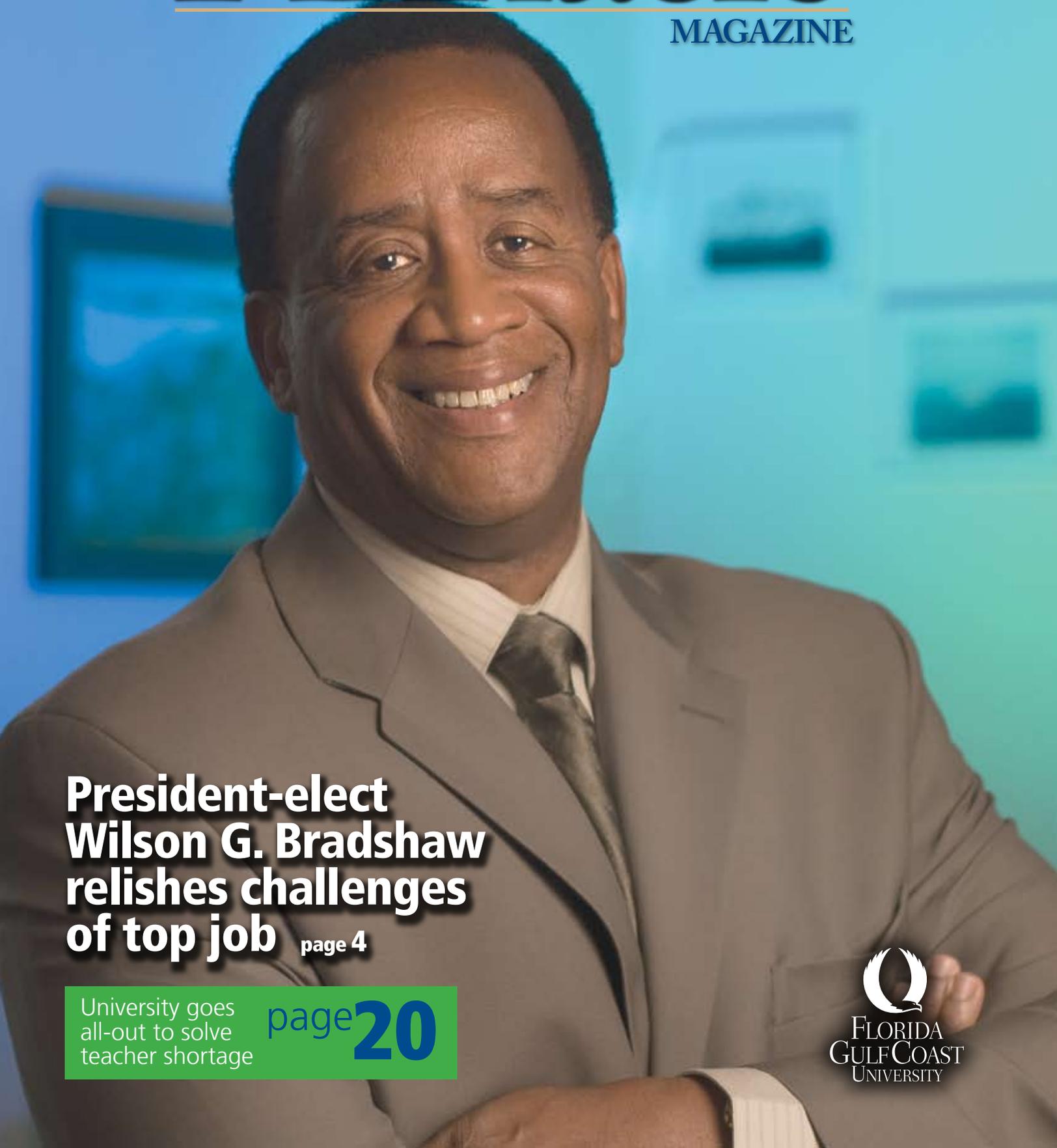


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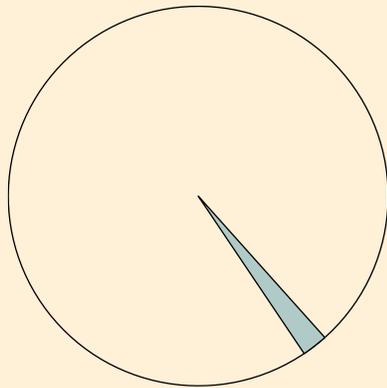
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Something in the air

Having spent the first two decades of my life in the northeastern United States, I'm accustomed to feeling a subtle reinvigoration at this time of year as the leaves change color and the weather cools down.

While Southwest Florida's subtropical climate precludes the leaf show and makes us bear up under the heat a bit longer, I'm nonetheless feeling a touch of that fall fever. I'll credit it to the changes happening all around us at Florida Gulf Coast University.

We have just begun our second decade as a University. The first 10 years are going to be tough to top, but early indications are that the coming decade is likely to be as lively, invigorating and, yes, I'll say it, as spunky as the one just past.

That's the adjective incoming President Wilson G. Bradshaw used to describe FGCU during on-campus interviews before he won the top job in August. It's a term he continues to use today, and it's one I think fits us well.

His tenure as FGCU's third president promises to infuse the University with a renewed sense of purpose as he brings a fresh eye and approach.

Despite the state's fiscally strained condition, which necessitated budget cuts at institutions throughout the state, FGCU included, the optimism and energy that characterize the University's student body, faculty and staff show no signs of flagging.

Nor has the University's impressive growth slowed by any measurable degree. Thanks to the generosity of loyal supporters, the University broke ground this summer on academic buildings that will house the Lutgert College of Business and the U.A. Whitaker School of Engineering as well as the Resort and Hospitality Management program's future home, Herbert J. Sugden Hall.

A second parking garage and a new cluster of campus residences are on the rise as well.

Other exciting additions to the University's

facilities include a prime piece of property on Bonita Beach, which will serve as a marine field station, and the research center that will sit in the midst of the Babcock Ranch development in the planning stages.

There's new life in our Athletics program as we start what are destined to become intense rivalries with fellow members of the Division I Atlantic Sun Conference. That move also expanded Athletics from 11 teams to 14, with the addition of women's swimming and diving, women's soccer and men's soccer. As the sports expand, so, too, must the facilities, hence the FGCU Soccer Complex and the Outdoor Sports Complex are both in the construction phase.

Even the Bower School of Music, just a year old itself, has launched a new piano class for elementary school students in hopes of instilling a love of music at an early age.

And that's just a sampling of the many new directions in which the University, its students, faculty and staff are headed.

So here's to the first decade. It was a winner. If we head into the next one with the same spunky spirit, it can be no less fruitful.

Karen Feldman
Pinnacle Editor



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Frank D'Alessandro

Longtime Fort Myers real estate magnate Frank D'Alessandro accidentally drowned while kayaking in New Jersey in September. He was 52.

He was a widely known commercial real estate broker in Fort Myers for more than 25 years, and a partner in Gates D'Alessandro & Woodyard Commercial Realtors at the time of his death.

D'Alessandro was also a well-known philanthropist. He was a member of the Florida Gulf Coast University Foundation Board of Directors since 1998, serving as chair of the Real Estate Committee.

His extensive community involvement also included posts in the Real Estate Investment Society, the Horizon Council, the Greater Fort Myers Chamber of Commerce, and the boards of Colonial Bank and Hope Hospice. Besides FGCU, he strongly supported the PACE Center for Girls.



"Frank was a good friend of the University. His sense of humor and his thousand-watt smile will be truly missed."

— Steve Magiera, vice president for University Advancement

Mary Frances Howard

Community icon and Fort Myers native Mary Frances Howard died unexpectedly in June.

Howard had a long and distinguished history of community involvement that began during World War II, when she deferred her plans to pursue a nursing career and worked instead at Buckingham Army Airfield for three years.

When the war ended, she returned to Fort Myers and became an assistant to the community's first pediatrician.

She and her late husband, W. Tommy Howard, were among the earliest supporters of Florida Gulf Coast University. Their legacy is seen today through Howard Hall, the Tommy Howard Lecture Series, the Mary Frances Howard Endowed Scholarship in Nursing and the Town & Gown Organization, which Mary Frances Howard founded.

In addition, she was involved in the First United Methodist Church Altar Guild, the Fort Myers Woman's Community Club, the Edison Pageant of Light and the K's and Q's Club of Fort Myers. She served on the original mayor's committee to restore and maintain the historic Burroughs Home in Fort Myers. She was also a life member of the Periwinkle Garden Club and the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs.

She and her husband had two children.



"Mary Frances Howard was a treasured long-time member of the Florida Gulf Coast University Foundation Board of Directors."

— Steve Magiera

Home at last

Native Floridian comes full circle with FGCU presidency

BY KAREN FELDMAN

The date Aug. 25, 2007 was a doubly momentous one at Florida Gulf Coast University. On the 10th anniversary of the day the University opened its doors, the Board of Trustees named Wilson G. Bradshaw its third president.

He begins his tenure Tuesday, Nov. 13.

The board cited his talents as a problem solver, motivator and builder as qualities that distinguished him from the field of 70-plus candidates.

“Dr. Bradshaw has an extraordinary amount of energy,” says Scott Lutgert, the board’s chairman. “He has the emotional energy, the experience and the vision to lead this institution.”

Bradshaw served as president of Metro-

politan State University in St. Paul, Minn., for seven years. Previously, he was provost and vice president for Academic Affairs at Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania, vice president and dean for Graduate Studies and Research at Georgia Southern University, dean of Graduate Studies and tenured associate professor of Psychology at Florida Atlantic University.

Born in Sanford and raised in West Palm Beach, Bradshaw earned his Ph.D. in Biopsychology from the University of Pittsburgh, a Master of Arts in Experimental Psychology and a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from Florida Atlantic University. He holds an Associate of Arts from Palm Beach Community College.

On the day before the Florida Board of Governors ratified his appointment, Bradshaw spoke with Pinnacle editor Karen Feldman. Here are excerpts from that interview:

Q: What appealed to you about Florida Gulf Coast University?

A: “It was a great fit for me at Metropolitan State. It’s not often you get the opportunity to participate in an institution that’s defining itself. I see some of the same elements at FGCU. You may recall during a couple of interviews, I referred to it as a ‘spunky’ institution. I think that really characterizes it. I felt that when I talked to students and faculty and staff. You have an opportunity to participate and contribute that is exciting.

“Also, it’s coming home for me. I’m a product of the (Florida education) system.

“It all came together for me and for my wife, Jo Anna, whose family lives in Florida. I can’t imagine a better capstone for my career and I really do think this will be my capstone experience.”

Q: Do you have any plans yet for FGCU?

A: I’d like to see us enhance the vitality of campus life, to make it a place where students, faculty and staff want to hang around after class.

President-elect Wilson G. Bradshaw

In part that will happen as we get more students living on campus.

“We also need to recommit ourselves in substantive ways to the environmental consciousness of the institution. We’ve certainly done a lot with our cooling system but environmentalism has to become integrated into all that we do. We have to determine how we can be the best possible stewards of that environment.”

Q: What about growth?

A: “The slope of that growth curve at FGCU has been pretty steep. The freeze on freshmen will probably have an impact. We have an opportunity to decrease the slope of the curve a little bit, to plan for and plan our growth. We need to make sure our service and academic programs are keeping up and getting better even as we grow. An institution should constantly seek ways to be better in all ways even in austere times.”

Q: In Minnesota you implemented a plan that made it possible for more students to attend college. Do you plan to do the same thing in here?

A: “We have to have an expectation that all students are going to be prepared for some type of post-secondary education. That doesn’t necessarily mean a four-year degree, but certainly the skills and knowledge required to make the region competitive go beyond a high school education.

“Let’s prepare our students to succeed after high school. Access and opportunity mean very little if you’re not prepared to take advantage of them. In Minnesota, we found there were financial barriers, but the biggest challenge was that too many students were not prepared to engage a college curriculum. It’s not financially efficient for state universities to teach remedial courses. We need to work with the K-12 system. I’m anxious to get involved with the alliance organization (The Alliance of Educational Leaders) in Southwest Florida to see how we can be partners in preparing students for a post-secondary education.”

Q: How do you feel about college athletics?

A: I’m excited about it. The move to Division I has sort of juiced up the University

and I’m hoping it will cascade out to the community. If we can find different ways to engage our students that enhance the educational experience, that’s good. Athletics is one way. Student government is another way. Student clubs, fraternities and sororities enhance the experience for other students.

“The most important word in the phrase student-athlete is student. I think if we keep that focus, and I have no reason to think we won’t, we’ll have a healthy athletics program that students, faculty and staff can get excited about.”

Q: What about football?

A: “It’s been whispered about from day one. I think we’ll always have people whispering about it. We want to establish ourselves in the division we’re in and the sports that we play. If we do that well, maybe there will come a time when football will be spoken about out loud.”

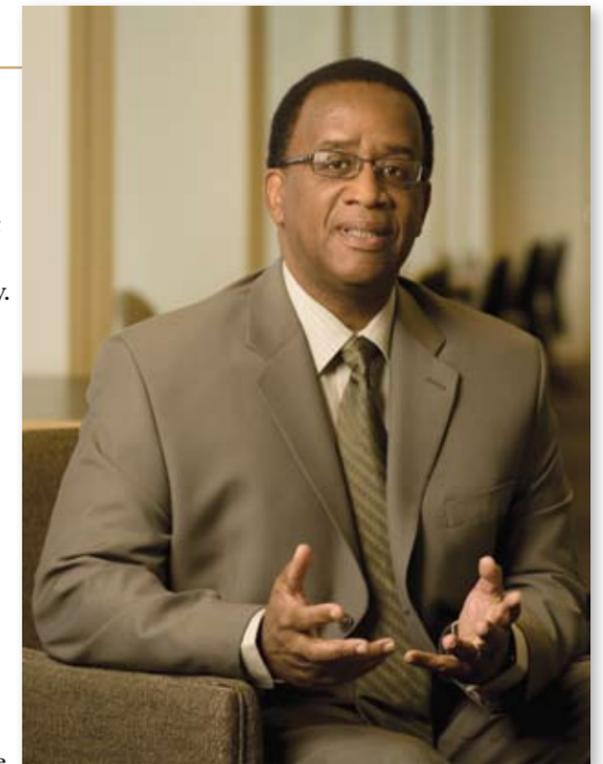
Q: What do you plan to do in your spare time once you get to Florida?

A: “I’d like to play racquetball more than I did in St. Paul. I go to the gym every morning.

“We plan to spend time with family. We also expect to take full advantage of plays and concerts.

“We like football. We’d like to go to some (Miami) Dolphins games, maybe a few Florida Atlantic and Florida State games. And we’ll travel.

“I also like to grill. That’s not barbecuing. Another little known fact is that I enjoy baking. I’m often doing that while I’m watching Sunday football. If the staff is nice to me, they, too, will benefit from some very, very good baked goods.”



President-elect Bradshaw proudly displays his FGCU tie.



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PEACE

Business professor connects with vast Chinese market

BY JAY MACDONALD

Economists predict that China could become to the 21st century what America was to the 20th century: an emerging superpower destined to drive the global economy. In fact, the two countries have similarities; both are sprawling, geographically isolated agrarian nations whose economies expanded rapidly with industrialization.

But China's transition to consumer colossus, a virtual certainty given its 1.3-billion people, could depend on how quickly it can incorporate the hard lessons that American industry learned during the last century.

Daniel Borgia, director of FGCU's two-year-old Institute of Chinese Studies, says China's slow-rolling economic tsunami

is creating demand for U.S. expertise in education, finance, health care and quality control, all skills the Chinese will need to prosper on world markets. Because a growing number

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Tian'anmen Square



Borgia and wife Jia at Tian'anmen Square.

