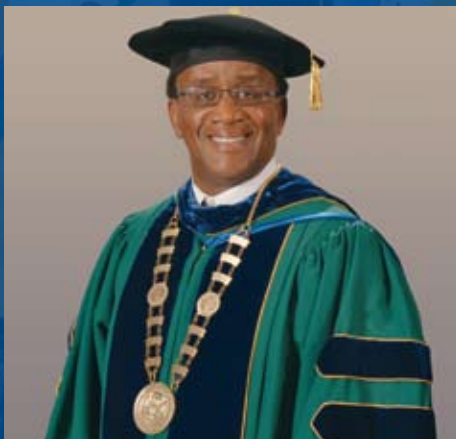


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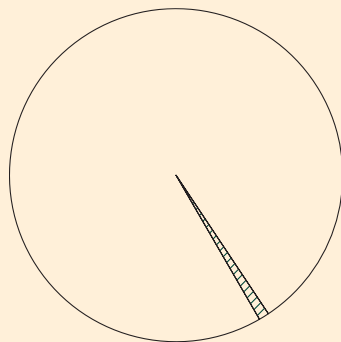
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Legislature delivers a mixed bag

Florida Gulf Coast University will achieve a major milestone this fall when we enroll 10,000 students. Our region has a distinguished history of surmounting challenges to providing access to higher education in Southwest Florida, and we will need to call on this same ingenuity in the face of declining state revenues that could impact our ability to fully realize the University's mission.

The good news from the Florida Legislature's recent session is that we received \$5 million for our classroom building for the resort and hospitality management program, \$5 million for roads and infrastructure, and \$8 million for a new classroom building for health sciences. These capital budget funds are critical to meet our growing demand for classroom, laboratory and office space.

However, the legislature was faced with serious revenue shortfalls for the 2008-09 state budget, and because of this, FGCU faces significant challenges in our operating budget. Operating funds are used to hire faculty and staff, mount new academic degree programs, and for campus operations including utilities, technology and support services.

Our budget request for the 2008 legislative session also included \$15.6 million for enrollment growth funding for new growth this year as well as to make up for previous years' enrollment funding deficits, but unfortunately the new state budget contains no enrollment growth funding for the state universities. Further, FGCU's operating budget was cut \$2.5 million this year, and we anticipate additional cuts beginning with the new fiscal year on July 1. The result is that one in four FGCU students will not be funded by the State of Florida.

While we certainly will feel the impacts of the operating budget reductions, we remain committed to protecting FGCU's core enterprise of providing high quality, affordable higher education in Southwest Florida. Together we must stretch our minds and our resources to do all we can to enhance student success – our highest calling and the reason we are here. I am confident that we are as capable as we are committed to the task that lies ahead.



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University gives back in wide-ranging ways

I knew I was tackling a mammoth subject when I set out to tell the story of service learning at FGCU. Even now, after interviewing dozens of people, I feel as if I've only scratched the surface.

In the course of five years, FGCU students have contributed almost 394,000 hours of service to not-for-profit organizations near and far. Break that down to 40-hour work weeks, and you get 9,489 from which these organizations benefitted without paying a cent. Considering

how challenging the economy is for everyone – and not-for-profits more than most – that help can be priceless.

Although the impact of the University's service-learning program has yet to be scientifically measured, the anecdotal evidence indicates its lessons tend to stick. This issue's stories offer just a glimpse of what current students accomplish while completing their mandatory hours then continuing on for the less tangible rewards such deeds afford them.

The Class Notes section of every Pinnacle chronicles good works by a growing body of alumni. FGCU graduates are joining AmeriCorps and the Peace Corps, as well as seeking careers that better the environment, educate children, minister to the sick and enforce laws to keep communities safe.

These are just a few of the ways in which FGCU serves the greater good.

This issue features stories about the positive impact FGCU students, faculty, staff and programs make in Southwest Florida and well beyond its borders.

There's Peter Bergerson, an expert in politics and human nature, who inspires students to become politically engaged and who readily

shares his vast body of knowledge with the public through the newspaper columns he writes and the countless news interviews for which he makes himself available.

At FGCU's new Norm and Nancy Vester Marine and Environmental Science Research Center, students and faculty experiment with techniques they hope will restore the Everglades, oyster reefs, mangroves and sea grasses, discover the cause of red tide and add to our understanding of how Southwest Florida's delicate ecosystem works and how to protect it.

The Professional Briefs pages teem with the accomplishments of staff and faculty, many rooted in civic engagement as they share their expertise through service on community boards and via public lectures, publications and seminars.

Some also make a regular habit of furthering the University's efforts through annual contributions to the Funds for Excellence.

And, through programs such as the annual World War II symposium held by FGCU's Renaissance Academy, younger generations can learn what it was like to fight in World War II, hearing it first-hand from veterans who bravely served their country more than 60 years ago.

As FGCU concludes its year-long celebration of its 10th anniversary, it's a good time to take stock of what this growing educational enterprise has accomplished in its first decade. Imagine what's possible over the next one.

Karen Feldman

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Pinnacle Editor

New FGCU provost assumes post July 1

Ronald Toll, an experienced administrator who is well-versed in life sciences, will become Florida Gulf Coast University's new Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs on July 1.



"I am thrilled to join Florida Gulf Coast University, and to be a member of such a dynamic and vibrant learning community," Toll said. "As a biological oceanographer, I look forward to returning to the water's edge. Florida Gulf Coast University's environmentally driven mission was an important component in my decision to join the University, and I look forward to advancing that mission."

Toll is currently Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the Faculty, and a biology professor at Lebanon Valley College in Annville, Pa. His previous posts include Dean for the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics and Special Assistant to the President for Technology and Corporate Relations at the University

Students' art featured in two exhibits

FGCU's Department of Visual and Performing Arts has joined forces with two Fort Myers institutions to showcase the works of University art students.

A number of this year's senior projects

of Central Arkansas.

Prior to that he held several titles at Wesleyan College, including chair in the Division of Natural Sciences and Mathematics and the Department of Biology, and Munroe Professor of Life Sciences (endowed chair).

He also served as associate and assistant professor of Biology at University of the South in Tennessee. He is widely published in professional periodicals and journals.

"We are pleased Dr. Toll will join FGCU in this key position," said President Wilson G. Bradshaw. "The pool of candidates was strong, and after conferring with the search advisory committee and University's leadership, I selected Dr. Toll for the position. I am appreciative of the committee's good work in bringing forward such strong candidates for my consideration, and I am looking forward to working with Dr. Toll as FGCU moves into its second decade."

Toll earned a Ph.D. in Biological Oceanography from the University of Miami in 1982, a Bachelor of Arts in Zoology from Rutgers University in 1977, and an Associate in Arts in Biology from Union College in New Jersey in 1975.

In 2004, he earned a graduate certificate from Harvard Institute for Management and Leadership in Education.

are on display through June 6 at the Alliance for the Arts, McGregor and Colonial boulevards.

Then, on June 21, Space 39 will open "Selections from the Student Art Exhibitions," featuring works from the Spring 2008 Annual Juried Student Art Exhibition. Gallery owner Terry Tinchler has chosen the pieces that will be on exhibit through July 12. Space 39 is at 39 Patio de Leon in downtown Fort Myers. The opening reception is set for 7 p.m. June 21.

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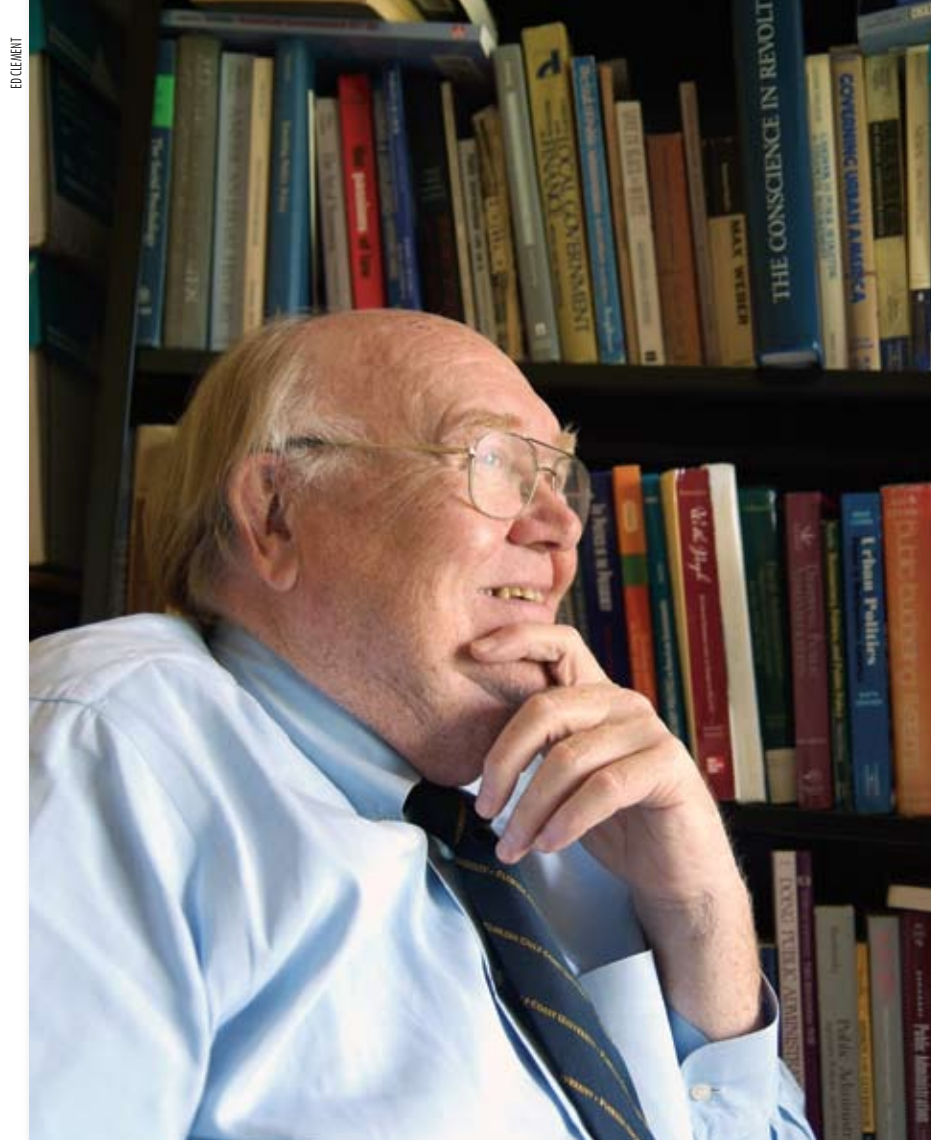
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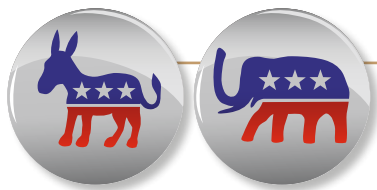
Professor's life a study in devotion to democracy, education

BY ROGER WILLIAMS

There's nothing like a rough-and-tumble presidential contest to remind Americans that politics is a full-contact sport. Yet Peter Bergerson remains far kinder and gentler than the subject matter to which he's devoted his life.

Bergerson is a professor of Public Affairs at Florida Gulf Coast University, a commentator for WFCU-FM 90.1 public radio, a Naples Daily News columnist and an in-demand expert for other area news media.

For 34 years before moving to Southwest Florida in 2002, he



shared his passion for political science with students at Southeast Missouri State University, rising to chair of its Public Administration program.

"He is probably FGCU's most well-known public intellectual for his insightful analysis of the political climate, and his classes are always full. Deans usually get complaints, but I've never had one about him," says Kenneth Millar, dean of the College of Professional Studies.

"One of my earliest impressions of him was as a gentle giant," says Patt Sharp, who took graduate courses with the 6-foot-5 Bergerson at Southeast Missouri, and now teaches political science herself. "That grew to my seeing him as a towering academic intellect whose feet are firmly planted in the business of what works every day to improve the human condition."

Bergerson's academic and personal experiences together form his unique perspective.

He can draw upon his time as a student intern in Mayor Richard J. Daley's famous Democratic machine, which dominated Chicago's political life in the 1950s, '60s and '70s. Or he can question the wisdom of American attempts to police the world based on the national experience in Vietnam, which he describes as "tragic for me, and an ethical and

moral catastrophe, as well as a political one. It shaped or formed my political attitudes and values in some ways still to this day."

Add to that rich blend of *realpolitik* his experiences as an instructor at Southeast Missouri State, where he befriended and counseled Rush (then Rusty) Limbaugh, whose father asked him to help convince the young Limbaugh to become a lawyer.

Bergerson came to know a gentler side of the Limbaughs, many of whom he considers "distinguished and honorable people in the model of classic conservatives like the late Bill Buckley." His friendship with Rush included an appearance on a videotape promotion for the radio talk show host.

That's typical, say those who know Bergerson; just because he disagrees with someone, he won't write him off as a friend. As for Limbaugh's political views, "I want to disassociate myself from those," Bergerson says firmly, but with a chuckle.

Raised in a close-knit Catholic family on the Michigan-Indiana border, about an hour from Chicago, Bergerson was the third of seven children who remain deeply attached to each other.

"We're a clan," he says. "My family is at the center of what I am: not only my wife, Connie, and our two

children, but my brothers and sisters, and Connie's family, too. I don't use the word 'clan' frivolously."

