A CONVERSATION WITH THE PRESIDENT

By Jeffery Seay
Editor in Chief

One word could describe President Eric J. Barron’s first six months in office – action! After arriving in February, he quickly began to reaquaint himself with his alma mater. He visited with students and faculty members in every one of the colleges.

He worked to move the university forward during this year’s legislative session, presided over spring and summer commencement ceremonies, and even served as guest ringmaster during a performance of the Flying High Circus.

To gain a broader perspective, Barron also visited with scores of alumni in cities throughout Florida, and on those same trips introduced himself to the editorial boards of local newspapers.

The Florida State Times recently sat down with him to discuss his presidency so far.

Alumnae get treated to behind-the-scenes tour

By Bayard Stern
Managing Editor

Women have always played a vital role in the history of Florida State, and now a new group aims to get them involved even more.

Founded in 2008, the Women for Florida State University works to increase opportunities for women to stay actively engaged in the university and to celebrate their accomplishments past and present.

In the group’s inaugural event, 75 women – alumni, community leaders and friends of Florida State – were given a rare behind-the-scenes visit to some of FSU’s most impressive academic venues. The “Backstage Pass to the Very Best of Florida State” was planned to showcase a broad range of the university’s educational, research and arts programs.

“We wanted to show alumnae and friends the unique aspects that make FSU so important to Florida and the nation,” said Joyce Berry Miles (M.S. ’73, Education), a founding member of the group’s steering committee. “Membership

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Researchers provide oil-spill expertise

In the months since the April 20 explosion on the Deepwater Horizon oil rig that has led to untold millions of barrels of oil being spilled into the Gulf of Mexico, Florida State University faculty members have been offering expertise and solutions to issues surrounding what has become the worst ecological disaster in the nation’s history.

Florida State first took an advisory role regarding the oil spill on May 3, when State University System Chancellor Frank Brogan designated the university as the administrative hub of the university system’s Oil Spill Academic Task Force. It is chaired by FSU Associate Vice President for Research Ross Ellington and governed by a steering committee composed of key contacts from each of the 15 participating institutions.

The task force is working in collaboration with the Florida Institute of Oceanography (FIO).

The Oil Spill Academic Task Force serves as a vehicle for Florida State researchers and researchers from the state’s other public and private universities to provide assistance to local, state and federal agencies, doing everything from measuring and modeling the magnitude and trajectory of the spill to providing information on its potential and actual ecological impacts, as well as evaluating the possible effects on regional tourism and the overall economy.

On a trip to Washington, D.C., Brogan, Ellington and another member of the task force briefed members of Congress on May 26 about how university researchers are helping Florida and the nation contend with the spill.

“This was a great opportunity to make our congressional delegation aware of the great expertise and capabilities that our universities can provide in dealing with the oil spill.”

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Students leave a legacy by giving back

Students who leave a legacy by giving back have enriched their lives on a daily basis. And as Student Government Association Vice President Bobby Seifert can tell you, one of the most indelible ways that today’s Florida State students are leaving their legacy is through charitable giving.

“FSU is a very service-based university on so many levels,” said Seifert, a senior from Lakeland, Fla. “Whether it’s giving time, talent or financial resources to the university or the community, our student body has an incredible desire to give back.”

After experiencing this outpouring of student support firsthand with the Protect Our Professors, or “POP,” campaign in spring 2009, Seifert and several other student leaders were inspired to form the Florida State University Student Foundation. Through the POP campaign, students, in conjunction with a matching gift, raised nearly $140,000 for professor retention in response to massive state budget cuts and faculty layoffs. POP made a strong statement to the university community and the state of Florida that the FSU student body was deeply concerned about the professor who positively affect and enrich their lives on a daily basis.

More importantly, POP reinforced that the time was right to form a more sustainable and permanent organization that would continue to carry forward the philanthropic spirit and momentum created by this student-run initiative.

“The POP campaign showed in a very concrete way that Florida State students want to play a significant role in ensuring the financial success of this institution for the betterment of future generations of students,” Seifert said.

Modeled after successful student foundations at universities such as Georgia Tech, Indiana University and Oklahoma State University, the Florida State Student Foundation is composed entirely of students and is governed by a board of trustees. This diverse board, which includes a mix of sophomores, juniors and seniors who are extremely passionate about supporting Florida State, consists of seven elected officers — including Seifert, who serves as chair — as well as ex-officio voting members: the FSU student body president, Student Senate president, Student Alumni Association president, Seminole Student Boosters president, and speaker of the Congress of Graduate Students. While the FSU Student Foundation is not a direct arm of the FSU Foundation, the FSU Foundation will serve as a resource for this student-led initiative.

The mission of the FSU Student Foundation is to serve the university not only by educating the student body about the importance of private support but by building relationships with members of the university community.

“Our goal is to foster a culture of philanthropy that will prepare students for their role as alumni,” Seifert said. “We want students to show their appreciation and pride for Florida State while they’re on campus and develop a habit of giving back that will last long after graduation. Having an organization run by students, supported by students and for the benefit of students ensures that we’ll create alumni who are actively engaged and supportive of our alma mater.”

In addition, the FSU Student Foundation is responsible for raising and distributing funds for the further advancement of The Florida State University. Currently, the Student Foundation oversees two initiatives. The first is the allocation of funds raised during the POP campaign. While a portion of that money is being used today for projects that support the goals of POP, the remainder will be endowed and continuously given to initiatives that protect Florida State’s professors in tight budget years.

The second initiative is a campaign to raise $250,000 in support of the new Garnet and Gold Scholars program. Developed by Florida State President Eric J. Barron, this program will encourage student involvement by recognizing engaged, well-rounded students who excel within and beyond the classroom walls in the areas of leadership, service, research, international experiences and internships.

As the Student Foundation continues to evolve, additional initiatives supporting the university’s most pressing needs will be identified.

“We really want to have a far-reaching effect on all areas of campus, whether it is through building construction and renovation projects or faculty and student support,” Seifert said. The Student Foundation also plans to establish annual, campuswide events that serve both students and faculty and will raise awareness and garner support for the Student Foundation.

With tuition hikes and cost-of-living increases, Florida State University students already are being called upon to give a lot. But that isn’t deterring most from making philanthropy a priority.

“For a large percentage of the student population, Florida State is more than just a university or the name on a degree,” Seifert said. “FSU has given me so much that I wanted to give back. I think a lot of students feel the same.”

To learn more about the Florida State University Student Foundation, visit www.studentfoundation.fsu.edu.
By Jeffery Seay
Editor in Chief

Flambeau reunion recounts history

For 83 years, the Florida Flambeau was more than just another college newspaper. Throughout its history covering the Florida State College for Women and, later, The Florida State University, it served as the university’s de facto school of journalism, producing generations of professional journalists, writers and editors.

In fact, three Flambeau alumni went on to win the Pulitzer Prize: Robert F. “Bob” Sanchez (B.S. ’59, English Education; M.S. ’62, English Education) for commentary, Miami Herald 1983; Joanna DiCarlo Wragg (B.A. ’63, Modern Languages) for editorial writing, Miami Herald, 1983; and the late Doug Marlette (B.S. ’71, Philosophy) for editorial cartooning, Atlanta Journal-Constitution and Charlotte Observer, 1988.

In addition, journalists, a great many Flambeau alumni became socially engaged, turning their experiences there into community activism, according to Florida State English Professor Diane Roberts (B.A. ’79, English; M.A. ’80, Creative Writing), a former Flambeau columnist.

“It’s a little hard to learn about the world and then go turn it off,” Roberts said. “Most people at the Flambeau thought of the world as a wonderful but imperfect place that further information would actually help us make better. I think that was one of the great things about the Flambeau — it was an engine for change.”

This past March, a Flambeau reunion was held in Tallahassee.

Close to 60 people attended — from reporters and editors to photographers and “back shop” staffers who pasted up layouts in an era before computers revolutionized publishing.

“Our predecessors at the early Flambeau fought for the 19th Amendment,” said Rick Johnson, the Flambeau’s longest serving employee. Johnson started in 1965 and served as general manager from 1974 to 1990.