Facts of life

- **Who:** Daniel Borgia
- **What:** Director, Institute of Chinese Studies
- **Age:** 48
- **Hometown:** Erie, PA
- **Family:** Wife Jia, son Nicholas "Nico" Yong, 5; daughters Ashley and Hayley, 25; grandson, Colin, 9 months
- **Role Model:** "That's easy – my parents. They taught me how and why it is important to be a good, honest person and to always do your best. They always made me feel loved and gave me the confidence that I can do or be anything I wanted to be."
- **Last book read:** "Our Endangered Values: America's Moral Crisis" by President Jimmy Carter
- **Hobbies:** Bicycling, golf, weightlifting and windsurfing



Borgia, with son, Nico, and wife, Jia.

of U.S. companies, such as General Motors and Mattel, operate manufacturing plants in China, the two countries' economic futures are intricately interwoven.

"China is quickly becoming one of the largest consumer markets in the world," he says. "But their financial market, their insurance system, their brokerage industry, their stock and bond markets are still terribly primitive compared to ours. They're going to be consumers in things that we're better at."

In September 2005, FGCU then-President William C. Merwin and current interim President and Lutgert College of Business Dean Richard Pegnetter traveled to Tianjin,

China's third largest city with 12-million people, to sign an agreement establishing a formal relationship with Nankai University, considered among the 10 best universities in China. The following June, FGCU established a similar agreement with Yantai University in Shandong. A delegation from Yantai University, Binzhou Medical University and the City of Yantai traveled to Southwest Florida and signed a University and Sister City agreement with FGCU and Southwest Florida business and government representatives.

"Dan really had the vision to see before many of us did the critical nature and value of academic partnerships with China," says Pegnetter. After spending time there as a Fulbright Scholar "he came back with a wonderful appreciation of the opportunity and then in his energetic and entrepreneurial way, he started thinking of ways he could help the University put some things together."

The Institute's purpose is to promote U.S.-Chinese understanding and foster business and cultural relationships through undergraduate and graduate degree programs, student exchange programs and international executive development. Though the Institute's primary focus is on international business, Borgia hopes to expand its degree programs into other disciplines, including nursing, hospitality and engineering.



Borgia, right, and Yuan Junping, president of Binzhou Medical University at Yantai University

"Dan really had the vision to see before many of us did the critical nature and value of academic partnerships with China."

– Interim President Richard Pegnetter

Borgia, an associate professor of finance and a founding faculty member of FGCU, says such partnerships are typically slow to get rolling in China because the central government must approve each step. This fall, FGCU welcomed its second group of three Chinese students from Yantai for a year of study, and sent over its first student, finance major Maria Lopez, to Yantai. Next year, as many as 10 students could trade places.

Overcoming centuries-old cultural differences and forging modern business relationships between the United States and China may be a tall order, but Borgia is just the man for the job. As a kid growing up

in Erie, Pa., he would hole up with encyclopedias, unaccountably fascinated by the exotic cultures and customs of faraway lands. A highly recruited high-school wrestler, Borgia chose Cornell University for its academic strength, earned his bachelor's degree in Business Management, went on to earn his M.B.A. from Gannon University, Erie and his doctorate

in Finance with a minor in International Business from Kent State University. In addition to his academic career (he came to FGCU in 1997 following four years at the University of South Florida in Fort Myers), he has been a self-employed financial consultant since 1993.

China entered his life in a big way in 1998. While working online for a client who was trying to find a Chinese supplier, Borgia met



Borgia watches a demonstration by a nurse at Binzhou Medical University.

small and midsize companies. The two clicked online and six months later, on summer vacation, Borgia took his first trip to China and married her.

"I'm sure a lot of people thought I was a little bit strange for doing that, but it really worked out," Borgia says. "After corresponding and talking for six months, we knew each other pretty well. We were good friends."

They now have a five-year-old son, Nico Yong (Italian for leader; Chinese for brave).

Borgia was thunderstruck



Jin and Lian, the two girls Borgia and his wife sponsor in Tangshan.



FGCU officials traveled to China last spring to forge ties with Chinese counterparts. Pictured, in back, from left: Marcia Greene, dean of the FGCU College of Education; Donna Price Henry, dean of the FGCU College of Arts and Sciences; Denise Heinemann, dean of FGCU's College of Health Professions; and Ken Millar, dean of FGCU's College of Professional Studies. Front row, from left: FGCU Professor Daniel Borgia; Han Xiaoling, vice president of Yantai University; Bonnie Yegidis, FGCU provost and vice president for Academic Affairs; Bai Shijun, dean of Yantai University's International Exchange School; and Rachel Yegidis, Bonnie Yegidis' daughter.

友谊
Friendship

“It is much more important in China to have friendships and relationships with the people that you’re dealing with,” he says. “Having dinner and drinking with them is as important as any negotiations

you will have.”

by the diversity of China and the tremendous business potential within the awakening giant.

“It was astonishing to me. You see BMWs and Mercedes on the same street with mule-driven carts. Almost every city you go to, if you look across the skyline, you’ll see dozens of skyscrapers being built. It’s probably like the United States looked 80 years ago, but you drive 30 kilometers outside of town and it’s like going back 100 years,” he says.

Borgia won a Fulbright Scholarship to Nanjing University, where he taught finance for the 2002-03 school year. In addition to tackling Chinese language and culture, he learned the art of the deal, Chinese style.

To further FGCU’s “second circle” initiative, which seeks to include the local, national and international community into its first circle with students, the Borgias organized a 10-day trip to China for FGCU deans last May to strengthen ties with their Chinese counterparts. Borgia returns to renew those relationships each spring and fall. In addition, the family spends part of each summer at their home in Tangshan, Jia’s hometown and site of the 1976 earthquake in which an estimated 700,000 died. There they sponsor Jin and Lian, two girls from a lower-income agrarian family.

Recent product recalls notwithstanding (lack of regula-

tory infrastructure, Borgia says), interest in Chinese language and culture continues to grow in Southwest Florida. The Institute sponsors the Southwest Florida Chinese Language School each Saturday morning. The school is open to the public and has an enrollment of 80 students. The Institute also sponsors two annual campus events, the Chinese New Year celebration in January and the China Moon Festival in September.

Borgia says it’s not only high time the United States and China got acquainted, it’s also inevitable.

“One of the unfortunate things about our country’s geography is we are relatively isolated culturally,” he says. “In Europe, most people speak several different languages, they understand more about different cultures and have a lot of empathy and understanding of how other people live. If we had a better understanding of that, I think it would be beneficial to us and to our people. The world is getting smaller and I think it’s going to be necessary to be that way anyway.”

— Jay MacDonald is a freelance writer based in Austin, Texas and a frequent contributor to Pinnacle magazine.



Shanghai

FGCU among leaders in combating global warming

BY KAREN FELDMAN

Florida Gulf Coast University belongs to a forward-thinking group of colleges and universities whose presidents hope to teach the country how to reduce global warming.

Interim President Richard Pegnetter was among the first 100 signatories of the American College & University Presidents Climate Commitment, making FGCU part of the program’s leadership circle.

Other members include institutions such as Cornell University, the University of Pennsylvania and University of Florida. In all, there are more than 300 signatories so far.

The group met in Washington D.C. this summer to discuss sustainability and how they can lead by example.

“It was a fairly ethereal crowd to be with,” Pegnetter says. “We got to hear presentations from impressive individuals involved in environmental issues and share ideas about what’s going on on our campuses. I felt pretty good about the position FGCU was in. We’re doing a lot of things right from the beginning.”

The commitment states, in part, that signatories “are deeply concerned about the unprecedented scale and speed of global warming and its potential for large-scale, adverse health, social, economic and ecological effects.”

Signatories pledge to demonstrate leadership in stabilizing and reducing energy usage and its effect on the environment. Pegnetter says that FGCU has incorporated many environmentally conscious elements and so does not have to carry out costly corrective measures as many older institutions do.

Environmentalism “is part of the fabric of

the University,” Pegnetter says.

He pointed to the University’s ice thermal storage plant, which helps cool buildings on campus, as one of the innovative ways in which FGCU saves energy.

However, he says, there are areas in which the University could improve.

“One thing we could do would be to look at our transportation impact because we’re a campus where many people have to drive a lot to get here,” he says.

President-elect Wilson G. Bradshaw says he, too, is committed to reducing FGCU’s impact on the environment by continuing practices already in place and seeking new ones.

“We have to constantly ask ourselves ‘How can we be the best possible stewards of the land we’re occupying?’” he says.

Lewis Johnson, director of Environmental Health & Safety, is leading FGCU’s efforts to implement the commitment’s directives, starting with developing an inventory of FGCU’s gas emissions, then creating a plan to counteract them.

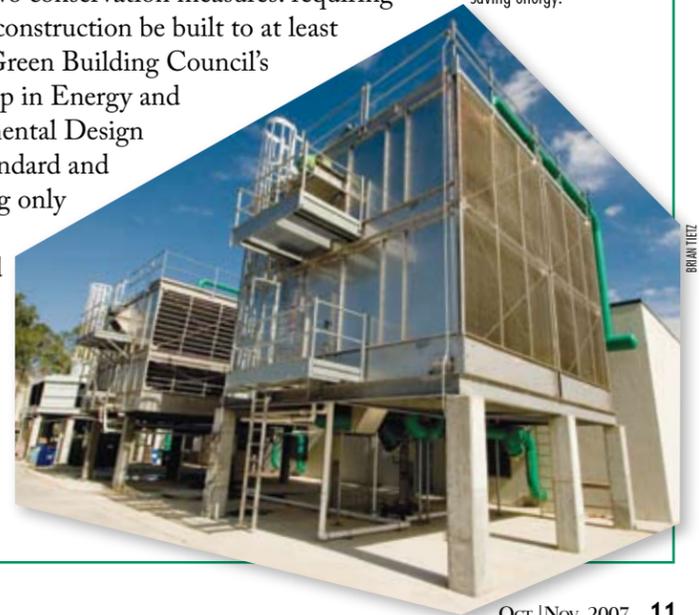
He says the University already has implemented two conservation measures: requiring that new construction be built to at least the U.S. Green Building Council’s Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Silver Standard and purchasing only Energy Star-rated appliances, which are certified to be energy efficient.



Interim President Richard Pegnetter



Cooling towers chill water that is piped into buildings on campus to help cool them, thereby saving energy.



BRIAN TRETZ

BIG MAN ON CAMPUS

Student Government president
wears multiple hats

BY ROGER WILLIAMS

When Brad Piepenbrink drives his 2001 Camaro convertible onto campus, his shades are so firmly seated on the bridge of his nose they look like an anatomical attachment. In the bright Florida sun, the lenses reflect images of a subtropical campus that has changed significantly in each of the four years he's known it — a campus that is growing into its own capable skin, much like Piepenbrink.

His brown hair is short enough to make the effects of wind look fashionable. When he stretches his six-foot frame out of the car, his dress is exactly what you'd expect of a college student: sandals, khaki shorts and a polo shirt, finished off with a confident grin.

Piepenbrink belongs to the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity, has a girlfriend who played varsity tennis and swears by the book, "The C Student's Guide To Success."

His majors: Public Relations and Marketing.

Although he may appear to be the quintessential frat boy, looks can be deceiving, especially in the case of the University's 21-year-old Student Government president.

Piepenbrink is the first student to cast a vote for a new FGCU president — which he did recently when the University's Board of Trustees elected Wilson G. Bradshaw as the third president of FGCU.

He also presided over the return to campus of Sigma Phi Epsilon, a two-year process in which he proved to campus officials, his fraternity brothers and himself that the FGCU chapter was worthy of reinstatement.

That was after a hazing incident in February 2005, which resulted in the fraternity being asked to leave.

"I think that's my proudest moment," Piepenbrink says of the fraternity's return.

J. Michael Rollo, vice president for Student Affairs, watched Piepenbrink during his campaign to bring the



President-elect Wilson G. Bradshaw with Brad Piepenbrink shortly after the Board of Trustees unanimously chose Bradshaw as president.





As a member of the Board of Trustees, Brad Piepenbrink was the first student to have a say in the selection of a new University president.



fraternity back to campus.

“He held them together and turned them into a strong group of students,” Rollo recalls. “Even without involvement from their national body, they maintained order and discipline, and a lot of that was Brad. When they approached me about being a fraternity again, they were able to show their abilities as strong and well-structured.”

As Student Government president, a position he assumed May 1, and which he will relinquish next spring, Piepenbrink serves as the student representative on the University’s Board of Trustees. That’s how he came to be picking presidents, all the while thinking of the students he represents.

“President Bradshaw was my favorite all along,” he says. “It was the way he interacted with students. He has a very great sense of humor and a genuine personality. He wasn’t telling us what we wanted to hear, he wasn’t patronizing us, he was giving us real-life examples. A lot of times presidents are up at 30,000 feet, not engaged with students. But this is someone we’ll see walking around the halls. We’ll see him

in the food places on campus and at the athletic events. He’ll be part of campus. And my main slogan was ‘we want to find someone who will eat, sleep and breathe FGCU.’”

It’s that sensibility that leads Rollo to define Piepenbrink’s leadership as “very passionate. He feels strongly about making this a better campus. And he feels strongly that students don’t get enough voice. He wants to make them heard with administrators and faculty.”

To do that, Piepenbrink estimates he works about 90 hours a week, between his duties as president and the demands of being a full-time student — which certainly qualifies as eating, sleeping and breathing FGCU. But it wasn’t always thus.

“One of my regrets is that my first two years, I went out too much — I didn’t study nearly enough,” he says. “And there have been so many opportunities in the last two years that it’s humbling and gratifying. So I’d say it took me a little bit to understand the big picture.”

When Piepenbrink arrived on campus his freshman

year, the University was still recovering from Hurricane Charley, which had struck just days before. Piepenbrink landed in a college residence without benefit of orientation from beleaguered officials on the storm-hammered campus.

It was the kind of situation he relished, especially since he spent his early boyhood that way as the son of an Air Force officer who relocated regularly.

“By the time I was 15, I had lived in seven different states,” he says.

When his dad retired, the family returned to their hometown, in Manteno, IL, about 80 miles from Chicago. There Piepenbrink attended the same school from which his parents had graduated: Manteno High School.

At Manteno High, Piepenbrink was a star on the soccer team and a kid who had never joined anything else by the time he graduated in a class of 100, the biggest class in the high school’s history, says Principal Paul Russert.

Russert has known Piepenbrink since before he entered high school, and lives on the same street as the Piepenbrink family.

“He was always very outgoing, with a very good personality — he can talk to people, communicate with people, connect with people, which is why that University major sounds so good for him,” Russert says. “He’s polite, he’s honest, and what you see is

“He feels strongly about making this a better campus.”

— J. Michael Rollo

what you get — Brad’s Brad.

“But he’s also very independent. He figures things out on his own, and he’s not afraid of new things. I always thought of him in high school, that he had a lot more potential than he put forward.”

That independence — coupled with a curiosity and respect for a world and experiences outside his own — is one of the qualities that makes Piepenbrink stand out.

He’s been to Europe twice, for example, the first time after a planned trip to the home of

a Danish exchange student his parents had hosted fell through. Piepenbrink and a friend bought tickets for their own trip almost the next day, but three days after they arrived in Europe, his friend quit and flew home.

“I think culture shock got him,” he recalls.

Undeterred, Piepenbrink traveled alone all over Europe for weeks, savoring an experience that changed his view of the world.

“When you see Auschwitz and the Normandy beaches, when you’re going through Berlin and seeing Checkpoint Charlie, when you’re seeing these historic monuments and places where not long ago so many people were slaughtered in the torture cells and gas chambers, you look at everything in a different light,” he says. “After that, being cramped on an overnight train with no bunk bed or not having air conditioning just doesn’t seem like that important a thing.”

Important now, however, is



Brad Piepenbrink meets with the members of the Student Government.

Facts of life

- Who: Brad Piepenbrink
- Career aspirations: “Working with people, helping build or rebuild a worthy organization.”
- On-campus accomplishment: “The water-ski program, which I worked on my junior year. A lot of students wanted to see it up and running. Now it has a \$200,000 budget. If you take even one credit, you can water ski for free.”
- Favorite movies: “Saving Private Ryan,” “Wedding Crashers,” “The Gladiator”
- Favorite books: Biographies of Abraham Lincoln; “The Autobiography of Martin Luther King, Jr.,” John F. Kennedy’s “Profiles in Courage;” “The C Student’s Guide To Success: How to Become a High Achiever Without the Best Grades, Connections or Pedigree.”
- Favorite date: “With my girlfriend, (senior) Krista Polulak at pretty much any type of tiki-style restaurant. I still feel like I’m on a Caribbean vacation when I go out.”