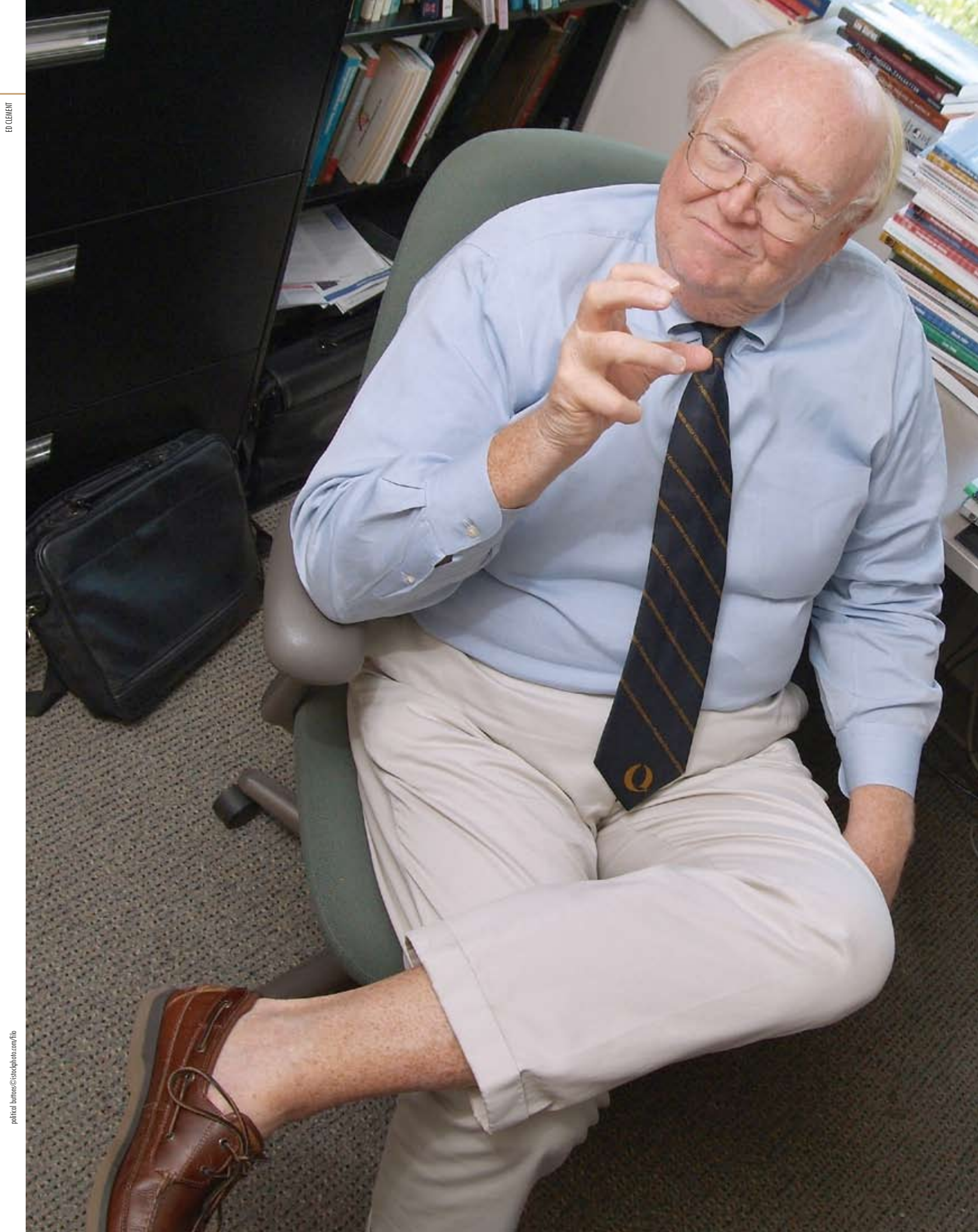
His recalls his mother as a vibrant, intellectually curious English teacher from an Irish family. His entrepreneurial father once owned a New York Yankees minor league baseball team, the Michigan City White-caps, for whom Peter served as bat boy. His dad also opened a chain of about 200 restaurants called B&K Root Beer, which competed across the Midwest with A&W.

Although Bergerson describes his childhood as privileged, his father died when some of the children were still young. Like his blindness in one eye, the result of a childhood accident, he doesn't mention it. But his siblings do, recalling the way he stepped up to help them.

"Our father died when I was just 13 and so I really grew up without a strong father figure," says his younger brother, Michael, a Chicago-area lawyer. "Pete filled that role for me in many ways."

"Around our kitchen table we talked about school, sports and politics, and not necessarily in that order. The house was always filled around the holidays with his friends home from college. No doubt, his love of a good political argument and his mastery of current events

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Facts of life

- **Who:** Peter Bergerson, professor of Public Affairs
- **Age:** 65
- **Height:** 6 feet, 5 inches
- **Family:** Wife, Connie Dugan Bergerson. Children, Mary Catherine Bergerson, 31, a reporter for ABC-7, Fort Myers; Christopher Bergerson, 27, graduate student in international studies, Denver University.
- **Favorite pastime:** “If I’m not having dinner and cocktails with my family, then reading.”
- **Most influential travel:** Vietnam and Saudi Arabia
- **On Vietnam:** “The Vietnamese have a unique mindset or philosophy of life – they move on. They honor their ancestors, but they don’t dwell on the war the same way we do.”
- **On Saudi Arabia:** “It’s a theocracy, and the most severe environment I’ve ever experienced, more so than Cuba or China or Vietnam. The sense of political or religious oppression is omnipresent. As someone who cherishes and teaches democracy and the principles of our constitution, it’s overwhelming, particularly in regard to the treatment of women.”
- **On politics:** “The first question for what any government does is, ‘Why?’”

were born around that table, (where) the ill-informed did not fare well.”

Bergerson’s sister, Mary Ann Ahern, a political reporter for NBC5 in Chicago, recalls the interest he took in her life.

“He was sort of a leader for me in saying ‘go after your dream.’ He’s not a bully about his ideas. He’s kind in his personality, and in putting forth his opinions. It’s not, ‘Mine or nothing.’ And he’s a great listener.”

When Ahern was single, she says, he’d always send her a Valentine’s Day card, with the inscription, “In case all those guys forgot.”

His children experienced that same devotion.

“Both of my parents are teachers, so naturally education was a high priority,” says Bergerson’s daughter, Catherine, a reporter for ABC-7 in Fort Myers. “But my dad also emphasized the importance of being well rounded and educated in and outside of school. When I wanted to play soccer, he didn’t just sign me up – he learned the game and became my first coach. Throughout my life and my

brother’s, if he wasn’t coaching, he was on the sidelines cheering us on.”

All of that life experience, seasoned with rigorous academics, makes him an exemplary teacher, says Professor Terry Busson, chair of FGCU’s Division of Public Affairs.

“There are three unique features about Peter, in my opinion,” he says. “First, he has a genuine commitment to students, and they can sense that. Secondly, he has a broad knowledge of the subject matter, and it’s not stale – he’s continually updating his base. And the students can sense that, too – this is somebody who knows his stuff and is current.

“The third factor is that he has a vibrant personality, which allows him to effectively communicate. He’s a big guy, he’s affable, he can laugh and joke with students, and I’ve seen him use that to tell a student, ‘Look, you’re not pulling your weight here.’ He can be critical and constructive without being condescending.”

Students say Bergerson’s methods inspire.

Ty Martin (’07, Political Science), an intern at National Public Radio in Washington, D.C., owes his success, in part, to Bergerson.

“He cares for his students like no one else,” Martin says. “Whether it’s through private meetings in his often-cluttered office, or a congratulatory lunch off campus ... he has a heart of platinum and the brain and

willpower to match.”

For Lucy Frederick, an FGCU senior and veteran of six Bergerson classes, he’s the model other professors would do well to emulate.

“He brings his teaching down to a student’s level,” she says. “Some professors who are exceptionally intelligent, as Dr. Bergerson is, have trouble reaching students because they cannot relate the material in a way that a student can absorb.”

He uses the same approach in his political commentary.

Bergerson’s take on the current election year and its issues, for example, is that everything is about to change forever, yet again.

“Think of what might occur with the whole idea of the office of the presidency,” he says. “You may have the first woman or the first African American, or you might have the oldest person ever elected for the first time (John McCain would be 72 upon taking office, if he wins).

“This election will not only prioritize the issues, but also the solutions – the war, Social Security, the deficit. Education issues, transportation issues, environmental issues. From a domestic standpoint, what is the role of government in addressing the needs of its citizens? Internationally, there’s the war in Iraq, the war in Afghanistan, the war on terrorism.

“Another question for the next president will be our relations with our traditional allies

in Western Europe. And for Florida, especially, our relationship with Cuba is a question. Is it going to be Castroism, communism or capitalism? The ostrich approach to Cuba has been short sighted, and purely politically expedient.”

The next president might change that and the face of the office and the country for decades to come, in part by force of personality and character, perhaps the way Franklin D. Roosevelt did in the ’30s, Bergerson suggests.

It’s that holistic approach he employs when discussing politics in the classroom, with friends and family, and in the news media. His trademark style is even-handed and fair, unlikely to create controversy or cause embarrassment, in spite of the sensitive topics and feisty personalities political conversations inevitably engage.

“Dr. B. used to interview newsmakers for his talk show in Cape Girardeau (Missouri),” Patt Sharp recalls. “And, unlike the Cape’s native son, Rush Limbaugh, he always treated each guest with the utmost civility and respect.

Dr. B. is indeed that proverbial ‘scholar and a gentleman.’ Even those who are not his students, per se, could learn from him.”

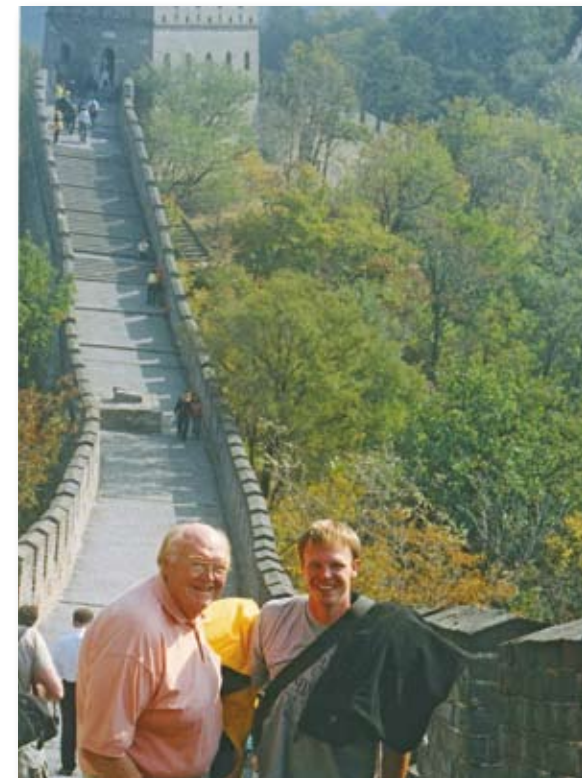
It’s a role he relishes and one from which he gets

as much as he gives.

“I hope I have the chance to go on and on,” he says. “I’ve set no deadlines for retiring. I truly love these students, I love what I do. I love where I am, near the Gulf of Mexico. I get up every day and say, ‘I’m the luckiest guy in Florida.’”

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

Bergerson and his son, Chris, explore the Great Wall of China.



Bergerson enjoys a motor bike taxi ride in Hanoi, Vietnam.



Life LESSONS

Giving of themselves earns students more than grades

BY KAREN FELDMAN

College used to be a place in which students focused on academics and life within the ivy-cloaked cloister of the campus, but Florida Gulf Coast University's founding principles preclude such isolation.

Service learning – work that students perform without pay for not-for-profit organizations – plays as critical a role in the college experience as research papers and final exams.

FGCU students who attend for three or four years must complete 80 hours of service learning. In the 2006-07 academic year, FGCU students tallied 84,631 hours of service learning. For the five years ending in 2006-07, they contributed nearly 394,000 hours.

State and national awards show the program is working. Earlier this year, the Corporation for National and Community Service named FGCU to the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll for exemplary service to disadvantaged youth.

FGCU student James Bartlett leads elementary pupils through the Popash slough at Corkscrew Regional Ecosystem Watershed, teaching them about Florida panther habitat.

The Florida Campus Compact, a consortium of university and college presidents, bestowed its 2007 Engaged Campus Award on FGCU as well.

What sets FGCU apart, says Dee Dee Rasmussen, Florida Compact's executive director, is "the comprehensive nature of the programming. The intentional effort to bridge gaps that often occur between co-curricular student activities and academic course work lends itself to a culture of engagement that permeates the atmosphere of the campus. I think that's a credit and testament to real buy-in from administrators, faculty, students and community partners."

Service learning is a form of civic engagement – a term encompassing a range of volunteer activities often aimed at effecting change.

It benefits the community by helping budget-challenged organizations stretch limited money and manpower. Students build self-confidence and a sense of connection to the communities where they live. They learn teamwork and organizational skills, problem solving and ethical responsibility, which will also benefit future employers and society.

The concept is gaining momentum nationwide.

According to Campus Compact, a national coalition of 1,100 college and university presidents committed to service learning and civic engagement,

students in its member schools performed 377 million hours of community service in the 2005-06 academic year, the most

recent statistics available. Independent Sector, a coalition of organizations dedicated to strengthening nonprofit groups, values volunteer time at \$18.77 an hour, which makes those 377 million hours worth about \$7.1 billion.

Determining whether such programs inspire students to continue volunteering after graduation takes a long time, says Linda Summers, FGCU's director for Civic Engagement.

"We have not tracked this yet. We wanted to get enough students out there before we tried surveying alumni," she says. "What other universities

have seen is that about 10 years out, you begin to see a bigger community commitment from students who had it in school."

Summers says FGCU is one of a handful of public universities around the country with service-learning requirements for graduation.

It's a logical component for a University founded to fulfill community needs for accessible education and a trained labor force.

"I believe if you have chosen to come to a university that your ideas about higher education go beyond how to make a living. It's also about how to make a



FGCU student Ashley Ernst, center, works with middle schoolers during a session of Girls in Engineering, Math & Science.

Service-Learning Hours Performed by FGCU Students

Academic Year	Number of hours
2002-03	64,255
2003-04	80,633
2004-05	75,566
2005-06	88,901
2006-07	84,631





Chris Epifanio



Volunteers participated in the campus trail clearing, including President Wilson G. Bradshaw.

life,” says Maria Roca, chair of the Department of Communications and Philosophy in the College of Arts and Sciences. “That means being a citizen in a community. It prepares students to do that in a meaningful, thoughtful, coherent way. On top of that, because we are a state university, 75 to 80 percent of student tuition is paid for by tax dollars. That means we should give back to the state.”

FGCU students work with youngsters with life-threatening illnesses, seniors with Alzheimer’s disease, homeless people and animals, schoolchildren, adults with developmental disabilities, impoverished farm workers and victims of domestic violence. They battle hunger, cancer, birth defects and autism, illiteracy, human trafficking and environmental destruction. Some volunteer on campus; others assist groups from Port Charlotte to Marco Island.

In Bruce Diamond’s civic engagement class, students devise and carry out service projects while also exploring the concept through debates, films

and readings.

To those who think they don’t have the time or energy to get involved, Diamond says, “There are a thousand reasons not to do something. There’s only one reason to do it: It’s the right thing to do. If you care about the environment, animals, people, you’re never going to get to that if your life’s a mess. Keep physically fit and financially solvent so you have the energy and time to take care of life.”

The goal is to make a difference. Here’s a look at ways that’s happening at FGCU.

Blazing a trail

Junior Chris Epifanio disliked the neglected state of campus trails so his service-learning project aimed to change that.

“No one even knew they were there,” he says. “I wanted to raise awareness.”

In November, he staged a trail clearing, attracting 60 volunteers, including newly arrived President Bradshaw and wife Jo Anna, who wielded machetes mightily.

Epifanio wanted to do more so in the spring, with help from Student Government and other groups, 90 people showed up for a second trail-clearing day.

He says he has derived great satisfaction from the project.

“I’ve never done anything in my life that’s had such a big impact or involved so many people,” he says. “It’s had an effect. It’s something noticeable and lasting that everybody can enjoy.”

He’s also happy knowing there are students who plan to keep the effort going long after he graduates.

Dramatic makeover

Four students teamed up to beautify a North Fort Myers group home operated by the Lee Association for Retarded Citizens.

Amanda Costa, Ashley Rubin, Ryan Brookbank and Melissa Dennebaum took on the challenge of giving the riverfront, circa-1940s house a face-lift.

They enlisted the help
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Volunteer Charlene Gore and FGCU student Amanda Costa transform a North Fort Myers group home.

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Power of one

For Bridget Regan, service learning vital piece of education

If FGCU awarded a degree for volunteerism, Bridget Regan’s would come with honors.

The Buffalo, N.Y. native graduated in April with a degree in biology, but it’s a wonder she ever got to classes given the amount of time and effort she invested in helping others.

Like many students, she did it at first because she had to. Then she found that Student Government needed a civic engagement director and landed the post, serving for three years.

“I found out I really loved planning and doing service-learning projects,” Regan says.