“That was the tradition we came out of. They fought for the right to teach evolution. They fought for intellectual freedom. They fought against the Palmer Raids and against the persecution of immigrants during World War I. From 1915 until the last issue came out, that was what the Flambeau stood for.”

Johnson cited FSCW Professor Earl Vance, the Flambeau’s first faculty adviser, as having set the ethical, intellectual and political tone during its formative years.

Throughout its history, the high energy and can-do attitude of Florida State’s students infused the Flambeau with a “great spirit,” according to Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Lucy Morgan, a Flambeau board member from the mid-1980s until 1998.

“There was no money, so they didn’t have anything to work with,” Morgan said.

“They worked horrible hours. I would find them there working all weekend. But they loved it, and they produced a great product. The thing that I always found charming about the Flambeau was its willingness to take on anyone.”

Leon County (Fla.) Commissioner Bob Rackleff, a Flambeau reporter from 1963 to 1965 who would later serve as a Flambeau board member, attended the reunion. Rackleff has worked as a writer throughout his career, including as a speechwriter for the Carter administration.

“The Flambeau was very courageous back then, and not just in terms of student rights but also civil rights,” Rackleff said (B.A. ’68, History; M.A. ’71, History).

CNN writer and editor Moni Busa, one of the Flambeau’s most high-profile alumni, attended the reunion. Busa, who was profiled by the Florida State Times in August 2007, also has worked at the Atlanta Journal-Constitution as a reporter and assistant international editor, and has spent time in Iraq covering that war-torn nation for Cox Newspapers.

“I learned everything about newspapering at the Flambeau,” said Busa (B.A. ’82, Political Science; M.A. ’83, International Affairs), who served as the Flambeau’s editor from 1986 to 1988. “There was a time, for instance, when Hurricane Kate hit in 1985, that I did everything from report, edit and typeset the story, to get the negatives to the Tallahassee Democrat so that it could be printed, to deliver the paper the next day. It was an education that I could never get in the classroom.

“I worked with great people,” Busa said. “In the newsroom, we swore and cussed and screamed at each other, but it was real, and that’s what newsrooms are really like.”

Kati Schardt, the assistant features editor of the Tallahassee Democrat, also credits her Flambeau experience as the reason she became a journalist.

“My father was a newspaper man, so I kind of had it in my blood, but I had never written for a newspaper,” said Schardt (B.S. ’77, Social Work), who served as a reporter, the arts and features editor, and an editorial writer during the mid-1980s. “It was a real experience learning about deadlines and how a paper gets put together.

“Moni Busa, my Democrat colleagues Mark Hinson and Gerald Endley (B.A. ’80, Political Science), former St. Petersburg Times editor Martin Dyckman (B.A. ’57, American Studies) — we were all Flambeau reporters,” Schardt said. “A lot of people really got excited about journalism there and went on to do that exciting out into the real world.”

The Florida Flambeaus was first published on Jan. 23, 1915. In 1972, the Flambeau became an independent, nonprofit corporation. By January 1998, it had become insolvent and began publishing exclusively online for a period of time before being purchased by rival campus newspaper FSView. On Oct. 15, 1998, the first issue of the FSView & Florida Flambeau was published.

Available online at http://uniomm.fsu.edu/pages/FloridaStateTimes.html
Psychologist named 2010 Lawton Distinguished Professor

A psychology professor who is perhaps the nation’s leading expert on the causes and prevention of suicide and who has been ranked as the second most productive academic clinical psychologist in the world has received The Florida State University’s highest faculty honor.

Thomas E. Joiner, 44, Florida State’s Bright-Burnton Professor of Psychology and a Distinguished Research Professor of Psychology, now adds the title of 2010-2011 Robert O. Lawton Distinguished Professor of Psychology.

Joiner researches the “description” of what professionals, families and friends can do to prevent the crisis that suicide creates for everyone involved.

B.B. King

B.B. King, the world’s most beloved musicians, will give the inaugural concert in the renovated Ruby Diamond Auditorium.

It’s been more than two years in the making, but The Florida State University is getting ready to let the good times roll once again. The university’s premier performance hall for musical performances is reopening this fall after receiving an extensive $35 million renovation that vastly improved its acoustics while adding an orchestra pit, new seats for the audience, a larger lobby and ticket area, and much more.

Making the reopening even more special is the first scheduled performer: blues legend B.B. King, who has been entertaining audiences with his beloved guitar, Lucille, for more than 60 years. The show will also serve as a preview performance for the 2011 season of Seven Days of Opening Nights, the university’s wildly popular annual festival for the performing arts.

The concert will take place in Ruby Diamond on Saturday, Oct. 2 at 8 p.m.

“A few more than two years, the anticipation for the new Ruby Diamond is off the charts,” said Seven Days director Steve MacQueen. “The whole community is excited about it. And I can’t think of a better opening act than one of the world’s most beloved musicians, the great B.B. King.”

Ticket prices are $100, $70 and $50 (and $35 for FSU students with a student ID); they are only available online at http://tickets.fsu.edu.

Computer Science alumnus receives CAREER award

Florida State University alumnus Prasad Kulkarni (M.S. ’03, Computer Science; Ph.D. ’07, Computer Science) has received one of the most prestigious National Science Foundation honors given to younger college faculty members.

Kulkarni, who is an assistant professor of electrical engineering and computer science at the University of Kansas, has received a five-year, $420,000 Faculty Early Career Development (CAREER) Award to support his ongoing efforts to build more secure and better-performing software systems.

In receiving the award, Kulkarni joins fellow Florida State computer science alumni Yaohang Li (M.S. 2000, Ph.D. ’07), an associate professor of computer science at North Carolina A&T State University, who won the award in 2009, and Frank Mueller (M.S. ’91, Ph.D. ’94), an associate professor of computer science at North Carolina State University, who won the award in 2003.

Law grades continue to dominate Florida Bar exam

Florida State University College of Law graduates ranked first among the state’s 10 law schools that had more than one test taker on the February 2010 administration of the Florida Bar examination. Florida State Law graduates have ranked first in the state on five of the last nine administrations of the Florida Bar examination.

Florida State Law graduates taking the February 2010 General Bar Examination for the first time passed by a rate of 84.8 percent, according to statistics released in April by the Florida Board of Bar Examiners. The Ave Maria Law School, with just one test taker, technically ranked first with a 100 percent passing rate. Including Ave Maria, there are 11 law schools in Florida.

The overall passing rate of all law school graduates taking the exam for the first time was 72.2 percent. The exam was administered Feb. 23-24 in Tampa to 812 first-time takers, including 33 from Florida State.

Five alumni inducted into Circle of Gold

The Florida State University Alumni Association recently honored five distinguished alumni for their contributions to the university by inducting them into the Circle of Gold.

The new Circle of Gold inductees are David K. Coburn (B.S. ‘83, Social Science; M.S.P. ‘77, Urban and Regional Planning; J.D. ‘77, Law), staff director of the Florida Senate Rules Committee; Leon County (Fla.) Commissioner John E. Dailey (B.S. ’76, Political Science; M.P.A. ’99, Public Administration); Jeffrey L. “Jeff” Hill (B.S. ’69, Finance), the current chairman of the Florida State University Alumni Association board of directors; Sen. Mel Martinez (B.A. ’60, International Affairs; J.D. ’73, Law), who served in the U.S. Senate from 2005 to 2009; and Janet L. Stoner (B.S. ’70, Physical Education; M.S. ’72, Mathematics), retired vice president for human resources for Texaco Inc.

The Alumni Association bestows the prestigious award on worthy individuals who, through their service and achievements, personify the university’s tradition of excellence. More than 175 men and women have been inducted into the Circle of Gold since the association established the award in 1993.

2,104: The number of Florida State University students who were tutored in the Learning District at Strozier Library and Dirac Science Library during the spring 2010 semester.

University Libraries coordinates the popular program, providing free tutoring from 8 a.m. to 1 a.m. in courses identified as particularly challenging for students. The tutors — other Florida State students — are funded by a gift from the Student Government Association. University Libraries also partners with organizations across campus to provide tutoring at other hours, as well as a range of other support services such as academic advising and language chats. Partners include the Academic Center for Excellence; the Reading/Writing Center; the anthropology, biology, modern languages, physics and statistics departments; the Center for Academic Retention and Enhancement; Alpha Chi Sigma; Sigma Delta Pi; the Bioscience; and Phi Eta Sigma.