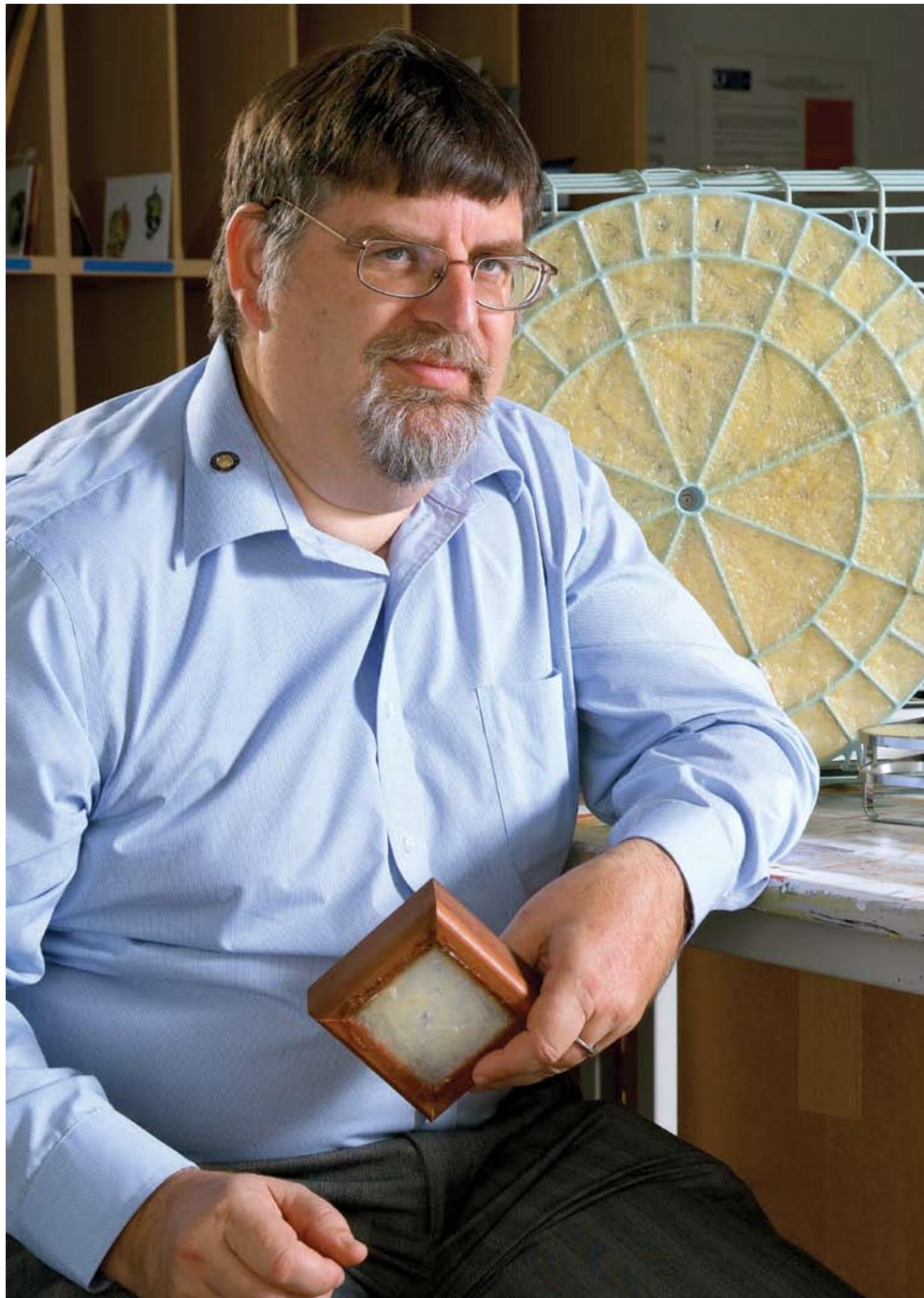
his major, he says. “I’ve studied philosophies of communication, from non-verbal, to typical advertising and marketing forms, to the psychology of communication — it’s very broad, and I’m more than confident that I’ll use what I’m learning here for the rest of my life.”

Which starts next May. So, ah, what are his plans post graduation?

“I’m clueless,” he says, laughing. “It’s the big dilemma I have now. I’m in the middle of a juggernaut, and I have to get a job lined up soon.”

Judging from how he’s dealt with uncertainty before, it’s nothing he can’t handle.

— Roger Williams is a freelance writer who lives in Alva.



Trace evidence

PHOTOS BY ED CLEMENT



Morgan Paine's medium is his message

BY AMY TOWNE

Morgan T. Paine, the founding faculty member of Florida Gulf Coast University's art department, paints for the sake of the act itself, not out of a desire for fame or wealth.

His new solo exhibition, "Every X Marks Somewhere: Paintings and Constructions," is on display Nov. 1 through Dec. 15 at the FGCU Fine Arts Complex. It consists of works completed during the nine years since his last solo show.

While it may seem unusual for a practicing artist to go so long between solo exhibitions, the fact merely reflects Paine's philosophy about art and the role of an artist. Despite current trends, he insists on producing "art that's not a commodity ... [an idea] the past 25 years of art hasn't valued."

Paine embraces the thinking of artists who had more concern for ideas than emotions; he cites his influences as ranging from early 19th-century romantic painters to modern minimalists such as Mondrian and Serra. They share the view of art as something "to impress and move them;

[as] a quest and a calling rather than a profession and livelihood."

His artwork results from his attempts "to understand what it means to make paintings and be a painter," a question he says he has been exploring since beginning his career in the mid-1970s. The experience and act of making paintings is a central concern and not just a means to an end. Accordingly, the paintings reflect his obsession with the task of painting and what it means to engage in the materials day after day.

Like much conceptual art, Paine's works are intriguing and puzzling — not easily accessible. On the most mundane of objects, layers of acrylic rise from the surface toward the viewer. Others extend across empty space in a frame. The works require more than a quick glance to be fully appreciated.

He works with unusual canvases, such as a discarded dishwasher rack and an aged clipboard.

"I work with things that have lost their economic value," he says. "I've always been an aficionado of Dumpster diving and I've always been rewarded."

Paine takes two main approaches in his paintings. One is to begin with an empty frame and paint with acrylic medium — essentially acrylic paint without pigment — around its inner border. On subsequent days, he paints overlapping layers on the inside, like rings on a tree. When the paint spans

Morgan Paine unwraps his works for his upcoming show.



Left: Morgan Paine in his classroom
Top: Paine's artwork



Morgan Paine, above, prepares for his first solo exhibition in nine years.

He describes it as “coming out to greet me.”

Even the end of the painting is set by a predetermined marker. For instance, as he empties jars of paint, Paine might place each on the top or bottom of the canvas, finishing the painting when there is no more room for another jar. In another painting completed on three panels made from a childhood table, he placed row after row of empty paint jars at the bottom until the jars distanced him from the painting and he was unable to reach the canvas. He stopped when the painting itself prevented him from working on it further.

Aesthetic judgment has no role in Paine’s works. “The appearance is function of process,” he says. “I’m making physical things that exist in the world ... they are a trophy of effort that results from a desire to work.”

the frame, the work is complete. Each layer represents one day and only one day, and an exceedingly slow process before completion.

“When you do something, you leave a trace,” Paine says. “The final trace is what people can see. Artists see all the traces; viewers only see the result.”

The other approach is to apply paint systematically in layers, from left to right and top to bottom, over a period of many days, often extending to years. As time passes, the daily workmanship of painting takes a three-dimensional form.

“When you do something, you leave a trace.”

– Morgan Paine

Being a working artist doesn’t have to mean being an exhibiting, selling artist, according to Paine. For him, the two might be incompatible.

In explanation, he quotes Jasper Johns: “I know why I make these things; I don’t know why others would want to see them.”

– Amy Towne is an assistant professor in the FGCU College of Arts and Sciences.



Show time

What: “Every X Marks Somewhere: Paintings and Constructions,” by Morgan T. Paine

When: Thursday, Nov. 1, through Saturday, Dec. 15

Where: FGCU Fine Arts Complex

Etc.: The artist will speak about his work at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 1.



“Stop Kiss”

Written by Diana Son, directed by Michelle Hayford

Oct. 17-21, 24-28
8 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday; 2 p.m. Sunday
Theatre Lab, FGCU Fine Arts Complex
\$10 general admission; \$5 FGCU faculty, staff and students

“Stop Kiss” is described by the New York Times as a “sweet, sad and enchantingly sincere play.” At once about violence, risk, affection and the complexity of attraction, this comic drama portrays romance as a brave venture requiring self exploration and the courage to make choices in a climate of fear and ambivalence.



“Playing the Word”

Pianist Mike Melvoin and poet Dan Jaffe collaborate for a night of jazz

8 p.m., Nov. 9

Theatre Lab

\$10 general admission; \$7 FGCU faculty, staff and students

Renowned jazz poet Dan Jaffe and acclaimed keyboardist Mike Melvoin join forces to celebrate a collection of Jaffe’s vivid poetry in a unique collaboration. From bouncing Kansas City blues, to sultry piano jazz, and the daring of Charlie Parker, the imagery is vibrant and transporting.



8th Annual Pottery Sale and Open Studios Expo

Noon to 7 p.m., Nov. 30

Arts Complex

FGCU and the United Arts Council host the annual Holiday Pottery Sale. Potters from throughout Southwest Florida will sell their creations. A portion of the proceeds benefits the Immokalee Ceramics Studio, a program designed to provide educational and economic opportunities for Immokalee residents. All studios in the Arts Complex will be open and student work, completed and in progress, will be on display.



Senior Project Exhibition Opening Reception

5 to 7 p.m., Nov. 30

Arts Complex

Art program majors Harmony R. Poiré and Paul M. Sapita exhibit works in this culmination of their studies.



For tickets or information on the events above, contact the Gallery at 590-7199 or the Theatre Lab box office at 590-7268.

Bower School of Music performances

Guest artist recital featuring tenor Stephen Ng

7:30 p.m., Oct. 22
Student Union Ballroom

Faculty and guest artist recital

Michael Baron and Renato Premezzi, piano
7:30 p.m., Nov. 3
Student Union Ballroom

Faculty and guest artist recital

Michael Baron and Renato Premezzi, piano
4 p.m., Nov. 4
Bower Chapel at Moorings Park
120 Moorings Park Drive, Naples

Faculty recital

Soprano Jeanie Darnell
7:30 p.m., Nov. 26
Student Union Ballroom

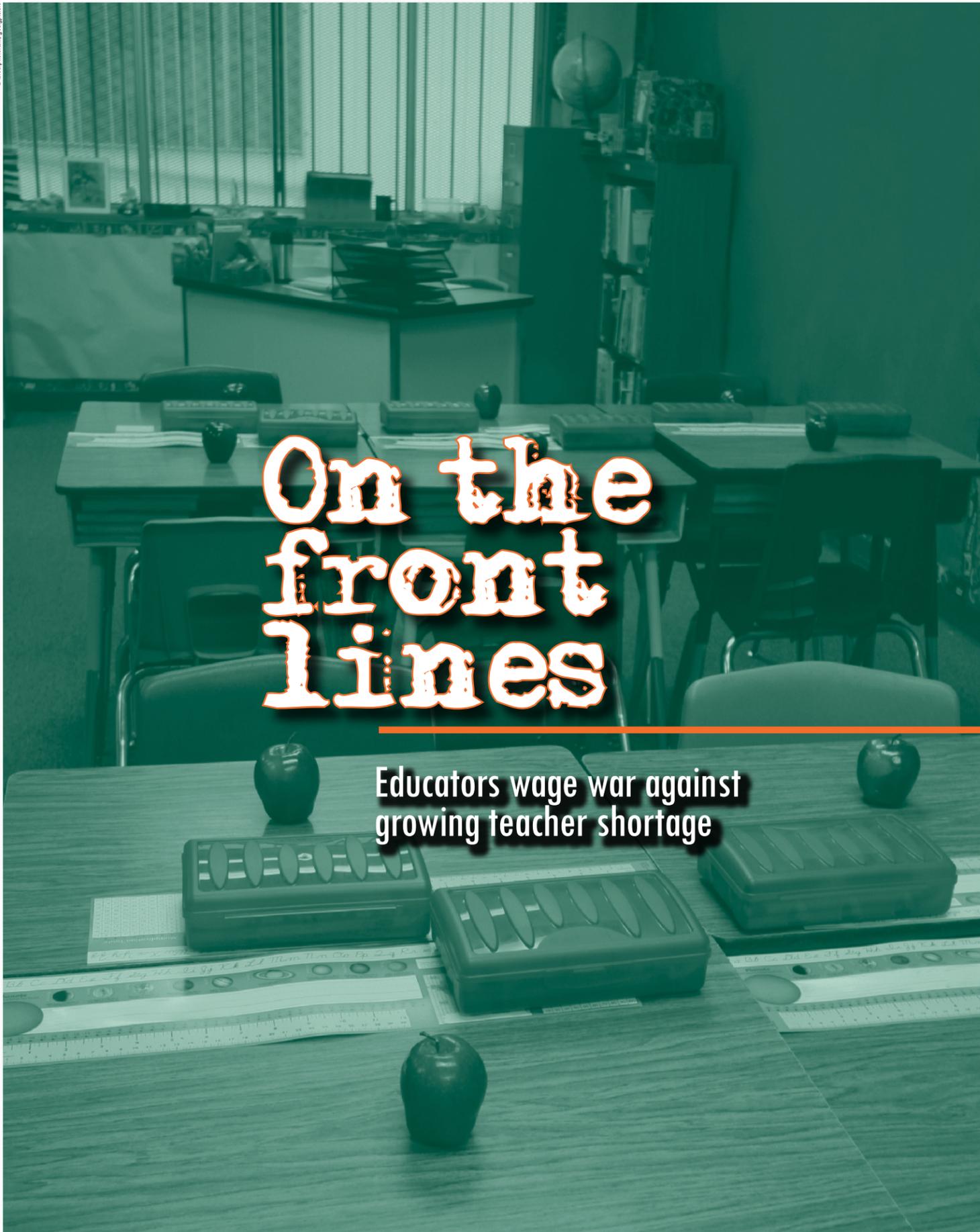
Holiday concert

String Orchestra, University Choir and Wind Orchestra
7:30 p.m., Nov. 29
Student Union Ballroom

Colorado Piano Trio guest artist recital

7:30 p.m., Dec. 3
Student Union Ballroom, FGCU main campus
8 p.m., Dec. 4
Bower Chapel at Moorings Park
120 Moorings Park Drive, Naples





On the front lines

Educators wage war against growing teacher shortage

GERTH FRANZIS



BY JAY MACDONALD

It's an all-too-familiar combat scenario: brave but fatigued troops engage an intractable foe on a daily basis while those holding the purse strings debate their effectiveness.

Iraq? No, this battleground is the American classroom.

It's hardly headline news that our K-12 educational system is under siege. America's teachers are underpaid, underappreciated and increasingly under fire to justify their existence with mandated student testing that further cuts into valuable instruction

time. Added pressure brought about by the No Child Left Behind Act further demoralized the troops, many of whom are leaving the profession rather than endure more of the same.

One major difference between Iraq and U.S. classrooms is that America's education crisis is likely to persist long after the last U.S. troops leave Baghdad.

Marci Greene, dean of the FGCU College of Education, is what you might call a soldier's general, a career teacher, administrator and special education specialist who knows the challenges and rewards of serving on the front lines.

Greene, like every other Education dean coast to coast, is engaged in the biggest battle of her career.

