasantness to have any lasting effect.

These are stressful days for many Americans. You may be one who counts yourself among that number. Know that here is always a place to welcome you. Return here, to the time machine that offers respite from the day’s concerns. Enjoy once again the fellowship with your friends of college days. Refresh your spirits with the game and the colors and the noise and the grandeur and all the joy.

Come to the football games this fall. Close your eyes. Feel the sun and breathe in the sweet air. Life doesn’t provide us so many days that we can afford to discard our memories of the best ones.

Life is good at your university. Come home again this fall.

Two alumni help Mets battle for National League championship

By Gary Libman

It’s 2:45 p.m., more than four hours before game time, and in the right field corner of quiet Dodger Stadium, Florida State University alumnus Rick Slate is working with Jose Reyes. The New York Mets’ shortstop has missed four games with a right thigh strain. Slate, the Mets’ strength and conditioning coordinator, is trying to determine whether Reyes can play that evening.

Wearing shorts and a T-shirt, Reyes runs sprints, stretches his legs, crouches and moves laterally. After 20 minutes, he flashes a “thumbs up.” As he leaves the field, Slate stands on the infiel and discusses Reyes’ condition with Mets trainer Ray Ramirez and Manager Jerry Manuel.

As Reyes starts the game at shortstop, Mets first base coach Luis Alicea, another Florida State alumnus, scrutinizes opposing pitchers and infielders. He gauges information that helps runners steal bases or avoid getting picked off first or second base.

Alicea learned much of what he knows about base running while leading the Seminoles to the championship game of the College World Series in 1986. Slate earned a bachelor’s degree in sports management in 1989 and a master’s degree in athletic administration in 1992, both from Florida State. Slate and Alicea are helping the Mets battle for the National League championship this season, and experiences at Florida State catapulted their professional development.

Slate said his time at Florida State meant “everything” to his career. As a junior, he walked on with the Seminoles football team but did not play. So he changed direction. He won a full scholarship as an assistant strength and conditioning coach for his senior year and two years in graduate school.

“That opportunity is how I’m here today,” Slate said, sitting in the Mets dugout before working with Reyes. As a trainer, he accompanied Florida State teams to the College World Series, the NCAA basketball tournament, and the Sugar and Fiesta Bowls. He also worked with football coach Bobby Bowden, baseball coach Mike Martin and basketball coach Pat Kennedy.

“It’s pretty impressive when they see those names on your résumé,” Slate said.

As a result of that experience, he was named the strength and conditioning coach of the fledgling Florida Marlins in 1992. He left the Marlins in 2001. But in December 2002, the Mets named him to a similar position.

Meanwhile, Alicea, the Mets’ first base coach, said that three years of Florida State baseball keyed his success in professional baseball.

“The level of baseball (under Mike Martin) was very good,” he said in the dugout before the game. “In the top programs, you get discipline in how to play. When you go into professional baseball, the guys that excel are disciplined. They study the game. They know how to prepare, know how to make adjustments throughout the season.”

The St. Louis Cardinals recognized Alicea’s understanding of the game, selecting him in the first round of the 1986 free agent draft. He batted .260 during 13 seasons as a major-league second baseman. After his playing career ended in 2002, Alicea managed minor league teams for three seasons and coached first base for Boston for two seasons. He joined the Mets in 2009.

Alicea praises what he learned at Florida State.

“If I had to do it all over,” he said, “I would go back to FSU.”
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Ducktorp was recently named a finalist in the top 10 authors’ picture book category of the 2009 Next Generation Indie Book Awards.

Bryan Sanders (B.S. ’93, M.A. ’94) was promoted to general manager of the National Football League’s Denver Broncos.

Kyle Eliseest (B.S. ’94) has achieved member status at Miller & Martin PLLC in Chattanooga, Tenn. He concentrated his practice in the area of civil litigation with an emphasis in complex commercial disputes.

Melissa L. Fenton (B.A. ’94, M.S. ’95) was named an adjunct library faculty member at Hillsborough Community College in Plant City, Fla.

John “Rhet” Bullard (B.S. ’15) was elected to serve as the vice chairman of the Democratic National Committee.

Randall N. Vitale (B.A. ’02) has received the subject heading of the e-mail.

Two at TALLAHASSEE’S OUTBACK STEAKHOUSE

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Getting a game ticket today and you'll be entered in the drawing for some great prizes – Bobby Bowden

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Wondering how you can join the Seminole Boosters to help make football crowds at Doak Campbell Stadium 83,000 strong? Perhaps you’re interested in learning about ways you can provide philanthropic support to the university? Maybe you’d like to renew your Alumni Association membership? Now, instead of visiting multiple Web sites and conducting search after search, you can do all of these things, and more, from one location.

Alumni and friends of The Florida State University now can experience a new “Garnet and Gold” connection as the university unveils “oneFSU,” an online community that provides single sign-on access to the FSU Alumni Association, Seminole Boosters, the FSU Foundation and the John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art. This members-only Web site features a variety of news and offers from the university, a place to update personal profiles and manage memberships, and an outlet to RSVP for university-sponsored events and provide donations and financial support to Florida State.