Fisher donates $120,000 to academic scholarships

First-year Florida State football Head Coach Jumbo Fisher presented a $120,000 check to Florida State University President Eric J. Barron for the university’s general scholarship fund on April 30 on the front steps of the Westcott Building. Fisher and former Seminole All-American defensive back Terrell Buckley won the money by placing first at the Chick-fil-A Bowl Challenge golf tournament in April.

"Florida State is such a great university, and we understand that there is a bigger part than just playing ball," Fisher said. "Academically, for what Florida State does for us, we are happy to be able to contribute to the general scholarship fund so that more great people can experience what our student-athletes experience."

The team of Fisher and Buckley captured the title by sinking a 15-foot birdie putt on the final hole of the tournament, which featured coaches and celebrities from 12 Atlantic Coast Conference and Southeastern Conference schools.

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New museum to be housed in historic reading room

By Bayard Stern
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It was originally used as the library for the Florida State College for Women. It has served as a television studio for WFSU, a library honoring Claude and Mildred Pepper, and as a humanities reading room named for William H. and Lucyle T. Werkmeister. Once again, the space is being transformed into something new.

Over the past year, the cavernous main room of Dodd Hall has been renovated — the floor was completely removed and rebuilt — to serve as a museum dedicated to displaying the university’s own unique history. Recognized as one of Florida State University’s most beautiful spaces, it features a towering heart-pine vaulted ceiling and new stained glass windows. The space will provide a stunning background to the artifacts and treasures soon to become the museum’s main attractions.

“We’re designing how the museum will tell the entire story of Florida State and what came before it,” said Donna McHugh, assistant vice president for University Relations. “We’re in the process of figuring out how to best set up the room because it will have multiple purposes. In addition to the museum, it will be used for very special events that will serve to advance our university.”

The museum will incorporate some of the most current technologies, according to McHugh. In addition to housing items behind glass, interactive displays will be developed to help illustrate and describe the history of the oldest continual site of higher education in the state of Florida, now known as The Florida State University.

“The museum will feature both thematic and chronological components,” said Eddie Woodward, Heritage Protocol archivist (see box). “We will display Heritage Protocol artifacts from throughout the 159-year history of the university. Yet, one of the challenges we are facing is that Florida State University has very little in the way of artifacts from its early history. Our institution, which began as West Florida Seminary in 1851, and then transitioned, successively to Florida State College, then Florida Female College, and ultimately Florida State University, is seemingly a victim of its own diverse origins. With each institutional and mission change, there was a loss of heritage and tradition. Our eclectic and complex history, which should make for a more engaging historical narrative, has been, in part, our downfall in attempting to capture and document the history of the school.”

Looking for items from university’s past

In an effort to collect as many interesting artifacts as possible for the new Florida State University museum, the Heritage Protocol is seeking help from the public. The Heritage Protocol is a campus-wide initiative created to identify, acquire, catalog and preserve items related to the institutional history and cultural heritage of Florida State and its predecessor institutions. Once in the collection, the items are identified, indexed and entered into a centralized database and are made available to the public on a website. “We are especially looking for any materials from the West Florida Seminary era,” Woodward said. “We are asking people who may have these types of items to please consider donating them to FSU so that we can rightfully tell our story and preserve the materials for generations to come. There has always been a sense of urgency for Heritage Protocol with regard to tracking down materials from our past before they are lost forever,” Woodward said.

“However, never has that urgency been greater than when it pertains to West Florida Seminary artifacts. If these items exist, we need to know.” For information on Heritage Protocol and the museum, visit www.heritage.fsu.edu.

Everyday photos capture history

By Jeffery Seay
Editor in Chief

From field trips and days lolling at the beach to football games and homecoming events — and just about anything else college students might take pictures of — a digital collection of old photographs has been established to preserve the history of The Florida State University and its predecessor institutions.

To date, Florida State’s Heritage Protocol collection has more than 4,600 images, including an 825-image general photograph collection, a 26-image postcard collection and collections from 49 individuals, groups or classes. And it is growing all the time, according to Heritage Protocol archivist Eddie Woodward.

One such individual collection, donated by Florida State College for Women alumna Janet Wells (B.S. ’42, Education), came from a scrapbook containing 165 photos that date from 1938 to 1942 — photos that depict dear friends made during a special time of life. “They were good times,” Wells said. “Like all people, we had a wonderful time in school.”

Wells, who has donated many items to the Heritage Protocol, such as organizational pins and a wastepaper basket with “FSCW” etched on the side, donated her old photographs because she knew they would be useful as part of a larger collection to provide historical context.

“I no longer needed these pictures at home,” Wells said. “But if I ever want to see them, I know where they are.”

To view the collection, visit www.heritage.fsu.edu and click on “The Collection,” then click on “The Heritage Protocol Photograph Database.” To donate photographs to the collection, call Woodward at (850) 645-7988, or e-mail him at ewoodward@fsu.edu.
Student-run business Now Brow takes off

By Bayard Stern
Managing Editor

Now Brow, the new, student-run business with a plucky name, has opened its first store in Ogleby Union. Housed in a custom salon with huge graphics and floor-to-ceiling windows, the design, concept and business plan didn’t come from a corporate franchise — it was completely developed by a group of 10 Florida State University students, alumnus Tom Perrillo (B.S. ’85) and faculty members from the College of Human Sciences. Perrillo has extensive experience in the beauty industry as CEO of The Salon People, the only distributor of Aveda products in Florida.

At Now Brow, Florida State students work as the eyebrow stylists and managers and have a real stake in its success. All of the business’s profits go directly to the university’s Department of Retail Merchandising and Product Development and to support the FSU Retail Center. “This is an invaluable learning experience for our students,” said Ann Langston, director of the Retail Center. “It’s really incredible what they have achieved in terms of starting this from virtually nothing.”

The Retail Center creates partnerships between retail businesses and FSU students and faculty to promote education, research and service.

Brittany Jones sculpts the eyebrows of Daniella Misarti. Both Jones and Misarti were members of the founding group of 10 Florida State students who started and developed the business.

Entrepreneurship student team wins grand prize

By Jeffery Seay
Editor in Chief

This past spring, teams of entrepreneurship students at The Florida State University entered a contest that allowed them to create plans to commercialize a contest that allowed them to create plans to commercialize innovation to fuel efficiency. Upon arrival in New Hampshire, the FAMU-FSU team quickly found out that its car didn’t meet some of the competition’s qualifying requirements, as determined by an inspection.

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The members of the Formula Hybrid race car team are, from left, Xiaohu Liu, Mark Church, Jon McNally, Nathan Scott, Lei Wang, Terrance Roberts, David McGuire, Dionne Soto, electrical and computer engineering Professor Hui “Helen” Li and Preston Curry.

Students bring home trophy in hybrid vehicle competition

By Trisha Radulovich
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The college’s machine shop also provided a great deal of assistance, as did Jeremy Phillips and John Rushing, who helped with the fabrication of the car.

“These students did it,” Li said. “They worked very hard, and you can see what they accomplished. It is fantastic.”
Free, cutting-edge app for mobile devices

By Barry Ray
FSU News and Public Affairs

Florida State University students, alumni and others who own “smart” phones and other mobile devices have a new and easy way to stay connected with their university: A mobile application, or “app,” has just been developed that offers amazingly convenient access to the latest university news, as well as maps, dining locations and hours, and much more. What’s more, it’s all free.

“We are thrilled to offer this new service to alumni and friends of the university all over the world,” said Vice President for University Relations Lee Hirkle. “At the touch of a button on their smart phones, they can stay informed about the exciting research and activities happening at Florida State.”

