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does for FGCU**



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probe how
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communicate

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freshmen adjust
to college life

A vision of great things to come

In my inaugural address, I asked you to walk with me. Today I ask you not just to walk, but to leap ahead five years. Here's what I envision for Florida Gulf Coast University in 2014:

Student body: We will have 15,000 students, with some 4,000 living on campus. We will have seen 15,000 graduates go on to make professional and personal contributions in our community and beyond.

Faculty and staff: A growing number of talented faculty and staff members will continue to inspire and support students.

Educational opportunities: I envision more doctoral programs – in nursing practice, educational leadership and possibly marine science. We'll expand master's programs to include environmental studies, engineering, mathematics, music education, biology, psychology and sports psychology. New undergraduate degrees will include advertising management, economics, environmental humanities, graphic design, journalism, music therapy, real estate and software engineering. Another possibility is a school of architecture, where future architects will learn about sustainable practices.

Community support: A school of architecture and many other enhancements will require the level of private support that made possible the music, business, engineering and resort and hospitality management programs. In 2014, we will continue to expand opportunities for philanthropy to make FGCU better positioned to accomplish its mission.

The campus: I see a physical facility that supports and enhances students' educational experiences, attending to their physical well-being along with their intellectual growth. There will be a state-of-the-art student recreation center, expanded classroom and laboratory space. A new arts corridor, comprising the Arts Complex, Music Education Center and 2,000-seat performing arts hall, will become a cultural center for the community.

Research: Research efforts will have resulted in many millions of dollars coming in to support faculty and student research as well as high-quality undergraduate education. In the past year, our research programs have brought in almost \$14 million. By 2014, increased funding will allow for even greater research opportunities.

Innovation Hub: FGCU's Innovation Hub (IHUB) will be the centerpiece of a 1.2-million-square-foot, cutting edge research and development area. It will focus on renewable energy research and initiatives, and will be strategically located near campus adjacent to the Southwest Florida International Airport. A nationally renowned eminent scholar, made possible by The Backe Chair in Renewable Energy Endowed Fund, will help drive these initiatives.

Reach: We'll expand in all of the counties we serve. The Harvey Kapnick Education and Research Center at the Naples Botanical Garden will house classes and research. A new Naples Center will serve as home to the Renaissance Academy, the executive MBA and other graduate programs. A 400-seat auditorium, multipurpose gallery, classrooms and labs will broaden educational opportunities for residents and visitors. I see FGCU expanding credit and non-credit offerings in Charlotte County and Cape Coral as well as research into marine ecosystems at the Norm and Nancy Vester Marine Science Research Field Station.

Athletics: Our athletic teams will all have been eligible for NCAA Division I tournament play for three years and will come to dominate the Atlantic Sun Conference. The men's and women's basketball teams will have been to the Big Dance and ranked among the Sweet Sixteen in post-season play, making FGCU a household name. Our baseball and softball teams will have played in the College World Series and won regional titles. The volleyball and golf teams will have advanced to the NCAA Tournament's Elite Eight. New teams will include track and field and beach volleyball. Football? Stay tuned.

This is an ambitious plan to accomplish in five years. However, it is our responsibility to keep FGCU moving forward and into the ranks of the nation's best universities. This has always been the goal; together we will fulfill it.



Wilson G. Bradshaw, Ph.D.
President
Florida Gulf Coast University



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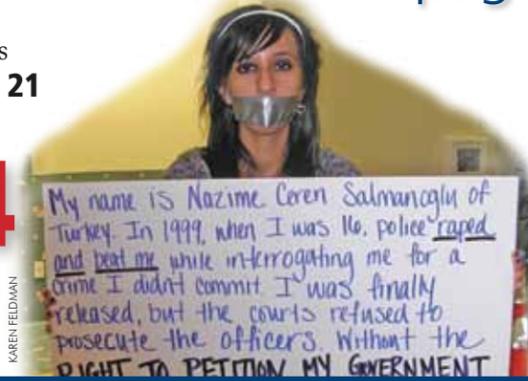
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On the cover: FGCU groundskeeper George Brown has nurtured the campus vegetation since 1996.

Photo by Garth Francis

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LETTERS

LARC grateful for FGCU students' contributions

When Kelsi Hall, a senior at FGCU, contacted me about an opportunity for a class project with her Fundamentals of Civic Engagement course, I was immediately excited. This course challenges students to team with an organization, identify a need and fill it.

As customary, I invited the team to take a tour of our agency located at 2570 Hanson St. It was beautiful to watch these young adults with our special population. Even though they had never interacted with adults who have developmental disabilities, their compassion and empathy was abundant.

The FGCU team consisted of Michael Rodill, Ashlinn Lloyd, Courtney Platt, Jeffrey Shafer and Kelsi Hall, who created "Live and Love" for LARC. T-shirts were made and a program unfolded.

On July 12 and 19, the students arrived at our residential home in North Fort Myers with activities that included dancing, playing the Wii, decorating cookies, painting arts and craft projects and making jewelry.

I had the honor of attending the team's final class presentation with instructor Jessica Rhea on July 30. Team "Live and



FGCU students Michael Rodill, Ashlinn Lloyd, Courtney Platt, Jeffrey Shafer and Kelsi Hall help out at LARC.

Love" began a video of the group's time at LARC with "All You Need Is Love" by the Beatles. I sat with 80 students watching in awe as the video unfolded. Tears welled up as I realized that verbal communication was clearly not a necessity – the gift of love was given through actions and smiles!

Thank you Florida Gulf Coast University for this amazing opportunity to partner with your students as they made a significant difference in the lives of those LARC serves.

Lisa Cronin Miller
LARC Director of Community Relations
Fort Myers, FL

Former USF dean shares historical insight

I enjoy every issue of Pinnacle. The article in the Spring 2009 issue about the Verna Aardema collection is especially interesting because it goes back to the University of South Florida-Fort Myers campus. It might be appropriate to somehow note the USF-Fort Myers connection.

As you relate, Carolyn Spillman had known Mrs. Aardema for many years and the collection was given to the University because of that warm relationship. However, it was while USF-Fort Myers was still operating – though in transition to become the core of FGCU – and the gift was made to USF. It was initially placed in the USF Library, which was housed in the same building as the Edison Community College library and managed by the Edison

staff. When FGCU opened, the USF holdings became property of FGCU.

Dr. Spillman took me, as dean and CEO of the USF campus, to visit Mrs. Aardema at least twice in her apartment in a senior living facility on Barkley Circle, Fort Myers. The first visit was just to introduce me to Mrs. Aardema, and for me to learn of her activities as a teacher and author. A subsequent visit brought direct discussion about the possibility of her donating the collection to the University; she ultimately made that decision and we received the collection. It was a wonderful time. Acquiring this collection was only one of Dr. Spillman's many achievements in a distinguished career. Her work was a crucial element in having superb teacher education at FGCU.

David C. McCormick
Fort Myers, FL

EAT FREE OR LIVE FREE

First Amendment festival reaches students through their stomachs

Story by Lyn Millner/Photos by Karen Feldman



I never shout at students. In fact, as an assistant professor of journalism, I encourage them to challenge me, to speak their minds and support their arguments. But on Sept. 17, I became a dictator, and they fell in line.

It was part of my role in the First Amendment Free Food Festival, held to commemorate Constitution Day. The national event strikes a deal with students: Surrender your First Amendment rights temporarily, and you'll get a free meal. Florida Gulf Coast University's event was sponsored by the Society of Professional Journalists, the American Democracy Project, Eagle News, Student Government Civic Engagement and the Board of Eagle Entertainment Programmers.

In all, 226 students showed up, forming a line from the entrance of The Perch through the lobby of the Student Union and out the front entrance. Most of those in line couldn't list all five freedoms they were signing away. Our hope was that by the end of the night, they could.