"There are a large number of teachers in the baby boom generation who are going to retire and we do not have enough teachers being produced through the colleges of education to fill the vacancies," she says. "On top of that, the bill in Florida to reduce the class sizes created an even greater need for teachers here."

Greene and her 38 full-time faculty members find themselves scrambling to train

"... we do not have enough teachers ..."

Dean Marci Greene with a poster of the promotion for the TIP program on LeeTran buses.



and certify teachers for jobs that no longer sell themselves. In fact, public schools in fast-growing states such as Florida and California must routinely recruit from slower-growing Midwestern states just to fill their vacancies.

This year, the College of Education has 750 undergraduate students, its largest class yet, and 400 students pursuing master's degrees. By year's end, about 175 new teachers will join the teaching ranks at an average starting salary of \$38,000.

Greene, who got her start in education with an undergraduate degree from South Dakota State University in her hometown of Brookings, believes strongly that FGCU should serve the needs of the five public school districts in Southwest Florida.

"I know what a university in your backyard does for you. It made the opportunity for me to

go to school," she says. "It's the same for students here. When I applied for this position, I said that my legacy would be, 'She made a difference in Southwest Florida,' because we wouldn't be here without this community. I'm passionate about that."

Greene's mission: turn out more teachers and better teachers faster, and integrate them into the needs of the local districts. To accomplish it, she incorporates federal and state grant money to underwrite an impressive variety of programs that break with the old-school system of training educators.

Such funds are vital tools in the arsenal Greene uses to wage war against the dwindling number of educators.

"The College of Education has consistently been at the top in terms of success in securing external funding for research and sponsored programs at FGCU," says Tom Roberts, associate vice president for Research. "This is due in large part to the leadership of Dr. Greene and the great working relationships that have been established with school districts to address critical needs.

"All of the faculty within the College of Education contribute in their own unique way to help make our schools the best they can be. The various projects the College of Education has received funding for are extremely important to FGCU and the broader community because they provide resources that greatly assist us in helping

teachers, schools, and ultimately students be successful."

Among the programs currently run by the College of Education are:

- **Teacher Immersion Program (TIP):** Partly funded by a federal Transition to Teaching grant, this state-approved Educator Preparation Institute program helps people from other careers become certified teachers without having to quit their jobs and earn a full FGCU undergraduate degree. TIP provides three semesters of teacher training at the graduate level and follow-up support during participants' first year of teaching. Now in its seventh year (the second under the federal grant), TIP attracts about 50 career-changers each year; Greene estimates that 37 to 40 go on to earn master's degrees.

Who applies for TIP? "It's all over the map," says Greene. "We've had lawyers, engineers, nurses, social workers, businessmen, ex-military. It's a second career choice for some, others are retired from a profession and some are just making a career change."

- **Minor in Education:** Now in its third year, FGCU's minor in education affords school districts an opportunity to tap some talented specialists – and perhaps lure them into a teaching career. There are currently about 80 students working toward an Education

"All of the faculty within the College of Education contribute in their own unique way to help make our schools the best they can be."

– Tom Roberts

minor. "We decided there were students who would consider minoring in education and perhaps could add to the teacher force in that way," says Greene. "Students who are psych or math or

science majors who need to get a master's degree in their field could teach for a year or two while they continue their course work."

- **Center for Autism and Related Disabilities (CARD):** Now in its sixth year, CARD was developed in partnership with the University of South Florida as a Southwest Florida resource to help teachers and families of children with autism spectrum disorders. CARD is working with the College of Arts and Sciences and Eden Florida to sponsor an April conference to feature the latest research on autism from the M.I.N.D. Institute at the University of California-Davis.

Greene has a personal interest in CARD; her daughter Katana has Angelman Syndrome. Katana was born in Brazil where Greene met husband Pat, now a technology professor in FGCU's School of Arts and Sciences,

when both worked abroad for the American school system. They returned to the United States in 1986 and moved to Southwest Florida two years later. Katana, now 22, recently graduated from Lee County public schools and attends an adult training school in Cape Coral.

- **Florida Fund for Minority Teachers:** In addition to offering FGCU graduate tuition waivers, Greene says anticipated federal funding could provide up to \$16,000 a year for minority teachers in critical curricula. Green also hopes to establish a minority faculty liaison to help recruit minority students to FGCU.

Hiring qualified teachers is only half the battle; districts also must be able to retain those it hires.

Toward that goal, Greene hopes to offer an FGCU doctoral program in Education as soon as the budget permits. Given Southwest Florida's recruitment obstacles, including high housing prices, she believes it would be a smart investment.

"We want the doctorate so there will be a career ladder where people can continue in their profession," says Greene. "It's a retention tool for the districts; they're saying they can't keep people if they can't move up. They really want to 'grow their own' faculties."

– Jay MacDonald is a freelance writer based in Austin, Texas.



TAKING THE PLUNGE



Trailblazing students sign on to University's new sports teams

BY CHRIS WADSWORTH

Members of the Florida Gulf Coast University women's soccer team had high hopes as they prepared to depart earlier this semester for a pre-season exhibition match against Florida Atlantic University.

As a new team and a new sport to FGCU, women's soccer had a lot to prove — if the team could just get to FAU.

First, the comfortable and expansive 53-seat coach rented to ferry the girls across state broke down before it even arrived to pick them up at FGCU. A replacement 27-seat mini-bus was hurriedly dispatched to collect the team. When that bus broke down mid-way across Alligator Alley, some players started to wonder if it wasn't a portent of sorts. When they finally got to their destination on a third bus, summer storms unleashed, delaying the match for hours.

"I thought we were never going to be able to play," laughs Amanda Suchko, a freshman from Pittsburgh. "It just seemed like someone didn't want us to play soccer."

Suchko couldn't be more wrong. An entire University as well as myriad supporters



from the community have been looking forward to the start of not one, not two, but three new sports at FGCU this fall.

Women's soccer is joined by men's soccer and women's swimming and diving as the latest of 14 sports played by the University as it begins its first year in the coveted NCAA I-A division of college athletics.

"It has helped put FGCU on the map and given us some recognition for a fairly new school," says Carl McAloose, the University's athletic director. "We have attracted student athletes from around the country and around the world."

WOMEN'S SOCCER

If Suchko and her teammates ever doubted the support they would receive, they needed to look only as far as their first



home game. An estimated 1,000 students, faculty and friends turned out to cheer the women on to victory. The Eagles triumphed over Alabama State 10-0.

Getting to that point was a long journey for head coach Jim Blankenship. Hired a year in advance, Blankenship spent months on the road recruiting the best and brightest players.

At times, it was a hard sell. "F-G-C-

Top: FGCU women's soccer team celebrates.
Bottom: Casey Plastek

ON THE WEB

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FGCU soccer team member Amber McCall

the school — that it's a really good opportunity to come here and do whatever we wanted to," Haemmelmann says. "The program goes up because of us or it goes down. We set the standard."

While the team waits for construction to finish on the campus' new \$2.5-million soccer stadium, the women make do practicing on the University's intramural fields. There they run laps in the 90-degree heat and play scrimmage matches against one another, all under the watchful eye of Blankenship who paces back and forth on the sideline like a caged cat.

"We are on the fast track," he says. "That's our mentality. That's what our players here believe and that's what the expectations are."

Under conference rules, the team isn't eligible for post-season play for several years. That deters neither coach nor squad — all say they are out to impress from season one.

"We want to be successful immediately. We don't want to wait six or seven years," Blankenship says.

who?" was an all too common response.

"We didn't have a history to sell them on so we were looking for pioneers who want to create their own legacy here," says Blankenship. "These kids this first year can do something that no one else has done and they can carry that with them for the rest of their lives."

That was enough to convince Kelli Haemmelmann, a freshman who played high school soccer in St. Petersburg.

"Coach is a great guy. The way that he presented

MEN'S SOCCER



Across the intramural field, scores of soccer balls bounce off feet, knees and heads like so many lottery balls tumbling around waiting to be drawn. It's the men's practice time and the youthful squad shows boundless energy for the game.

Take A.J. Jani, a freshman from Sarasota. All zero body fat and buzzed scalp, he played the much more competitive club soccer rather than going out for his high school team.



FGCU soccer team member Anthony Forde at UNLV game



Left: FGCU soccer team member Matthew O'Shaughnessy at UNLV game
Below: Ben Foerstner at UNLV game

sporting world," he says. "The first team we tried — we told them three times we were going to shake their hands, but instead, they ran off the field. We'll have to have that conversation again."

As far as the future is concerned, the men's team seems to be a bit more realistic than the women's team. They know there will be some growing pains initially, but then watch out.

"Right now, we are young and inexperienced, but midway through the year, we are going to start clicking," says freshman Trent Anderson of Tampa. "Then, I think we will be big time."

He chose to come to FGCU specifically because soccer was a new sport here. To Jani, that meant more playing time and making history to boot.

"I just didn't want to be one of those freshmen that come in and get red shirted and be just another picture on the wall," he says. "I wanted to be on the first-generation team. That was exciting to me."

Head coach Bob Butehorn found an entire team of young men who were up to the challenge of starting a new legacy at FGCU.

And it only took a little arm-twisting.

"The first obstacle was getting them to recognize the name FGCU ... and the next biggest thing was getting them



on campus," Butehorn says. "Once they are on campus, they really start to sense the commitment from the University ... and it's obviously a great place to live and a great campus. It was just getting them to kick the tires of the University."

Now the team is bonding and working on building new traditions. Some may take longer than others — such as Butehorn's idea to have his team go to shake their opponents' hands before each match.

"That's unusual in today's

FUTURE OF FGCU ATHLETIC PROGRAMS



Carl McAloose, the athletic director for Florida Gulf Coast University, concedes this year's addition of three new sports — women's soccer, men's soccer and women's swimming and diving — probably wouldn't have happened this soon, were it not for Division I rules.

Colleges in Division I must field teams for at least 14 sports. FGCU was at 11 until the addition of the new programs.

McAloose says the University will continue to explore adding new athletic teams to the roster — but won't do so unless they know they can be competitive against established programs.

"We don't want to add too many too quickly," he says.

One possibility — men's and women's indoor and outdoor track and field, perhaps as soon as 2011.



FGCU diver Gabby Shaw

Swimming practice at the Aquatics Center



says. "I started looking into it and the campus is beautiful and the dorms are beautiful. On the recruiting trip, I met people and saw how when they have a goal here, they get it done really fast and they have a lot of support."

Indeed, McCollough had picked up on FGCU's burgeoning reputation as its athletic and academic offerings expand — that of an aggressive school that wants to be nothing less than the best.

Out by the pool at the Lee County/FGCU Aquatics Center, Patti Stringham, the diving coach, sits in a deck chair shouting out critiques to her four-woman squad as they leap and splash from the one-meter and three-meter boards.

Despite being short on some of the necessary equipment — such as a dry board and a trampoline, Stringham is proud of how her student-athletes have come together.

"It's hard not having a senior leader for them to watch, but they do a wonderful job

motivating and supporting each other," she says.

Across a thin strip of cement, the two dozen members of the women's swim team do stretching exercises in the shade of a large pool-side awning.

Coach Neal Studd recruited each of them and it proved to be good timing for all. FGCU was recently named a charter member of the brand new Coastal Collegiate Swim Association, a new aquatic-themed conference with schools from all over the Southeast.

That means the women on Studd's team will have real regional competition.

"We are just really fortunate that we started our team this year and the conference came together," Studd says. "It was a bit of good luck."

Good luck for the toned and lithe athletes who hail from all over — Florida, Minnesota, Massachusetts as well as Canada and Sweden.

One of them is Rachael



FGCU swimmer Cori Lallier works on the butterfly. Below, other team members practice.



Rein, a heavily recruited swimmer from Oviedo, whose specialties are the sprint freestyle and the backstroke.

She's soft-spoken, but confident in her school choice — and her team.

"I wanted to be part of a new tradition. It's exciting that we get to start everything," Rein says. "I think we are going to shock people. I think people don't believe that a new team can win conference or come together like we have."

High hopes for the future characterize these new athletic teams at FGCU. It's a trait members of the three teams share with a supportive campus and proud administration.

"You have to have a unique spirit and personality to work here and to be a student-athlete here," says McAloose. "You have to have an entrepreneurial spirit and be a risk taker. We're going to have to work a little bit harder than everyone else because we are new, but be patient and things will pay off."

— Chris Wadsworth is a freelance writer based in Fort Myers and a frequent contributor to Pinnacle magazine.

WOMEN'S SWIMMING & DIVING

Sarah McCollough is a very intuitive young woman. The freshman from Lakeland was a diver in high school and when recruiters from FGCU showed up, they convinced her to give the University a look-see.

"I had never heard of this college before," McCollough

SEASONS

WOMEN'S SOCCER: Aug. 31 – Nov. 3

MEN'S SOCCER: Aug. 31 – Nov. 7

WOMEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING: Oct. 13 – Feb. 21

The big time

Move to Division I means tougher games, more intense rivalries

BY CARL BLEICH

Florida Gulf Coast University's move from Division II to Division I will greatly change the complexion of the athletic program this year.

One of the more obvious changes is that FGCU will now take on big-name college teams both within and outside of the Atlantic Sun conference.

Since the FGCU volleyball program plays in the fall, it secured the school's first win over a Division I program, as a Division I program, when the team cruised to a three-game victory over UNC-Asheville. The team even hosted and won the FGCU Supervalley Tournament Sept. 8 and 9, which is the first Division I event hosted by the volleyball program, beating Bethune-Cookman and North Carolina Central.

Coach Jaye Flood senses both the University community



Carl McAloose

to take on the University of Florida and Central Florida and will host Conference USA's Memphis in a December tournament.

"This is an exciting time for us," women's head coach Karl Smesko says. "We have a lot of new faces on the team this year and it's too early to tell how they will respond to Division I."

Smesko hopes that Alico Arena will be just as packed for the Florida State game as for the Lady Eagles' last home game: More than 4,000 fans packed the arena and students rushed the floor after the victory during the 2006 South Region Championship.

The Seminoles are expected to begin the season ranked in the top 20 in the nation.

"Florida State will create just as much buzz down here as any other school in the country," Smesko says. "Everyone will be eager to see what the new team looks like against a team like Florida State. It will have a big-game feel to it."

FGCU athletic director Carl McAloose is particularly



Women's volleyball players Whitney Hendry, left, Ana Kokanovic and Brooke Youngquist

and the larger Southwest Florida community are more excited about the team this year than in previous seasons.

The student-athletes feel the energy, too.

"I think it's really exciting in Division I, especially our conference. It is going to be really competitive compared to last year," Eagle junior setter Roberta Santos says. "I think it's good for us and for the crowd to see some good volleyball games."

The men's basketball program will also change greatly. After playing just three Division I teams last season, FGCU will play that many in the season's first week. Gone will be visits from little-known schools in Puerto Rico. In their place will be established basketball powers such as Butler, Penn and Drexel.

Gone will be journeys to far-flung Division II schools. In their places will be trips to play the Big Ten's Iowa Hawkeyes and the Missouri Valley Conference's Bradley Braves.

The women's basketball team opens the season at Alico Arena playing Florida State, which was in the Sweet 16 last season. The team also travels

excited about the women's basketball matchup with Florida State and the men's basketball team hosting Butler.

"Those games are big deals," McAloose says.

Since FGCU will now be playing against the same conference opponents, some twice a year, McAloose fully expects rivalries to be formed.

"That is what we were lacking in Division II," McAloose says. "We are going to be seeing the same teams year in and year out."

FGCU's immediate rivals will likely be Stetson, North Florida and Jacksonville since they are all within the state.

"We will probably find that in each sport there will be different rivals," McAloose says. "We are going to see the same student athletes and coaches every year."

Five years down the road, McAloose is hoping that FGCU will be winning conference championships and making trips to the NCAA tournament. The Eagles will be eligible for NCAA tournaments in the 2011-2012 season.

"We want to be in the upper echelon of the conference," McAloose says. "Every step forward you take is going to help with recruiting and other things. We have a bright future ahead of us, but it will take some time to get there."

— Carl Bleich is an FGCU student and freelance writer.