With the FSU Mobile app, Florida State now offers a cutting-edge product that only a handful of other universities in the country can match. The app’s features include DIRECTORY (a searchable database of faculty and staff); ATHLETICS (FSU sports scores and schedules); CALENDARS (a listing of events at the university); MAPS (an interactive map of the main campus designed specifically for mobile devices); VIDEOS (news, profiles and other information in a video format); NEWS (an up-to-date listing of university news stories); IMAGES (digital images of the university, as well as a set of Florida State wallpapers to customize the look of one’s iPhone screen); and PLACES (information on key campus locations, from residence halls to dining to shopping).

The app also is scalable, meaning it can be modified in the future to include modules specific to individual units of the university, such as colleges, centers and institutes.

“This kind of information will be a gold mine for our students,” said Vice President for Student Affairs Mary Coburn. “They will find a wealth of information to help them make the best use of our campus while also learning a lot about our university through the news stories and videos that are posted there.”

In addition to the FSU Mobile app, a website has been created that contains much of the same information available on the app, although in a slightly different format. The website can be accessed at http://ms.fsu.edu.

At press time, the FSU Mobile app is available only for Apple devices (iPhone, iPod Touch and iPad). (It can be downloaded at no charge from the iTunes store; a preview can be downloaded at http://ms.fsu.edu/Web-Services/FSU-Mobile.) However, in the near future, versions of the app that are compatible with mobile devices residing on the Blackberry platform will become available. (A version for Android-compatible phones will follow in the near future.) These will also be free.

The app was developed in conjunction with Blackboard, the company that Florida State utilizes for its online course management system. That affiliation means Florida State will eventually be able to add modules to the FSU Mobile app that enable students to register for courses and interact with the Blackboard course management system.

Another feature that is currently being developed is the planned addition of GPS systems to buses providing service to the university. With the GPS feature, a student standing at a bus stop would be able to look at a map on his or her smart phone and see exactly where the next bus is located on its route.

Construction of the FSU Mobile app required input and collaboration among numerous units of the university, including Information Technology Services, University Communications, Business Services and Student Affairs.

“This application is only the beginning of our long-term efforts to embrace the use of mobile devices and help our university community access information about FSU,” said Michael Barrett, chief information officer for the university. “We understand how important mobile technologies are.”

An existing app for Athletics, which was developed by its official partner, CBS Sports, offers an enhanced level of sports-related content. It costs $4.99 for an annual subscription.

Join the Alumni Association and stay connected all year

Scott Atwell
President, Alumni Association

Happy anniversary! Many of you reading right now are celebrating the annual arrival of the August Florida State Times, the one in which all alumni are included on the mailing list. Here’s the secret: Become a member of the Florida State University Alumni Association and receive this publication—and others—year-round, in addition to other great benefits.

The vision of the FSU Alumni Association is to sustain meaningful relationships on behalf of our university, and sustained communication is a major component of that vision. Nationally, more than 60 percent of college graduates join their alumni associations for the single purpose of receiving alumni publications. You may not have known you were missing out.

The Florida State Times is published six times per year; in addition, each month we communicate news to our members via an electronic e-newsletter that contains news about the university and special opportunities for members. This past year, our members received the first-ever VIR£5 magazine and a 2010 wall calendar of campus scenes.

If the first thing you do is turn to the “Alumni News Notes” section of this publication, you are not alone; as that section tops out in national polls of what most alumni enjoy about their publications. Your FSU Alumni Association is proud to be the front door for welcoming this information. You can submit information online at alumni.fsu.edu under the “Class Notes” link. It’s part of what we do, and we enjoy hearing about and sharing what’s been going on in your lives.

The additional benefits of membership go well beyond communications, and describing them here would require more than the allotted 5,000-word count for this column. You can read them online under the membership section of our website. But since football season is about to arrive, you will be pleased to know that complimentary admission to our football open houses has become a major draw. On the Friday evening before each home football game, we open the old President’s House (our Pearl Tyner Welcome Center) for a popular kickoff to the weekend.

There’s music, food, beer and wine—and it’s free for members (guests and nonmembers can attend for a cover charge).

If you never cemented your place in Florida State history with a brick on the Westcott Plaza, membership in the Alumni Association gives you a $50 discount on the purchase of a brick. Your Alumni Association has managed this program for many years, so contact us at (850) 645-8133 if you have any questions about a new or old purchase.

Aside from tangible benefits, membership in the FSU Alumni Association carries the satisfaction of helping Florida State remain a vital part of the higher education landscape. Our worldwide network of Seminole Clubs (managed by the Alumni Association and highlighted in the center section of this publication) keeps alumni engaged in their communities and generates scholarship money for local students. This fall, six students will attend Florida State thanks in part to the first-ever FSU Alumni Association Legacy Scholarship, which is awarded exclusively to legacy students whose parents, grandparents or siblings are alumni or current students.

The Alumni Association maintains the official alumni records; coordinates regional events related to athletics and the arts; supports an active network of Emeritus Alumni (graduates from classes more than 50 years ago); organizes an extraordinary Student Alumni Association with almost 2,000 members; celebrates reunions; manages Homecoming festivities; honors alumni with awards and recognitions; and raises the curtain on the football season with the annual Seminole Kickoff Luncheon, now in its 59th year.

We are able to do these things—and more—thanks to the support of our members. To those who renew their annual membership each year, and to those who have made their commitment for a lifetime by becoming a life member—I thank you! If you would like to join the 20,000-plus proud Seminoles who call themselves a member, I invite you to join today. You can do so online at alumni.fsu.edu or by calling us at (850) 644-2249, or by mailing in the membership form you’ll find in the middle insert. Memberships start as low as $35 and including levels annual, life, senior, recent graduate and student.

For most of you, the publication you hold in your hand is a once-a-year event. I love anniversaries—but at the FSU Alumni Association, we celebrate Florida State each and every day! Join us.
School of Theatre a major presence at TONY AWARDS

By Libby Fairhurst
FSU News & Public Affairs

Those neon lights on Broadway shone extra brightly this year for the Florida State University School of Theatre. At the 2010 Tony Awards, held June 13, Broadway musical powerhouse "Memphis," whose credits include numerous FSU alumni, won Best Musical of the Year.

Florida State alumni involved in "Memphis" were Montego Glover (B.F.A. ’96, Music Theatre), starring as Felicia Farrell; Kevin Covert (B.F.A. ’92, Music Theatre), in an ensemble role on stage; Steve Rankin (M.F.A. ’77, Acting), the production’s fight director; Michelle Rutter (B.F.A. ’95, Design Technology), hair supervisor; Fred Castron (B.A. ’85, Theatre; M.F.A. ’90, Costume Design), associate wardrobe supervisor; and Caite Hevner (B.F.A. ’06, Design Technology), scenic design intern. More than half the 2010 Tony Award categories included productions in which School of Theatre alumni played key roles either on stage or behind the scenes. No less than five Tony Award-nominated productions reflected the world-class talents of Florida State Alumni: "Memphis," "Lend Me a Tenor," "The Addams Family," "Finian’s Rainbow" and "Enron." "Memphis" earned a remarkable eight nominations — including one for Glover, who competed in the Best Performance by a Leading Actress in a Musical category.

"As the 2010 Tony nominations indicate, we change lives," said Sally McRorie, dean of the FSU College of Visual Arts, Theatre, and Dance. "Our School of Theatre has an exemplary history of preparing our acting students and, in collaboration with the FSU College of Music, our music theater aspirants to perform, literally, at the highest levels. From acting to technical theater, writing to directing, our students shine with promise and our alumni make the magic of theater come alive."

For the School of Theatre, this year’s Tony Award nomination list included the following: • "Enron," the most recent project by Darren Bagert (B.F.A. ’92, Music Theatre), president and producer of Infinity Stages, was nominated for four awards. Bagert has a history of leading Tony-winning productions to Broadway, including "Sweeney Todd" and "Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street," and "The Addams Family," which was nominated for four awards. "Sweeney Todd" was named best musical, best actor in a musical, best direction of a musical, and best costume design. • "The Addams Family," starring Amanda Watkins (B.F.A. ’92, Music Theatre), captured three nominations — including Best Revival of a Musical. • "Lend Me a Tenor," starring Steve Rankin (M.F.A. ’88, Music Theatre), performed at the 2010 Tony Awards, and "Memphis," starring Montego Glover (B.F.A. ’96, Music Theatre), was nominated for Best Revival of a Musical.