Once they signed away their rights, students collected a passport (actually an educational flier about the First Amendment), then passed through a menacing gate into the cafeteria, which we had transformed into a banana republic. There was a jail for those who tried to exercise their freedoms and a dictator's lounge for people who were particularly compliant. Student volunteers served as goons with riot shields and batons, arresting those who tried to practice the rights they'd surrendered.

Only three students refused to waive those rights. One was Alejandro Oquendo, who darted around our gate and into the event. Goons were summoned and gave chase. Oquendo spent the evening in our PVC jail, alongside a fundamentalist preacher and a Satan worshipper, who had been incarcerated for exercising their freedom of religion.

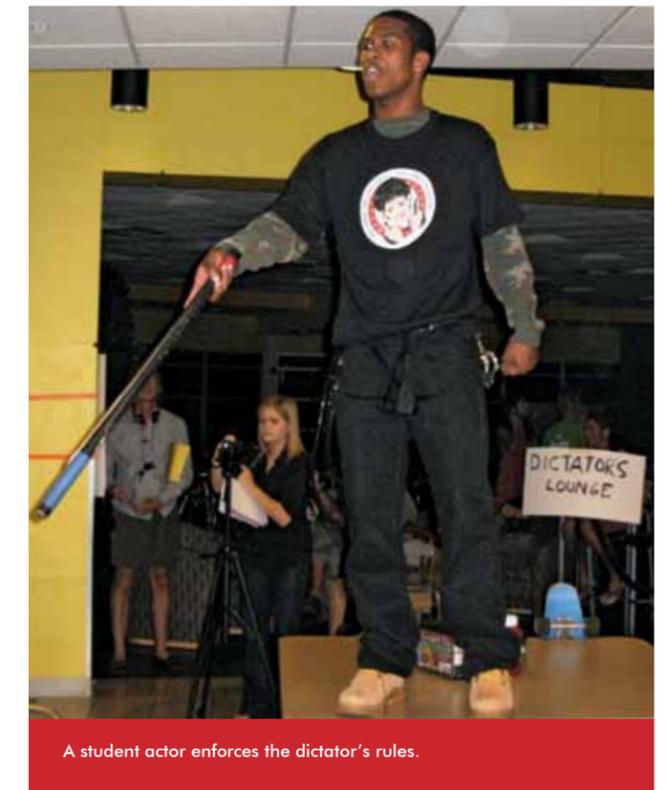


Lyn Millner acts as a border guard, requiring students to waive their rights.

By federal law, educational institutions that receive federal funding must observe Constitution Day with a program of some kind. FGCU students chose this event for its two powerful motivators: humor and free food.

"The festival reaches students through their stomachs," said Michele Boyet, a student at Florida Atlantic University. Boyet has helped run festivals at eight other schools. She and her colleague, Dori Zinn, crossed the state to help with ours.

By the end of the night, we had a broken baseball bat, a shattered camera (bought as a prop from Goodwill) and hoarse voices from hollering at the participants. But we also had the certainty that many students knew more about their First Amendment rights. Maybe they'll think twice before signing away their freedoms so easily. Or maybe not. That's a lot to ask of a hungry college student.



A student actor enforces the dictator's rules.

First Amendment

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From Brown comes green



George Brown created this cypress-head picnic area with naturalist Sarah Davis to serve as an outdoor classroom.

FGCU groundskeeper protects and serves campus flora

Story by Roger Williams/Photo by Garth Francis

Dyed-in-the-wool and degreed, George Brown is an environmentalist from the top of his Eagles ball cap to the toes of his working swamp boots. But he's no tree hugger.

Instead, Florida Gulf Coast University's landscaping and grounds superintendent is a tree saver, rescuing hundreds of sabal palms, long-leaf pines, slender cypress and live oaks. He

snatches the trees and other native flora out from the path of progress, tending to them in his "tree orphanage." Then, when he deems it safe, he returns them to their original location or replants them or their progeny elsewhere on campus, all as part of a mission that began as the University sprouted 13 years ago.

"If we're going to build across 100 trees but I can save 80 of them, we've done the right thing," he explains.

Brown, 53, arrived at the University in 1996 from a youth spent in Lee County hunting and fishing. An affable bear of a man, he came equipped with a degree in environmental science from Florida International University and significant experience working for the state Division of Forestry and

Lee County's Division of Parks and Recreation.

But none of that fully prepared him for the monumental task ahead – the resurrection of a thriving southern slough, complete with healthy uplands and lowlands, cypress heads, oak hammocks, palmetto scrub and pine flatwoods.

"This was a melaleuca-infested, very distressed 800 acres in those days, but I've never met a better person for understanding Southwest Florida's environment, both the flora and the fauna, and doing something with it," says Al Bielen, Brown's supervisor and the assistant director of FGCU's Physical Plant.

"The problem I had was how to

organize everything we had to do," Brown says. "To get the permits to bring this back to a southern slough, we had to mitigate. And to do that we had to reduce the exotics to a minimum level."

Brown envisioned a campus on which students and faculty would consider the wet-and-wild around them as another classroom, minus the walls and wiring, not as an impenetrable swamp.

"You gotta have patience, you gotta learn how all this works first," he says, gesturing from a trailside seat atop a woodland picnic table at the cool canopy of century-old trees around and above him.

The spot, located along the two

The importance of going native

Exotic fauna, such as the Burmese pythons ravaging the Everglades and Nile monitor lizards marauding through Cape Coral, may get more attention these days from the news media, but a much larger invasion began a century ago.

It's a struggle between aggressive non-native flora such as melaleuca, Brazilian pepper and cogon grass and native species like live oaks, sabal palms and cypress trees.

Florida Gulf Coast University groundskeeper George Brown considers himself a warrior on the front lines of the battle.

"I'm a tree killer," he proudly proclaims when speaking to clubs and organizations. "I kill melaleucas."

Since 1996, he's spent countless working hours hacking down melaleucas, uprooting Brazilian peppers and killing cogon grass. In their places, he plants live oaks and other native species.

Ridding the region – including FGCU's 760-acre campus – of exotic plants isn't simply an aesthetic exercise: It's an environmental imperative.

"Exotics are introduced or show up by accident," says Sarah Davis, FGCU campus naturalist. "There are no natural checks and balances so they can take over the habitat. Melaleuca is one of the worst. It's like a bully. It sucks up all the water and affects the watershed so other plants and birds have a hard time surviving."

The melaleuca, which is native to Australia, can grow to be 100 feet tall. It quickly establishes sprawling, dense forests that crowd out all other vegetation. A single tree can produce millions of seeds a year, which wind easily disperses over vast expanses. The trees were brought to the United States at the start of the 20th century to help drain selected wetlands in order to allow for development, but they soon took over thousands of acres of vital wetlands, including swaths of the Everglades. The struggle to eradicate them has dragged on ever since.

Brazilian pepper is an evergreen shrub-like tree that can grow to 40 feet and rapidly form thickets, invading pinelands, mangrove forests and hardwood hammocks.

Cogon grass, a perennial from Southeast Asia, was introduced to Florida in the 1930s and '40s in hopes it would prove valuable for forage and soil stabilization. It failed on both counts but has gone on to infest millions of acres, including old-growth forests.

While there are many other exotic species in the region, these are the three primary offenders found on FGCU's property and are the main targets of Brown and his groundskeepers. By reclaiming the land and replanting live oaks, sabal palms, cypress trees and other native species, they restore the property to its original, healthy state.

NON-NATIVE



Melaleuca



Brazilian pepper

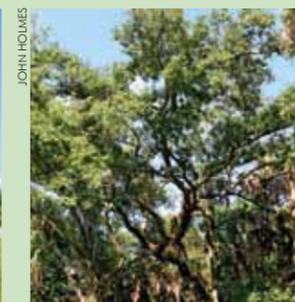


Cogon grass

NATIVE



Sabal palm



Live oak



Cypress

miles of nature trails he and campus naturalist Sarah Davis created from old hunting and maintenance roads, is particularly instructive in showing how Brown thinks.