FGCU Sports Calendar

For details, contact Matt Fairchild at (239) 590-7061.

Saturday, Oct. 20
Volleyball vs. UNF
7 p.m., Alico Arena

Sunday, Oct. 21
Men's Soccer vs. Belmont
1 p.m., FGCU Soccer Complex

Friday, Oct. 26
Women's Soccer vs. ETSU
7 p.m., FGCU Soccer Complex

Saturday, Oct. 27
Women's Swimming vs. Ga Tech/Tampa/FAU
10 a.m., Lee County/FGCU Aquatics Center

Men's Basketball - Blue-Green Scrimmage
1 p.m., Alico Arena

Sunday, Oct. 28
Women's Soccer vs. USC-Upstate
1 p.m., FGCU Soccer Complex

Saturday, Nov. 3
Men's Basketball vs. St. Thomas
7 p.m., Alico Arena

Sunday, Nov. 4
Men's Soccer vs. Howard
Noon, FGCU Soccer Complex

Friday, Nov. 9
Women's Basketball vs. Florida State
7 p.m., Alico Arena

Wednesday, Nov. 14
Men's Basketball vs. Drexel
7 p.m., Alico Arena

Friday, Nov. 23
Women's Basketball vs. Central Connecticut State (FGCU Tourney)
7 p.m., Alico Arena

Saturday, Nov. 24
Women's Basketball vs. Valparaiso/Eastern Kentucky (FGCU Tourney)
5 p.m., Alico Arena

Thursday, Dec. 20
Women's Basketball vs. Texas Pan-American (FGCU Tourney)
7 p.m., Alico Arena



Friday, Dec. 21
Women's Basketball vs. Memphis/Loyola (Chicago) (FGCU Tourney)
5 p.m., Alico Arena

Saturday, Dec. 22
Men's Basketball vs. Butler
7 p.m., Alico Arena

Saturday, Dec. 29
Women's Swimming- FGCU Invitational
10 a.m., Lee County/FGCU Aquatics Center

Saturday, Dec. 29
Men's Basketball vs. Penn
7 p.m., Alico Arena



Top: Ashley Haegele and Delia De La Torre in white
Bottom: Men's basketball coach Dave Balzo and Landon Adler



FGCU purchases Bonita Springs property for science field station

Florida Gulf Coast University has purchased a waterfront property on Estero Bay that will serve as a field station for marine, biological and environmental science programs.

The property, previously owned by Norm and Nancy Vester and known as the Bonita Beach Plantation Resort, is at 5164 Bonita Beach Road on Little Hickory Island along Fish Trap Bay. The property is about three-quarters of an acre and is surrounded by water on three sides.



Aerial view of FGCU's new science field station

There's a main residence, an eight-unit apartment building and a four-unit apartment building, totaling nearly 10,000 square feet of space. FGCU plans to use the apartments to house visiting scientists. The site also includes 10 boat slips.

The Vesters sold the property to the FGCU Foundation, the fund-raising arm of the University, for \$2.75 million, \$1 million less than the appraised value of \$3.75 to \$3.9 million. The Vesters said their decision to work with FGCU was based upon their experiences with

the University's students and faculty, and their concern for their community.

"We wanted to donate something the University could use and that would benefit the community," the Vesters said. "Our resort is such a beautiful ecological place and we know the University will be a good steward as students learn and conduct research that will help improve the environment. The FGCU staff we met are excellent professionals. The University will make good neighbors."

The Vester field station is in addition to FGCU's current partnership with the Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve, which was established in 2003. The Estero Bay property will provide hands-on field experiences for students, faculty and research staff to study a range of marine and estuarine habitats using specialized equipment.

FGCU agreed to purchase the site because of its exceptional educational potential for students, the scope of research opportunities, its proximity to FGCU, accessibility and existing boat slips.

College of Arts and Science Dean Donna Price Henry says the property is ideal for a field station that will accommodate several science programs because of its access to the water.

"I appreciate the vision of Norm and Nancy Vester to provide the University with a property that will advance both our research and academic programs in marine and ecological sciences," Henry says. "The Marine and Environmental Field Station will provide FGCU immediate access to a saltwater environment and to the bay and gulf waters."

FGCU Associate Professor of Marine Science Aswani Volety, who has four federal grants that support oyster reef restoration, is equally enthusiastic.

"The property makes sea water readily available for the restoration project," he says. "Preparations to utilize the newly acquired facility are under way."

He expects the property to be operational in the next month or so.

FGCU trustee, wife establish fund for scholarships, travel

W. Bernard Lester and his wife Elaine have established an endowed fund that will benefit Florida Gulf Coast University students in the form of scholarships and University-sanctioned travel for those enrolled in the Lutgert College of Business.

The Elaine P. and W. Bernard Lester Scholarship Fund will allow College of Business students to travel for such purposes as presenting papers at conferences, taking courses at partnering institutions and internships.

"As the Lutgert College of Business prepares students to compete regionally, nationally and globally, an important aspect of their education is to interact and learn from other students and professionals," says J. Howard Finch, acting dean of the Lutgert College of Business. "The endowment provided by Dr. Bernie and Elaine Lester will enable the college to send students to national competitions where they will present their own work and be judged by industry experts, to research conferences where they will be exposed to cutting-edge ideas and scholars, and to important venues for learning from professionals such as Wall Street for finance and Madison Avenue for advertising and marketing.

"These experiences will enhance their campus-based education to foster a sense of national and global awareness of all aspects of modern business practice in the 21st century."

The Lesters are long-time supporters of FGCU.

"We enjoy watching things progress and seeing the University grow," Bernard Lester says.

Lester serves on the



University Board of Trustees. The retired Alico Inc. CEO was part of the University's earliest history.

"When Alico, Inc. donated 760 acres for a university in Southwest Florida, Dr. Lester was there," says Judie Cassidy, senior director of Advancement.

When the agribusiness company donated three Eminent Scholar Chairs for the College of Business, he stood next to then-chairman of the corporation Ben Hill Griffin III.

"We are pleased to participate with others in the Southwest Florida community who have provided scholarships to assist many well-deserving FGCU students with their University experiences," the Lesters say. "Our intent with this scholarship

is to not only provide financial assistance where needed, but to also provide students with practical experiences to complement their on-campus academic training."

The \$100,000 endowed fund will be divided evenly between financial assistance for College of Business-related travel and unrestricted academic scholarships. The University expects that the state of Florida will provide a \$50,000 match.

"We enjoy watching things progress and seeing the University grow."

— Bernard Lester

Local couple establish first University scholarship for learning disabled students

David and Karen Crowther have witnessed for themselves what it takes for someone with a learning disability to succeed in school.

They know that students with learning disabilities are more than capable of competing in the academic arena and earning degrees. And they have learned that such students can be quite dedicated to their education goals, studying late into the night and waking early to begin again. This schedule leaves little time for friends or for work, which is often critical to cover their educational expenses.

Nonetheless, many of these students remain committed and passionate about the fields they have chosen. That has been the case for the Crowthers' daughter Savannah, who has a

learning disability and is now earning a college degree in Early Childhood Education so that she may help children with similar challenges.

To assist other students like Savannah, the couple have established the first endowed scholarship at Florida Gulf Coast University that will financially assist students with learning disabilities.

"We simply want other kids to have the same opportunity as Savannah has been fortunate enough to have," Karen Crowther says.

Cori Bright, FGCU's director for Adaptive Services, says, "We are extremely grateful to the Crowthers for this scholarship. It will help qualified students with learning disabilities achieve their educational goals. Perhaps more importantly, this scholarship will encourage these students, giving them a feeling of self-accomplishment."

David and Karen Crowther attended the President's Celebration in February and noticed scholarships among the bid offerings in the silent auction.

"We saw this as an opportunity to help others," says David Crowther.

The first David and Karen Crowther Scholarship was awarded for the 2007-08 academic year.

Students with documented learning disabilities may apply for the scholarship online at www.fgcu.edu then clicking on the scholarship icon.



Left: Karen Crowther, Interim President Pegnetter and David Crowther

Conner estate benefits students, nursing program

Jack and Betty Conner valued education and Florida Gulf Coast University.

"Jack and I appreciate being associated with FGCU and the people who strive to make it the best University in the State of Florida," Betty Conner wrote to University officials several years ago.

Their appreciation will be felt forever in Southwest Florida and beyond. The Elizabeth A. and Jack A. Conner Scholarship Fund and The Elizabeth A. and Jack A. Conner Professorship of Nursing recently funded by their trusts extend the good they accomplished in life.

In 1998, the Conners established the Jack and Betty Conner Endowed Scholarship Fund, which encourages ethics in business. A few years later, Betty Conner learned that one of her scholarship recipients wanted to continue on to earn her master's degree, but couldn't afford it. That's when the Jack and Betty Conner Fellowship Fund was established. The fund gives preference to FGCU graduate students who received the Conners' undergraduate scholarships.

Jack Conner, who died in 2002, spent his career as a toolmaker, retiring from Delva Tool in Cinnaminson, N.J. One of his proudest moments was his role in creating a special case for the second moon buggy, which allowed the astronauts to transmit from their suits directly to earth. His artistic and mechanical talent was evident throughout the couple's Bonita Springs home, particularly in their studio where he designed the furniture and accessories Betty used in her creative sewing and computer work.

Betty Conner received her RN in 1950, worked in hospitals then became a school nurse. She went to Trenton State College and received her BA in Education in 1967. For 22 years, she worked in the Cherry Hill, N.J. school system, retiring in 1984, after being diagnosed with

lymphoma in 1982. She valiantly fought the disease for 25 years.

"I was constantly amazed at their willingness to face new challenges, including learning new technologies and techniques to solve a problem," says Bob Ratti, their financial adviser. "Betty wanted to create fancy embroidery on her custom-made clothing so she learned how to digitize the images that she scanned and this was after she taught herself all about computers."

Attorney Jim Kerr says, "The uncommon love Jack and Betty felt for each other overflowed to their non-traditional family. Bob Ratti and I became part of their family as did many at the University and all their scholarship recipients."

The students appreciated them, too. In February, student Bianny Fernandez wrote to Betty Conner at the end of her life: "I will always remember your kindness, your sweet words, your smile. Thank you for the gift of education, for caring for me like I never thought anyone outside of my family would. I love you and I count on soon having an angel in the heavens watching over me. Please do not forget me when you are in the paradise that you so well deserve."

With their estate, the Conners established their third endowment to benefit FGCU Lee and Collier county undergraduates who have academic merit and financial need.

Their estate also establishes The Elizabeth A. and Jack A. Conner Professorship of World Affairs. The individuals selected for this and the nursing professorships must demonstrate excellence in research and scholarly activities, publish widely and show commitment to using their own achievements to give FGCU students the most stimulating education available.

Their gifts will be matched by the State of Florida, thereby doubling their value.



Betty and Jack Conner on a cruise in 1998.



The Ruth M. and Cleveland L. Campbell Engineering Scholarship Endowed Fund was created in September. Pictured from left: Bonnie Yegidis, FGCU provost and vice president for Academic Affairs; Steve Shimp, president of Owen-Ames-Kimball Company; Dr. Burt Holmes, chair of the Whitaker Foundation; Dr. Ruth Holmes, daughter of U. A. Whitaker; Cleveland Campbell; Ruth Campbell; Interim President Richard Pegnetter; and Susan Blanchard, founding director of the U. A. Whitaker School of Engineering.



The Physical Plant Endowed Scholarship Fund was created with annual gifts donated by FGCU Physical Plant employees and companies that work with them. Proceeds are awarded annually to one or more students who major or minor in environmental studies, civil engineering or environmental engineering. Pictured, from left: Jim Hehl, Physical Plant director; John Camden and Beverly Camden of ATP Engineering; Troy Kelly, senior utilities superintendent; Linda Guerine, FGCU director of College Campaigns; Vikki McConnell, assistant director of Finance and Business Operations; and Interim President Richard Pegnetter.

The Joseph "Joe" Collier Memorial Scholarship Endowed Fund was established in June in memory of FGCU graduate Joe Collier. From left are: Kevin McFadden, of the Estero Gulf Coast Kiwanis Club; Joseph Shepard, FGCU vice president for Administrative Affairs and Finance; Robin Collier, Joe Collier's mother; Richard Pegnetter, FGCU interim president; Richard Collier, Joe Collier's brother; and Philip Collier, Joe Collier's father.



Colonial Bank made a contribution to name the Colonial Bank Advising Suite in Lutgert Hall, the new home of the FGCU Lutgert College of Business. Pictured from left: Linda Lehtomaa, senior director of Advancement; Howard Finch, interim dean of the College of Business; Harlan Parrish, West Coast Florida Region president and CEO of Colonial Bank; Interim President Richard Pegnetter; and Carol Burnette, associate dean for Assessment and Enrollment Management.



The Douglas R. and Terri L. St. Cerny Scholarship Endowment Fund was established in August to benefit FGCU intercollegiate athletes who play men's baseball, women's basketball or women's volleyball. Pictured from left: FGCU Athletic Director Carl McAloose, Terri St. Cerny, Interim President Richard Pegnetter and Douglas St. Cerny.



Top executives from Oswald Trippe and Company presented FGCU with a donation to fund the Oswald Trippe and Company Conference Room in Lutgert Hall, the new home of the Lutgert College of Business. Pictured from left: Howard Finch, interim dean of the College of Business; John Pollock, president of Oswald Trippe and Company; Gary V. Trippe, CEO of Oswald Trippe and Company; Interim President Richard Pegnetter; and Linda Lehtomaa, senior director of Advancement.



FGCU license plates help provide vital scholarships

Investing in a Florida Gulf Coast University license plate benefits the University and gives students the chance to realize their dreams.

The plates help raise awareness around the community, spreading a positive message and helping with student recruitment. The University receives \$25 with the sale of each plate, money that helps provide vitally needed scholarships for FGCU students.

To date, 1,488 license plates have been sold.

Contact the FGCU Foundation at (239) 590-1072.

Alumnus remembers sister with scholarship

Jim Robinson, '99 (Business Management) and his family wanted to do something meaningful in memory of his sister, Kellie, who died in a car accident at age 18.

"Given that Kellie died while pursuing higher education, we feel that a scholarship in her name is an appropriate means of preserving her memory," Robinson says. "We



From left: Dr. J. Nial Robinson, Mary Robinson, Lindsay Scott and Jim Robinson, '99

chose FGCU because, among other things, it is located in Kellie's hometown of Fort Myers."

The Kellie Jean Robinson Memorial Scholarship is awarded annually

Limited time remains for IRA charitable rollovers

For a second year, a federal law allows donors to make charitable contributions from their IRAs directly to Florida Gulf Coast University.

The IRA charitable rollover allows those 70 ½ or older to contribute as much as \$100,000 to a qualified charity in 2007.

The law is set to expire in December.

The provision applies to both traditional and Roth IRAs. Gifts from other types of retirement funds – such as 401k, 403b and SEP accounts – do not qualify.

"This is a marvelous way to promote higher education and make a difference in the lives of students in Southwest Florida," says Peter Lefferts, FGCU's Director of Planned Giving. "Gifts of \$10,000 and above may be easily structured to create a named endowed fund at FGCU that will last in perpetuity. The IRA rollover gifts are simple to make. You simply instruct your IRA custodian to transfer your gift directly to FGCU."

For details on using this benefit for FGCU, contact Lefferts at (239) 590-1077 or see your IRA custodian.

to a graduating senior at North Fort Myers High School, Kellie's alma mater, who enrolls at FGCU. Lindsay Scott received this year's scholarship, valued at \$700.

Scott played basketball and swam for North High and is ranked in the top 10 percent of her class academically.

"This scholarship gave me the opportunity to attend a great university with the assistance from a very generous family," says Scott, who is majoring in Legal Studies.

"I have a sense of excitement ... to make the Robinson family proud by continuing to do what Kellie would have done ... (and to) excel in school and get involved with my new FGCU family."

Robinson says, "Creating or contributing to an FGCU scholarship is one way in which alumni can provide a springboard for students to obtain educational opportunities. Establishing a scholarship is my way of enabling other students to utilize that same springboard."