The simplest way to support scholarships

Academic scholarships for Florida State University students are funded through a variety of sources and chief among these are donations from supporters and friends of the university.

As the current economic climate continues to strain other funding sources, personal contributions for academic scholarships are more important than ever.

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Online, through the mail, or at your Florida vehicle-registration office – be sure to ask for an FSU license plate and BRAG WITH THE TAG.
When you reflect on what it means to be a Seminole, you undoubtedly remember the time you spent at Florida State — living, learning and growing. Those precious years were filled with classes and experiences that prepared you not just for your profession, but for life.

You, more than anyone else, know that Florida State is more than a place where classes are taught and sports are played. It’s even more than a place where you earn a degree. It’s a place where individuality is embraced, yet we all belong to the larger Seminole community — a community that lasts a lifetime.

Graduation, of course, does not end your FSU experience. You are a Seminole for life, and your Alumni Association is here to keep you connected to your university and friends and those very experiences that shaped who you are today.

In fact, creating lifelong connections, encouraging spirit, recognizing distinction and providing hospitality are the very reason we exist. So whether you’re still here or haven’t been back, we’ll always be here to say . . . welcome home.

Learn more about the FSU Alumni Association by visiting alumni.fsu.edu/times or calling (850) 644-2761.
Legacy Scholarship Winners

The FSU Alumni Association Legacy Scholarship was established in 2010 to perpetuate the legacy of the Florida State tradition within families. During our first call for entries hundreds of impressive applications flooded the FSU Alumni Association headquarters, making it difficult for the Legacy Scholarship Steering Committee to choose the finalists. In the end, however, six outstanding applicants were chosen. Below, you will see why we are eager to welcome these talented individuals to our campus.

Lauren Alagna | Spring Hill, Fla.

“It is important to me to continue the FSU legacy in my family because Vires, Artes, Mores is not only the philosophy behind Florida State University, but they are also part of my own personal philosophy.”

Hannah Eaker | Tallahassee, Fla.

“My goal is to do more than just continue the Florida State legacy: I plan to build on it. I hope to someday share the blessings of Florida State University with my younger sister, my children and my grandchildren.”

Kelsey Portugal | Mattoon, Ill.

“Following in my brothers’ footsteps, I knew FSU was the perfect university for me from the first day I visited. I am so excited to become a Seminole and can’t wait to start my journey in the fall!”

Meghan Berger | Sudbury, Mass.

“I grew up hearing my parents talk about the best years of their lives, so Florida State University is more than just a school for me. It is where I am meant to continue my education and start my future.”

Alyssa Lokie | Round Hill, Va.

“I am continuing my family’s legacy at FSU because it is the place I am meant to go. I want to be able to share the same love and passion for a university that both my parents shared with me.”

Christie Nowels | Tampa, Fla.

“I am very proud to be a second generation ‘Nole... Florida State is a family tradition, and I am excited to continue the garnet and gold legacy. And with the last name of Nowels, how could I go anywhere else?”

Make a contribution to the Legacy Scholarship Fund by sending in the form below.

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## Scholarships • Seminole Clubs

Seminole Clubs are organized groups of FSU alumni, friends and fans who work with the Alumni Association to represent Florida State in their communities. Members gather for social functions, such as game-watching parties and membership mixers; new student receptions; and community service events throughout the year. To get involved, find a club in your area on the list below and visit alumni.fsu.edu/times for contact information.

### Seminole Clubs

| Alabama | Birmingham Seminole Club
| Tennessee Valley Seminole Club (Huntsville) |
| Alaska | Alaska Seminole Club (Anchorage) |
| Arizona | Phoenix Seminole Club |
| Arkansas | Northwest Arkansas Seminole Club |
| California | San Francisco Seminole Club
| Southern California Seminole Club (LA to San Diego) |
| Colorado | Colorado Seminole Club of the Rockies (Denver) |
| Florida | Brevard County Seminole Club (Melbourne)
| Emerald Coast Seminole Club (Destin) |
| Gainesville Seminole Club |
| Greater Pensacola Seminole Club |
| Highlands Seminole Club (Sebring/Avon Park) |
| Jacksonville Seminole Club |
| Jefferson County Seminole Club (Monticello) |
| Lake City Seminole Club |
| Manatee Seminole Club (Bradenton) |
| Marion County Seminole Club (Ocala) |
| Martin County Seminole Club (Stuart) |
| Miami Seminole Club |
| Palm Beach Seminole Club |
| Panama City Seminole Club |
| Panhandle Seminole Club (Marianna) |
| Pineapple Seminole Club |
| Polk County Seminole Club (Lakeland) |
| Sarasota Seminole Club |
| Seminole Club of Broward County |
| Seminole Club of Clay County (Orange Park) |
| Seminole Club of Greater Orlando |
| Seminole Club of Volusia/Roger Counties |
| Southernmost Seminole Club (Key West) |
| Southwest Florida Seminole Club (Fort Myers) |
| Sumter County Seminole Club (Bushnell) |
| Tallahassee Seminole Club |
| Tampa Bay Seminole Club |
| Treasure Coast Seminole Club (Fort Pierce) |
| Georgia | Atlanta Seminole Club
| Southwest Georgia Seminole Club (Athens) |
| Illinois | Windy City Seminole Club (Chicago) |
| Indiana | Goal City Seminole Club (Indianapolis) |
| Kentucky | Kentucky Seminole Club (Louisville) |
| Louisiana | Greater New Orleans Seminole Club |
| Massachusetts | Greater Boston Seminole Club |
| Maryland | Seminole Club of Baltimore
| Seminole Club of DelMarVa |
| Michigan | Southeastern Michigan Seminole Club (Detroit) |
| Mississippi | Mississippi Seminole Club
| Mississippi Gulf Coast Seminole Club (Biloxi) |
| Missouri | Kansas City Seminole Club |
| Nebraska | Omaha Seminole Club |
| Nevada | Silver State Seminole Club (Las Vegas) |
| New York | Seminole Club of New York City
| Syracuse Seminole Club |
| North Carolina | Charlotte Seminole Club
| Triad Seminole Club (Winston Salem/Greensboro) |
| Triangle Seminole Club (Raleigh/Durham) |
| Ohio | Southwest Ohio Seminole Club (Dayton) |
| Oregon | Portland Seminole Club |
| Pennsylvania | Seminole Club of Philadelphia
| Pittsburgh Seminole Club |
| South Carolina | Midlands Seminole Club (Columbia)
| Upper South Carolina Seminole Club (Greenville) |
| Tennessee | Johnson City Seminole Club
| Knoxville Seminole Club |
| Middle Tennessee Seminole Club (Nashville) |
| Texas | Austin Seminole Club
| Houston Area Seminole Club |
| Seminole Club of North Texas (Dallas) |
| Utah | Utah Seminole Club (Salt Lake City) |
| Virginia | Charlottesville Seminole Club
| Richmond Seminole Club |
| Roanoke Seminole Club |
| Washington | Seattle Seminole Club |
| Washington, D.C. | Seminole Club of Greater Washington, D.C. |

1. The Seminole Club of Greater Orlando teamed with the FSU Alumni Association to host an event welcoming FSU President Eric Barron and Tommie Wright to Central Florida. 2. Each fall, the Seminole Club of Clay County welcomes FSU’s Homecoming Court with a special reception. 3. The Middle Tennessee Seminole Club, based in Nashville, hosts an annual golf tournament to raise money for scholarships for students from the area who are attending FSU. 4. Many Seminole Clubs hold a kickoff event to the football season — former Seminole star William Floyd visited the Tampa Bay Seminole Club for theirs. 5. As part of the Gator Bowl festivities, the Jacksonville Seminole Club partnered with the FSU Alumni Association to host a New Year’s Eve party for over 1,000 FSU alumni. 6. Former FSU Head Football Coach Bobby Bowden recently visited with members of the Southern California Seminole Club.
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GROUPS

18 – number of study centers through FSU International Programs
45 – average age of an FSU alumnus
59 – number of years the FSU Alumni Association has hosted the Football Kickoff Luncheon
3,122 – number of fans on the FSU Alumni Association’s Facebook page

Garnet and Golden Years: The FSU Emeritus Alumni Society

The Emeritus Alumni Society is a constituency organization of the Florida State University Alumni Association that provides opportunities to stay connected for alumni who graduated from the university 50 or more years ago.