"I went to Win Everham and Bill Hammond, and I said, 'I have these picnic tables, and I could make you an outdoor type of classroom back in the cypress head,'" he recalls, pausing to listen to a soft symphony of bird and cricket song. "The acoustics are great. Where better to learn?"

The notion was not lost on the two professors – Hammond, now professor emeritus of Marine and Ecological Sciences, and Everham, associate professor and chair of the Division of Ecological and Social Sciences.

"In most places that I've worked, the physical plant people have viewed themselves and operated as completely independent of curriculum," says Everham.

"This was a melaleuca-infested, very distressed 800 acres in those days, but I've never met a better person for understanding Southwest Florida's environment ... and doing something with it."

– Al Bielen

"That's just not the case here at FGCU. George helped us realize this idea that the whole campus is a living lab for our students. We have so much cooperation from our Physical Plant staff – they work with students and they

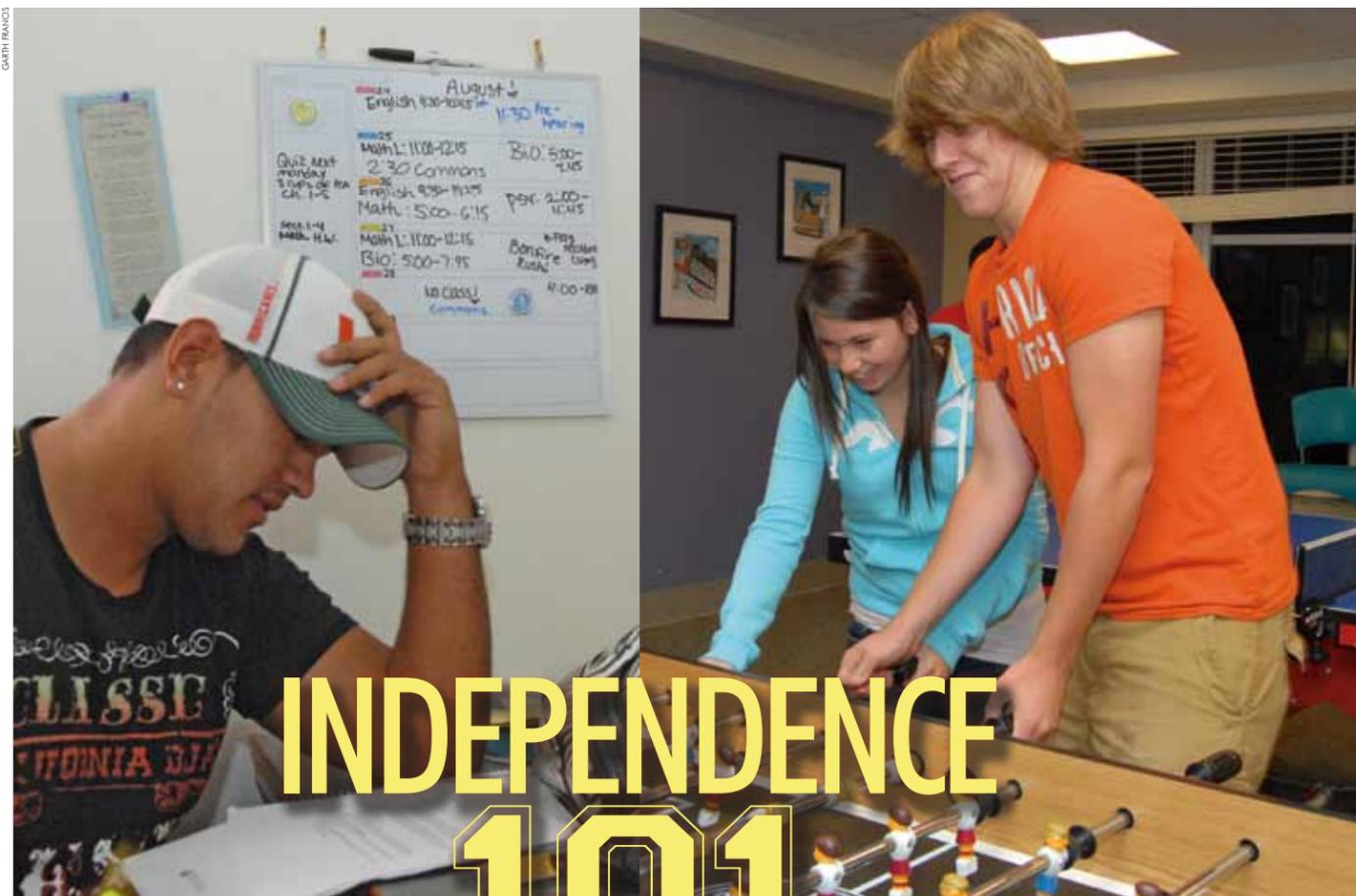
work with us to make opportunities happen."

The work doesn't come easily, and it requires Brown to liaise not only with students and faculty, but with independent contractors and crews regularly delivered from Lee County's Department of Corrections.

"He goes above and beyond in terms of educating our crews as to what are natives versus exotics, and why it's important to maintain the species," Davis says. "The fact that we've gone above and beyond in the ecological design of campus, too, is a real reflection of George Brown."

"Now," she says, "we're down to only about 10 acres of melaleuca." With Brown tending to this restored southern slough, no doubt that will become 10 acres of native slash pines and live oaks before long.

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



INDEPENDENCE 101

Freshmen learn to balance work and pleasure

By Chris Wadsworth

There are a lot of daunting firsts for freshmen on their own for the first time.

Making new friends. Dealing with roommates and homesickness. Rigorous academics. And an unlimited measure of freedom and all the choices that go with it.

A year ago, Wendy Sobalvarro was a freshman living in a residence hall at Florida Gulf Coast University. Despite divergent schedules, she and her roommate got along well.

That wasn't the case down the hall. "This one girl used to play her guitar at 3 a.m. and her roommate didn't like that," says Sobalvarro, 19.

"That became a big conflict for them."

It's one of many challenges that can affect how students fare in school – and whether they make it through that critical first year.

FGCU administrators recognize the difficulties new college students face. Nationally, about 25 percent of first-year students don't return for their sophomore years. At FGCU, the rate is close to 30 percent. So the University is taking an innovative approach to bring this number down by giving new students the tools they need to succeed and thrive.

FYRE in the hall

The FYRE program sounds like it could be some sort of emergency drill, but the First Year Residential Experience is a far-reaching system designed to help freshmen make a successful transition from home to college.

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While the South Village residence halls are devoted to freshmen and their needs, the North Lake Village complex also offers specialized housing.

There are buildings for honors students, nursing students and engineering students. One hall is dedicated to wellness. Students living there agree to practice a healthy lifestyle free of alcohol, tobacco and drugs.

Two North Lake Village halls are dedicated to freshmen. While these don't offer the complete lineup of First Year Residential Experience programs, they allow first-year students to live close to one another and get acquainted.



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“For first-time students, being away from home can cause a great deal of anxiety,” says Jameson Moschella, FGCU’s assistant director of residence life. “They’re very excited about getting away from home, but many students are unprepared to live on their own.”

First-year students have to wake up and get to class on schedule, make time to study, eat well and do their laundry, all without mom and dad prodding them along. Managing their time and responsibilities without parental supervision can prove overwhelming.

“We get some students that are very well prepared. Perhaps they are naturally independent,” says Becky Kroeger, a resident director overseeing the freshmen-only residence halls. “Then we get students who have never done anything on their own, even little things like figuring out what they are going to eat. You can’t eat pizza three times a day and feel good about yourself.”

FYRE focuses on three facets of development that can derail first-year students: personal, community and academic.

Residence hall staff offer first-year students sessions and seminars to address their personal needs. Sessions take place in the residence halls, making it easy for them to attend.

The topics are as diverse as lessons on how alcohol affects the body, choosing a major and effective studying.