The result of months of preparation, design consultation and planning, oneFSU was created to provide alumni and friends of the university with more ease and flexibility in staying connected to Florida State.

“OneFSU allows us to better serve and engage members of the FSU family with what’s happening at the university,” said Jeanne Pecha, assistant vice president for advancement services. “Why make it difficult to know what’s going on at Florida State?”

OneFSU goes beyond the typical Web site that simply provides information. Individual colleges will begin building their sites over the next six months, and many will provide social networking components such as an alumni directory and class notes. Features such as these allow oneFSU to provide a two-way street of information sharing that encourages alumni and friends of the university to build and maintain a stronger connection with Florida State.

“The site, while a work in progress, reflects the vision of where The Florida State University is heading,” Pecha said. “OneFSU truly allows us the opportunity to continue our goal of building relationships and providing quality services while keeping everybody up to date.”

With a scheduled public launch of fall 2009, Florida State invites all alumni and friends to visit the site and experience the latest Seminole connection. Register today at one.fsu.edu.
have the backing of their respective schools.

Faculty and administrators credit the campus’ Office of National Fellowships (www.onf.fsu.edu), created with money donated by Trustee David Ford, with bolstering Florida State’s annual award wins.

“Our best students are as good as any in the country; they just need to be encouraged,” said Peter Garretson, assistant professor of history and director of the university’s Middle East Center.

“Having an office that can help them with the nuts and bolts has made all the difference in the world.”

The office, which opened in January 2005, works to connect the best students’ academic passions with government agencies or private organizations that plans to work on improving water quality in two of the country’s small villages this summer.

• Isabel Callejas and Alena Ho, international affairs majors, won Boren scholarships. Each receives $20,000 to use for program expenses in another country for an academic year. Callejas will be studying Swahili in Tanzania, and Ho will be studying Turkish in Istanbul.

• Eight students won Fulbright fellowships, which fund study, research or teaching of English worldwide. Full-grant recipients and the countries to where they will travel are graduate students: Michael Douma, Germany; Jason Hobratschk, Netherlands; Victoria Pernezic, Emirates; and Heather Wakefield, Georgia. Four other students received assistantships to teach English in other countries: Jennifer Ervin, graduate student, Vietnam; Carly Nasehi, graduate student, Germany; Travis Smith, undergraduate student, Russia; and Lulio Vargas-Cohen, undergraduate student, Spain.

• Nasehi also won the Thomas R. Pickering Graduate Foreign Affairs Fellowship, valued at $122,000. The award pays for two years of graduate study in international affairs, two paid internships with the Department of State, a Foreign Service mentor and an automatic appointment as a Foreign Service officer after she earns her degree.

• Allie Dick and Amanda Gonzalez were named to the USA Today All Academic Third Team.

• Peter Hoesing received the Fulbright Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Award. Valued at just over $30,000, the honor will fund Hoesing’s dissertation research in ethnobotany in Uganda for six months.
Way back in 1822, Napoléon Achille Charles Louis Murat (Royal Prince of Naples, 2nd Prince Murat), nephew of Napoléon Bonaparte, began a Grand Tour of the United States, including a visit to the land that Congress had granted to General Marquis de Lafayette for his service as the French hero of the American Revolution—36 square miles that would become Tallahassee, the Capital City of Florida.

Murat was a well-liked, colorful, and opinionated man who spoke seven languages and, in publishing his observations on America and Americans, described the Tallahassee social scene as bustling with elaborate parties where its ladies were as beautiful and well dressed as any in New York.

He might have told General Lafayette, who never had the chance to visit, “You don’t know what you’re missing.”

Long story short - Prince Murat settled in Tallahassee, met and married the great-great niece of George Washington, served as Postmaster, Alderman and Mayor, died there, and married the great-grand niece of George Washington, and had five lovely children.

Like Murat, Florida State alumni know that most folks who haven’t visited this Capital City of Florida don’t know what they’re missing.

Alumni and fans already know the gem that is Tallahassee. You revel in the warmth, beauty and excitement of the Florida State campus. Now, take a fresh look, and introduce your kids, your grandkids and your friends to Murat’s favorite place. Discover Tallahassee again…through their eyes.

Introduce them to the area’s amalgam of rolling hills, tall pines and majestic live oaks, adorned with Spanish moss, that form the city’s famous canopy roads. Show off the campus. Take them on a stroll along Legacy Walk. Teach them the warchant and share all the game-day festivities.

(And…even if you’ve been back recently and think you’ve seen it all, surprises await you in town and on campus.)

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THIRD PRIZE • Two Dinners for four by ARAMARK at Chili’s on campus in the Osleys Union. Sept. 11 or 12 • Two tickets to the FLORIDA STATE vs. JACKSONVILLE STATE GAME in the Osceola Grill, overlooking the FSU Football Stadium. Sept. 12

FOURTH PRIZE • Four Dinners for four by ARAMARK at the Park Avenue Diner on the FSU. Sept. 11 or 12

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