One of the most prestigious events the Emeritus Alumni Society holds each year is the Reunion Weekend in the spring. This weekend event is held in conjunction with the annual 50th class reunion celebration and concludes with the Emeritus Awards Brunch. This year, the Emeritus Alumni Society and Class of 1960 gathered for Reunion Weekend on April 8-10 at the FSU Alumni Center. There, we celebrated over 130 Emeritus and Class of 1960 alumni. As you might imagine, it was a lively weekend, filled with laughter, renewed friendships and strengthened ties with the university. We hope you will join us next year.

To learn more about the Emeritus Alumni Society, Black Alumni Association and our other Constituent Groups, visit alumni.fsu.edu/times or call Ryanne Aviña at (850) 644-2298.


FSU’s Student Alumni Association (SAA) is the first step toward becoming a Seminole for life. As one of the largest student organizations on campus, this group of more than 1,500 students strives to honor Florida State’s rich legacy by promoting tradition and encouraging students to connect with faculty and alumni. SAA’s goal is to instill a spirit of philanthropy in its members and teach them the importance of giving back to Florida State.

Membership has its benefits: students can sign up for a one-year or four-year membership and receive a T-shirt, brag bag and membership discount card, which includes 10 percent off textbooks at the FSU Bookstore. SAA is also a great way for students to get involved. They meet throughout the school year to plan their various events, such as the Homecoming Parade and Chief and Princess elections. SAA also offers its members the opportunity to participate in community service activities, such as Dance Marathon, Relay for Life and work days at local nonprofit agencies. If you know a current FSU student, encourage him or her to get involved with this incredible group.

Gifts of membership are available. Learn more at alumni.fsu.edu/times.

1. SAA hosted a flag football tournament as part of the 2009 Homecoming festivities.
2. The 2009 Homecoming Court and members of the Seminole Tribe being honored on the field during halftime.
3. SAA is a proud sponsor of the Garnet and Gold Guys by underwriting the expense of their supplies for the upcoming football season.

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Students flock to new Learning Commons

By Bayard Stern
Managing Editor

It’s a space that combines the latest technology with a level of comfort that rivals a student’s living room — albeit an enormous one. The new Learning Commons, located on the first floor of Strozier Library, opened in March to an eager Florida State University student body that had already dubbed it “Club Strozery.”

Completely renovated and reconfigured, the Learning Commons was designed using extensive research and input from students. The result is a space that includes glass-walled study rooms, multimedia work stations, an audio recording and editing studio, contemporary seating, computer desks and a café area featuring Starbucks.

The study rooms feature Smart Boards, interactive whiteboards that use a projector to display a computer’s video output on large touch screens. Smart Boards allow students to write in digital “ink” on the screens and control applications with their fingers.

“If someone comes into the Strozier Learning Commons expecting to see what an academic library has been traditionally, they will be blown away,” said Rebecca Bichel, FSU Libraries associate director for public services. “This is a space that feels like home. Students feel comfortable coming here, and that’s a good thing.

“Students may be talking, laughing and sending text messages, but they come here to work and get things done,” Bichel said. “They can accomplish a lot while they are here, because we have every academic tool they need. The library supports both group collaboration and quiet study, which is available in numerous ‘Quiet Zones’ located throughout Strozery.”

The Learning Commons also offers students the option to check out laptop computers, digital cameras, video cameras and projectors. Many of the computers in the library have expanded access to academic software. Furnishings in the Learning Commons now have wheels and detachable desks for flexible use.

In addition, Strozery has substantially upgraded its computer and software assistive technologies.

The FSU Student Government Association is a major supporter of the Learning Commons and Strozery Library. It has provided resources for the free tutoring-at-night program known as “The Learning District,” as well as the popular fiction and DVD collections. FSU Athletics also gave a generous gift that allowed the libraries to install security turnstile systems at the entrance and exit areas in Strozery and Dirac Science Library.

Rare items attract scholars to Special Collections

By Bayard Stern
Managing Editor

Special Collections has been described as the jewel among Strozery Library’s crown of educational and research services. Housed on the first floor in a climate-controlled environment are the library’s most treasured materials, which have been deemed too rare, old, valuable or delicate to be put into general circulation.

The massive collection, decades in the making, includes books, archival documents and numerous other items that have been cataloged and stored for researchers to use.

“We have materials that run the gamut, from 4,000-year-old clay tablets from the Middle East to contemporary artists’ books,” said Lucy Patrick, recently retired director of Special Collections. “Our collection covering Napoleon and the French Revolution is one of the finest in the United States. We also have the original minute book of the Seminary West of the Suwannee, photo archives and papers from several former Florida State presidents. We have some incredible items.”

Special Collections has an elegant reading room and museum-style display cases. Researchers must view materials housed in special collections on-site, because checking items out is not allowed. A digital camera is available for replication purposes which means no more splattering the spines of old books over a copy machine.

“Today’s Special Collections is a lively place, with classes meeting in the reading room,” Patrick said. “Undergraduates, as well as graduate students and faculty members, regularly conduct serious research using our primary sources. Many classes now require that students use original sources in their research. It’s a totally different experience to see and handle the original books or papers found in our collection, as opposed to seeing them online.”
Samford plays pivotal part in rich FSU football history

It’s like one of those summer novels in which the plot meanders through the characters’ lifetimes. Main players dominate the story while minor characters weave in and out of the background, appearing as needed to tie the plot together.

In a few weeks, Samford University will emerge from the background again and into our story.

Samford was granting degrees for a full decade before Florida’s Legislature authorized creation of the Seminary West of the Suwannee in 1851. Both schools took up intercollegiate football in the fall of 1851. Both teams took up the Seminary West of the Suwannee, but Florida’s Legislature authorized creation of what would become the Florida State University included playing on the field that a half-century later would bear his name.

Bowden was named head football coach at Samford in 1959 and stayed until 1962, when he left to become receivers coach at FSU. In a few weeks, Samford Head Coach Pat Sullivan will bring his Bulldogs back to Tallahassee after an absence of exactly 60 years. Sullivan was born in 1950, the year of that first game.

The new coach arrives

Jimbo Fisher was born to be an athlete. He received various college offers to play football, basketball and baseball.

“I was only 17 when I graduated high school,” he says. “I wanted to play right away but I wasn’t physically mature enough yet for big-time football.”

So Fisher headed to Clemson in the fall of 1983 to play baseball for the Tigers.

But a charismatic 26-year-old football coach and former West Virginia University Mountaineer running back recruited Fisher to come home to West Virginia, to play football at Salem College. Terry Bowden had a law degree from Florida State, but he lived to coach football, and the youngest head coach in America was assembling a small-college powerhouse of transfers from Division I programs. These were good fellows and splendid players — first-rate athletes who were perhaps just slightly less scholarly than was required by the major schools.

Remember Alan Dale Campbell, the Seminole defensive end who later played for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, and monstrous Seminole tight end Orson Mobley, who played in three Super Bowls for the Denver Broncos? Yes, they both lettered at FSU in 1982. But by the fall of 1983 they were duly enrolled at tiny Salem College, and Coach Terry Bowden set out to terrorize the small-college landscape.

Bowden recruited Fisher to be the trigger man for this lethal confection of talent. Long on both athleticism and brains, Fisher immediately won the quarterback job and started as a redshirt freshman in the fall of 1984.

Their first game was against the Samford Bulldogs, whom they dispatched by a score of 82-9. The mayhem continued for two years. Fisher and the Samford Tigers led the nation in both points and scoring.

Fisher and the Salem Tigers led the nation in both points and scoring. Fisher’s first game as a player was against Samford, and his last game as a player was as Samford’s quarterback. His first game as a paid coach was for Samford, and his first game as a head football coach will be Sept. 4, against Samford.