Anyone interested in donating to The Kellie Jean Robinson Memorial Scholarship Fund, or establishing an endowment fund, may contact the Office of Alumni Relations at (239) 590-1016.

Moorings Park CEO named 2007 Alumnus of Distinction

Long before Guenther Gosch ever considered enrolling in Florida Gulf Coast University, he was a loyal and effective supporter, helping the young institution raise much-needed money for faculty positions. He also extends a helping hand to several other area organizations while ably serving as president and CEO of Moorings Park in Naples.

In the midst of it all, he took the time to earn his Executive MBA at FGCU.

For all of his accomplishments, he was recently recognized by the Alumni Association Board of Directors as the 2007 Alumnus of Distinction.

It is the Association's highest award, presented to one FGCU graduate each year in recognition of that individual's efforts to make a difference in the community while also excelling in his or her profession.

"I was surprised and flattered to be nominated for this award," Gosch says. "Knowing of the accomplishments of my classmates and other graduates, I am most appreciative of the Alumni Association for this honor."

Classmate John Little, '03 (who is also a board member for the FGCU Foundation) and FGCU benefactor Alan Korest nominated him. Both are members of Moorings Park Board of Directors.

Business Professor Charles Fornaciari also nominated Gosch.

"Guenther has truly been an outstanding CEO of Moorings Park and has extended the outreach of Moorings Park throughout Southwest Florida," Korest says. "At the same time, he gives unselfishly of his own time and intellect to the community. I believe Guenther illustrates how a person with great leadership skills can make extraordinary contributions to their business, community or both."

Gosch, a 2003 Executive MBA graduate, has worked at Moorings Park, a nationally accredited continuing-care retirement community, since 1993. Gosch enrolled in the EMBA program, "with an objective to learn business theories and practices that could create opportunities for the growth and expansion of our organization's business and mission," he says. "The EMBA studies certainly achieved that while also creating opportunities for continued access to the resources of the University and ongoing mentoring from the outstanding faculty."

Under Gosch's leadership as president and CEO of Moorings Park, the



Guenther Gosch, '03

community's support for FGCU has included the establishment of the Moorings Park Endowed Chair in Accounting in the Lutgert College of Business and the funding of Executive MBA degrees for several Moorings Park senior officers. Also, a number of FGCU faculty members have served and continue to serve on the Moorings Park Board of Directors.

Gosch also is active in community service, supporting the Lorenzo Walker Institute of Technology, the Education Foundation of Collier County and the Immokalee Childcare Foundation, among others.

Do you know an outstanding Eagle graduate?

Nominations are being accepted for the 2008 Alumna/Alumnus of Distinction through the Office of Alumni Relations. Nomination forms are available online at www.fgcu.edu/alumni. The award will be announced at the Celebration of Excellence in April 2008.

Nominate a graduate today!



MIND OVER MATTER

Alumna focuses on her abilities

BY KAREN FELDMAN

No one would have blamed Rose McGahee if she'd simply given up after an automobile accident broke her neck and injured her spinal cord.

No one, that is, but the determined 19-year-old herself who went on to become an independent professional and an integral member of the FGCU family.

In October 1990, she was a freshman at Palm Beach Community College when she crashed her car on a visit to her family in Lake Harbor, a rural community on the southern edge of Lake Okeechobee.

She'd planned to be a teacher. The fact that she was unable to walk and had limited use of her hands wasn't about to stop her.

"After the accident, an education became vital if I was going to have any quality of life," she says.

After two months in intensive care and seven months

of rehabilitation, she went back to Palm Beach Community College, this time to the Belle Glade campus, near her mother's home.

She earned her associate's degree and felt ready to venture out on her own.

"I wanted to be independent," she says. "My mom wanted me to be independent. My mom gets a lot of credit."

McGahee moved to Cape Coral and enrolled in the University of South Florida in Fort Myers, graduating in May 1997 with a Bachelor of Arts in Special Education. Three months later, she was among the first graduate students to enroll in FGCU.

By that time, she'd decided to become a mental health counselor, after an internship at an elementary school made her realize teaching would be too physically demanding.

She got a job in Multi-Access Services, the precursor to the University's Adaptive Services and International Services, where she was asked to stage a disability awareness week. That first year, it was a table with brochures. Nine years later, the Adaptive Sports Expo includes wheelchair dancing, basketball, tennis, waterskiing, kayaking and rock-wall climbing.

"It's exciting to see the children with disabilities when it was their turn to shine while their siblings without disabilities were sitting on the sidelines and being the cheerleaders," she says.

McGahee graduated with a Master of Arts degree in

Community Mental Health in December 2000. She was also named Graduate Student of the Year. The prize was a crystal eagle trophy she proudly displays in her office in the Wellness Center, where she has worked as a counselor since 2001.

"The trophy and my five-year pin are my prize possessions," she says, brushing her curly brown hair behind her shoulders and showing just a trace of dimples as she smiles.

McGahee names two people who were most influential during her FGCU years: College of Education Dean Marci Greene and Jon Brunner, assistant dean for Student Development.

Greene was her professor at USF and moved to FGCU when it opened.

"She had a passion for all the students she was teaching and also their students," McGahee says.

Brunner hired her as a student and is her supervisor now.

"His main focus is the students of FGCU and he takes good care of the employees under him," she says.

Greene and Brunner have high regard for McGahee, too.

"Rose has a great understanding of people's emotions and how they deal with difficult things in life," Brunner says. "Knowing what she's gone through, it's kind of a natural fit."

Greene says, "Rose is a role model for everyone with and



Facts of life

Who: Rose McGahee

Age: 36

Favorite book: "A Land Remembered," by Patrick Smith

Hobbies: Painting, waterskiing, swimming

Aspiration: Travel to Australia, either on vacation or to study.

without disabilities. Because of Rose's work, the community at large views people with disabilities in a new and different light. They see abilities and that's what Rose is all about. She is a doer. She is a trailblazer. I regard her so highly."

McGahee leads a life much like that of other working professionals.

Her specially equipped van allows her to travel freely and her wheelchair-accessible Fort Myers house, which she shares with her long-term boyfriend, affords her an independent lifestyle.

She enjoys swimming at the Lee County/FGCU Aquatics Center, visiting family, reading and painting.

In the future, she'd like to earn a doctoral degree and return to FGCU to teach. For her, FGCU is home. She believes it's a good fit for her because of her background, which includes a family of pioneers.

"It's the opportunity to know that you've left a footprint on the University," she says. "If I went to another school that was already established, my footprint might not be visible. Here I can see how I have been able to add to the University."

"What Rose has done is to alter stereotypes and beliefs that people with disabilities can't. She's changed that to people with disabilities can."

— Marci Greene, dean of the College of Education

Alumni Association welcomes three new board members



Carlos Cavenago



Ashley Coone



Tammy Surratt

The FGCU Alumni Association Board recently elected three new members to two-year terms, bringing the total on the board to 17 members who represent 7,000-plus FGCU alumni worldwide. They are:

Carlos Cavenago, '00 (Criminal Justice), is an attorney for Parvey & Frankel Attorneys, P.A. Cavenago earned his juris doctorate (J.D.) degree in 2004 at St. Thomas University. He has been admitted to the 11th Circuit Court of Appeal for the federal court system, and is a member of the Lee County Bar Association, Florida Academy of Trial Lawyers and the Calusa Inn of Courts. He serves on the Alumni Association Board of Directors' membership committee. "I want to ensure that the present students at FGCU have

an enjoyable and meaningful experience ... I think the student experience has a direct relation to whether you desire to be an active alumnus," he says.

Ashley Coone, '05 (Business Management), is a student advocate for South Florida Community College's Take Stock in Children program. Coone is pursuing her MBA at Webster University's Highlands County campus, and serves on the Alumni Association Board of Directors' development committee. She returned to college after working for Congressman Connie Mack for three years and is an active volunteer for the Republican Party. "I would like to give back to FGCU through my dedication and volunteerism," says Coone.

Tammy Surratt, '99 (Finance), '07 (MBA), is president and CEO of Legacy Wealth Group in Bonita Springs. Surratt serves on the Alumni Association Board of Directors' fund-raising committee. She is a member of the Southwest Florida Community Foundation Scholarship Committee, Bonita Springs Community Foundation Community Awareness Committee, Edison College Foundation Board of Trustees and Uncommon Friends Foundation Board of Trustees. "I encourage FGCU alumni to remain connected to the University through services, activities and financial support," says Surratt.

Alumni Association Happenings

Oct. 27: Community Day Open House 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Alumni patio FGCU campus, Fort Myers
Alumni are invited to don their FGCU green and blue and reconnect with fellow alumni on the patio outside the Student Union. Free admission.

Nov. 7: Eaglepalooza 5-11 p.m., Recreation fields FGCU campus, Fort Myers
Visit the FGCU Alumni Association tent during this popular annual event. There will be plenty of free food and fun as well as a concert featuring Young Joc. Free admission.

Dec. 14: A Toast to Our Graduates 5-6:30 p.m., Student Union lobby FGCU campus, Fort Myers
The FGCU Alumni Association hosts a reception in honor of fall 2007 graduates. Free admission.

Dec. 15: Fall Commencement 10 a.m., Alico Arena FGCU campus, Fort Myers
Join Allison Allie, director of Alumni Relations, and Cynthia Bennett, president of the Alumni Association Board of Directors, as they induct graduates into the Alumni Association.

Jan. 11: FGCU Alumni Association Lifetime Member Reception and Men's Basketball Game vs. Stetson 6:30 p.m., President's Box, Alico Arena FGCU campus, Fort Myers
Enjoy hors d'oeuvres and beverages before and during the game, compliments of the FGCU Alumni Association. Free for FGCUAA Lifetime members and one guest.

For the most up-to-date Alumni event listings, visit www.fgcu.edu/alumni
For event details contact: Allison Allie, Director of Alumni Relations
e-mail: aallie@fgcu.edu, (239) 590-1016



Message from the President

Dear alumni and friends:

I am honored to introduce myself as Florida Gulf Coast University's new Alumni Association President. As an Eagle graduate and current master's student, I appreciate the education and opportunities FGCU has provided me.

Having met with FGCU's Alumni Relations office, we have begun to map out the next phases of program development, building on the great work of the previous administration. My plan is to help increase communication and interaction among alumni and the University.

To that end, I invite and encourage all of my fellow alumni to join Eagle Entourage, an exciting new networking tool. The online community is intended to help alumni leverage their network of FGCU connections to find jobs, housing and business associates. Users can choose what profile information is made available to the entire community and what is private or limited to friends.

In addition to reconnecting and staying in touch with old friends, alumni can make new connections by joining and creating groups or posting events based on their interests. Most of the groups are related to on-campus topics – majors or graduating classes – but there are also groups based on geography, including international alumni, and on professional and personal interests, including one for members of Zeta Tau Alpha, just to name one of many Greek organizations listed.

The network is limited to FGCU graduates and is free of charge, courtesy of the FGCU Alumni Association. To learn more and to register, visit <https://fgcu.affinitycircles.com>.

To learn more about FGCU Alumni Association services, programs and events, visit the alumni Web site at <http://www.fgcu.edu/alumni/>. I look forward to seeing and hearing from our unique group of alumni at one of our many upcoming events!

Warm regards,

Cynthia Bennett, '99
Alumni Association President
alumnirelations@fgcu.edu



Having a ball

FGCU Alumni Association members and friends gathered at Beacon Bowl in Naples recently for the Dollars for FGCU Scholars glow bowling fund-raiser, which raised more than \$1,000 for the association's scholarship fund. From left are '07 graduates Michael Murder (Criminal Forensics), Tiana Perez (Marketing), Peter Lechler (Communications) and Tyrone Martin (Political Science).



Upward and onward

In celebration of the University's move up to Division I, the Alumni Association and the Athletics Department hosted a tailgate party at the inaugural FGCU women's soccer match against Alabama State (which the Eagles won 10-0). Among those attending was Becky Pacter, daughter of Greg Pacter, '00 (Criminal Justice) and Laura Pacter, '01 (Master's, Public Administration).



Rules of law (school)

Current students and alumni learned about the law school application process, what it's like to attend law school and the life of a practicing attorney. At left, guest speaker Jim Robinson, '99 (Business Management), discusses the practice of commercial litigation. Robinson is an attorney in the Miami office of White & Case LLP. Other alums who spoke included Kenneth Kemp, '99 (Criminal Justice), a partner at Patrone & Kemp, P.A., and Vana Renejuste, '02 (Criminal Justice), an assistant public defender with the Lee County Public Defenders' Office. The Alumni Association and Career Development-sponsored event was called Return to Justice.

Class Notes

Weddings, engagements and births



Connor Owen Chastain

Brittany Robbins, '02 (Human Services), and Ezekiel Robbins were married in August 2002. The couple welcomed their first child, Bryson, in March 2006. Brittany worked as a guidance counselor at Evangelical Christian School until the birth of her son. The couple reside in Cape Coral.

Penney Chastain, '03 (Computer Information Systems), and **Owen Chastain**, '03 (Computer Information Systems), announced the birth of their son, Connor Owen, on Oct. 30, 2006. He weighed 6 pounds 5 ounces. The family lives in Vero Beach.

Samantha Crow, '04 (Social Science), and her husband are expecting their first child. The couple married on Dec. 2, 2006. Crow is employed as a planning technician with the City of Cape Coral.

Jennifer McGoff, '04 (Master's, Business Administration), and **Shawn McGoff**, '04 (Master's, Business Administration) have announced the birth of their daughter, Chloe McGoff, on Jan. 23, 2007. The family lives in Denver, CO.

Amy Benvie, '05 (Master's, Curriculum and Instruction), and Paul Benvie were married on May 13, 2006 in Rome, Italy. Amy is an instructor for the College of Arts and Sciences at Florida Gulf Coast University. The couple resides in Bonita Springs.

Megan Amateis, '06 (Communications), and **Jay O'Brien**, '05 (Communications), were married Dec. 30, 2006, at the National Croquet Center in West Palm Beach. Megan is a development officer at the Make-A-Wish Foundation and Jay is a student at the Dallas Theological Seminary. The couple reside in Dallas, Texas.

Michelle Carter, '06 (Communications), and **Kevin Stafford**, '06 (Communications), were married July 28, 2007. Michelle is a teacher for the Polk County Public School System and Kevin is employed with SoundWaves Audio Video Interiors. The couple live in Lakeland.

Briana Diercks, '06 (Psychology), and Neal James Hockett were engaged on June 9, 2007. The wedding is planned for March 21, 2009 in Sarasota. Diercks is the marketing assistant for Neal Communications at Lakewood Ranch.

Jason Garcia, '06 (Biology), and Amy Van Atta recently announced their engagement. A 2008 winter wedding is planned. Jason is employed with Nestle Waters of North America-Zephyrhills

Spring Water Division, where he was recently promoted to lead microbiologist. The couple reside in Tampa.

Lindsey Jacobson, '06 (Liberal Studies), and Todd Foegen have announced their engagement. They plan to marry in the summer of 2008. The couple live in Naples.

Esther Toussaint, '06 (Business Management) and **Harry Casimir**, '05 (Computer Information Systems), are engaged. A May



Esther Toussaint and Harry Casimir

wedding is planned. Casimir is co-founder/managing director of Unique ID Web Design. The couple reside in Naples.

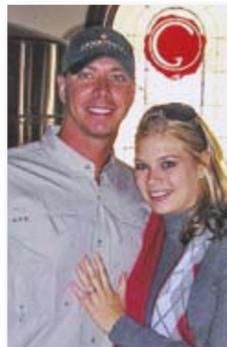


Courtney Dwyer and Dave Satkoski

Courtney Dwyer, '04 (Communications), '07 (Master's, Public Administration), and Dave Satkoski are engaged. The wedding will be held on Oct. 27, 2007 at South Seas Island Resort on Captiva Island. Courtney is a resource teacher in the School District of Lee County. As a student at FGCU, she was a member of the FGCU tennis team and was named Student of the Year in 2004.