Studies show that students who get involved in campus life have a richer college experience and are more likely to thrive. To this end, FYRE works to help first-year students build a community around them. Staff members encourage students to participate in FGCU’s athletic teams,



Kenny Watson, Erica Turczyn and Isabelle Watzinger study together in Biscayne Hall.

fraternities, sororities and student clubs. They organize activities to bring groups of freshmen together. Events such as midnight breakfasts, kickball tournaments, Halloween parties and camp outs complete with scary movies in a fourth-floor lounge provide something for everyone.

First-year students also must adjust to the academic challenges of college.

“College course work is not high-school course work,” cautions Brian Fisher, director of FGCU’s Office of Housing and Residence Life.

FYRE addresses this by building bridges between the residence halls and other University departments. Tutors in first-year courses come to the halls each week to help students keep up. A special writing center helps them learn how to plan, research and write papers.

For Cammara McQuilkin, now a sophomore, those programs were lifesavers.

“I took courses in time management and study skills,” says McQuilkin, 19, who lived in Everglades Hall her freshman year. “I really needed to go to tutoring, but I didn’t realize that until the second semester. Fortunately, I was able to get my grades up to where I wanted them to be.”

The University’s first residence halls were built in 1998, in what’s known as North Lake Village, where 28 buildings now stand. The buildings offer apartment-style living,

with kitchens and exit doors in each unit.

But it turns out that apartments aren’t the best places for many first-year students. It’s too easy to come and go without interacting with others and eating in their own rooms reduces the opportunity for socializing.

“An apartment setting tends to be housing that is more geared toward students who already have a relationship with the University,” Fisher says. “Support services are harder to provide in an apartment setting.”

Campus housing evolves

With that in mind, the University shifted direction with its new South Village residence halls. Everglades Hall opened in 2008 and Biscayne Hall opened in August. Mirror images of one another, each 406-bed building is five stories tall.

Supporting the goals of the FYRE program, these new halls are for first-year students.

Rooms open onto interior hallways so students pass one another. Common areas abound – recreation rooms, laundry rooms, computer labs, communal kitchens, tutoring and study areas. The Fresh Food Company, in an adjacent building, serves as a central dining hall, which brings students together for meals.

“I think it’s great having these things,” says McQuilkin, who along with Sobalvarro is a resident adviser in the South Village halls this year. “There are others who have the same classes, or



Chase Hughes, Kylie Spinella, DJ Lintelman, Reggie Haines and Rob Koehler step up to the open mic during a recent midnight breakfast for freshmen.

who want to play ping pong or cook in the kitchen, so you are meeting people.”

It’s all part of creating a community for first-year students.

“Putting freshmen in that environment gives them a better chance to interact with one another,” Fisher says. “The more they interact, the more they get invested, the more they get involved and the more likely they will be successful at the University.”

Interacting with other freshmen was one of the reasons Cody Lo, of Wellington, FL, chose to live in Biscayne Hall.

“My dad said staying with freshmen would be good because they would all need to make friends, too,” he says. “Most of my main friends I met in the game room the first night.”

He’s availing himself of the FYRE sessions, too.

“I’ve been to a time management seminar,” Lo says. “It was pretty helpful – good stuff to know. I plan to go to more.”

While the FYRE program and the South Village residence halls are new, there are signs they already are making a difference.

An extensive student survey at the end of the 2008-2009 academic year found a higher rate of satisfaction among students living in the South Village compared to those in the North Lake Village halls.

More importantly, South Village residents believed they were getting a better value for their money, even though it’s more expensive to live there than in North Lake Village.

“With the FYRE programs and the new halls, this shows that they are really gaining an experience that they consider more nourishing than that in North Lake Village,” Fisher says. “We had a very successful first year.”

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



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Editor's note: Relationships made throughout life can bring great unanticipated rewards. This is the story of a friendship forged in the 1960s that recently resulted in a major gift to Florida Gulf Coast University that will benefit countless environmental science students and researchers.

By Jerome A. Jackson

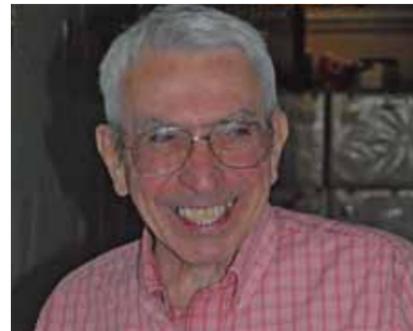
As a University of Kansas graduate student in the 1960s, I was fortunate to obtain a grant from the American Museum of Natural History in New York that enabled me to visit every major North American museum, where I measured downy and hairy woodpecker specimens to learn how and why they varied across the continent.

Among the many professionals I met while conducting this research for my doctoral dissertation was Richard C. Banks, a research zoologist at the Smithsonian's U.S. National Museum of Natural History in Washington, D.C. He took an interest in my work, provided guidance and became a lifelong friend.

Banks spent more than four decades as a research zoologist at the Smithsonian, after earning his doctorate from the University of California, Berkeley, and working at the California Academy of Sciences and the San Diego Museum of Natural

History. For the past 50 years, he has been at the forefront of American ornithology, serving as president of the Wilson Ornithological Society, American Ornithologists' Union and American Association of Zoological Nomenclature. Throughout his career, he has championed bird conservation and education in ornithology.

FGCU hosted a meeting of the Wilson Ornithological Society and the Association of Field Ornithologists in



Renowned research zoologist Richard C. Banks donated his extensive collection of scientific books and journals to FGCU.

spring 2002. Banks was among some 200 ornithologists from around the world who attended. At the meeting we discussed a major challenge of a new university: How do you create a library? The FGCU Library began with the purchase of the collection of a college that had closed. The University built on that with electronically available

materials and judicious purchase of the most-needed current books. But what about older resources?

Banks decided to help fill that gap. As he neared retirement, he began donating his life's collection of scientific journals in ornithology, mammalogy, wildlife biology and systematics to FGCU. These have been of great value to our fledgling graduate program in environmental science. When he recently retired, Banks donated the remaining 300 books and monographs from his professional library to FGCU. The collection is a treasure sure to prove invaluable in research.

Because of the size and value of the collection, Banks asked that we personally collect and transport it to FGCU. I told my ornithology students this would be a chance for them to discover for themselves the scientific resources Banks had shared with me four decades earlier. Students Patty Borden and Kati Morris, as well as David Green, an FGCU instructor in marine and ecological sciences, developed proposals for working with the museum's bird specimens.

Last spring, with support from the FGCU Foundation and the Department of Marine and Ecological Sciences, we spent a week in Washington, D.C., working behind the scenes in the Smithsonian's research collections, interacting with Banks and other scientists. We returned with Banks'

professional library, as well as research projects begun and high enthusiasm for scheduling research visits to other museums.

Volumes in the Banks collection range from the technical to popular handbooks. "Nests and Eggs of North American Birds," published by Oliver Davie in 1889, was the product of an era when bird eggs were collected as baseball cards are today. Its illustrations and egg and nest descriptions remain a major source of information for ornithologists.

Jonathan Dwight's 1900 monograph on "The Plumages and Molts of the Passerine Birds of New York" is a classic that is the foundation of our understanding of how, when and why birds molt their feathers.

Many volumes focus on conservation: original editions of National Audubon Society Research Reports on the whooping crane, roseate spoonbill, California condor and ivory-billed woodpecker; "Forest Bird Communities of the Hawaiian Islands: Their Dynamics, Ecology and Conservation" (1986); and "Cranes: Their Biology, Husbandry, and Conservation" (1996).

A difficult-to-find volume relevant to Southwest Florida is "Status and Conservation of West Indian Seabirds" (2000).

Several volumes focus on birds in Latin America, including Todd and Carriker's "The Birds of the Santa Marta Region of Colombia" (1922), which is exquisitely illustrated with color plates by George Miksch Sutton, one of the finest bird artists of the 20th century. A Spanish volume, "Aves de la Republica Dominicana," will be of value to students and faculty involved in programs in the Dominican Republic.