And so, the Bulldogs appear one last time as a plot device in our story. Twice in 60 years is probably as often as the Bulldogs care to visit Tallahassee, but their genetic ties with Florida State are strong.

Summer is ending. We’ll close the cover on one book and open another, brand-new book on the history of Florida State football.
The Women for Florida State University ... continued from page 1

By Rachel Kosberg
Editorial Assistant

Every August, rain or shine, excited young women sporting new dresses, freshly manicured nails and all-day smiles can be seen walking from sorority house to sorority house participating in the Panhellenic recruitment process known as “rush.” Each fall semester, more than 1,200 Florida State University students partake in this tradition in hopes of finding sorority sisters to call their own.

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Stephen R. Montague (B.S. ’71, J.D. ’77), managing shareholder of Montague Law Firm in Tallahassee, has again been chosen by his Florida peers and designated a “Super Lawyer” for 2010. His fellow lawyers have recognized him as a Super Lawyer each year since the designation began in 2000.

Ronald A. Menesses (B.S. ’72) has retired from FedEx Express after 26 years as a pilot with the company. He spent the past five years as a captain flying to both international and domestic cities. Prior to FedEx, he spent more than eight years in the U.S. Air Force and then two years with Atlantic Southeast.

Rick J. Nafe (B.S. ’75) has been awarded the Stadler Managers’ Association 2010 Lifetime Achievement Award. Nafe is currently vice president of operations for the Tampa Bay Rays and celebrating his 30th year in stadium management.

Col. Lettie J. Bien (B.S. ’76) has returned from her second year of duty in Afghanistan with the rebuilding of the infrastructure in Iraq. She was awarded the Meritorious Civil Service Award during her tour for demonstrating a pattern of excellence, accomplished record of supervisory duties completed in a timely manner, set record of achievement, and inspired others to improve the quantity and quality of their work.

Jere T. Humphreys (M.M. ’76), a professor of music at Arizona State University, was awarded full professorship for his contributions in conducting, conducting research and teaching. Humphreys is the founder and artistic director of the Phoenix Festival of International Music and serves as an advisor to the Fernande Entrepreneur Music Festival of Panama City.

John G. “Greg” Hurst (B.S. ’76) was appointed vice president for Saudia operations for Parts and Repair Technical Services of Wichita, Kan. Hurst previously retired from the U.S. Air Force after 25 years of active duty in the corporate world.

Dianhann W. Lassus (B.S. ’76), co-founder and president of the Lassus Whirlin Wealth management firm of New Providence, N.J., was honored as the inaugural speaker of the Female Entrepreneur Lecture Series at the University of Pennsylvania on how to start, build and sell your business.

Gregory R. Michaud (B.S. ’76) has been promoted to senior vice president – real estate finance at ING Investment Management, Amsterdam, N.Y., a division of the Netherlands based ING Group.

Michael W. Halloran (B.S. ’76) is the president of the National Association of Estate Planners and Councils.

Leslie S. Warren (B.S. ’76, M.S. ’70) concluded a 24-day campaign workshop for 37 Egyptian women running for Parliament in March 2010. The training was held in Caxitadilla, Morocco.

Bruce A. Minnick (B.S. ’71, J.D. ’77), managing shareholder of Minnick Law Firm in Tampa, has again been chosen by his Florida peers and designated a “Super Lawyer” for 2010. His fellow lawyers have recognized him as a Super Lawyer each year since the designation began in 2000.

Audi Byron Smith (B.M. ’68, M.S. ’70, J.D. ’85) was inducted into the Florida Music Educators’ Association Hall of Fame at the FMEA In Service Conference, Tampa, Fla., in January 2010. He retired from Leon County Schools in 1996 and retired as music director of Killearn United Methodist Church in Tallahassee in October 2009.

George A. Winterling (B.S. ’71) has retired from full-time duties as chief meteorologist at WXTX-TV4 in Jacksonville, Fla. He will continue with the station on a part-time basis as a meteorologist emeritus based on his half-century of experience forecasting Northeast Florida hurricanes.

Stephen R. Montague (B.S. ’65, M.M. ’67) was nominated for the 2010 Royal Philharmonic Society Prize for his piece “My Reqaim.” He currently lives in London, where he is on separate commissions for various organizations.

Ray E. Crooms (B.S. ’68) has retired from Edgewood Credit Union, Tallahassee, after 43 years of service. He began his career with Envision while a student in 1965 and became its president and CEO in 1972. He was inducted into the Florida Credit Union Hall of Fame in 1984.

Lawrence J. Lallatle (B.S. ’81) has been elected to serve as the 2009-2010 chairman of the Tallahassee Symphony Orchestra.

Jonathan D. Arthur (B.A. ’84, Ph.D. ’94) has been appointed to serve as Florida’s state geologist since 1987 and as director of the Florida Geological Survey, an office within the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.

John D. Hayes (B.S. ’83) has joined Astom Financial as head of private capital at Richmond, Va., as a master scheduler.

Elisabeth Gaillard (B.S. ’94) is an associate professor of chemistry and biochemistry with a joint appointment in biochemistry. She received her Ph.D. from the National University of Córdoba in Argentina.

Alex Gancedo (B.S. ’94, J.D. ’97) is the executive director of the Peter Maserjian, Jr. Miami Jazz Endowment Teaching Chair 2009-2011 at Miami Dade College. The award recognizes professional achievements. His work reflects the college mission and the highest level of recognition for faculty. Gancedo teaches international law and government at Miami-Dade Community College.

Lori L. Hoyer-Bednar (B.S. ’95) has been named partner in charge of the law firm of Rootz & Associates, LLP at the firm’s Fort Lauderdale, Fla. office.

Gary R. Woodall (B.S. ’85) has been named meteorologist in charge of the National Weather Service Forecast Office in Jacksonville, Fla. He previously worked for 16 years with Parkson Corp., as the product and regional manager.

Tamarra W. Piggott (B.S. ’88, M.S. ’90) is currently executive director of the Lee County Visitor and Convention Bureau, leading the local tourism industry.

Richard M. Kelly (B.S. ’89) is the vice president and chief operating officer of the Make-A-Wish Foundation of South Florida.

Greggery H. Collier (B.S. ’90), president and chief investment strategist of Collier Capital Advisers, has been appointed by Lee Health System, Fort Myers, Fla., to serve on the city’s Pension Benefits Task Force.

John M. Crossman (B.S. ’91) has been appointed by Florida Governor Charlie Crist as chairman of the American Health Lawyers Association.

Kevin M. Breen (B.S. ’96) has been named vice president and manager of the central region for U.S. Bank Institutional Trust & Custody. Breen is responsible for managing relationships and business development teams located in a number of states.

Jennifer L. Butler (B.S. ’96) has been awarded the Silver Compass Award by the University of South Carolina School of Law Alumni Association. Butler is the chair of her firm’s law clerk committee and a member of the board of directors of the South Carolina Women Lawyers Association.

Monica R. Guy (B.S. ’98) has been named as a director of the law firm of Bell, Davis & Hennessee, P.A. in Jacksonville, Fla. She was recognized as a Super Lawyer as a family law specialist.

Selim Giray (Ph.D. ’92) has released a CD titled “Turkish Music for Violin and Piano,” available through Navos Music Library or Amazon.com. Giray is an associate professor of violin, viola and chamber music at Pittsburg State University, and is concertmaster and assistant conductor of the Joplin Symphony Orchestra.

Gregory C. Martin (M.S. ’92) has been named the athletics academic advisor at Prarie View A&M University.