Emily Koester, '07 (Elementary Education), and **Christopher Squittieri**, '05 (Finance), were married in the spring of 2007. Emily is a first-grade teacher at Osceola Elementary School. Christopher is an investment associate for Northern Trust Bank. The couple reside in Naples.

Jill Brauer, '07 (Social Work), and **Braxton Rhone**, '06 (Management), announced their engagement on June 29, 2007. A Dec. 29, 2007 wedding is planned.



Lindsey Jacobson and Todd Foegen

Newsmakers

'99 **Jodi Frogge** (Early Childhood Education) teaches kindergarten in Lee County. She was married March 27, 2004.

Lorrie McCann (Master's, Counselor Education) is a licensed mental health counselor and board certified associate behavior analyst, specializing in treating behavioral problems in children. She has started a counseling practice with Counseling Associates in North Naples. McCann is also employed by Collier County Public Schools as a behavior specialist for severely emotionally disturbed students.

Fred Price (Marketing) is co-owner and broker of Priceless Realty and Priceless Lending.

'00 **Steven Kessinger** (Finance) was recently honored as pharmacist of the year by the Florida Society of Health System Pharmacists (FSHP) at the 41st annual meeting in Orlando. He has served four years as a board member, two years as treasurer and three years as an executive committee member for FSHP as president-elect, president and immediate-past president.

'01 **Laura Pacter** (Master's, Public Administration) is the president of L.P. Creativity in Naples. The company specializes in resume writing, photojournalism, business writing enhancement and editing.

'02 **Eileen Briscoe** (Nursing) is the first woman to hold the position of captain in the Lee County Emergency Medical Service (EMS). In her new role as an EMS shift commander, she is responsible for EMS operations including

supervising more than 30 ambulances and 65 paramedics and emergency medical technicians throughout the county.

Ronda Jordan (Psychology) has been hired as staff psychologist at the Post Traumatic Stress Disorder clinic in psychology service. She received her Master's of Science in Clinical Psychology and doctorate of Psychology at Florida Institute of Technology in Melbourne. She completed her internship in Danville, IL at a Veteran's Affairs medical center and completed her residency at North Florida/South Georgia Veterans Affairs in Gainesville with an emphasis in Substance Abuse and Trauma.

'03 **Eugene Hoyt** (Computer Information Systems) has been accepted into the School of Management at Walden University. He will be pursuing his doctorate in Applied Management and Decision Sciences specializing in Information Systems Management.

Tony Price (Marketing) is co-owner and broker of Priceless Realty and Priceless Lending.

Paul Ruby (Master's, Educational Leadership) was named the activities director at Lely High School. He has taught at Lely for 11 years and is an alumnus of Lely High School.

'04 **Virginia Caron** (Master's, Elementary Education) is a stay-at-home mother. She is the daughter/sister of three other FGCU graduates, with three more siblings currently enrolled at FGCU.

Jeff Faramo (Marketing) was promoted to field sales account executive in Washington D.C. for Gartner, Inc.

Patrick Fraley (Management) has been named leasing agent for the commercial real estate firm, Investment Properties Consultants (IPC). His

responsibilities include representing landlords and tenants, marketing properties for lease, canvassing and conducting market research.

Andrew Gamenthaler (English) graduated from Florida State University College of Medicine on May 26, 2007. He is a resident in general surgery at Memorial University Medical Center in Savannah, GA. Gamenthaler was married on June 2, 2007.

Bryon Gill (Elementary Education) has joined Vero Beach Tennis Club. He is a United States Professional Tennis Association Professional and United States Racquet Stringers Association Master Racquet Technician.

Megan Greenleaf (Master's, Reading Education) is a third-grade teacher at Upthegrove Elementary School in LaBelle. In December 2006, she received her National Board Certification in Literacy: Reading-Language Arts. She was also named the Golden Apple Winner for her school. In February 2007, Greenleaf was selected as Hendry County's Teacher of the Year.

Franco Mata (Management) is the former No. 1 tennis player from Zimbabwe and a former FGCU standout. He is now a professional at the Port Royal Club in Naples.

Amanda Parsels (Liberal Studies) graduated at the top of her class on May 14, 2007 from the University of Pennsylvania Law School. While in school, she was appointed to the law review and was active in Moot Court. Parsels will begin work at an international law firm, Kaye Scholar in Manhattan, NY.

Kevin Price (Communications) was promoted to business development manager for Gartner, Inc.

'05 **Elizabeth Burris** (Master's, School Counseling) finished her first season as head coach of the



Megan Greenleaf

St. Andrews Presbyterian College softball team.

Annette Castillo

(Political Science) has been accepted to law school at Nova Southeastern University.

Bryan Crislip

(Sports Management) was named the boy's head basketball coach for Barron Collier High School in Naples. He is the former assistant coach of the women's basketball team at FGCU.

Daniel Godsall

(Criminal Justice) graduated FGCU at the age of 19. He went on to graduate from the Law Enforcement Academy, becoming a state-certified law enforcement officer, and then launched his career with the St. Petersburg Police Department.

Daniel Hannum

(Criminal Justice) enlisted in the Army and entered basic training in June 2006. He is with HHT 1/61 Cav, 506th Infantry Regiment, 4th Brigade, 101 airborne division (air assault).

Robert La Rocco

(Master's, Accounting and Taxation) is attending Thomas M. Cooley Law School in Detroit, in an effort to obtain his Juris Doctor degree. He currently works for Virchow, Krause & Company as a Senior Tax Accountant.

Anser Pierre Louis

(Health Science) received his master's degree in Public Health with a concentration in Health Policy and Management from the University of South Florida. He is currently employed with the Pinellas County Health Department as the only position of its kind in the state of Florida.

Grant Stephens (Art) is a professional photographer and artist. His Web site captures the moments from sporting events, nature, travel, weather, commercial and landscape.

Samantha Syoen (Liberal Studies) is the new communications director for the State Attorney's Office

serving the 20th Judicial Circuit, which includes Lee, Charlotte, Collier, Glades and Hendry counties. Her main focus is media relations.



Samantha Syoen

Victor Tejera

(Master's, Social Work) is pursuing his doctoral degree in Leadership and Education at Barry University. He is also seeking his licensure for clinical social work. He works for Florida Diagnostic and Learning Resources System South for the Miami Dade County Public School System.



Victor Tejera

David Vespignani

(Sports Management) is the new Williston High School (WHS) boy's basketball coach. He will be teaching intensive reading. Vespignani was previously the junior varsity coach for Cape Coral High School.

Mathew Visaggio

(Communications) is the constituent services manager/district legislative aide for State Rep. Gary Aubuchon. He works daily to serve the people of Southwest Florida by connecting them with social services, listening to their comments and serving as a liaison between constituents and government agencies.



Mathew Visaggio

Aharon Weidner (Accounting) graduated in May 2007 with a MBA from the Krannert School of Manage-

ment at Purdue University. He lives in Bonita Springs, where he is the general manager for Gulf Breeze Management Services, a local property management company.

'06 Brooke Bassett

(Nursing) is pursuing her master's in Science Nursing for family nurse practitioner at Purdue University Calumet. She is employed at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne, IN as a labor and delivery nurse.

Susan Coward

(Elementary Education) is a teacher at Christa McAuliffe Elementary School in Cape Coral. She is pursuing her master's degree in Reading at FGCU.

Carrie D'Angelo

(Community Health) is the director of special events for the American Lung Association of Florida-Fort Myers office. She is in charge of organizing and developing the Fort Myers Asthma Walk, Catch Your Breath Luncheon and Clean Air Christmas Gala. D'Angelo is working on her Master's of Science degree in Health Science at FGCU.

Casey Erny

(Elementary Education) completed her first year as a teacher at Christa McAuliffe Elementary School in Cape Coral. She will continue her education at FGCU as she pursues her master's degree in Reading.

Seth Fogelman

(Management) is an assistant tennis professional at The Dunes in North Naples. He was the former captain of the tennis team at FGCU.

Danny Hibshman

(Management) is currently working two jobs. He is a Wal-Mart associate and a medical transcriptionist in Louisiana. He lives in Coral Springs.

Jill Isaacson

(Master's, Mental Health Counseling) is employed as a counselor at FGCU's Counseling and Psychological Services. She provides personal and career counseling.

Eamonn Parsels (Accounting) completed his first year working for the federal government as a revenue agent in May 2007. He is working in the small business audit section after completing additional training in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Kathleen Regelmann

(History) was honored as the 2006-2007 Beginning Teacher of the Year. She is the media specialist at Plantation Key School in Monroe County.

Muriel Reyes

(Art) is a youth counselor at William "Bill" Austen Youth Center in Cape Coral.

Donald Routh

(History) was the first person to be admitted into the newly developed FGCU master's graduate program in History.

Jacquelyn Shotwell

(Communications) is acting in

commercials full-time. She was recently seen in commercials for the Toronto Blue Jays, Dish Network and on the Home Shopping Network.

Martha Vivas

(Master's, Social Work) is the new program director for Catholic Charities of Bonita Springs. Over the next year, the nonprofit organization plans to offer regular seminars on immigration, employment and housing.

'07 John Gulley

(History) is the assistant baseball coach at St. John Neumann High School. He has also assisted the school's golf and girl's basketball teams.

AnaTeresa Marrero

(Spanish) is the new Spanish teacher at Clewiston High School. She will also be

teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) classes.

Michael Muder

(Criminal Forensic Studies) is currently pursuing a job in the New England area and is applying for graduate school at the University of New Haven in Connecticut. He wants to enter the Forensic Science program while he acquires some experience in law enforcement.

Kimberly Zambito

(Resort and Hospitality Management) is a traveling leadership consultant for Zeta Tau Alpha Fraternity (ZTA). She will assist various ZTA chapters across the country with leadership development, programming, recruitment, communication development, marketing and public relations.

In memoriam

Florida Gulf Coast University expresses sympathy to the families and friends of the following alumnus:

Joseph Venuto, '00

(Human Services) died Feb. 12, 2007. He worked for a clinic that specialized in treating people with substance abuse addictions. He thoroughly enjoyed helping others. He is survived by his wife, Valerie, a sister, brother and nephew.

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Awards or Recognitions

Paul Asfour, College of Professional Studies, Justice Studies, JD, MBA, appointed to Florida New Motor Vehicle Arbitration Board-Fort Myers region by Florida Attorney General Bill McCollum, July 1.

James Brock, College of Arts & Sciences, Humanities and Arts, 2007 Literary Artist of the Year awarded by the Lee County Alliance for the Arts, March 25.

Deborah Dahlmans, Student Affairs Dean's Office, BA, MSU, CFRM, Indiana University, Chapter Advisor of the Year, FGCU Scholars Club Collegiate Chapter, May 4.

Bob Diotalevi, College of Professional Studies, Justice Studies, JD, Community Health Visioning 2017 Award, Lee Memorial Health System, Aug. 27.

Jerome Jackson, College of Arts & Sciences, Ecological Studies, Ph.D., elected to a three-year term as president of the Florida Ornithological Society, April 22.

Thomas Roberts, Research and Sponsored Programs, recipient of the Distinguished Senior Service Award from the National Council of University Research Administrators, May 16.

Glenn Sabatka, WGPU-FM, B.S./Communications & Fine Arts, recipient of the 2006-2007 Community Literacy Award from The Lee County Reading Council, May 3.

Cheryl Seals-Gonzalez, Educational Services and Equal Opportunity Programs, M.A. in Conflict Resolution, elected chair-

man of the Florida Council of Equal Opportunity and Access Officers, July 15.

Pamella Seay, College of Professional Studies, Justice Studies, JD, LLM degree in International Law, with honors, Stetson University College of Law, May 12; elected to Executive Council of the International Law Section, June 29; appointed by Gov. Charlie Crist as a member of the Florida Board of Clinical Laboratory Personnel, July 10; appointed to the Board of Legal Specialization and Education and the Professional Ethics Committee of the Florida Bar, July 1.

Rebecca Totaro, College of Arts & Sciences, Humanities and Arts, Ph.D., received a paid fellowship for fall 2007 at the Folger Shakespeare Library, Washington, D.C., Sept. 1.

Grant Awards

Bob Diotalevi, College of Professional Studies, Justice Studies, JD, \$2,452, FGCU Quality Enhancement Project, Measuring and Enhancing Legal Knowledge in the Colloquium Experience, March 1-July 1.

Megan C. McShane, College of Arts & Sciences, Humanities and Arts, Ph.D., \$2,500, Henry Luce Foundation, Research Grant in Chinese Art History, Aug. 1-Dec. 31.

Anica Sturdivant, College of Arts & Sciences, Visual and Performing Arts, BA, \$2,000 awarded by Mayor Jim Humphrey and the Fort Myers City Council through the Arts and Culture Grants program, Aug. 20.

Janusz Zalewski, College of Business, Computer Information Systems and Decision Sciences, Ph.D., \$132,031, National Science Foundation, Web-based Real-Time Software Engineering Lab, May 15-April 30.

Professional Presentations

Michael Baron, College of Arts & Sciences, Humanities and Arts, DMA, "Master class," Luzerne Music Festival, Luzerne Music Festival,

Research director wins writing award



Thomas Roberts, associate vice president for Research at Florida Gulf Coast University, recently was recognized for a noteworthy article he wrote for the Journal of Research Administration.

He was selected as the 2007 recipient of the Red Rose Award from the Journal for the article "Perceptions of Research Administrators on the Value of Certification," which he presented at the Society of

Research Administrators International (SRA) Annual Meeting Honors Convocation in Nashville in October.

The award is given annually to the author of an article judged by the Journal leadership as the most outstanding contribution in that year's editions of the Journal of Research Administration, which is dedicated to the education and professional development of research administrators.

Roberts has been a professional research administrator for 19 years and has worked at a variety of institutions. He authored the first doctoral dissertation focusing specifically on the field of research administration.

He is an active member of the SRA and the National Council of University Research Administrators (NCURA). Roberts earned his doctorate in Educational Leadership from the University of Central Florida.

Lake Luzerne, NY, Aug. 10-12; director and performer at International Music Festival, Corsi Internazionali di Musica, University of Urbino, Italy, Urbino, Italy, July 4-19.

Danilo M. Baylen, College of Education, Undergraduate Studies, Ed.D., "Using Blogs to Support Professional Development Experiences," 2007 Technology, Colleges and Community Worldwide online conference, University of Hawaii at Manoa, Kapiolani Community College, Learning Times, Osaka Gakuin University, Virtual, April 17-19.

Anjana Bhatt, Library Services, MA, MS, MLIS, "License management through the ERMS application and critical importance of public display of terms and conditions at your E-journal portal; a practical approach," Electronic Resources & Libraries, Annual Conference, Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, GA, Feb. 22-24; "Accepting an Electronic Resources Librarianship Position: The Best Professional Decision You Ever Made! Now What? Your A to Z Guide to Practical Tips, Strategies, Workflow, Standards, and Software Applications

You Need to Succeed," American Library Association, Association of College & Research Libraries, Washington, D.C., June 22.

Susan Blanchard, James D. Sweeney, College of Business, School of Engineering, Ph.D., "Proposed Best Practices for Preparing Bioengineering and Biomedical Engineering for ABET Accreditation," ASEE Annual Conference and Exposition, American Society for Engineering Education, Honolulu, HI, June 24-27.

Mark Bradshaw Busbee, College of Arts & Sciences, Humanities and Arts, "Old English Manuscripts Featuring India," 42nd International Congress on Medieval Studies, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI, May 12.

Larry Byrnes, College of Education, Graduate Studies, Ph.D., "Live or Die Together; Education for a Sustainable Future," Open Education Conference, Ural State Pedagogical University, Ekaterinburg, Russia, March 26-30.

Cecil Carter, College of Education,

Graduate Studies, "Addressing the Achievement Gap in the Courts," 5th Commonwealth Education Law Conference, Commonwealth Educational Policy Institute, Virginia Commonwealth University, Williamsburg, VA, April 19-21.