She organized six trips to Give Kids the World, a Kissimmee resort for children with life-threatening illnesses, where the students staged parties for the children and helped take care of the 70-acre property.

She created crafts and visited with people with Alzheimer’s disease at Senior Friendship Center.

She founded Students Against Hunger and Homelessness, which advocates for the rights of the homeless, and coordinated a homeless experience for students who slept outdoors in boxes overnight.

She also organized two hunger banquets at which students learned about food shortages around the world.

Over the spring break while other students were kicking back at the beach, she and a few others volunteered at the Guadalupe Center in Immokalee, feeding people in the soup kitchen and working in the thrift store.

She solicited volunteers to clear walking trails around campus, and worked with the American Democracy Project to encourage students to become politically engaged.

“Bridget is an unsung heroine,” says Brad Piepenbrink, who was Student Government President during the past academic year. “She single-handedly created the entire civic engagement branch of Student Government over the past three years. Her work ethic and character are truly inspirations.”

Regan, who is headed to Emory University to pursue a doctorate in physical therapy, no longer tracks the number of hours she’s volunteered.

“When you care about something you can make the time,” she says. “College is an important time. You learn a lot. You have an experience with someone who’s homeless and realize they’re people just like

us. Homelessness can happen to anybody. If I was in that situation, I’d want somebody to help me out.

“It also adds a lot to your degree. It’s not irrelevant. When I started here I was a biology major, but didn’t know what I wanted to do with it. Service learning helped me realize I like working with people. It helped mold my career.”

She also views volunteering as both a hobby and a responsibility.

“You meet a lot of nice people,” she says. “People complain about all the problems there are in the world. When you’re volunteering you’re doing something to help, you’re making a difference. Sometimes I feel bad because I get more than I give.”

Bridget Regan works to educate students at a homelessness awareness event.

“Bridget is an unsung heroine.”

—Brad Piepenbrink



Fully engaged

Linda Summers oversees burgeoning volunteer program

The birth of FGCU's civic engagement program took place on a half-sheet of legal paper on which Linda Summers jotted down ideas.

From that modest beginning a decade ago, she has overseen the development of a program that now involves thousands of students performing thousands of hours of service for hundreds of community organizations.

Summers was working in Student Services at the Fort Myers branch of the University of South Florida when it closed as FGCU opened in 1997.

"I knew FGCU was going to have a service-learning program, but I didn't know much about what service learning was or how it would work," she says.

When she asked an administrator at the fledgling University about it, she discovered "they were so involved with the big issues of opening the University, they barely thought about what they'd do for service learning other than they knew they wanted it."

Today, she and a staff of two coordinate and track the work students do for non-profit organizations, a vital task because students must complete 80 hours (half that for those who transfer in as juniors) in order to graduate.

A large part of her job is speaking with representatives of dozens of local agencies to enlist them in the program. Office manager Lisa Paige explains the requirements to students and helps them select agencies with which to work. Program assistant Tina Wiggins has the Herculean

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task of entering all the records in the ever-expanding database.

"It has grown exponentially since we opened," says Summers, who is in awe of what's happened over a decade. "We started with hundreds of students, not thousands."

Summers still finds time to volunteer. She's on the Nations Association's advisory board and serves as a backup tutor for the University's literacy program for non-English-speaking employees of the company that handles FGCU's housekeeping and grounds maintenance.

"I always go to the group student projects that the Center for Civic Engagement sponsors and try to go to other group projects as I am able," she says. She accompanied students over spring break to the Guadalupe Center in Immokalee, where they served food at the soup kitchen and helped out in the thrift store.

Her pet project is Santa's Secret Elves, which she began at USF and brought with her to FGCU.

"Over the years, Santa's Secret Elves has presented approximately 5,000 gifts to children enrolled in Child Care of Southwest Florida day-care centers," she says. "I am proud to be responsible for such a long-term holiday program."



Tina Wiggins, left, and Lisa Paige comprise the Civic Engagement staff.

"It has grown exponentially since we opened."

— Linda Summers

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of two professional painters, talked friends and family into volunteering, got Subway to donate food and Home Depot and Lowe's to provide supplies. Over two weekends, they pressure-washed the house, painted it a sunny yellow, weeded the gardens and planted flowers. With the \$200 they raised, they bought outdoor furniture for residents to relax on and enjoy the view.

"People are willing to help out if you just ask them," sophomore Ashley Rubin says.

According to Ryan Brookbank, a junior, "You don't think you're going to be able to do something, but in the end, I learned you can be a power in a community."

Helping Mother Nature

Senior Margie Hamilton makes her living restoring wetlands with a private company.

"I love plants and animals," she says. "I want to help Mother Nature."

Her service-learning project took her to Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve at the northern end of the Ten Thousand Islands, where she's helping restore two acres of ailing mangroves. Using her expertise in gathering wetland data, she's monitoring the conditions and helping to propagate mangrove seedlings that will be used for restoration.

"I'm 47 and I've never volunteered before this,"

she says, marveling at how rewarding she's found it.

Her class ended in April, but she intends to continue working on the project, which is expected to last well into 2009.

Service smorgasbord

Jamie Flatley completed 80 hours of service learning as a freshman this year, but she has no intention of stopping. It's something she's done since she was a Girl Scout growing up in Hernando.

In her first year at FGCU, she signed on with the Student Government Civic Engagement Committee, participating in a Fort Myers Beach cleanup and a march against Burger King with the Coalition of Immokalee Workers who sought more money for their tomatoes. She made two trips to Give Kids the World, where she helped the staff of the Kissimmee resort entertain children with life-threatening diseases and their families. She got involved with



At top, Jamie Flatley gets a hug at the Guadalupe Center in Immokalee. Below, students team up to fight cancer.

Agency input

"We have one student who does artwork with the children. We have a couple of sororities throw parties for us. One group does a kids' day with arts and crafts, games, food. It helps us in so many ways. Nurses have a little break while the kids go off the unit and play. It helps us because we get to partner with such great students. They're a joy to work with. We've had great success with them."

— Kelley Cowan, child life specialist, The Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida

"We have had so many wonderful students come out that I sent the President a thank-you note. They're just awesome. They come out and work their little hearts out and go home sweaty."

"It also trains students on how to get organized on something like this. I can tell a difference from the start when maybe they don't want to be doing this to having done it and done well. Once they do a few (work days), they feel so empowered. The next time they're asked who wants to organize something, their hands shoot up."

— Terri Rausch, director of volunteer services, Habitat for Humanity

"We use FGCU students as volunteers in our adult day health center. We recently had a group of seven FGCU students who came out. They played games, did activities with residents, helped with lunch and exercises and just visited with residents. Just seven people in a six-week period donated more than 200 hours of care. They only had to do 20 each so they gave an additional 60."

"Students volunteer at special events — golf tournaments, fund raisers, health fairs. And they help in direct patient care at our three hospice houses and in the nursing home. They help out in the kitchen, read to patients, feed them, take them outside. It's little extra things that give somebody as good an experience as you can have when you're so ill."

"I would love to be on your list for students forever. We happily take FGCU students any time we can get them."

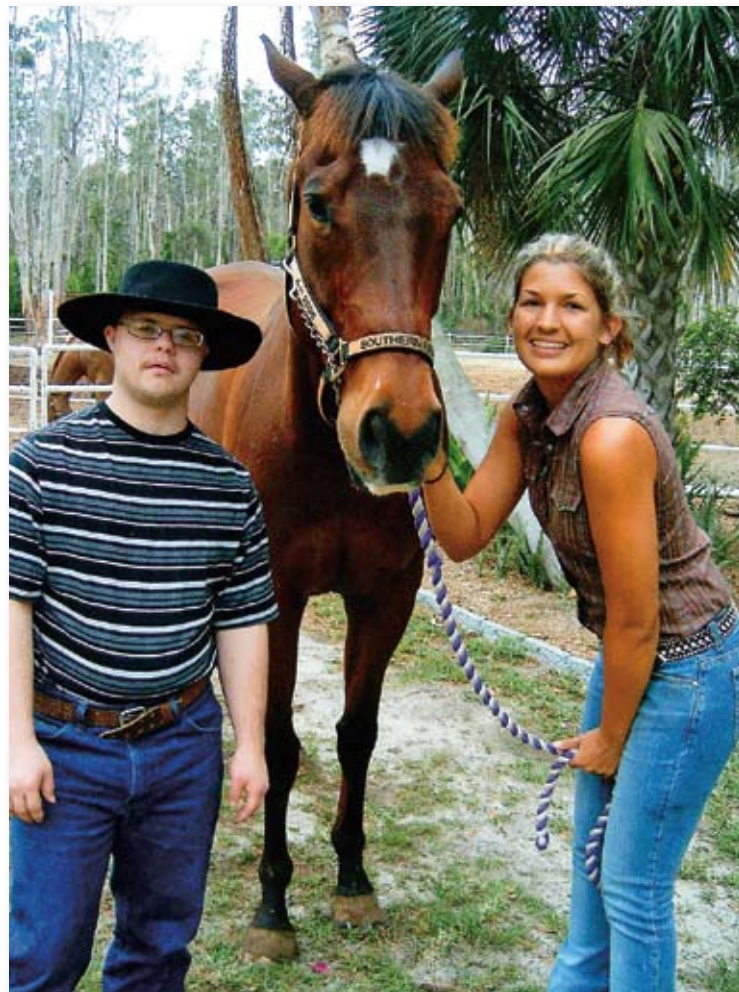
— Courtney Quirie, volunteer director, Hope Hospice

"We don't have enough staff to have them stand in the (dog) kennel or cat room and just answer questions and assist adopters. A lot of times that's all you really need to get an adoption to happen. Whenever there are volunteers in here, adoptions go up. Students assist by getting the dogs outside, giving them exercise so they are more adoptable because they aren't so frustrated and pent up. We are not growing personnel wise, but we are growing business wise. The students help a lot."

— Ria Brown, public information specialist, Lee County Animal Services

"We rely on government funding, which is shrinking. One of our group homes needed work, but we had neither the staff nor the funds to do it. Four FGCU students and their friends came out, painted, pressure washed, gardened and cleaned up. It was pretty much an instantaneous transformation. It's just amazing what happened. It does wonderful things for our morale and that of the people we're trying to help. They're loving it. We'd love to have a continuing relationship with FGCU. They turned out to be real gems."

— Roger Bradley, executive director, Lee County Association for Retarded Citizens



Rider Chris Kneeler, left, and FGCU senior Angie Curkovic walk a horse at Dixie Blue Stables in Naples.

Students Against Hunger and Homelessness, two Relay for Life benefits for the American Cancer Society and a 5K Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk. And she spent part of her spring break helping out at the Guadalupe Center in Immokalee.

"It's always fun and it's great to help people," she says. "Every little bit counts. Everyone makes a difference."

Fighting back

While pursuing a psychology degree, Derek Shembarger researched and reported on date rape drugs. Then a guest speaker from the Abuse Counseling and Treatment (ACT) center told his class how prevalent domestic

violence is.

"It's a huge problem, something I can get behind," Shembarger says. He volunteered at ACT, then took a 60-hour course to become an advocate for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault with the center.

Now a junior majoring in social work, Shembarger plans to earn a master's degree in social work then go into counseling children and adults.

Taking the lead

Angie Curkovic, who gives riding lessons at her family's Dixie Blue Stables in Naples, organized a riding clinic for six adults with developmental disabilities from Bonita Springs.

With volunteer help from family and friends, the senior communications major led the clinic, instructing everyone on how to mount their horses, taking them for a ride and teaching them grooming basics.

Although she's given riding lessons for a long time, she'd never worked with anyone with developmental disabilities before.

"I never would have ever thought of doing this without this (civic engagement) class," she says. "I was so inspired by these very special people. All

of them are so loving, it's a privilege to work with them.

"Plus, the fact that I got to touch others' lives through my love of horses was mind blowing. We're planning to do it again."

Sweet reward

Junior Jaclyn Capasso staged an ice cream social with a Hawaiian theme for patients at The Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida.

Besides having a lot of fun cheering up sick children, she discovered that "taking that one day out of my life meant the world to these kids. I learned what a difference you can make."

Back to basics

Alumna Katie Liebl ('06, Psychology) helped elementary school children improve their reading skills. She developed a bingo game that required them to pronounce letters to earn chips.

"It gave me a chance to give back to the community and helped me figure out I wanted to go with psychology," she says.



Katie Liebl at Pelican Elementary School

Elise Nothstine, right, helps three Dominican youngsters with their studies.



Feat of faith

Junior Lucienne Jean knows two missionaries who returned to the United States from the Virgin Islands last winter because they ran out of money.

She organized two car washes, enlisted volunteers and raised \$920, which she gave to the missionaries to continue their work and buy children school clothing and supplies.

"I had to do something to help them," she says. "Being from Haiti, I know what it is not to have shoes to go to school. I can relate to these kids."

Immersion excursion

Traveling abroad broadens students' perspectives.

That's why Ingrid Martinez-Rico, an associate professor of Spanish and German, led annual trips to the Dominican Republic for seven years. A car accident prevented her from leading this year's trip.

In 2007,

FGCU students photographed children as young as 8 who had to work to help their families. They gave the children disposable cameras and brought home some of their pictures along with pieces of trash from the city dump. Then they created the Art-Y-Facts exhibit that depicted the dire conditions they saw.

Liberal studies major Elise Nothstine, who curated the exhibit at the FGCU Library, says she intermingled the trash and the photos because "I wanted to try to show people that we may look at a pile of garbage or something that seems benign and we're desensitized. In the midst of all this is a valuable resource, in this case, it's children's lives. I'm asking for people not to dismiss it, not to overlook it anymore."



FGCU students tutor other FGCU students at the Library.

Faculty feedback

"It enhances critical thinking because students are forced to suspend their assumptions and actually face them and then, through an analysis of those experiences, come to a new understanding. I also think it's a really effective way of combining teaching, service and advocacy on the part of the faculty. Our lives tend to be compartmentalized — we have our teaching, our service and our scholarship. Service learning creates a way for faculty to do all three under one umbrella."

— Kristine DeWelde, assistant professor, College of Arts and Sciences

"It is the most beneficial mechanism for students to gain a real world experience that applies to course content. They are able to analyze real problems and issues and come up with resolutions that they recommend. It is the ultimate form of active learning that gains student interest, allows them to bridge theory and practice and retain that which is learned through application."

— Halcyon St. Hill, professor, College of Health Professions

"I teach law-related classes. One of the projects I like best is when I ask students to participate in some kind of election. They say that's not service learning. If it isn't, what is, especially in an election where there's someone running for judge? They volunteer for a candidate or an issue — I don't care what party. They need to know that their participation matters."

— Pamela Seay, professor, College of Professional Studies

"Students learn the realities of the working world, of going in one direction then having to change focus, having to turn something around quickly. Service learning instills in them the need to do work pro bono, the need to give back. At first they do it because it's required, then they find things that interest them and then they want to do it. It's a subtle lesson that they get and it's amazing to see how much they give."

— Dawn Feldman, instructor, public relations, College of Arts and Sciences

"I teach courses that have a big conceptual component that's hard for students to see sometimes. A service-learning experience can help the student apply the concept and understand the framework."