Our trip brought a gift of knowledge to FGCU. For those who went to Washington, it opened a door to understanding the richness of the Smithsonian's collections. In the September 2009 issue of Smithsonian magazine, G. Wayne Clough, secretary of the Smithsonian, tells of asking a group of young people how the Smithsonian might better serve them.

"Surprise me," one young woman said. Clough saw how important it is to make the behind-the-scenes resources of the Smithsonian available. Thanks to the FGCU Foundation, FGCU's Department of Marine and Ecological Sciences, the generosity of Richard Banks and the enthusiastic assistance of curators and research biologists at the Smithsonian's National Museum of

Natural History, we went, we learned, we were surprised.

— Jerry Jackson is an FGCU professor of ecological sciences and former Whitaker Eminent Scholar in Science in the Department of Marine and Ecological Sciences and host of "With the Wild Things" on WFCU-FM 90.1 and WMKO-FM 91.7.



FGCU student Kati Morris examines an anhinga specimen at the Smithsonian Institution.

Baby talk



FGCU Associate Professor Lakshmi Gogate assesses Kylie Hackett's development through play.

Researchers delve into how infants learn language

Story by Karen Feldman/Photos by Garth Francis

Child's play may help Florida Gulf Coast University researchers figure out how humans develop the ability to learn words and their meanings and how premature birth alters that process.

Lakshmi Gogate, a developmental psychologist, associate professor and director of the Infant Development Laboratory at FGCU, is conducting a research project involving infants and their mothers.

The work is funded through a \$180,349 three-year grant from the March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation, a non-profit organization that works to improve the health of babies. Pre-term infants are at greater risk for developmental delays because of immature sensory and motor systems, according to the agency. Each year, roughly 500,000 babies are born prematurely, including more than 29,000 in Florida.

"By virtue of being a preemie you're likely to have delays," says Gogate, who was herself born premature. "Standardized examinations don't diagnose a language delay

until the child is 18 to 24 months. If we can determine the difference between premature and full-term babies and diagnose language delays really early, there's room for helping them develop those skills."

Key to that process is figuring out how babies put words and objects together, and how they make the more complicated connections between words and actions. Who and what do they watch and listen to that allows them to grasp the relationship between words and objects or actions?

"Language makes us uniquely human," Gogate says. "Chimps learn some language with a lot of training, but human infants effortlessly learn it from their natural environment. Where does it begin? Some researchers argue that our brains are preprogrammed to produce language but there's no way to prove that."

It's Gogate's contention that language develops as a result of the ongoing interactions between the infant and the caregiver. She's hoping her research will help answer

questions about the origins of language.

Gogate believes that what mothers teach their babies in the early months plays a critical role in their language development.

"Newborns are captivated by speech. A baby recognizes her mother's voice as soon as she's born," she says. "She's heard it in the womb and prefers the mother's voice to those of other females."

By about 6 to 7 months, infants are generally able to connect very simple syllables with objects. It takes longer for them to learn the connection between words and actions.

Scientists believe that babies born early don't get the full measure of development in the womb that full-term babies do and, as a result, some delays occur that don't go away even as they age. The extent of those delays ranges widely, but may cause those born early to struggle in school and throughout life.

So Gogate, post-doctoral fellow Madhavilatha Maganti and seven of Gogate's top undergraduate psychology students are testing babies to determine what they know and when they know it and are comparing the results of those carried to term with those born early.

Sarah Jackson and her 9-month-old son, Carter, are both smiling and ready as they report for their scheduled assessment. Carter's blond hair and blue eyes shine as he giggles with delight at being the center of attention.

Maganti hands Jackson two toys – a space creature she calls Gow and a raccoon, called Chi. Then she ushers the pair into a small room and leaves them alone so that Jackson can use whatever method she likes to teach her little boy the toys' names during a play session.

After a few minutes, mother and baby move to an adjoining room outfitted with video and audio equipment, a video screen surrounded on the sides with a black curtain to hide observers, a pint-sized table and chairs. With mom securely at his side, Carter sits in a baby seat facing the screen and sucking on a blue Binky.

The lights go off and a student activates a video in which Gow and Chi take turns hopping and bouncing around on a screen. A voice says the name "Gow" or "Chi" repeatedly during a 30-second trial. Sometimes the names are paired with the toys in the way the mother taught him and sometimes they are mismatched.

While Carter watches the screen, Maganti watches his eyes to see how long he looks at each video clip. From that, the researchers hope to determine whether he has learned the names his mother taught him during play.

Next, they move to the little table and chairs with Maganti sitting across



Fort Myers resident Sarah Jackson and her 9-month-old son, Carter, take part in FGCU Associate Professor Lakshmi Gogate's research into how babies learn language.

from Carter. She places a series of brightly colored objects on the table to gauge his reactions. The little boy rings a bell, sticks a wooden block in his mouth, chews on a purple ball then retrieves it when Maganti drops it on the floor. He bangs a spoon and red ring on the table.

She calls him John and he looks at her questioning. "You're not John," she says. His smile fades.

"You're Carter!" she says. He immediately rewards her with another smile, a sign that he recognizes his name.

Maganti will use his responses to assess his mental, motor and behavioral skills.

Gogate hopes to test and observe about 100 mothers and babies, at 6 months and again at 12 months of age to evaluate and compare language development in the full-term babies to those born early.

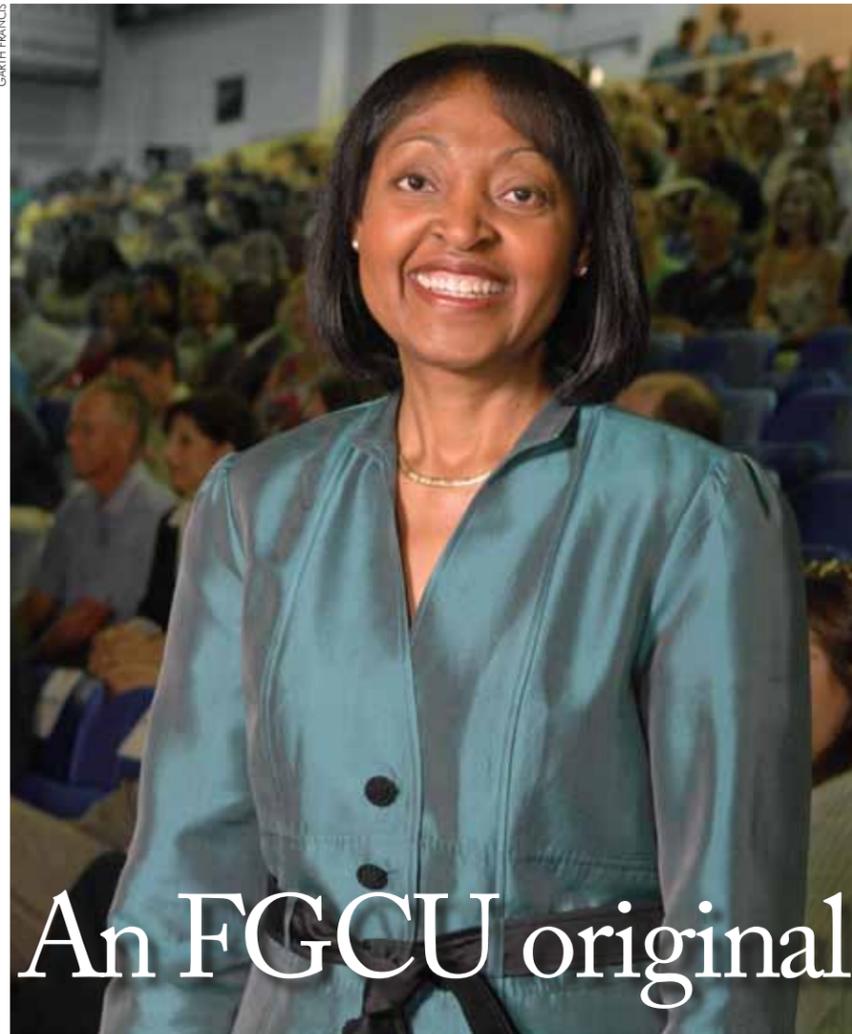
"If we can chart the factors that contribute to word learning, maybe we can explain the developmental process," she says. "My goal is to solve one tiny piece of the puzzle at a time."