Lisa E. Warren (B.S. ’93, M.S. ’96) has been promoted to senior vice president and work began and passed to receive her LCSW. She is...
1920s

Lois Bartley Tracy (B.S. ’23)
Edith Fonder Vivian (B.A. ’26)
Ruth Alice Richards Shinn (B.A. ’27)
Mary Zipperer Browning (L.I. ’29, M.A. ’54)

1930s

Elizabeth Whetner Galant (B.Ed. ’31)
Willie Jane Brooks Humphries (B.Ed. ’31)
Ruth Atchison Stokes (B.A. ’34)
Mae Johnston Smaw (L.I. ’31)
Nan Page Williams (B.A. ’32)

1940s

Harry E. Holmberg (B.M.E. ’40, Ph.D. ’53)
Sarah M. Copeland (B.A. ’41)
Christine H. Ingram (B.A. ’41)
Dorothy Mitchell Kirkland (B.A. ’41, M.A. ’65)
Mary Williams Hunter (B.A. ’35)
Ruth Hinkley Dierker (B.A. ’42)

1950s

Mildred Mose Bishop (B.S. ’50)
Beverly J. Johnson (B.S. ’50)
Paul B. Hebert (B.S. ’50, M.S. ’52)
Beverly J. Johnson (B.S. ’50)
Frances Smith Brewer (B.S. ’51)
Paul ‘Polly’ Browning Clummens (B.M. ’51)
Paula Mack Brown (B.S. ’51)
Charles W. LaRoche (B.S. ’51)
Bowie Russell Powell (B.A. ’52)
Clyde W. Galloway (B.S. ’52)
William Harrick (B.S. ’52, M.S. ’56, Ph.D. ’70)
Leila J. Jett (B.S. ’52)
Sylvia L. Peters (B.S. ’52)
Pamela Pearson Thomas (M.S. ’52)
Patricia Charlette Tiuck (B.S. ’53)
Faye Sloan Arnold (B.S. ’54)
Margaret Parham Gandy (B.S. ’54, M.R.E. ’60)
Virginia Russell Mosley (B.S. ’54)
Robert D. Wojcicki (B.S. ’54)
Vernon E. Greene (B.A. ’55)
Raul P. del Guerro (M.A. ’55, Ph.D. ’57)
Albert Martineau (M.S. ’55, Ph.D. ’60)
Nona Willoughby (M.S. ’55)
Gustav Biocich (B.S. ’56)
Clyde G. Garan (M.M.E. ’56)
Anna L. Geddie (B.S. ’56, M.S. ’67)
Hoke S. Grant (B.A. ’56)
Marie Charlotte Jones (B.S. ’56)
Walter A. Kels (B.S. ’56)
Jeanne Rodgers Middleman-Steare (B.S. ’56)
Gerda S. Spence (B.S. ’56)
Badu W. Arwood (B.S. ’57)
Jack D. Cox (B.S. ’57)
Lillian Foureaux Simon (B.S. ’57)
Dean F. Reekly (Ph.D. ’57)
Ronald T. Koresman (B.S. ’57)
Carlos J. Sellers (M.A. ’58)
Joyce Cayal Taylor (B.M. ’57, M.M. ’59)
Imogene Rudi Whadon (B.S. ’57)
Apolonio “Hap” Barraza (B.A. ’58)
Ted R. Ramsey (J.D. ’58)
Mary Sale Wilson (B.S. ’58)
Thomas E. Nobles (B.S. ’59)
Charles W. LaRoche (B.S. ’59, J.D. ’72)
James C. Payne II (M.S. ’59, Ph.D. ’61)
Harva Pfieffer Pratt (B.S. ’61)
Martha K. Veal (B.S. ’61)

1970s

Donald E. Agee (Ph.D. ’70)
Gerald G. Gill (M.S. ’70)
Calef W. Kitcham Jr. (B.A. ’70)
Jean Karnavan Parker (B.A. ’70)
Bill Parmannos (B.S. ’70)
Louise Eldridge Preston (M.S. ’70)
Sharon C. Wood (B.S. ’70, M.S. ’71)
Marion Denton Barber (Ph.D. ’71)
Mae Walker Wood Page (M.S. ’71)
Jeanette P. Watford-Locke (B.S. ’73)
Muriel Frizelle Schonman (B.M. ’71)
Tate Sigmon (M.S. ’71, Ph.D. ’77)
Richard F. Bandlow (B.S. ’71)
Carol J. Eldridge (Ph.D. ’71)
Susan Bastone Fernandez (B.A. ’72)
Martha Hoffmann-Roof (M.W. ’72)
Sue Hing Eng (B.A. ’73)
Judith Keller Cooksey (B.S. ’73)
Auta E. Lean (B.S. ’73)
Peggy Willy H. Knecht (B.S. ’73)
Virginia Pankoose (M.S. ’73)
Michael J. Pirtle (M.A. ’73, Ph.D. ’77)
Jeanette F. Hare (M.S. ’71)
Marguerite Zane Hockman (B.M. ’71)
Charlotte Tedesco Harris (B.A. ’90, M.S. ’91)

1980s

George Devore (B.S. ’80)
Charlotte Tedesco Harris (B.A. ’80, M.S. ’91)
Jeanne A. Eppley (M.A. ’80)
Sally J. McDonald (B.A. ’80)
Terry G. Lowery (B.S. ’76)
John R. Stowe (M.S. ’76)

2000s

Gary T. Zalla (B.S. ’80)
Christine L. Grosses (B.S. ’93)
Mural A. Bovard (M.A. ’95)
Sowhun Oh (Ph.D. ’95)
Megan A. Eldridge (B.S. ’98)
Jonathan D. Monis (Ph.D. ’98)
Beverly A. Blackmore (B.S. ’99)
Robert D. DeWoskin (B.S. ’05)
Cindy M. A. dansk (M.S. ’05)

Faculty/Staff

Richard Michael Baker (B.S. ’72)
Lucas C. Bourgeois III (B.S. ’74)
Leonard W. Bowyer (M.S. ’30)
Donna R. Christiansen (B.A. ’34)
Maria C. Sanchez (B.A. ’83)
Marc A. Zackheim (M.S. ’82)
Richard J. Smith (B.S. ’74, Ph.D. ’77)
Kristen A. Steil (B.S. ’74)
Mary McFadden (B.S. ’74)
Kurt K. Swartwout (M.S. ’74)
Bill S. Taylor (B.S. ’74)
Gloria J. Verret (B.A. ’77, M.A. ’79)

Marshall M. Kraft (B.S. ’81) received his commission as a naval officer in March 2009 after attending the Naval Officer Candidate School in Newport, R.I.

Sarah Winder (B.S. ’91) received a Seminole Club of Greater Orlando scholarship, one of the many student groups that currently teaches seventh-grade science at Orange Grove Middle Magnet School in Tampa, Fla.
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In the short term, what does Florida State need to be doing most, and what does it need most?

We have to protect our faculty and our programs — we have to begin to reinvest in the university. We’ve taken some horrendous hits, and the pain is still there. We have to work on changing the face of our fundraising activities — attracting the philanthropic dollar, even the corporate dollar and the foundation dollar. We must use the one-time monies we have in the most effective ways that we can. We’re running a deficit as a university in our ongoing budget, and it’s going to take a while to recover from the budget hits of the last couple of years.

As a university, we need to have more flexibility with how we invest dollars. Almost every other public university in the country, when faced with a budget cut from the state, has been able to change its tuition to compensate. We’ve been enabled to change our tuition, but it will take many years to compensate. And so, a little bit more flexibility in how we do that would go a long way.

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Ellington said.

What’s more, Florida State researchers have made their knowledge available to the national and international media in fields ranging from the earth sciences to marine biology, risk management, tourism and environmental law.

Professor Ian MacDonald, a biological oceanographer in Florida State’s Department of Earth, Ocean and Atmospheric Science, has emerged in national and international media as a top expert on the subject of oil spills, and his early estimate that the amount of oil spilling into the Gulf was at least five times what BP was saying has been repeated countless times in news stories. MacDonald has been quoted by such news organizations as The New York Times, The Washington Post, ABC News, the Associated Press and Reuters, just to name a few. He uses imaging and geographic information system (GIS) techniques to investigate the ecology of deep-sea hydrocarbon seeps.

Other Florida State faculty members who have been quoted extensively in the media regarding the spill include Steven Morey, an associate research scientist with the university’s Center for Ocean-Atmospheric Prediction Studies; Felicia Coleman, director of the university’s Coastal and Marine Laboratory; and Professor Eric Chassignet, director of the FSU Center for Ocean-Atmospheric Prediction Studies; and Professor Emeritus Tony Sturges, a physical oceanographer.

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