— Christine Andrews, associate professor, Lutgert College of Business

"My students self select a site — it needs to be a site serving adults 65 or older and not for profit. After they start, I think they really make a connection to what we teach in the classroom, going from passive learners into active learners in the community. Through reflections (papers that summarize their projects), they are able to bridge learning experiences and life experiences. It's my favorite activity to evaluate and grade. It's a delight to read and see the growth in the students. Many students say they'll continue after they finish their service-learning hours. I had a young man stop in recently to sign off on his hours from a year ago. He told me he's still doing Meals on Wheels."

— Karen Landy, instructor, College of Health Professions

SEASON OF THE SUN

Eagles wrap up first year of Division I play

BY CARL BLEICH

Moving up from Division II to Division I's Atlantic Sun Conference this year allowed Florida Gulf Coast University's Eagles to soar to new heights.

The baseball team won the conference title, the softball team tied for first and the women's basketball team placed second.

FGCU athletic director Carl McAloose said, "I think we have adapted to the Atlantic Sun real well. The A-Sun has embraced us and I think we have a very bright future ahead."

Here's a look at how FGCU's teams fared this spring:

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

The women's basketball team didn't get much respect from other A-Sun coaches in the preseason when the coaches' poll picked the Eagles to finish 10th out of 12 teams. But that all changed when FGCU finished with a 13-3 conference record in its first year in Division I and its first year playing in a conference. The team ranked second in the A-Sun, earning a spot in the postseason Women's National Invitational Tournament.

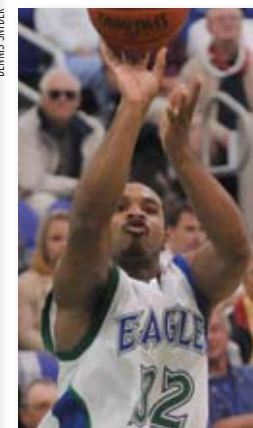
The women scored a thrilling 67-65 victory over the University of South Florida at Alico Arena in the first round. Senior Delia De La Torre scored 20 points, senior Chelsea Dermeyer added 18 points and senior Ashley Haegele scored 14 points to help secure the upset victory.

The win gave the Eagles the right to take on the University of Florida in Gainesville in the WNIT's second round. After taking a late first half lead, and trailing by just one point late in the game, the Eagles' season ended with a 60-55 loss to the Gators. "Seeing how full Alico Arena was for the WNIT was great," McAloose said. "We had a really great crowd for that game."

Delia De La Torre, Ashley Haegele, Shannon Murphy and Chelsea Dermeyer celebrate their win against USF.



Left: Casey Wohlleb
Below: Yavney Neptune



MEN'S BASKETBALL

FGCU won its final home game of the season when it topped the University of North Florida 74-71 in overtime. Senior Casey Wohlleb, playing his last game at Alico Arena, scored 29 points and grabbed eight rebounds. Fellow senior Terike Barrowes added nine points and junior Delvin Franklin scored eight points. Wohlleb, Barrowes, Adam Liddell, Rob Quaintance, Roman Narmbaye, Casey Pond and Yavney Neptune were honored as they played their final home game.

The team finished the season with a 10-21 overall record and a 6-10 record in Atlantic Sun Conference play. That was good enough to finish tied for seventh place in a 12-team conference.



JASON P. SMITH



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Cheyenne Jenks

Carmen Paez



SOFTBALL

Carmen Paez won Atlantic Sun Conference Player of the Year then quickly struck a deal to go pro with the New England Riptide of the National Pro Fastpitch League. The senior outfielder from Belle Glade led the nation with 28 home runs last season in Division II, and finished this season with 22 home runs.

Her exceptional performance also won her a nomination for the USA Softball Collegiate Player of the Year Award. She was one of 25 finalists named for the award.

Cheyenne Jenks also had 16 home runs for FGCU this year. Paez's sister, Jessica, was third on the team with 10 home runs. The Eagles finished 48-16 overall and 16-6 in the A-Sun, earning a share of the regular season conference title.

FGCU topped in-state rivals Florida Atlantic and Bethune-Cookman twice this season, also beating USF and Florida A&M. The Eagles' most lopsided victory of the season came when they

pounded Bethune-Cookman 23-1 on March 5 in Daytona Beach. Desiree Miller hit two home runs in that contest and Jenks and Carmen Paez each added one. Jessica Carter also had four runs batted in for FGCU in that game.

CONFERENCE PLAYER OF THE YEAR
Softball:
Carmen Paez

ALL-CONFERENCE
Softball:
Carmen Paez,
Cheyenne Jenks,
Jessica Paez

Andrew Kam

MEN'S BASEBALL

CONFERENCE COACH OF THE YEAR
Baseball:
Dave Tollett

CONFERENCE PITCHER OF THE YEAR
Baseball:
Richard Bleier

CONFERENCE PLAYER OF THE YEAR
Baseball:
Jason Peacock

The baseball team also rose to the challenge of Atlantic Sun play, capturing the conference title May 10 with 9-5 and 6-2 wins over East Tennessee State. They followed that up with a third victory May 11, beating East Tennessee 15-2.

FGCU took on the University of Miami in Coral Gables on April 8. The Eagles led the No.1-ranked Hurricanes as late as the sixth inning, but fell 4-2 in extra innings. It was the first time an FGCU athletic team played a No.1-ranked team.

The Eagles took advantage of a three-game series with Jacksonville on April 18 and 19, sweeping the series by winning



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the three games by a combined score of 17-7. The May 11 win left the Eagles with a season record of 36-13 overall and 24-6 in A-Sun with four games remaining at press time.

MEN'S TENNIS

J. Webb Horton's men's tennis team won four consecutive matches spanning March 9 through March 19. In that 11-day period, the Eagles topped the University of North Florida, Colgate, Wisconsin-Green Bay and Stony Brook. Against UNF, FGCU dominated the doubles matches, winning Nos. 1-3. Victories by Ervin Garibovic, Danny Lee and Edson Lima clinched the match for the Eagles as they won 4-3. Colgate did not put up much of a fight as FGCU cruised to a 7-0 victory.

The Eagles topped Wisconsin-Green Bay 4-0. The match could not be finished due to inclement weather. Garibovic, Lee and Mikkel Muller all notched three-set victories in the Eagles' 4-3 victory over Stony Brook.

The team finished the season with a 10-9 record overall and a 4-6 in conference play. The 4-6 record left the Eagles ranked sixth after their first year of conference play.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

This year's team was a perfect balance of veterans and newcomers as the team had three upperclassmen singles players and three freshman singles players. The Eagles won their first A-Sun match when they topped Kennesaw State on March 27 at the FGCU Tennis Complex. Maria Maggiorini, Lauren Pfeiffer, Maggie Caulk and Joanne Power all won their singles matches. Wins by the team of Maggiorini and Pfeiffer and Leah Johnson and Brett Kinley earned FGCU the doubles point and helped secure the victory.

Two days later, FGCU topped Mercer 5-2 at home. FGCU again won the doubles point while singles victories came from Maggiorini, Pfeiffer, Kinley and Maria Braniecka. The team finished the season with a 9-14 record and a 4-9 Atlantic Sun record after beating Lipscomb in Tennessee to close out the year.



Jordan Vaughn

WOMEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING

The squad finished the season ranked No.18 in collegeswimming.com's Mid-Major top 25. The Eagles finished second of 11 teams in the Coastal Collegiate Swim Association Championships in February. In its first season, it earned victories over Florida International, Campbell, North Florida, Indian River and Tampa.

MEN'S GOLF

The team won three tournaments between the spring and fall portions of its season. The golfers won the Stetson Invitational on Nov. 5, the Bethune-Cookman Spring Invite on Feb. 23 and the North-South Invitational on March 10. The three victories show the great strides the team has made over the previous year, when the Eagles won just one tournament.

The team will lose just two seniors in Robert Taylor and Alister Munro.

WOMEN'S GOLF

The Eagles captured the Northern Illinois University Springlake Invitational on March 5. The women also secured second place at the Eastern Kentucky University El Diablo Spring Invitational in Citrus Springs on March 13. The women had five top five finishes this season.

The Eagle women have shown great improvement as they did not finish higher than third place in tournaments during the 2006-2007 season.

The team looks to be strong next year, losing only senior Heather Hagerman.

— Carl Bleich is an FGCU student who lives in Fort Myers.



JASON P. SMITH

Gabrielle Shaw



Mike Hart

CONFERENCE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Women's swimming:
Viktoria Hyddmark

ALL-CONFERENCE Women's swimming:

Courtney Gallo,
Viktoria Hyddmark,
Corinna Lallier

Women's tennis:
Maria Maggiorini

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University's third president formally installed

BY KAREN FELDMAN

A new tradition began March 28, when Florida Gulf Coast University held a formal inauguration to welcome its third president, Dr. Wilson G. Bradshaw.

Faculty members dressed in colorful academic regalia, along with international students carrying the flags of their homelands, provided an air of pageantry as they marched into Alico Arena.

Community supporters, state officials, representatives from colleges and universities from across the nation, FGCU trustees, staff and students turned out to welcome the new president and to hear his vision for the University's future. Enthusiastic students took the lead in rising for three standing

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President Wilson G. Bradshaw

ovations for Bradshaw, who was born and raised in Florida, attended state schools and earned his associate, bachelor and master's degrees at state institutions.

The University Orchestra, along with the Naples Philharmonic Brass Quintet, filled the arena with stirring selections, including Tchaikovsky's "Coronation March for Alexander III" and Wagner's "Grosse Festmarsch." The University Chorus, joined by a cross-section

JAMES GRECO



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Clockwise from left: FGCU faculty take their places in Alico Arena. Board of Governors member Charles Edwards and Lt. Gov. Jeff Kottkamp greet President Bradshaw. FGCU Foundation Chairman Duane Stranahan speaks during the inaugural ceremony.

Dr. Peg Gray-Vickrey and Jo Anna Bradshaw adjust the presidential medallion on President Bradshaw while FGCU Board of Trustees Chair Scott Lutgert looks on.



Dr. Nancy Cobb-Lippens conducts.



of FGCU staff and faculty, added yet another musical dimension with its performance of “The Last Words of David,” by Randall Thompson. Dr. Nancy Cobb-Lippens, founding director of the Bower School of Music, composed the “Eagle Presidential Salute,” and conducted the Naples Philharmonic Brass Quintet’s performance of it. Dr. Jack Crocker, a poet, musician and retired FGCU administrator, read “The Eagle,” which he wrote specifically for the event.

Bradshaw, with his wife, Jo Anna, never far from his side, was clearly touched.

Among the dignitaries who delivered welcoming addresses to Bradshaw was Lt. Gov. Jeff Kottkamp, who is also a Lee County resident.

“I’m thrilled to welcome Dr. Bradshaw home,” he said. “What an excellent example of our educational system he is. To his core he has a heart for education. He understands the link between a great university and the expansion of this community. Education is a great equalizer in our society and this president understands that.”

Bradshaw expanded upon that sentiment, outlining his goals in his inaugural speech.

“My vision for Florida Gulf Coast University is that we establish the institution as the premier university of choice in Southwest Florida,” Bradshaw said, “that we provide high quality, affordable educational experiences for our students in a learning community that values civility, inclusiveness, diversity, civic engagement and environmental sustainability, and that we become even more responsive to the region’s needs for economic and workforce development.”

He paid tribute to former presidents Roy McTarnaghan and William C. Merwin for their vision and success, which brought about FGCU’s rapid development. He acknowledged his own responsibility and challenged others to join him in building upon those successes in the University’s second decade.

The goals he set include:

- “Develop additional academic degree programs that are responsive to the needs of Southwest Florida and the state of Florida.”
- “Secure the necessary public and private funding to support the addition of faculty and staff who are key to FGCU’s ability to better serve our students.”

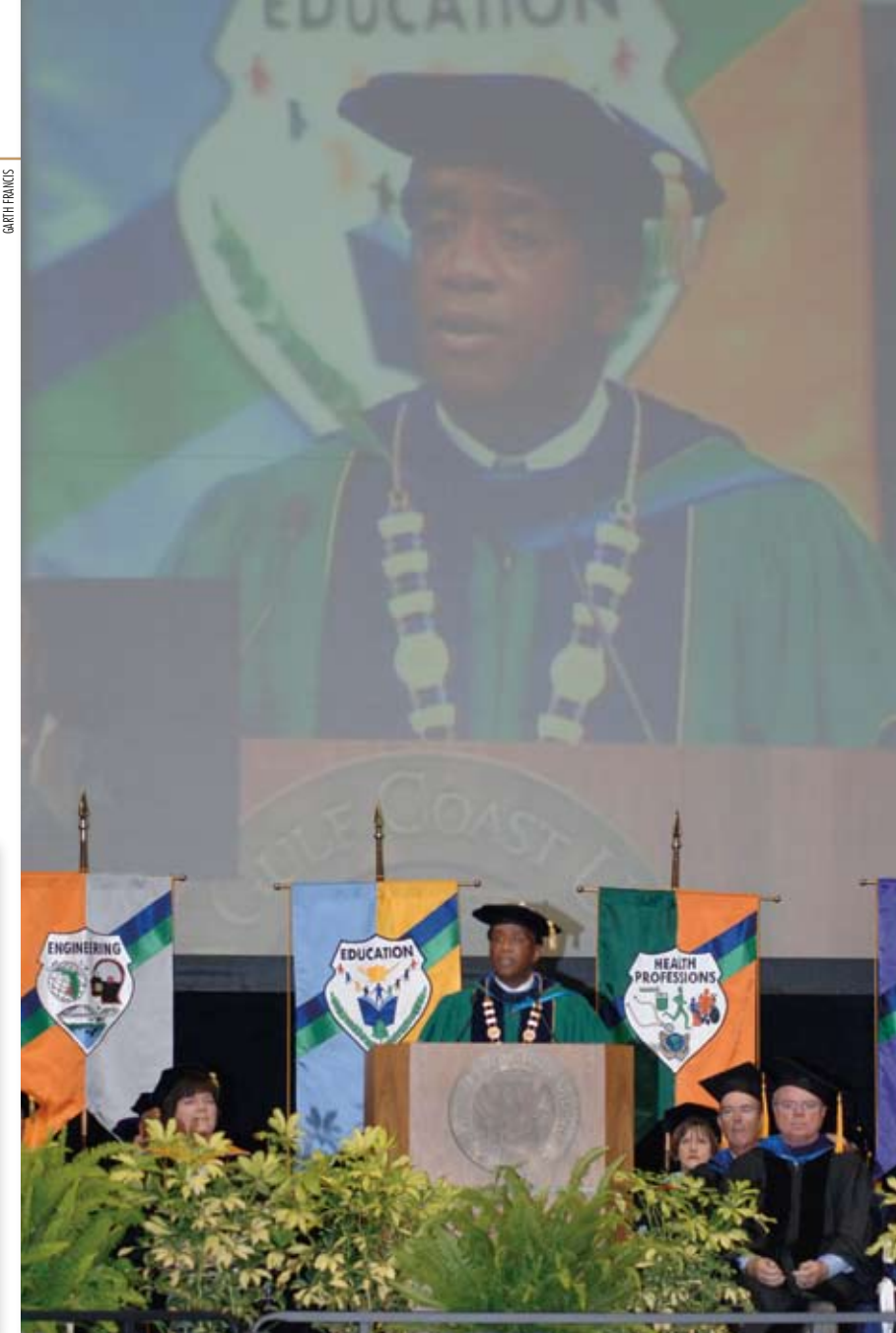


Faculty Senate President Halcyon St. Hill carries the University mace.