Chi and Gow

Mothers and babies wanted

Women and their 5- to 10-month-old infants are needed to participate in this study. Both full-term babies and those born prematurely are needed. Sessions take about 45 minutes. Mothers are with their children at all times. For information, call (239) 590-7349 or send e-mail to infantlab@fgcu.edu.



An FGCU original

Lifelong educator retires after helping build firm foundation

By Kelly McCarthy and Karen Feldman

Audrea Anderson's ties to Florida Gulf Coast University run deep. As a member of the Florida Board of Regents, which governed state universities at that time, she participated in FGCU's groundbreaking, watched its first buildings rise, took part in its 1997 opening and helped select its second president.

In 2000, she became FGCU's associate vice president for Community Relations and Marketing, charged with building the burgeoning University's image. She retired from that post Aug. 31.

Anderson leaves an institution utterly transformed from the day in 1994 when she first laid eyes on the property.

"I saw this expanse of land – rock pit, wetlands, low and uplands – transformed into an attractive, environmentally sustainable laboratory of a campus," she says. "On that first visit, we traveled in a Jeep along a trail that had been blazed by heavy machinery. When we reached a clearing, we draped the Jeep with FGCU signs and posed for pictures."

Today, the University boasts 11,000 students and 71 buildings. It was a monumental process in which she was proud to take part.

Anderson's affiliation with the University marked the last phase of a professional life devoted to teaching.

Growing up in Bishopville, S.C., she and her seven siblings learned from

their mother the value of education.

"My mother was a teacher and her influence was very strong," she says. "She taught us that no matter what situation or status you are born into, an education can dramatically improve it. I was on the path to being an educator before I realized it."

She met her future husband, Isaac Anderson, during her freshman year at Allen University in Columbia, S.C. That's where she earned a bachelor's degree in English, followed by a master's degree from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio.

In 1976, the couple moved to Fort Myers, where Anderson saw the community's needs through the eyes of her husband, a 1964 Dunbar High graduate

and Lee County's first black judge.

"Higher education was not readily available to him locally or statewide," she says, "but he was able to get a football scholarship at Allen University."

They knew he was more fortunate than many of his peers in that respect and wanted greater opportunities for the region's young people.

Anderson taught English at Edison Community College, then moved into administrative roles, rising to become director of institutional advancement. It was during this period that the push for a local four-year university began and she was at its forefront, lobbying legislators and urging others to do the same.

That activism paid off and, as officials began planning for a university in Fort Myers, Anderson was named to the Board of Regents, a post she held from 1993 through 1999.

"It was a wonderful time to be in that position," she says. "Numerous speaking engagements allowed me to talk to Southwest Floridians about the new University, its progress and the citizens' role in supporting this life-changing resource. The excitement for the University was infectious and I often felt like a cheerleader for the winning team."

It was a role she took to the next level as FGCU's associate vice president for Community Relations and Marketing, a post she held for 9 years.

She orchestrated news conferences,

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—Audrea Anderson

produced videos, founded Pinnacle Magazine, created and guided the production of the TV program "FGCU Quarterly Report," organized the University's fifth and 10th anniversary celebrations and the formal inauguration of President Wilson G. Bradshaw.

Anderson also helped Bradshaw in his first two years.

"I have come to appreciate Audrea's professionalism as a media relations specialist," he says. "She has provided me with very valuable advice as I dealt with the media, sometimes on difficult matters. More importantly, Audrea has an unwavering dedication to the FGCU community. She will be missed."

Steve Magiera, vice president for University Advancement, also valued her expertise.

"I have very much enjoyed working with Audrea Anderson and I will miss her tremendously," he says. "I have been fortunate to have known her as a colleague and as a friend. She is a consummate professional and I wish her the very best in her retirement."

Anderson looks back over her four decades in education with satisfaction.

"Overall, I'm proudest of helping to develop a new university and increasing access to higher education," she says.

"When I started in education, that was my goal. Every position I've ever had worked toward that end."

FGCU wasn't the only cause she championed. She served on the boards of many local non-profit organizations, including United Way of Lee County, the Southwest Florida Community Foundation, Lee County Pulling Together, the Dunbar Improvement Association and the Fort Myers Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta.

The investment she and her husband made in the region's education will continue in perpetuity through the Judge Isaac and Audrea Anderson Scholarship Fund at FGCU and the Judge Anderson Scholarship Fund administered by the Southwest Florida Community Foundation.

Although she expects to travel more and live at a more leisurely pace, she plans to continue educating by helping raise awareness of the health risks faced by Vietnam veterans exposed to Agent Orange. It's a cause she holds dear, Anderson says, because the cancer that caused her husband's death in 2007 was likely a result of that exposure.

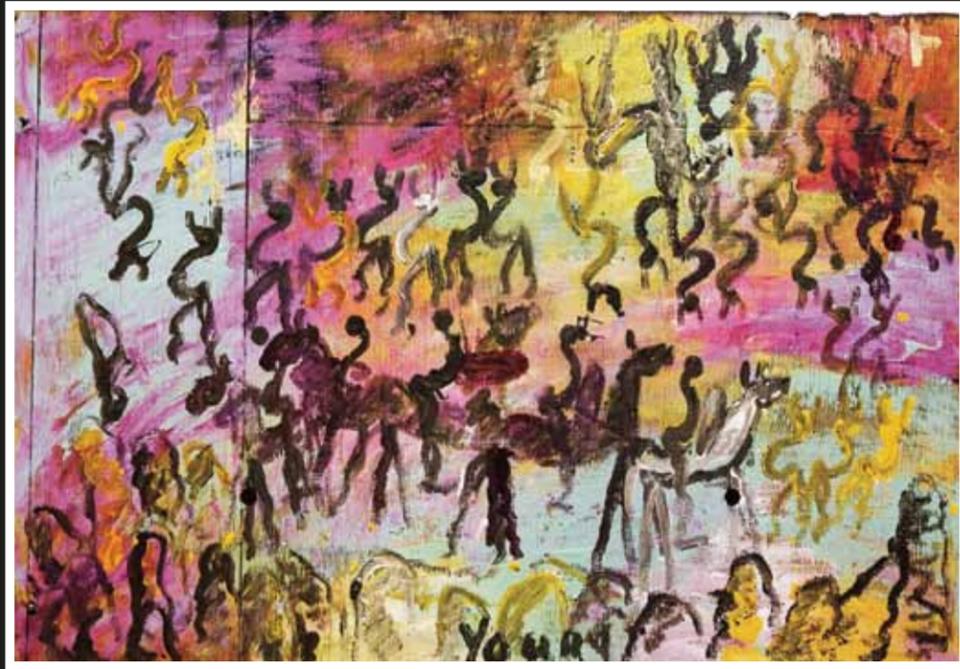
"In retirement, with more time, I want to look at ways to reach the greatest number of people I can," she says.



As a member of the Florida Board of Regents, Anderson participates in FGCU's groundbreaking on Nov. 28, 1995.



As an associate vice president, Anderson speaks to the news media about FGCU in August 2007.



Purvis Young, "Untitled, detail" circa 1990s. Acrylic on board.



Romero Britto, "YOU," mixed media on newspaper (Brendan Britto collection)

At the gallery

"Purvis Young: Urban Expressionism" opens with a reception from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 22, and continues through Friday, Nov. 20. The opening features a gallery talk by Juan Valadez, acting director of Miami's Rubell Family Collection, which is donating the 31 pieces of Young's work to FGCU's permanent collection. See more of his work at www.purvisyoung.com.