David Ceilley, Win Everham, Ph.D., College of Arts & Sciences, Marine and Ecological Sciences, "Lake Trafford Monitoring: Phase I, II and Beyond," Big Cypress Basin Board Meeting, South Florida Water Management District, BCB, Naples, Aug. 29.

John Cox, College of Arts & Sciences, Social and Behavioral Sciences, Ph.D., "German-Jewish Youth Culture and Political Life in Pre-Hitler Berlin," Legacy of the Holocaust, Jagiellonian University, Krakow, Poland, May 24-26.

Duane Dobbert, College of Professional Studies, Justice Studies, Ph.D., Keynote Address: "School Bus Drivers: the First Line of Defense Against Sexual Predators," N.Y. State Association of Pupil Transportation, N.Y. State Association of Pupil Transportation, Albany, N.Y., July 14-16; Keynote Address: "School Bus Drivers: The First Line of Defense Against Sexual Predators," 14th Annual Conference and Trade Show, Student Transportation News; Keynote Corporate Sponsor; Thomas Built Buses, Detroit Diesel, Mercedes Engines, Reno, NV, July 28-Aug. 1.

Cathy Duff, Mary Ann Zager, Peg Gray-Vickrey, Curriculum and Instruction, Ed.D., "What are you trying to do and how will you assess it? A framework for program development," 47th Annual AIR Forum, Association for Institutional Research, Kansas City, MO, June 2-6.

Amanda Evans, College of Professional Studies, Social Work, Ed.D., MSW, "Hands across the water: Using technology to build global partnerships," Social Work 2007 International Conference, International Federation of Social Workers & European Social Work Association, Parma, Italy, March 15-17.

Michael Fauerbach, M. J. Mon, M.D., Ph.D.; **T. Ueda**, Ph.D., College

of Arts & Sciences, Ecological Studies, Ph.D., "Understanding Astrobiology through Realistic Laboratory Experiences," 38th Lunar and Planetary Science Conference, NASA, LPI, Houston, TX, March 11-16.

Peng Feng, College of Arts & Sciences, Mathematics and Science, "Modeling Periodic Oscillations During Somitogenesis," fourth international conference on mathematical biology, The Chinese Society for Mathematical Biology, Wuyishan, P.R. China, May 29-June 1.

Douglas Harrison, College of Arts & Sciences, Humanities and Arts, Ph.D., "Evangelical Affect After Little Eva: Transposing Religious Affections from Text to Song," Popular Culture Association, PCA/ACA, Boston, MA, April 4-6.

Douglas Harrison, College of Arts & Sciences, Dean's Office, Ph.D., "Toward a Transatlantic Jonathan Edwards: The Scottish Correspondence and Edwards' Experiential Theology," Fifth Biennial Conference of the Society for Early Americanists, SEA/Omohondru Institute for the Study of Early American History and Culture,

Williamsburg, VA, June 7-10.

Harvey Heckes, College of Professional Studies, Social Work, MSW, "Exploring Family Relationships-A Psychodrama Workshop," NASW Florida Chapter 2007 Conference, NASW Florida Chapter and Florida Society for Social Work Leaders in Health Care, Orlando, June 7-9; "An Introduction to Psychodrama and Sociodrama," NASW Southwest Florida Monthly Meeting, NASW Florida Chapter, Fort Myers, June 20.

Debra Hess, College of Arts & Sciences, Dean's Office, "Musical Transition in Early Nineteenth Century Boston," International Musicological Society, University of Zurich, Switzerland, July 10-15.

David Lounsbury, College of Professional Studies, Justice Studies, Ph.D., "Interviewing the Child Sex Offender," 92nd International Educational Conference, International Association for Identification, San Diego, CA, July 22-28.

Melih Madanoglu, Ersem Karadag, College of Professional Studies, Resort and Hospitality Management, Ph.D., "Cost of

Equity in the Restaurant Industry: The Influence of Index and Variable Selection," Nineteenth Association of Hospitality Financial Management Educators (AHFME) Symposium, AHFME, New York City, Nov. 11.

Melih Madanoglu, Kyuho Lee, College of Professional Studies, Resort and Hospitality Management, Ph.D., "Investigating Relationship Between Restaurant Service Attributes and Customer Loyalty: Back to Basics," the 10th International Research Symposium on Service Excellence in Management, QUIS, Orlando, June 14-17.

Johnny McGaha, Justice Studies, Ph.D., "University Initiatives to Combat Human Trafficking: The Esperanza Center Proposal," Sanibel Zonta Club Meeting, Zonta International, Sanibel, June 20; "Invited paper: A Global Response to the US Trafficking in Person's Report and Victims Protection Act of 2000," International Roundtable on Law and Justice, Oxford University, Oxford Roundtable Trustees, England, April 1-6.

Manuel Mon, Michael Fauerbach, and Scott Marks, College of Arts & Sciences, Ecological Studies, M.D., Ph.D., "Utilization of Video Technology to Enhance Instruction in Introductory Astronomy Courses," Cosmos in the Classroom 2007, The Astronomical Society of the Pacific; The Pomona College Physics and Astronomy Department, Claremont, CA, Aug. 2-5.

Anne Nolan, Carol Lawrence, RN, MS, College of Health Professions, Nursing, Ph.D., "A randomized control study to evaluate the effect of a nursing intervention designed to minimize maternal-infant separation after cesarean delivery," 2007 AWHONN National Convention, Orlando, June 23-27; "Conducting an integrated literature review: A case example of a randomized control pilot evaluating nursing intervention and maternal-infant separation after cesarean delivery," fourth annual Florida Magnet Nursing Research Conference, University of South Florida, St. Petersburg, Feb. 1-2.

Sandra O'Brien, College of



Music adjunct honored for service, pedagogy

Joanne Smith, a Florida Gulf Coast University adjunct instructor of class piano at the Bower School of Music, has been honored by the University of Michigan School of Music for her service there.

Smith now serves as an adjunct at FGCU and has also started a community music school with a piano class for children.

She is a professor emerita of Piano and Piano Pedagogy at the University of

Michigan, where an endowed fund has been established in her name. The Joanne A. Smith Piano Pedagogy Award provides funding for scholarships, faculty initiatives and programs.

Smith holds performance degrees from MacPhail College of Music and the Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music. She also studied at Oberlin Conservatory and the Universities of Minnesota, Wisconsin and Denver.

Prior to joining the music faculty at the University of Michigan in 1983, she held positions at Bowling Green State University and the University of Toledo.

Biotech professor's work deemed "exciting and significant"



The National Science Foundation has selected the research of Sharon Isern, an associate professor in FGCU's Biotechnology Research Group, as one of the highlights of the year's NSF-funded research.

Isern developed a method of effectively introducing various materials into cells and tissues using sound. Although

there are many ways to introduce materials into cells, each one works on only some types. Isern's technique appears to work with all types of cells and tissues.

The method will enable scientists to conduct a greater variety of research projects using a broader number of materials. It may also one day become a method of administering medications to people.

The National Science Foundation selects "the most exciting and significant projects awarded within our portfolio" to feature in this way, according to a spokeswoman from the organization.

Pamella Seay, Brock McClane and Lawrence Gore, College of Professional Studies, Justice Studies, JD, "European Union and U.S. Law: Cooperation and Conflict in Business and Tourism," Central Florida Global Forum 2007, University of Central Florida, Orlando, April 12.

Mark Simpson, Dr. Elia Vazquez-Montilla, College of Education, Undergraduate Studies, EdD, "Student-Produced Video Clips in (Alternative) ESOL Methods Courses," Sunshine State Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages Annual Conference, SSTESOL, West Palm Beach, May 9-12.

Dean Stansel, Mushfiq Swaleheen, College of Business, Dean's Office, Ph.D., "Economic Freedom, Corruption, and the Rate of Economic Growth," 32nd international convention, Association of Private Enterprise Education, Cancun, Mexico, April 8-10.

Halcyon St. Hill, College of Health Professions, Dean's Office, "Issues in Transfusion Medicine," 75th Annual Meeting of the American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science, ASCLS, San Diego, July 17-21.

James Sweeney, College of Business, School of Engineering, Ph.D., "Waveform Analysis and Design for Non-Lethal Human Electromuscular Incapacitation," 29th annual meeting, The Bioelectromagnetics Society, Kanazawa, Japan, June 10-15.

Tunde Szecsi, Mayberry, S., & Vazquez, E., College of Education, Undergraduate Studies, "Transformations through Critical Reflections: Scaffolding with Cultural Stories," Stories Association for Childhood Education International ACEI Annual Conference, ACEI, Tampa, May 2-5.

Tunde Szecsi, Volkan, S., Potter, G. & Filed, H., College of Education, Undergraduate Studies, "Voices of Educators from the Global Community: Turkey, Australia, Canada and Mexico," Association for Childhood Education International ACEI Annual Conference, ACEI,

Tampa, May 2-5.

Ken Watanabe, College of Arts & Sciences, Ecological Studies, "Search for Unpredicted Gamma-ray Lines with INTEGRAL /SPI," 210th AAS meeting, American Astronomical Society, Honolulu, May 27-31.

Jo Ann Wilson, Cliff Renk, College of Arts & Sciences, Mathematics and Science, Ph.D., "Prevalence of oral pathogens in male and female subjects with periodontitis," 51st Annual meeting and conference, American Association of Bioanalysts, Orlando, May 17-19.

Janusz Zalewski, Henry Pfister, College of Business, Computer Information Systems and Decision Sciences, Ph.D., "Using Rough Sets in Enhancement of Cooperative Control Strategies," 7th International Conference on Cooperative Control and Optimization, University of Florida and Air Force Research Lab, Gainesville, Jan. 31-Feb. 2.

Janusz Zalewski, College of Business, Computer Information Systems and Decision Sciences, Ph.D., "On Reuse of Real-Time Software Architectures," International Workshop on Model Reuse Strategies, IFIP - International Federation of Information Processing, Warsaw, Poland, Oct. 17.

Janusz Zalewski, Andrew Kornecki, College of Business, Computer Information Systems and Decision Sciences, Ph.D., "Selected Issues in Computer Systems Safety," first IEEE International Workshop on Safety Systems, IEEE Systems Council, Monterey, CA, March 15-16; "Tool Qualification for Complex Electronic Hardware," FAA 2007 Software and Complex Electronic Hardware Conference, Federal Aviation Administration, New Orleans, July 24-26.

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Philosophy, Vol. 12 Issue 1, pp. 137-155.

Danilo M. Baylen, Joan Glacken, Ed.D., College of Education, Undergraduate Studies, "Promoting lifelong learning online: A case study of a professional development experience," *Online Education for Lifelong Learning*, pp. 229-252.

Mark Bradshaw Busbee, College of Arts & Sciences, Humanities and Arts, "How Nationalism Enhanced the First Translation of Beowulf," *Transverse: A Comparative Studies Journal*, Quarterly 2007, pp. 64-80.

David Ceilley, Martin B. Main and Phil Stansly, College of Arts & Sciences, Ecological Studies, "Freshwater Fish Assemblages in Isolated South Florida Wetlands," *Southeastern Naturalist*, Vol. 6(2) Issue, pp. 343-350.

Lisa Crayton, College of Education,

Undergraduate Studies, "Techno Tots: The End of Innocence?," *Family*, May 2007, pp. 41; "A Reading Rescue: Embracing Books for Life," *Family*, June 2007, pp. 30.

Bob Diotalevi, College of Professional Studies, Justice Studies, JD, "Copy Right Clicks: Copyright Law in the Digital Classroom," *The Paralegal Educator (The American Association for Paralegal Education)*, Quarterly 2007, pp. 43-48.

Michael Fauerbach, T. Bennett, S. A. Marks, College of Arts & Sciences, Ecological Studies, Ph.D., "Lightcurve results for 81 Terpsichore, 242 Kriemhild, 503 Evelyn, 522 Helga, and 578 Happelia," *Minor Planet Bulletin*, Quarterly 2007, pp. 57ff.

Charles Gunnels, College of Arts & Sciences, Mathematics and Science, Ph.D., "Seasonally Variable Eusocially Selected Traits in the Paper Wasp, *Mischocyttarus mexicanus*," *Ethology*,

Vol. 113 Issue 7, pp. 648-660.

David Lounsbury, David George, College of Professional Studies, Justice Studies, Ph.D., "The Fentanyl Patch at the Crime Scene," *Journal of Forensic Identification*, July/August 2007, pp. 512-521.

David Lounsbury, L. Frank Thompson, College of Professional Studies, Justice Studies, Ph.D., "Locating TASER Anti-Felon Identification Disks," *Journal of Forensic Identification*, March/April 2007, pp. 223 - 229.

Megan C. McShane, Gao Minglu, contributor; Daniel Krause, translator; Daniel Krause, College of Arts & Sciences, Humanities and Arts, "New Metal Sculpture from the Pearl River Delta: Cantonese Dynamism in the Age of Globalization," *Guangzhou Academy of Fine Arts and Image Theory Group*, Guangzhou, P.R. China, pp. 7-15, English and Mandarin.

Megan C. McShane, Florian Matzner, editor, College of Arts & Sciences, Humanities and Arts, "Empfangshalle: Between Public and Private," *Kehrer Verlag*, Munich, Germany, pp. 12-23, English and German.

Carl Pacini, Michael Bret Hood, College of Business, Finance and Accounting, Ph.D., J.D., CPA, "The Role of Qui Tam Actions Under the False Claims Act in Preventing and Deterring Fraud Against Government," *University of Miami Business Law Review*, biannually 2007, pp. 273-301.

Carl Pacini, David Sinason, College of Business, Finance and Accounting, Ph.D., J.D., "The False Claims Act: A Guide for Internal Auditors," *Internal Auditing*, Vol. 22 Issue 3, pp. 3-12.

Carl Pacini, Raymond Placid and Kevin Carmichael, College of Business, Finance and Accounting, Ph.D., J.D., CPA, *Practical Tax Strategies*, Monthly 2007, pp. 324-332.

Russell Sabella, Ph.D., College of Education, Graduate Studies, "Data Boot Camp for School Counselors CD-ROM," Sabella & Associates, LLC,

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Special Events

Welcome Back 2007

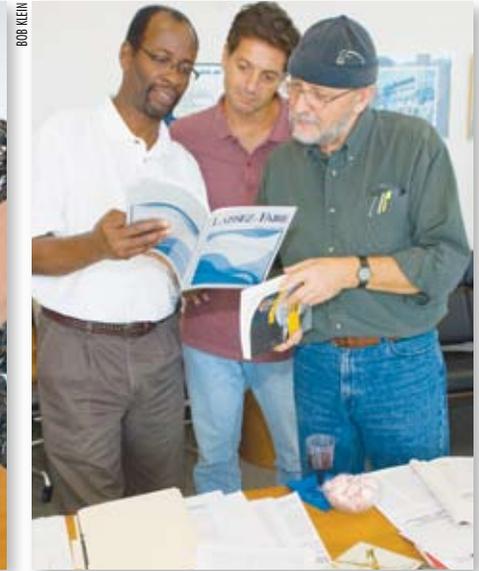
This year's Welcome Back event proved even more festive than usual because it also marked the start of the University's year-long 10th anniversary celebration. The August event included a salute to the 181 current employees who helped open FGCU in 1997, a welcome to new employees, an historical video and a massive anniversary cake.



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Faculty scholarship expands

The office of Bonnie Yegidis, FGCU's provost and vice president for Academic Affairs, was well populated for this year's faculty scholarship reception. Faculty members had the opportunity to share and discuss their publications and present Yegidis with copies that will be permanently displayed in her office. Above, left: Halcyon St. Hill, a professor in the College of Health Professions; Sally Mayberry, a professor in the College of Education; and Yegidis. Above, right: Hudson Rogers, professor and associate vice president for Academic Affairs; Elias Kirche, associate professor in the College of Business; and Janusz Zalewski, professor in the College of Business.



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Celebrating the world

FGCU welcomed students and faculty from a variety of nations at the 11th annual International Reception. To date, students from 90 countries have attended FGCU and a growing number of U.S. students are heading overseas to broaden their educations while seeing other parts of the world.

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