The University Chorus and Orchestra perform.

- “Nurture even stronger ties with Southwest Florida, whose organizations and businesses depend on us to provide graduates who are quality educated and also quality citizens.”
- “Build on FGCU’s tradition of service learning and civic engagement for students so we emphasize what they do with what they learn here.”
- “Lead by example in diversifying our faculty and staff in all ways – intellectually, racially, by gender and ethnically.”
- “Grow our research initiatives and faculty scholarship in ways that expand FGCU’s role in economic development for our



Clockwise, from left: Brotherhood of 10 member law Professor David Brennan, left, Lee County Commissioner Frank Mann and state University Chancellor Mark Rosenberg participate in the inauguration ceremony. President Bradshaw delivers his inaugural address. From left, Alumni Association President Cynthia Bennett, Staff Advisory Council President David Vazquez, Edison College President Kenneth Walker, FGCU Board of Trustees Chair Scott Lutgert, Board of Trustees members Larry Hart, Jaynie Whitcomb, Brad Piepenbrink, Lindsay Harrington, Bernard Lester and Halcyon St. Hill, as well as former President William C. Merwin, in second row, are among the dignitaries on stage during the ceremony.



region, state and nation.”

- “Strategically plan for FGCU’s development as a multi-campus regional university with selected areas of research and scholarship.”

FGCU should continue to push forward with more sustainable building and environmental programs, create additional infrastructure to support the needs of students and do all that’s possible to enhance students’ success – “our highest calling and the reason we are here,” Bradshaw said.

The FGCU Foundation provided \$75,000 for the event, which included the creation of a full, four-year scholarship for a deserving student from Palm Beach County.

Bradshaw and his wife, Jo Anna



Bradshaw greets guests at the post-inauguration reception.

From left, founding President Roy McTarnaghan, President Wilson G. Bradshaw and former President William C. Merwin



Oral histories keep alive veterans’ heroism

Veterans from every branch of the armed forces filled the Florida Gulf Coast University Student Union Ballroom for the “Courage in the First Person” World War II Symposium in February.

Many proudly turned out in the uniforms they wore more than 60 years ago to share memories and witness first-hand accounts of the deadliest war in history.

The event, sponsored by UBS Financial Services and the FGCU Foundation, keeps alive the heroic feats so many Americans willingly performed to defend freedom around the world.

Seven veterans shared poignant accounts of war.

Ken Blythe, a retired officer with the Royal Canadian Air Force, became a prisoner of war when his bomber was shot down in the Hamburg Submarine Base Raid.

Retired Army nurses Katherine Nolan and Elizabeth Gerth recalled treating the wounded in the European and Pacific theaters, respectively. Mary Chenery was an Internal Revenue Service worker who served in the Marines. Ann Connell was an Army Air Corps nurse who tended to the injured on flights from the European and Pacific theaters to the United States.

Frank Pavese, an Army corporal and former

Lee County prosecutor and county attorney, served on the front line against the Germans. Other speakers included Henry Tossendory, a retired CIA intelligence officer and Defense Intelligence Agency analyst, who was heavily involved with the Cold War, Cuban Missile Crisis and the Gary Powers U-2 incident, while Marine Tom Gardner, a social worker and FGCU alumnus, was among the first U.S. troops in Vietnam.

Bradley K. Clark, senior vice president for UBS and FGCU Foundation board member, serves as a sponsor for what has become a well-attended Renaissance Academy event, which has been held annually since 2003.

“It was important for me to start and continue working with the World War II Symposium because these veterans are truly the greatest generation,” he said. “They guaranteed the freedoms and liberties we enjoy today and they have instilled the importance of these principles in us. The symposium gives them the forum to share their personal stories with all of us.”



Ken Blythe, a retired Royal Canadian Air officer and former prisoner of war, recounts his experiences.



A member of the Trumpet Ensemble of the Naples Concert Band performs “Taps” during this spring’s World War II symposium.



Vester Station adds new depth to Marine Science program

BY CHRIS WADSWORTH

Call it chemistry class Southwest-Florida style. A professor and a handful of students – most wearing shorts, sandals and sunglasses – cruise down the Imperial River in Bonita Springs in a pontoon boat. Every few hundred yards, the boat idles to a stop while the glove-clad passengers deftly fill jugs with water and plunge a giant claw into the mucky river bottom.

Then they examine the claw's contents, take samples and fill out labels while an electronic GPS device records the group's precise location and a student scribbles details on a tiny tablet.

"It's better when you can get hands-on and do something like this rather than just read about it," says graduate student Andrew Griffith, 24. "It makes a lot of the textbook stuff click in your mind a little easier."

Welcome to Assistant Professor Ai Ning Loh's Marine Chemistry class at Florida Gulf Coast University. It's a course that is taking on new meaning for students and faculty this spring thanks to the launch of the Norm and Nancy Vester Marine and Environmental Science Research Field Station –

or Vester Station for short.

"The students who are attracted to a marine science or environmental science program are people who love to be out in the field," says Loh. "Having a field station like this ... is just great."

Located just off Bonita Beach Road on Little Hickory Island along Fish Trap Bay, where the Imperial River empties into Estero Bay, the Vester Station comprises three buildings perched on a spit of land framed by water on three sides. Just 12 miles from the FGCU campus, the property was once a fish house, then an old Florida-style resort. Today the space holds a classroom, laboratories, offices and boat docks plus apartments for visiting researchers.

"With housing on campus being very tight, the ability to house visiting scientists was very limited," says Professor Aswani Volety, chair of the school's Department of Marine and Ecological Sciences. "This way we can invite collaborators from all over the world."

The department has an exchange program with University of Brest, France, and expects to finalize another this summer with Bangor University in Wales, Volety says.

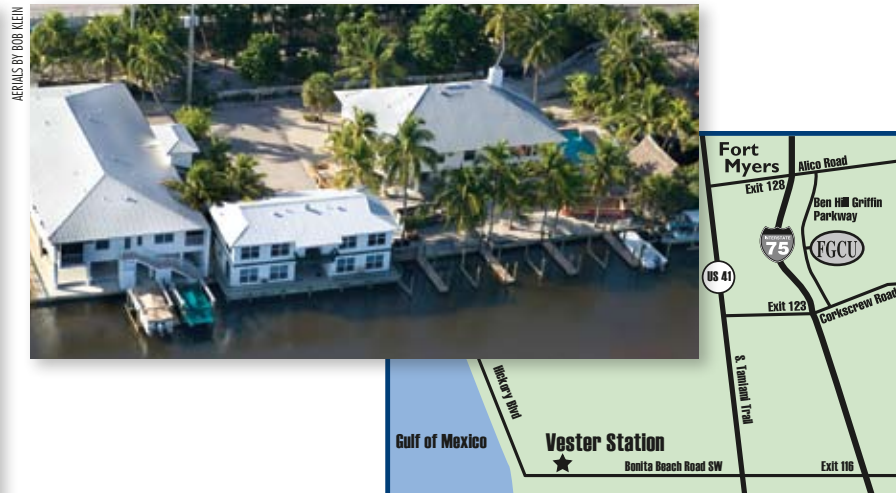
Norm and Nancy Vester live on the site. The couple used to operate the property as the Bonita Beach Plantation Resort, but decided to sell it to FGCU at more than \$1 million below its appraised value in order to



Clockwise from top: An FGCU science class heads out from the Vester Station. Vicki Oehm and Assistant Professor Ai Ning Loh take in the scenery on the Imperial River. In the Vester Station lab, Ai Ning Loh shows students where they will be sampling along the Imperial River. Students Vicki Oehm and Chris Gardner examine the contents of the sediment grab sampler.



Aerial photos of the Vester Station show its proximity to Bonita Beach Road and scenic Fish Trap Bay.



tick off a list of how the station is changing the way the Marine Science and Environmental Science programs function.

- With the campus landlocked, students now have regular access to marine environments at the Vester Station. No more mixing a product called “Instant Ocean” to try to replicate seawater in aquariums and tanks.
- No more transporting boats by trailer back and forth from the campus to boat ramps around the county. There is room for 11 boats at the Vester Station.
- Mangroves, sea grasses, oyster beds and the Gulf of Mexico are all within a short boat ride from the station. All are subjects of studies at the University, but previously were hard to reach.

“Without running seawater and the space for large-scale experiments on campus, we were somewhat limited in some of our research,” Volety says. “Now, having more space

and access to seawater and marine ecosystems, the scope of research can be expanded.”

The students using the Vester Station this semester may be focused on their samples of river bottom, but they already see the difference the facility makes in their studies.

Rachel Sommer is a senior majoring in marine science with a minor in biology. The 24-year-old hopes to eventually work rescuing and rehabilitating injured and endangered marine mammals, but she has also enjoyed learning about the water quality and sediments in Estero Bay.

“Working from the station definitely allows you to get a lot more accurate readings,” says Sommer. “Things don’t have time to sit and ... you don’t have to freeze it and take it back to the labs at the school.”

Originally from Cleveland, then Tampa, Sommer says she was drawn to FGCU for its marine science program.

“A lot of wanting to be in this type of program is wanting to be outdoors and not be stuck in a classroom, so I think this will have a lot of pull for

potential students,” she says.

Chris Gardner agrees.

“There are only so many places in the country where you can study this type of program and be out in such a unique environment,” he says. “It will be a great aid to recruiting.”

Gardner, 28, is a Washington, D.C. native who spent four years in the Marine Corps and fell in love with ships and the sea. He’s hoping to combine that passion with what he’s learning at FGCU and its Vester Station to launch a career in industrial shipping.

“I want to help make (shipping companies) more environmentally friendly,” Gardner says. “I want to make sure they are not polluting the water ... and not doing any damage to the oceans.”

Ultimately, everyone in Southwest Florida stands to benefit from the work and studies at the Vester Station.

Donna Price Henry, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, says the Vester Station “is a critical piece of our mission statement. As we founded our programs, they were designed to not only serve the community through access to higher education, but also to serve the community as a resource to the area. The station is one critical way that we can do that.

“This facility will give us the ability to invite noted research scientists to come here and work with our faculty on coastal watershed issues. This will benefit not only the University,



From left, students Chris Gardner, Mike Banach and Fritz Hoefflein deploy the sediment grab sampler.

but the region as well.”

Successful projects there could result in new ways to improve marine environments in the Caloosahatchee River, the Ten Thousand Islands and the Everglades.

It also could help the very waters that lap and splash at the docks of the Vester Station itself.

“(Estero Bay) received very, very low grades based on its water quality compared to other bodies of water around Florida,” says Wasno. “This facility is something that is going to allow students to come in here and do focused research that will hopefully go towards turning this bay around and re-creating it into the jewel it used to be.”

— Chris Wadsworth is a freelance writer who lives in Fort Myers.



FGCU research associate Vincent Encomio examines the larval stages of mollusks at the Vester Station lab.

Students Brian DeSanti and Josh Grimes record salinity, temperature, dissolved oxygen and pH readings from an electronic probe.

Projects under way or planned for Vester Station

- Effects of red tide on marine organisms
- Restoration of oyster reefs
- Restoration of mangroves
- Restoration of sea grasses
- Research into the role of nutrients in the development of macro-algae and red tides
- Effects of water contaminants on marine organisms and the transfer up the food chain
- Assessment of sediment transport and its implications on beach erosion and larval transport
- Mapping of aquatic vegetation and oyster reefs
- Study of the impact of fresh water inflow on marine organisms, including bivalves, fish and crustaceans
- Historical assessment of the environment prior to human habitation
- Analysis of the effect of rising sea levels on the Southwest Florida coastline and coastal ecosystems
- Refining techniques in restoration science
- Everglades restoration

Source: Aswani Volety

Norm and Nancy Vester at the Vester Marine and Environmental Science Research Field Station



Couple nurture nature, University with Bonita property

BY KAREN FELDMAN

While Norm and Nancy Vester escaped Cape Cod winters in balmy Bonita Springs over the past several years, they kept crossing paths with Florida Gulf Coast University students. They met a young woman who did bookkeeping for one of their friends. Others served them in area restaurants and retail businesses.

"We kept meeting absolutely fine young people who were working their way through college," says Norm Vester.

So when the couple decided that it was time to sell their sprawling waterfront property, known as the Bonita Beach Plantation Resort, they wanted FGCU to have it. They sold it to the University for more than \$1 million less than its appraised value.

"We knew we didn't want to sell it for a big profit, then have it torn down and rebuilt," says Nancy Vester.

The result is FGCU's new Norm and Nancy Vester Marine and Environmental Science

PHOTOS BY GARTH FRANKS



Professor Aswani Voley, chairman of FGCU's Department of Marine and Ecological Sciences, speaks at the dedication of the Vester Station.

Research Field Station along Fish Trap Bay just off Bonita Beach Road.

The couple will continue to live on the property for several years, sharing it with FGCU researchers and students. The Vesters view it as a symbiotic relationship.

They no longer have to run a resort, but can still enjoy the idyllic setting while FGCU gets a prime waterfront location with boat slips, a lab, office space and apartments for visiting researchers.

"To see young people coming out here, that's exciting," says Nancy Vester.

University officials are equally enthused.

"We could not be as responsive to the needs of Southwest Florida without the generosity of people like the Vesters and others who see the promise of the role a comprehensive state university can play in enhancing the region's quality of life," says President Wilson G. Bradshaw.

Norm Vester says he hopes that as more people visit the site, they will become interested in FGCU's work and make contributions of their own.

"The fact that the University has this facility will perhaps have people think about it more seriously," he says.

Getting people to the property doesn't seem to be a challenge.

"When we have receptions, everyone comes," says Nancy Vester. "And everybody who comes here just loves it."

Beyond helping students learn, the Vesters hope that the research center plays a pivotal role in helping improve local waters.

"We have a deep-down desire to find a solution for the red tide mess," Norm Vester says, referring to the toxic algae that bloom periodically, killing fish and animals that eat them. "If the University can do that and get the proper credit for it, it will really enhance its reputation."

"We have a deep-down desire to find a solution for the red tide mess."

— Norm Vester



FGCU President Wilson G. Bradshaw thanks the Vesters at the center's dedication.

The Vester Station provides a scenic setting for a sunset reception.



Donations create income for older donors

BY PETE LEFFERTS

Dating back to 1843, charitable gift annuities (CGA) have provided valuable gifts to charities, while providing guaranteed income streams for older donors.

Sometimes called “win-win” gifts, charitable gift annuities are simple contracts between the Florida Gulf Coast University Foundation and donors, usually out-performing money market funds. CGAs are part gift and part annuity, providing each donor with a fixed interest rate, guaranteed income for life and several tax benefits, including a handsome charitable deduction. Interest rates for CGAs are actually higher for older donors.

Moreover, a CGA is an effective way for a donor to support a favorite program at FGCU. The remaining gift portion of

each charitable gift annuity can be assigned to a donor’s favorite academic program, scholarship, research initiative or sport, for example.

Over the years, several donors have written multiple CGA contracts, cashing out low-interest-earning money market certificates as they mature in favor of charitable gift annuities featuring higher interest rates and charitable destinations.

“We have been pleased with the gift annuity program offered by Florida Gulf Coast University.”

– George and Rebecca Fogg

George and Rebecca Fogg of Naples are among those who have chosen to invest in a CGA.