"Romero Britto: A Select Retrospective" opens with a reception from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 15 and continues through Friday, Feb. 5. Meet artist Romero Britto and preview his show at a reception at the Art Gallery on Jan. 7. Food and wine will be served. Proceeds will benefit the Art Gallery. Tickets are \$150 and will go on sale in December. Contact Anica Sturdivant at (239) 590-7199 or asturdiv@fgcu.edu. See more of his work at www.britto.com.

The Art Gallery hours are 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday. Call (239) 590-7199.

Miami artists' divergent works drawn from humble beginnings

By John Francis

Purvis Young and Romero Britto couldn't be more different in artistic style, but upcoming exhibitions at Florida Gulf Coast University's Art Gallery will show viewers how much these Miami-based artists have in common.

In relative obscurity, 66-year-old Young paints gritty urban scenes in an untrained, expressionistic vein. In loose, gestural strokes, he depicts an urban landscape of neglect and decay and the dark figures who exist there, haunted by poverty and despair.

Jet-setting 46-year-old Britto paints, prints and sculpts in ordered lines filled with vibrant color and infused with positive energy and hope. People smile – even animals smile – in his popular work.

Yet both artists rose from humble beginnings – Young on the mean streets of Miami's Liberty City and Overtown, Britto in an impoverished Brazilian suburb with a single mother raising nine children. Neither shies away from instilling strong social messages in his work.

Anica Sturdivant, acting director of the Art Gallery, calls them "two artists who use their art as instruments of change."

"Both remember their roots," she says. "And both use their art to champion beyond the notion of art for art's sake."

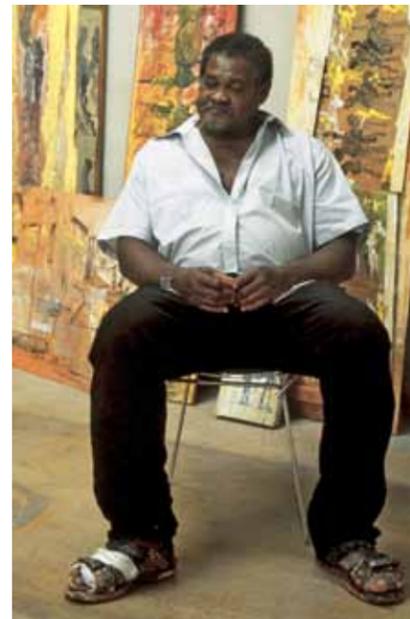
Relationship reaps rewards

The Purvis Young exhibition – a gift to FGCU's permanent collection valued at roughly \$275,000 – represents the fruit of a relationship that stems from the beginnings of the Art Gallery in 2002.

The Rubell Family Collection in Miami, a leading international steward of contemporary art, purchased the entire contents of Young's warehouse in 1999 – some 3,000 paintings,

drawings and sketchbooks. Since then, the Rubells have donated works to museums and institutions from Tampa to Atlanta to Brooklyn.

"There are way too many for us to display," says Juan Valadez, Rubell's acting director. "It makes much more sense to give Purvis greater visibility around the country. It's part of our mission."



Purvis Young

The Rubells' former director, Mark Coatzee, cultivated a relationship with FGCU by curating a juried show in 2002 and arranging subsequent exhibitions at the University in 2004 and 2007. Founders Don and Mera Rubell have spoken on campus about their passion for collecting and conserving work for future generations. They've also shown and donated work to The von Liebig Art Center in Naples.

The family was attracted to Young's tough subject matter, Valadez says. He often illustrates the plight of refugees, poverty and substance abuse. Sometimes, he injects a note of hope.

"It's as true a portrait as you can find of urban life," Valadez says. "The Rubells aren't drawn to objects that are very precious. They like things like this that are more raw and real."

The donated works were created between 1985 and 1999 on whatever surfaces Young could get his hands on – election signs, table tops, construction site scraps.

Born in 1943 in Liberty City, Young taught himself to paint while in

prison in his early 20s for breaking and entering, according to the 2006 documentary "Purvis of Overtown."

In the film, he explains how he tries to give voice to the afflicted through his art.

"I see the haves and the have-nots," he says. "I keep my mouth shut and paint."

Connecting to the community

Modern-art star Britto is no stranger to Southwest Florida, either.

Though more often showcased in art capitals around the globe, he has exhibited at the ACT Gallery in Fort Myers, contributed a painted bird to the "Pelicans in Paradise" public art project in 2003, and donated work to the annual Arts for ACT auction for several years. The late artist Robert Rauschenberg, a Captiva Island resident



Romero Britto

and patron of the auction that benefits Abuse Counseling and Treatment Inc., asked him to get involved.

Through his own foundation, Britto has promoted causes as diverse as rainforest preservation, cancer research and organ donation.

"I love the idea of participating in the social issues," Britto says. "I like being able to help with my work."

His exhibition at FGCU's Art Gallery in January will amount to

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– Romero Britto

a retrospective of his work, which blends pop art, cubism and graffiti in a way that has drawn comparisons to Keith Haring and Roy Lichtenstein. Commercially, he is well known through corporate projects for Absolut vodka, Pepsi-Cola and Bentley. His next big commission – the largest event, he says – is a mixed-media decoration of the exterior of the Miami Dolphins' Land Shark Stadium.

Through such varied work runs a common thread of approachability. Britto on canvas, in sculpture and in advertising, is nothing if not accessible beyond the sometimes arcane art world.

"I really like that my art can be enjoyed by all kinds of people," he says.

The works on display at FGCU will bring viewers back to some of Britto's earlier works on newsprint and cardboard. His signature graphic style of black outlines grew from a desire to create order from a tumultuous childhood in Recife, Brazil. As the self-taught Britto discovered refuge in art, he grasped for upbeat images filled with cheery colors and patterns such as polka dots and stripes.

"I grew up in a difficult environment," he says. "I'm always hoping to bring more and more love and peace and happiness to life."

– John Francis is a freelance writer who lives on Pine Island.

Art Exhibits

Purvis Young – Urban Expressionism

A gift from the Rubell Family Collection
Oct. 22-Nov. 20
Opening reception: 5-7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 22

Finals: Fall 2009 Senior Projects

Dec. 1-12
Opening reception with graduating seniors:
5-7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 1

Romero Britto: A Select Retrospective

Jan. 15-Feb. 5
Opening reception: 5-7 p.m. Friday,
Jan. 15

Contemporary Art by Caribbean Women

Feb. 18-March 19
Curated by Patricia Fay
Opening reception: 5-7 p.m. Thursday,
Feb. 18

Black Box Theatre

"Doctor Faustus"

Written by Christopher Marlowe
Not satisfied with his wealth of knowledge and high social standing, Faustus sells his soul to the devil for pleasures more magnificent than mortal boundaries allow. Marlowe's classic dark tale of flying too close to the sun is re-imagined in FGCU's intimate studio performance.
Nov. 4-15

8 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday
Tickets: \$10 general admission; \$5 FGCU faculty, staff and students
Call (239) 590-7268.

"Mud"

Written by Maria Irene Fornes
Directed by Tyler Layton
A stark portrayal of one woman's attempt to free herself from the bonds of poverty and a dependent relationship. Fornes places poetry in the mouths of her near-illiterate characters as one struggles to keep what he knows and the other fights to flee into the unknown.
Feb. 17-28

8 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday
Tickets: \$10 general admission; \$5 FGCU faculty, staff and students
Call (239) 590-7268.



Bower School of Music

Wind Orchestra/Symphony Orchestra Concert

Tuesday, Oct. 20
7:30 p.m., FGCU Student Union Ballroom

Choral Concert

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

Darnell Faculty Artist Recital

accompanied by Michael Baron, piano
Thursday, Oct. 29
7:30 p.m., FGCU Student Union Ballroom

Guest Artist Recital

Claire Aebersold and Ralph Neiweem, duo-pianists
Monday, Nov. 9
7:30 p.m., FGCU Student Union Ballroom

Instrumental Chamber Recital

Tuesday, Nov. 17
7:30 p.m., FGCU Student Union Ballroom

String Orchestra/Symphonic Band Concert

Thursday, Nov. 19
7:30 p.m., FGCU Student Union Ballroom

Holiday Concert

Thursday, Dec. 3
7:30 p.m., South Fort Myers High School Auditorium, 14020 Plantation Road, Fort Myers
For complimentary tickets, call (239) 590-7292.