“We have been pleased with the gift annuity program offered by Florida Gulf Coast University,” they say. “Our annuities are tailored to our needs with flexible starting dates for payments for the remainder of our lives. The Foundation staff are wonderful to work with. We look forward to a long relationship with the University.”

For more information, visit www.fgcu.edu/foundation/plannedgiving or call Pete Lefferts, FGCU Foundation director of planned giving, at (239) 590-1077.

Money market fund

Value: \$100,000
Interest rate: 3 percent
Annual return: \$3,000

3%

Charitable gift annuity (age 65)

Amount: \$100,000
Effective annual rate: 6 percent
Annual income: \$6,000
Charitable deduction \$26,118

6%



Rebecca and George Fogg

Loyal employees give back to FGCU

BY LINDA GUERRINE

During FGCU’s 10th anniversary, the Annual Giving office pays tribute to 38 committed faculty and staff members who have contributed every year since the University opened through the Funds for Excellence Annual Faculty and Staff Campaign. On behalf of the FGCU Foundation, the Office of Annual Giving says thank you.

“I give because I believe strongly in the University, its mission and because it makes me feel good,” says Rhonda Holtzclaw, coordinator for Environmental Health and Safety.

The Funds for Excellence Annual Faculty and Staff Campaign is a year-long campaign promoted by 28 employee ambassadors representing all departments. Revenues normally exceed expenses by \$100,000. The 2007-08 goal was \$115,000 and, to date, the total exceeds \$117,000.

In recent years, the campaign has motivated employees to create endowed funds including the following: The Advancement Trust Fund, The U.A. Whitaker School of Engineering Excellence in Education Award Endowed Fund, The Physical Plant Endowed Scholarship Fund and The Computing Services Endowed Scholarship Fund.



Linda Guerrine



Left to right back:

Margaret A. Gray-Vickrey, Cathy J. Duff, Julie A. Heuer, Duncan C. McBride, Kazuo Nakatani, David Vazquez, Thomas C. Valesky, Gerald A. Schoenfeld, Lee R. Duffus, Thomas J. Roberts, David A. Lounsbury, Linda S. Bachelier, Steve L. Magiera

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Not pictured:

Steven G. Belcher, Karen Eastwood, Susan C. Evans, Carolyn M. Gray, Marcia S. Greene, Walter E. Rodriguez, Pamella A. Seay, Ellen K. Williamson, Michele Yovanovich



President's Celebration 10th A DECADE OF DISTINCTION 2008

Annual gala attracts sell-out crowd

More than 450 friends and supporters turned out Feb. 9 to toast Florida Gulf Coast University's 10th anniversary at the President's Celebration 2008 – A Decade of Distinction.

The gala was the first presided over by Dr. Wilson G. Bradshaw, FGCU's third president.

A sell-out crowd filled the blue-and-green-bedecked ballroom at The Ritz-Carlton, Naples. The event, with its sumptuous supper, silent auction and "Blue Room" lounge, raised \$281,000.

Guest speaker Jim McLaughlin talked of the impact FGCU has had on the region in its first 10 years.

In the future, Bradshaw said, "FGCU will be more exciting than the first decade. The University will thrive and serve as the driver of economic development."

He also paid homage to those in attendance.

"We are what we are because of the commitment and generous support from all of you," Bradshaw said.

The FGCU Foundation is the University's private fund-raising arm, which organizes the annual signature event. The Foundation Board, composed of community leaders, raises more than \$20 million annually. Money raised through the President's Celebration helps fund student scholarships, academic programs and new buildings, all of which are vital to the University's continued growth.



PHOTOS BY JAMES GREGO



Clockwise from top: President Wilson G. Bradshaw and his wife, Jo Anna. FGCU 10th Anniversary glass memento. Guests have dinner in ballroom.

Cheri Taylor and Ben Hill Griffin



Gray and Mercedes Ballman



Top: Peter Sulick
Bottom: Jim McLaughlin



John Mitchell, Mary Hull, Herb Solomon, Dolly Scott and Deb Solomon



Alan and Marilyn Korest with Veora Little

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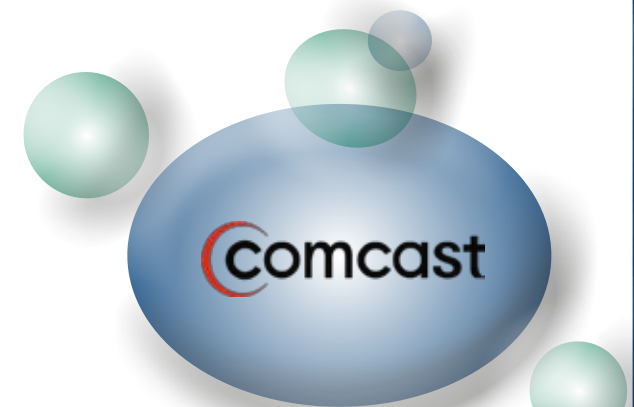
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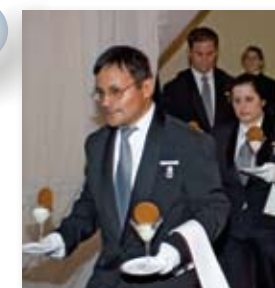
Matt and Trista Kragh



Allison Smith, Lee Crowther,
Veronia Stough and Roger
Smith



LeClique ensemble cast members entertain guests at their tables.



The Ritz's staff serves in style.



Katie Sproul, Bob Newsome and Maria Price



LeClique twins

Bill and Pam Schreiber, Jo Anna Bradshaw, Jodi Edens, Michele and Rich Yovanavich

Mark and Lise Laviolette dance.



The Bradshaws share a laugh and, at right, create a "Dance Heads" video.



Scott and Simone Lutgert



Norm and Nancy Vester



Donna and Tom Williams, Vicky and Marshall Goodman



For those who serve

The Abernathy Port Charlotte Kiwanis Foundation gave \$100,000 to create an endowed scholarship that will be awarded to Charlotte County students who plan careers in public service, such as teaching, law enforcement and nursing. The state will match this contribution with \$50,000, bringing the total endowed fund to \$150,000. From left: Darlene McCloud, FGCU Foundation director of major gifts; Abernathy Port Charlotte Kiwanis Foundation representatives Lawrence Hurley, Gabrielle Azar-Levin, Allen Levin, and FGCU President Wilson G. Bradshaw.



Scholarship honors Taste of Collier founders

The Taste of Collier, an annual event sponsored by the Collier County chapter of the Florida Restaurant Association, donated \$10,000 to create the Taste of Collier Endowed Scholarship Fund, in honor of the event's founders Ray and June Singer. The scholarship will be awarded to students pursuing careers in restaurant management through the University's resort and hospitality management program. From left, Sherie Brezina, director of FGCU's resort and hospitality management program; Taste of Collier board members Teresa Morgenstern, Anita Tynski and Wendy DeJonge, Taste of Collier founders Ray and June Singer and FGCU President Wilson G. Bradshaw.



SimplexGrinnell gives back

SimplexGrinnell presented FGCU's Physical Plant and the FGCU Foundation with a gift in support of the Physical Plant Endowed Scholarship Fund. From left: Troy Kelly, Physical Plant coordinator; Barbara Thompson, SimplexGrinnell sales representative; James Kishish, SimplexGrinnell district general manager; Steve Magiera, FGCU vice president for University Advancement; Jim Hehl, Physical Plant director; and Vikki McConnell, Physical Plant assistant director of finance and business operations.

Alumni Shooting for the cyberstars

Alumni's Web design company on rapid upward trajectory

BY JAY MACDONALD

Many a successful Internet business took off in someone's garage. But Atilus, a young Estero-based Web design and development enterprise, found a better, if unlikely, launch pad: the FGCU Library.

Atilus, which began officially in late 2005 as Unique ID Web Design, is the brainchild of FGCU alumni Zach Katkin, '07, Harry Casimir, '05, and Jermaine Primus, '05, who met as FGCU undergraduates in 2003. Katkin, then a sophomore, recalls their historic first meeting at which Casimir, an upperclassman, brought him to meet fellow upperclassman Primus.

"We were in the old Library building. It's all different now (since the expansion), but we remember exactly where it was," he says. "I remember throughout my career as a student that I would just dual-role, studying in the mornings and then finish up some work in the afternoons and evenings there. That literally was our first office. Our first office phone was a cell phone."

Casimir spotted Katkin's design skills while watching him doodle in a technology class.

"Harry literally pulled me aside and asked me



Zach Katkin and Harry Casimir



Jermaine Primus

if I did graphic design, HTML and some other computer stuff," Katkin recalls. "He and Jermaine showed me some cool Web sites and said, 'Can you do these things?' I was totally intimidated by the whole situation."

The three made a good team. Casimir, a computer information services major, focused on server technology; Primus, a business management major with an emphasis on entrepreneurship, was learning to build and run a successful business; and Katkin, the liberal studies major with computer chops, brought artistry and vision to the mix.

Creativity was one of Katkin's hallmarks, recalls English instructor Jesse Millner.

"In a poetry class, Zach wrote an amazing sonnet about a patty melt," he says. "In a nature writing class, he consistently provided much longer responses to my assignments than I asked for, but in his case, because he was energetic and very thoughtful, I always enjoyed the extra reading. Usually, you have to encourage students to think independently and creatively, but with Zach it seemed like a natural thing."

All three men would hone their skills elsewhere before forming a successful full-time triumvirate last summer.

Casimir, who moved from Haiti to Delray Beach at age 14, served in the military following high school. Shortly after enrolling at FGCU, he convinced David Jaeger, director of FGCU Web, E-Learning and Publication Services, to hire him.

"I learned a lot from him, from business project management to implementing Web sites," he says.

Jaeger says Casimir took that knowledge and ran with it.

"Harry came to us with some experience in Web programming, but more valuable was his motivation to apply classroom-acquired knowledge to real-world projects and improve his skills," Jaeger says. "It wasn't long before Harry was managing his own projects. I attribute Harry's success to his motivation, and to his understanding that each piece is just as valuable as the whole."

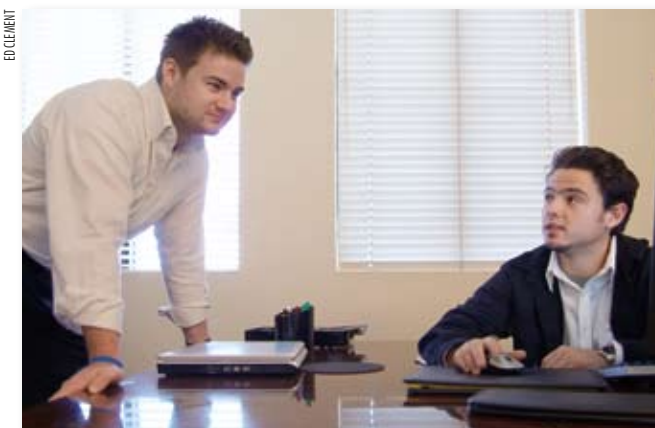
Christine Andrews, associate professor of accounting, says Casimir "really hustles. If you look at the patch of plants between the back of the WGPU building and Parking Lot 2, there is still a path where Harry used to run from car to work between jobs. Harry has plenty of ambition. More than that though, he has a wonderful personality – you can't teach that."

While Casimir worked at WGPU, Katkin joined a Naples marketing company as a full-time Web developer. When the company needed an expert in server technology, he recommended Casimir. Both were still full-time FGCU students.

"Since then, we just had miscellaneous people, friends and family and businesses asking us for Web design," Katkin says. "They knew we did good work and it just continued to snowball."

After graduation, Primus took a job with an Internet marketing firm in Bonita Springs, staying in touch with his friends, frequently e-mailing them marketing suggestions and even sales leads.

Within a year, Casimir and Katkin had a



Scott Clark, director of sales and marketing, and COO Katkin

sufficient pool of side clients to open their own shop. It wasn't an easy decision, however.

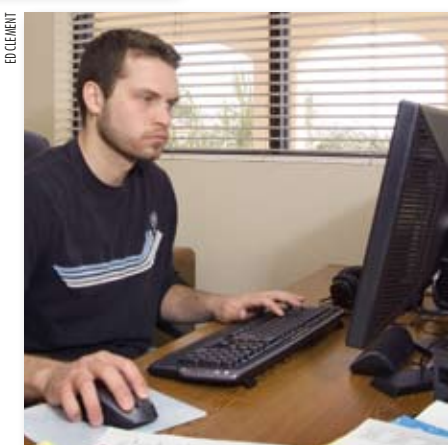
"I was totally hesitant. I couldn't do it, but Harry did," Katkin recalls. "He quit the job, went full time, jumped right into the company. About two months after that, I did the same thing."

Casimir chuckles at the memory. "I was kind of scared, but I'm one of those guys who is willing to take a risk. Zach said if my savings couldn't make it for the first three or four months, he would help me out. Fortunately I never needed the money from him. I should have told him I needed some!"

In June 2007, the startup had grown to the point where they could hire Primus as account executive, reuniting the three amigos. They streamlined their name to Atilus after discovering it among a list of domain names they already owned. "It's my grandfather's name," Casimir says. "He's very happy about the name."

They also wrestled with titles a couple times before designating Katkin as chief operating officer and Casimir as director of operations. "At first, I was a little hesitant," Katkin concedes. "I guess I never envisioned myself in this particular role, but it's been working out really well."

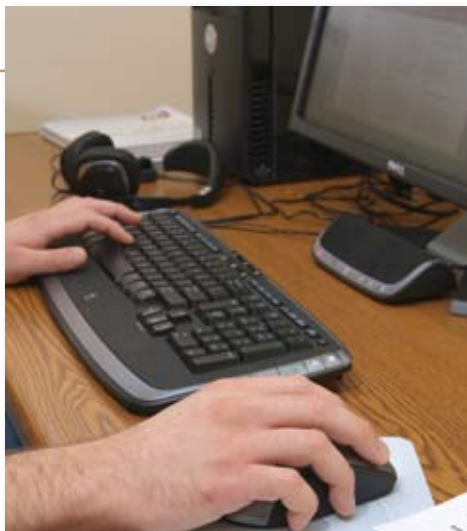
Also working well is their client mix, half of which comes from Southwest Florida, the other half from across the country. They enjoy strong ties with FGCU. Atilus designed the Web sites for WGPU Public Media and the FGCU College of Education's Support, Encouragement and Resources Vital to Success (SERVS) teacher education service. See Atilus and link to its



Jacob Giesler, Web developer

Facts of life

- **Who:** Harry Casimir, director of operations
 - **Age:** 28
 - **Hometown:** Delray Beach
 - **Most influential professor:** Christine Andrews, associate professor of Accounting
 - **Best thing FGCU taught you:** "FGCU helped prepare me for the real world, from running a business and communicating a company's message to the public to meeting diverse groups of people."
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- **Who:** Zach Katkin, chief operating officer
 - **Age:** 23
 - **Hometown:** Princeton, NJ
 - **Most influential professor:** English instructor Jesse Millner
 - **Best thing FGCU exposed you to:** "People! I had a rough first couple of years at FGCU. As a graduate of Estero High School, I thought staying close to home would shield me from the normal college experience – going out, meeting new people, experiencing new things, but it didn't – thankfully. In my second year I met Harry and Jermaine and from there our relationships grew. Educationally, I appreciated that FGCU allowed me to create my own degree and I wasn't pressured or pigeon-holed into doing only this or only that. My experiences, the people I met, and what I learned in class has created a solid platform from which to launch my adult life."
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- **Who:** Jermaine Primus, account executive
 - **Age:** 28
 - **Hometown:** Naples
 - **Most influential professor:** William Ritchie, associate professor of Management
 - **Best thing FGCU exposed you to:** "FGCU helped expose me to real, working businesses, taught me how to run a company ethically, and gave practical examples on how to succeed in business after the University setting."



clients at <http://atilus.com>.

"I think I'm literally on campus once every two weeks or so to meet with WGCU," says Katkin. "We really appreciate the University and what it has meant to the company."

Despite growing an astounding 500 percent last year, these enterprising FGCU alums aren't looking back at how far they've come since their old Library days. Instead, they're shooting for the stars.

"We've been talking about how you take a company from ground level all the way to a Fortune 500 or bigger. That's where we want to go," Katkin says. "As far as specifics, we're kind of tight-lipped about some of the things we want to get into, but we'll definitely continue to provide quality Web design development and Internet marketing and expand throughout that marketing area. We have plans, but they're kind of secretive right now."

Could an initial public offering, or IPO, figure into their future?

"Actually, next Friday," Katkin laughs. For now.

— Jay MacDonald is a freelance writer who lives in Austin, TX.

Message from alumni director

Greetings alumni and friends:

As a fellow FGCU Eagle, Class of '05, I am honored and excited to have been named the new Director of Alumni Relations. I look forward to getting to know outstanding alumni and supporters like you.

To that end, I would like to extend my congratulations to our '08 graduates and welcome you to a worldwide family of 8,000 FGCU alumni. In celebration of your success, the FGCU Alumni Association is presenting you with a free annual membership through June 30, 2009. The benefits of staying connected to your alma mater are many, including:

- Network with fellow Eagles at events throughout the year.
- Gain valuable professional and career advice post graduation.
- Take advantage of discounts to a variety of University services and activities, such as Art Gallery admissions, athletic events and the fitness center.
- Stay up-to-date on FGCU news with complimentary issues of University publications and access to our new online community, Eagle Entourage.
- Benefit from special rates offered by local and national companies.

We are constantly adding membership benefits. A complete list can be found online at www.fgcu.edu/alumni.

The Office of Alumni Relations plans to continue initiating programs that will actively involve all of our all alumni and positively impact the FGCU community.

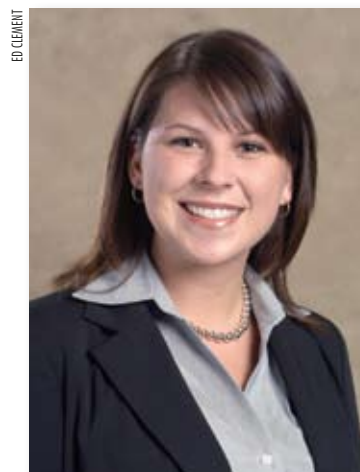
Please contact the Office of Alumni Relations at (239) 590-1087 or alumnirelations@fgcu.edu with news on accomplishments, class notes, programming suggestions or questions.

I look forward to seeing you at our next event or on your next visit to campus.

From one Eagle to another,

Lindsey Touchette

Lindsey R. Touchette, '05
Director of Alumni Relations



Cool time at Gulf Coast

FGCU alumni and friends enjoyed a wine tasting at 55° Cool Wine & Cheese at Gulf Coast Town Center. From left: Mathew Visaggio, '05 (Communications), Amanda Fortuna, '05 (Political Science) and Dave Crawford, '07 (Master's, Elementary Education).



Manners Matter

Career Development Services and the FGCU Alumni Association sponsored the annual Student Etiquette Dinner at Embassy Suites, Estero. Jennifer Alvarez, '04 (Psychology), and nine other Eagle alumni hosted tables to teach FGCU students about the importance of proper dinner etiquette.



A Toast to Our Graduates

The FGCU Alumni Association hosted a reception in honor of the fall 2007 graduates. Among those attending "A Toast to Our Graduates," from left: '07 graduates Sarah Backe (Elementary Education), Jennie Golden (Elementary Education) and Krista Polulak (Elementary Education).

Class Notes

■ Weddings, engagements and births

Courtney Dwyer, '04 (Communications) and **Dave Satkoski**, '07 (Master's, Public Administration) were married in a gulf-side ceremony on Oct. 27 at South Seas Island Resort on Captiva Island. Courtney is a teacher for the Lee County School District. While a student at FGCU, she was a member of the tennis team and was named Student of the Year in 2004. The couple lives in Estero with their English bulldog, Chunks.



Courtney Dwyer and Dave Satkoski



Heidi Taylor and Sean Lewis

Sean Lewis, '04 (Marketing) and Heidi Taylor were married Jan. 26. Sean was recently hired as the director of marketing for 1Christian.net, which specializes in the East Coast Worship Summit and various other projects.

■ Newsmakers

'00 Brian Coleman (Master's, Educational Leadership) was appointed as principal of Little Falls High School in West Virginia. He will assume his duties in the Little Falls City School District on July 1. Brian is currently employed by the Collier County Public School District as an assistant principal for curriculum and instruction at the Gulf View Middle School. He is also enrolled in the doctoral program in organizational leadership at Nova Southeastern University.

'04 Justin McCarraher (Marketing) is a mini-tour golf professional. He recently won the 2007 Coors Light Open at Fort Myers Country Club. Justin plans to play on the Gateway Tour this season.

'05 Rachel DiSalvo (Communications) was recently promoted to outside field account executive for Gartner, Inc. She now works exclusively with higher education clients. Rachel has also qualified for the Winner's Circle for the past two years.

Zack Eaton (Management) and **Mark Devisse** (Marketing) have completed construction on a new Jimmy Johns sub shop one mile south of Corkscrew Road on Tamiami Trail. Zack is employed by Jimmy Johns



Zack Eaton and Mark Devisse

and Marc is the owner of Tri-Town Construction, LLC. They plan to open more Jimmy Johns in the area.

Bryan Fuller (Criminal Justice) is a probation officer for the 20th Judicial Circuit. He lives in Fort Myers.

Brandon Hall (Master's, Business Administration) has been made a partner in Entrust SWFL, the operating company for Self-Direct Retirement Services Division. He has been employed with Entrust as a manager since 2003. He lives in Fort Myers.

'06 Susan Chicone (Master's, Business Administration) has joined FineMark National Bank Trust as a personal banker. She will be responsible for all client communication, marketing efforts and relationship banking.

Susan Geoghegan (Criminal Justice) is a freelance writer for the Hendon Publishing Company. Hendon offers five publications specializing in the law enforcement industry. Her articles have appeared in Tactical Response and Law and Order magazine. She lives in Naples.



Susan Geoghegan

'07 Melissa Amoroso (Resort and Hospitality Management) is the sales manager for Bar Louie at Gulf Coast Town Center.

Alexandria Benjamin (Communications) is the sales and marketing coordinator for The Ritz-Carlton in Sarasota.



Alexandria Benjamin

Jesse Bouchard (Marketing) recently won top intern in South Florida for Northwestern Mutual.



Jesse Bouchard

Todd Cofer (Political Science) accepted a job offer at Gartner, Inc., a global technology research and consulting firm. He is a client partner who works with the public sector and higher education clients throughout North America.

Carolina Diaz (Finance) is a personal banker at Bank of America. She lives in Naples.

Adrienne McElroy (Master's, Educational Leadership) was named Charlotte County's teacher of the year. She is a third-grade teacher at Liberty Elementary School.

Michael Muder (Criminal Forensic Studies) won first place in the upper division (juniors and seniors) national paper competition at the American Criminal Justice Association's National Conference in Wilmington, Del. His paper, "Forensic Psychology: Borderline Personality Disorder," was published in the 2007 Lambda Alpha Epsilon (LAE) National Journal.

Ryan Shaughnessy (History) is pursuing his master's degree in business at the International University of Monaco in Stade Louis, France.

Jeff Ward (Environmental Studies) was named as Placer Land

Trust's stewardship assistant for 2008. He is one of 27 interns selected by AmeriCorps to conduct environmental education, habitat restoration and ecological monitoring in the Sierra Nevada region.

Cara Zasoba (Communications) is the public relations/marketing assistant for the Holocaust Museum of Southwest Florida in Naples.



Cara Zasoba

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Awards or Recognitions

Kevin Aho, College of Arts & Sciences, Humanities and Arts, Ph.D., McTarnaghan Teaching Award, FGCU Student Government, April 18.

Paul Asfour, College of Professional Studies, Justice Studies, J.D., M.B.A., participant in Florida New Motor Vehicle Arbitration Board Hearing, Florida Attorney General, Jan. 16.

Bob Diotalevi, College of Professional Studies, Justice Studies, J.D., selected as member of Distance Learning Task Force, American Association for Paralegal Education, Jan. 9.

Amanda Evans, College of Professional Studies, Social Work, Ed.D., M.S.W., Social Worker of the Year, National Association of Social Workers, March 5.



Nicola Foote, College of Arts & Sciences, Social and Behavioral Sciences, Ph.D., elected Chair of Gran Colombia Studies Section, American Historical Association, Jan. 3.

Peg Gray-Vickrey, Vice President's Office - Academic Affairs, appointed editor of peer-reviewed journal *Alzheimer's Care Today*, Wolters Kluwer Health, Inc., Lippincott, Williams, and Wilkins, publisher, Jan. 1.

Bradley Hobbs, College of Business, Finance and Accounting, Ph.D., and student **Emily Brockelsby**, 2008 Acton Foundation Excellence in Entrepreneurship Education Award, Acton Foundation, Feb. 3.

Barry Lipton, College of Professional Studies, Justice Studies, elected to the Board of Governors, American Society of Forensic Odontology, Feb. 19; Assistant Director's Award for Excellence, Department of Justice, FBI, April 17.

Johnny McGaha, College of Professional Studies, Justice Studies, elected co-chair, Lee County Task Force on Human Trafficking, Feb. 7; Medal of Appreciation, Resident Security Office, U.S.

Embassy, Moldova, Feb. 29.

Carl Pacini, Carol Callaway Dee and William Hillison, College of Business, Finance and Accounting, Ph.D., J.D., C.P.A., Best Paper Award, Southeast American Accounting Association, April 4.

Charlie Mesloh, College of Professional Studies, Justice Studies, Ph. D., master instructor certification in chemical agents, less lethal munitions, stun grenades, and chemical munitions, Combined Tactical Systems, April 24.

Sandra O'Brien, College of Professional Studies, Public Affairs, Ph.D., Peer Review Board, International Journal of Restorative Justice, March 28.

Ray Placid, Joe Rue and Ara Volkan, College of Business, Finance and Accounting, J.D., Best Paper Award for the paper entitled "GAAP/Tax Differences in Accounting for Non-Qualified Employee Stock Options: The Gathering Storm," The 2008 ABR (Business) and TLC (Teaching) Conference, Jan. 4.

Pamella Seay, University of Miami, College of Professional Studies, Justice Studies, J.D., L.L.M., final rounds judge, Jessup International Moot Court Competition Southern Super Regionals, Feb. 22.

Jacqueline van Duijn, Arie J. van Duijn, Ed.D., **Wanda Nitsch**, Ph.D., College of Health Professions, Physical Therapy and Human Performance, DPT, TherEx Award for Excellence in a Published Case Study, Journal of Manual and Manipulative Therapy, Jan. 15.

Book Publication

Paul Asfour, College of Professional Studies, Justice Studies, J.D., M.B.A., "Legal Research and Writing-PowerPoint supplement," "Introduction to Law for Paralegals-PowerPoint supplement," "Paralegal Ethics-PowerPoint supplement," Delmar-Cengage.

Tina Ellis, Larry D. Purnell, M.S., College of Health Professions, Nursing, "People of Guatemalan Heritage In Transcultural Health Care: A Culturally Competent Approach," F. A. Davis, Philadelphia, pp. 145-156.

Ronald Krome, M.D., College of Health Professions, Health Sciences, "The Floaters' Log," Publish America, Maryland, pp. 184.

Professional Presentations

Paul Asfour, College of Professional Studies, Justice Studies, J.D., M.B.A., C.P.A., "Planning For The Inevitable And The Unknown," Heritage Cove Homeowners' Association, Heritage Cove, Fort Myers, Feb. 29.

Anjana Bhatt, Library Services, MSIRM, MLIS, M.A., "E-Resources Management," University of Puerto Rico Libraries, University of Puerto Rico, San Juan,

David Ceilley, College of Arts & Sciences, Ecological Studies, "Fishes and Macroinvertebrates as Indicators of Everglades Restoration Success in the Picayune Strand, Collier County, Florida," Quarterly Meeting of the Big Cypress Watershed Restoration Coordination Team, South Florida Water Management District and Edison College, Naples, Feb. 22.

David Ceilley, Edwin M. Everham, Daniel Hamilton, Brenda Thomas, George Wilder, Robert Leisure, Brad Kolhoff, Corrie Peterson, Jeff Key and Mary Kay Cassani, College of Arts & Sciences, Dean's Office, "Estero Bay Tributaries Vegetation Analysis," 2008 Charlotte Harbor Watershed Summit, Charlotte Harbor National Estuary Program and Edison College, Punta Gorda, March 26-28.

John Cox, College of Arts & Sciences, Social and Behavioral Sciences, Ph.D., "Individual vs. Official Memory: Jewish Anti-Nazi Resisters in Post-War East Germany," European Social Science History Conference, International Institute of Social History, Lisbon, Portugal, Feb. 26-29.

Elizabeth Elliott, Madelyn Isaacs, College of Education, Undergraduate Studies, Ph.D., "A Principal's Guide to Mentoring and Supervision of Early Career Teachers," National Association for Alternative Certification Annual Conference, Atlanta, Ga., April 3-5.

Nicola Foote, College of Arts & Sciences, Social and Behavioral Sciences, Ph.D., "Macheteros and Monteneros: Black and Indigenous Experiences of Military Struggle in Liberal Ecuador," American Historical Association Annual Conference, Washington, D.C., Jan. 2-6; "Atahualpa and the War of 1941: Incaism in a Time of National Crisis," Southeastern Council of Latin American Studies Annual Conference, Ybor City, April 17-19.

Peg Gray-Vickrey, Vice President's Office - Academic Affairs, "Lust or Found: Sexuality and Aging," 7th Annual Southwest Florida Conference on Aging, Hope Hospice and Osterhout, McKinney, and Prather, Fort Myers, April 18; Provost's Office, "Alzheimer's Disease," Nursing 2008 Symposium: The Conference for Clinical Excellence, Lippincott, Williams, and Wilkins Publishers, Las Vegas,

March 18-21.

Douglas Harrison, College of Arts & Sciences, Humanities and Arts, Ph.D., "The Gaitherization of Singing Conventions: Transformation of Tradition in Southern Religious Culture," Center for Popular Music, MTSU, Murfreesboro, TN, April 4-5.

Harvey Heckes, College of Professional Studies, Social Work, M.S.W., 66th Annual Group Psychotherapy & Psychodrama Conference, The American Society of Group Psychotherapy and Psychodrama, San Antonio, Texas, April 10-14.

Reid Lennertz, Career Development Services, M.B.A., "Recruiting Strategies," Employer Advisory Committee, Career and Service Center of Lee County, Fort Myers, Feb. 7; "The Millennial Generation," Emerging Leaders Education Day, Greater Fort Myers Chamber of Commerce, Fort Myers, April 30.

Barry Lipton, College of Professional Studies, Justice Studies, "Forensic Dentistry," Pinellas County Dental Association, St. Petersburg, March 5; "Missing and Unidentified," FBI's Crime Scene and Post Blast Workshop, FBI, Pinellas Park, March 4; "Bitemarks and Photographic Evidence," University of South Florida, Department of Justice Studies, Tampa, Feb. 4; "NCIC Dental Records Workshop," American Academy of Forensic Sciences, FBI/American Board of Forensic Odontology, Washington, DC, Feb. 18; "NCIC Coding for Missing/Wanted Persons", NCIC Dental Coding Workshop, NCIC/FBI, Atlanta, Ga., April 12-13; "Soft Tissue Pattern Injuries," Forensic Science for Pathologists Workshop, National Forensic Science Technology Center, Largo, April 8.

Barry Lipton, Larry Bedore, College of Professional Studies, Justice Studies, DDS, "Odontology in a Mass Disaster," Charlotte County Dental Society, Port Charlotte, April 15.

Melih Madanoglu, Cihan Cobanoglu, College of Professional Studies, Resort and Hospitality Management, Ph.D., "Give Your Restaurant an Edge! Put it on a GPS Map!" 2008 International Restaurant Show, Las Vegas, Feb. 24-27.

Megan C. McShane, College of Arts & Sciences, Humanities and Arts, Ph.D., "Beyond the Art Market: The Value of Academic Institutions in the Historicization of Post 1970s Chinese Art," UNPACK: Experimental Art and Education in China, China Academy of Art, Institute of Visual Culture, Hangzhou, P.R.

China, March 24-25; "From Land Art to Ecological Art: American Evolutions of Art and Science Collaborations," Auburn University, Department of Art, Auburn, Ala., March; "Surrealist Exquisite Corpses: War Memories, Games, and Collective Drawings from 1925-1941," Ball State University, Department of Art, Muncie, Ind., March 6.

Charlie Mesloh, College of Professional Studies, Justice Studies, Ph.D., "Effectiveness of Less Lethal Weapons," Electro Muscular Disruption Deaths Medical Panel, National Institute of Justice, Washington, D.C., April 24-25.

Charlie Mesloh, Ross Wolf, College of Professional Studies, Justice Studies, Ph.D., "Police Use of Force and the Cumulative Force Factor: A Five-Year Analysis," Annual Conference, Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Cincinnati, Ohio, March 12-15; "Electronic Control Weapons: Operability and Reliability," Annual Conference, Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Cincinnati, March 12-15.

Elizabeth Murray, College of Health Professions, Nursing, Ph.D., "Exploring Patient Rights: Toward Further Clarification," Southern Nursing Research Society Annual Conference, Southern Nursing Research Society, Birmingham, Ala., Feb. 20-23.

Adam Musolino, First Year Advising, M.A., "Bridging the Advising Digital Divide (on a budget)," National Academic Advising Association (NACADA) Regional Conference, NACADA- Southeast Region, Mobile, Ala., March 11.

Eric Otto, College of Arts & Sciences, Humanities and Arts, Ph.D., 29th International Conference on the Fantastic in the Arts, The International Association for the Fantastic in the Arts, Orlando, March 19-23.

Carl Pacini, Dan Borgia and Q. Li, College of Business, Finance and Accounting, Ph.D., J.D., "Steps That Can Help Chinese Internal Auditors to Combat Fraud," Sino-Korean Academic Symposium, Yantai University, Yantai, China, Oct. 15-16.

Carl Pacini, Carol Callaway Dee and William Hillison, College of Business, Finance and Accounting, Ph.D., J.D., C.P.A., Southeast American Accounting Conference, American Accounting Association, Birmingham, Ala., April 3-6.

Halcyon St. Hill, College of Health Professions, Dean's Office, Ed.D., M.S., M.T. (ASCP), "International Population Study: Cross Cultural Healthy Aging, Education,

Professor helps combat human trafficking in Moldova

Slavery is thriving in the 21st century, with some 800,000 people worldwide coerced into human trafficking schemes in 2006, according to the U.S. Department of State.

It makes the headlines in Southwest Florida occasionally, but in countries where crushing poverty is commonplace, so is human trafficking. Promises of an education or a good job in a faraway land lure young people seeking to support their families. They discover too late that they are trapped in a nightmare of hard labor, sexual abuse and imprisonment by people who consider them commodities to be bought and sold.

Johnny McGaha, professor in FGCU's College of Professional Studies, co-chairs the Lee County Task Force on Human Trafficking and recently shared his expertise with law enforcement officials in Moldova.

The economy of Eastern Europe's poorest nation is based on the money citizens send home from abroad, resulting in thousands of young Moldovan women falling victim to ruthless traffickers every year, McGaha says.

With \$5 million from the U.S. Department of State, Moldova created the Center to Combat Trafficking in Persons, uniting investigators, prosecutors and support agencies to stop the widespread practice.

In February, McGaha spent a week there training the Moldovans in the principles by which such task forces operate.

"It's a former Soviet bloc country where they don't have a concept of working together well," McGaha says. "My job was to teach them what a task force is supposed to do and how they can fit it together."

In a country where wages are miniscule but the cost of living is similar to that of the United States, corruption is commonplace and widespread.

"Everything is based on bribes," he says.

There's little cooperation among police, prosecutors and social service workers. Victims go unprotected, resulting in witnesses too terrified to testify.

Prior to his trip, McGaha got a thorough introduction to Moldovan life from two FGCU students from Moldova, Mariana Oprea and Olga Cebotarenco. Oprea did volunteer work with an anti-trafficking group in Moldova.

McGaha and other members of the team taught the Moldovans the basics of team work, conducting financial investigations and protecting witnesses.

"Then we gave them a made-up case based on a real case," McGaha says. "Their job was to take the components and work together as a team. We put it into a practical exercise, which is the only way they'd learn."

Although the Americans had been warned that participants in training sessions there typically drop out, that didn't happen.

"They got involved and didn't even want to take a lunch break," he says.



Mariana Oprea and Johnny McGaha

and Practice," 34th Annual Meeting and Educational Leadership Conference, Association of Gerontology in Higher Education, Baltimore, Md., Feb. 21-24; "HIV 2008," Florida Society for Clinical Laboratory Science Meeting, Fort Myers, Feb. 16; "Revitalizing General Education Roundtable," Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, New Orleans, La., Dec. 8-11.

Cheryl Seals-Gonzalez, Office of Institutional Equity and Compliance, M.A. in Conflict Resolution, "Preparing for the Future," Adopt-A-School Program, Lee Charter Academy, Eta Alpha Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., Fort Myers, Dec. 17; "Faith and Diversity on Campus," Sunday Forum, St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church, Sanibel Island, Dec. 16; "The Past, The Present, The Future in the Quest for Equity and Access in Higher Ed," Second Annual EEO Law Conference, University of Florida Human Resources Services, Gainesville, Nov. 14.

Pamella Seay, College of Professional Studies, Justice Studies, J.D., L.L.M., "Ethics Issues for Water and Planning Professionals," Growth & Water Supply: Sustaining the Future of Florida's Communities, Water Law Institute, West Palm Beach, Jan. 28-29; "Globalizing the Curriculum," National Technology and Social Science Conference, National Social Science Association, Las Vegas, Nev., April 6-8.

Pamella Seay, Sheriff Don Hunter, Casey Wolff, Esq., College of Professional Studies, Justice Studies, J.D., L.L.M., "Illegal Immigration: Impact on Collier County," Masters Class XII Law Day, Greater Naples Leadership, Inc., Naples, March 19.

Pamella Seay, College of Professional Studies, Justice Studies, J.D., L.L.M., Panel Moderator, as well as **Daniel Owen, Fenners Chambers, UK; Ed Couzens, Univ of KwaZulu-Natal, Durban South Africa; Howard Schiffman, NYU; Richard Cadell, Swansea Univ. Wales**, 10th International Wildlife Conference, Universidad de Granada Facultad de Derecho and Stetson University College of Law, Granada, Spain, March 6-7.

Jennifer Sparrow, Instructional Technology and Broadcast Services Dean's Office, Ed.D., "Course Design Bootcamp," ELearning 2008, Instructional Technology Council, St. Petersburg, March 17-19.

Patricia A. Washington, Carmen G. Perez, Ph.D.; students **Elizabeth Kittredge**, and **Araceli Gomez**, College of Professional Studies, Social

Work, Ph.D., "Utilizing Research on Black and Hispanic Children: Pitfalls to Avoid, Goals to Achieve," Sixth Annual Mississippi Child Welfare Institute Conference, Jackson State University, College of Public Service, School of Social Work, Jackson, Miss., Feb. 7-8.

Hulya Yazici, College of Business, Computer Information Systems and Decision Sciences, Ph.D., "Role of Organizational Culture on Project Success," 38th Annual SE-DSI Conference, SouthEast Decision Sciences Institute, Orlando, Feb. 20-22.

Janusz Zalewski, College of Business, Computer Information Systems and Decision Sciences, Ph.D., and **Andrew Kornecki, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University**, "Tools Qualification for Complex Electronic Hardware with DO-254," Annual Programmable Logic Users Group Meeting, PL-UG, Inc., Clearwater, Nov. 15.

Janusz Zalewski, College of Business, Computer Information Systems and Decision Sciences, Ph.D., "Is Software Really Discrete, or How to Describe Software in Continuous Terms?" Seminar at the Department of Computing Science, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Canada, April 7.

Janusz Zalewski, Henry Pfister, College of Business, Computer Information Systems and Decision Sciences, Ph.D., "Combining Rough Sets and Bayesian Networks to Address Uncertainty in Cooperative Control," Eighth International Conference on Cooperative Control and Optimization, UF Center for Applied Optimization, Gainesville, Jan. 30-Feb. 1.

Publications

Kevin Aho, College of Arts & Sciences, Humanities and Arts, Ph.D., "Recovering Play: On the Relationship between Leisure and Authenticity in Heidegger's Thought," Janus Head: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Literature, Continental Philosophy, Phenomenological Psychology, and the Arts, Vol. 10 Issue 1, pp. 217-238; "Rethinking the Psychopathology of Depression: Existentialism, Buddhism, and the Aims of Philosophical Counseling," Philosophical Practice, Vol. 3 Issue 1, pp. 207-218.

Rachel Cooke, Rebecca Donlan, Library Services, M.A., M.L.S., "Thinking Inside the Box: Comparing Federated Search Results from Google Scholar, Live Search Academic, and Central Search," Journal of Library Administration, Vol. 46 Issue 3/4, pp. 31-42.

Elizabeth Elliott, Charleen B. Olliff, Ph.D., College of Education, Undergraduate Studies, Ph.D., "Developmentally Appropriate Emergent Literacy Activities for Young Children: Adapting the Early Literacy and Learning Model," Early Childhood Education Journal, Quarterly 2008, pp. 200-206.

Nicola Foote, College of Arts & Sciences, Social and Behavioral Sciences, Ph.D., "New Perspectives on Indigenous Peasantries in Ecuador," Journal of Peasant Studies, Vol. 35 Issue 1, pp. 133-147.

Patricia Gordin, College of Education, Dean's Office, Ph.D. Curriculum & Instruction, "A Review of: 'An Administrator's Guide to Online Education,'" Community College Journal of Research and Practice, Monthly 2008, pp. 56-59.

Charles Gunnels, Dubrovsky A., Avalos A., College of Arts & Sciences, Mathematics and Science, "Social interactions as an ecological constraint in a eusocial insect," Animal Behaviour, Vol. 72 Issue 2, pp. 681-691.

Douglas Harrison, College of Arts & Sciences, Humanities and Arts, Ph.D., "Why Southern Gospel Music Matters," Journal of Religion and American Culture, Vol. 18 Issue 1, pp. 27-58.



Melih Madanoglu, Sherie Brezina, Ph.D., College of Professional Studies, Resort and Hospitality Management, Ph.D., "Resort spas: how are they massaging hotel revenues?" International Journal of Contemporary Hospitality Management, Vol. 20 Issue 1, pp. 60-66.

Melih Madanoglu, Mehmet Erdem and Dogan Gursoy, College of Professional Studies, Resort and Hospitality Management, Ph.D., "Risk-Return and Cost of Equity of Small and Large Casual-Dining Restaurants," International Journal of Hospitality Management, Quarterly 2008, pp. 109-118.

Melih Madanoglu, Brian J. Mihalik, College of Professional Studies, Resort and Hospitality Management, Ph.D., "Perceptions of the Last Privately Funded Olympic Games: The Atlanta Case," Tourism Analysis, Vol. 12 Issue 5-6, pp. 485-491.

Charlie Mesloh, Wolf, R., Henych,

M., & Thompson, F., College of Professional Studies, Justice Studies, Ph.D., "Less Lethal Weapons for Law Enforcement: A Performance-Based Analysis," Law Enforcement Executive Forum, Quarterly 2008, pp. 133-149.

Sandra O'Brien, College of Professional Studies, Public Affairs, Ph.D., "The Crime Victims Report," Restorative Justice: Victims, Offenders and School Communities, Vol. 11 Issue 6, pp. 88-95.

Angela Osterman, H. Richard Miller, Kevin Marshall, Wes Ryle, Hugh Aller, Margo Aller, John McFarland, College of Arts & Sciences, Mathematics and Science, Ph.D., "New Multiwavelength Observations of PKS 2155-304 and Implications for the Coordinated Variability Patterns of Blazars," The Astrophysical Journal, December 2007, pp. 97-103.

Carl Pacini, William Hillison and David Marlett, College of Business, Finance and Accounting, Ph.D., J.D., "Board Size and Firm Performance in the Property-Liability Insurance Industry," Research in Finance, Annual 2008, pp. 249-285.

Pamella Seay, College of Professional Studies, Justice Studies, J.D., L.L.M., "Practicing Globally: Extraterritorial Implications of the USA PATRIOT Act's Money-Laundering Provisions on the Ethical Requirements of U.S. Lawyers in an International Environment," South Carolina Journal of International Law and Business, Vol. 4 Issue 2, pp. 29-70.

Dean Stansel, J. Howard Finch and Gary Jackson, College of Business, Finance and Accounting, Ph.D., Economics, "Housing Tenure and Mobility with an Acquisition-Based Property Tax: The Case of Florida," Journal of Housing Research, Vol. 16 Issue 2, pp. 117-129.

Dean Stansel, Mushfiq Swaleheen, College of Business, Dean's Office, Ph.D., Economics, "Economic Freedom, Corruption, and Growth," Cato Journal, Vol. 27 Issue 3 (Fall), pp. 343-58.

Tunde Szecsi, College of Education, Undergraduate Studies, "Diversity as perceived by administrators, teacher educators, mentor teachers and teacher candidates in Hungary," Pedagoguskepzes, Vol. 5 Issue 34, pp. 29-47.

Janusz Zalewski, Janusz Sosnowski, Dawid Trawczynski, College of Business, Computer Information Systems and Decision Sciences, Ph.D., "Safety Issues in Modern Bus Standards," IEEE Computer, Monthly 2008, pp. 97-99.

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