Voice Area Recital

Thursday, Jan. 28
7:30 p.m., FGCU Student Union Ballroom

Guest Artist – Steven Bruns

Lecture on the music of George Crumb
Tuesday, Feb. 2
7:30 p.m., FGCU Student Union Ballroom

Wind Orchestra Concert

Thursday, Feb. 11
7:30 p.m., FGCU Student Union Ballroom

String Orchestra/Symphony Orchestra Concert

Tuesday, Feb. 16
7:30 p.m., FGCU Student Union Ballroom

Darnell/Baron Faculty Recital

Tuesday, Feb. 23
7:30 p.m., FGCU Student Union Ballroom

SteppingUP

Volleyball, baseball teams eager for shot at post-season play

By Chris Duncan

Florida Gulf Coast University's new athletic director, Ken Kavanagh, can't help but smile every time he thinks about it.

After two years in the NCAA Division I, during which FGCU teams weren't eligible for post-season play, the baseball and volleyball programs will have a chance to compete in "The Big Dance" in 2009-10. Baseball and volleyball are eligible for the post season because they were designated as "fast-tracked" sports when FGCU began its NCAA Division I reclassification phase two years ago.

As part of the reclassification, the remainder of FGCU's teams won't be eligible for the post season until the 2011-12 academic year.

"The program's ultimate goal of winning an NCAA championship is now achievable in two sports," says Kavanagh, who previously spent 13 years as Bradley University's athletic director. "I can't tell you how excited we are."

Being eligible for the post season in baseball and volleyball should help the University boost its exposure, fan base and ticket sales.

"This is an opportunity to grow in stature and spread the message of this entire University so people know who we are and where we're located," Kavanagh says. "The ability of being (post-season) eligible is that we're seeing more teams wanting to play us."

FGCU volleyball, for instance, will play three-time NCAA champion Southern California for the first time this fall. Eagles volleyball, which has won back-to-back Atlantic Sun Conference regular-season championships, will also host the A-Sun post-season tournament in 2009 and 2010.

That tournament should not only increase ticket sales but inspire the team. "It's the ultimate goal of every athlete to play in the NCAA tournament," Kavanagh says. "It allows you to gain respect for your hard work."

Volleyball coach Dave Nichols, whose team went 20-8 overall and 18-2 in conference last season, says his players feel extra motivated.

"This is a big moment for us as a program," Nichols says. "To have the chance to become the first program in the history of the school to gain an NCAA Division I tournament berth is really exciting."

FGCU baseball, which went 36-18 overall and 23-7 in conference last season, is positioned well to



qualify for post-season competition. The squad is led by junior Chris Sale, who was named Pitcher of the Year in the prestigious Cape Cod League this summer and will likely be a first-round pick in the 2010 Major League Baseball draft.

"We've got to prove it on the field, but the coaches are very excited in terms of the talent they're bringing back," Kavanagh says. "Hopefully, we'll see those goals materialize and we can get in the tournament because once you get there anything can happen."

Kavanagh cites his former men's basketball team from Bradley as an example. Narrowly qualifying for the 2006 NCAA Tournament, No. 13 seed Bradley defeated No. 4 Kansas and No. 5 Pittsburgh before losing in the Sweet Sixteen.

"It's such a euphoric feeling the first time a team makes the NCAA tournament," Kavanagh says. "I'm sure it will be the same thing here."

– Chris Duncan is a freelance writer who lives in Bonita Springs.



SEASONED TEAMS BRING HIGH HOPES TO HOOPS

Story by Chris Duncan/Photos by Dennis Snyder

Experienced players are critical to succeeding in NCAA Division I basketball, and the FGCU women's and men's hoops rosters will be stocked with veteran leadership this season.

The teams each return four starters and the majority of their scoring from last season. The FGCU women's team – which went 26-5, upset the University of Florida and advanced to the second round of the Women's National Invitational Tournament last season – stands a good chance to repeat as Atlantic Sun Conference regular-season champion.

Seniors Adrienne McNally, Chelsea Lyles and Brittany Brown, who combined to average 37 points per game last season, will likely be expected to carry the scoring load.

"The big part of this year is motivation," FGCU women's coach Karl Smesko says. "If our players are determined to be successful, they probably will be. But they have to have a strong desire to repeat as (conference) champions because it won't be easy."

For the first time in their eight-year history, the women will play in the pre-season WNIT in November and at nationally ranked Michigan State on Dec. 13.

The FGCU men will also play at Michigan State, which lost to North Carolina in the 2009 NCAA championship. The Spartans are expected to rank among the nation's top five teams, making them the highest-ranked opponent in FGCU men's hoops history.

Men's coach Dave Balza is looking forward to that Nov. 13 tilt because his squad is loaded with seasoned players. That wasn't the case last season when FGCU went 11-20.

"We had one experienced player

last year, and that's a big thing to overcome," Balza says. "This year, we have a lot more guys who understand the rigors of a season and what it's going to take in terms of taking care of their bodies for the long term."

Sophomore guard Reggie Chambers, redshirt junior guard Reed Baker and senior forwards Derrick O'Neil and Kyle Marks are expected to spearhead the team. They started the bulk of the Eagles' games last season.

The men's home games are highlighted by contests against Florida



Adrienne McNally, Shannon Murphy and Brittany Brown

International and DePaul on Dec. 12 and Dec. 23, respectively. FIU is coached by NBA Hall of Famer Isiah Thomas. DePaul, from the Big East Conference, will be the first men's team from one of the six power conferences (Big East, Big 10, Pac 10, ACC, SEC and Big 12) to visit Alico Arena.

– Chris Duncan is a freelance writer who lives in Fort Myers.



Reggie Chambers



Derrick O'Neil



Kyle Marks

Sports Update

Volleyball team excited about possibilities in third Division I season

With eight new players joining the squad, members of FGCU's volleyball team might need some time to get used to playing together. But once they do, watch out.

Eagles coach Dave Nichols – whose club won its second consecutive Atlantic Sun Conference regular season championship last year – added several talented transfers

and freshmen to fill the void left by the graduation of Ana Kokanovic, an All-Atlantic Sun first-team selection in 2008.

The team had a 7-7 overall record (6-2 in conference) as of Oct. 7.

"It will take us a little bit of time especially because we added eight new players, but when conference play comes around I think we will be the team to beat," says Nichols, whose squad is eligible for the NCAA Division I postseason play for the first time in program history. "I like our depth. I like our new kids."

Junior Jelena Simic, who was a National Junior College All-American at Seward County (Kan.) Community College last season, might be FGCU's most significant off-season addition.

The 5-foot-10 Simic, who was the only player in the nation to register 700 kills last year, will be expected to play a large role during FGCU's rigorous non-conference schedule, which included matches against University of Southern California and Pepperdine in Los Angeles in early September.

"Big matches like that only help grow your young players," Nichols says. "Win or lose, you come out of those matches battle tested. We're excited."

– Chris Duncan/Photo by Matt Brown



FGCU volleyball team during USC game.

Men's soccer melds veterans, promising newcomers

With 17 letter winners and all 11 starters returning from last season's squad, FGCU men's soccer coach Bob Butehorn says his excitement for this season "is about ready to pop."

"Not only do we have all those players coming back but they're coming back more mature and we have a very good recruiting class," Butehorn says. "That depth is going to create competition for starting roles. When you have competition within a group, that's when improvement happens."

As of Oct. 7, the team had a 3-5-1 overall record (1-1-0 in conference).

Using a freshmen-dominated lineup, FGCU went 6-10-2 overall and 3-5-1 in Atlantic Sun Conference play last season, finishing seventh in the conference. Butehorn is confident the

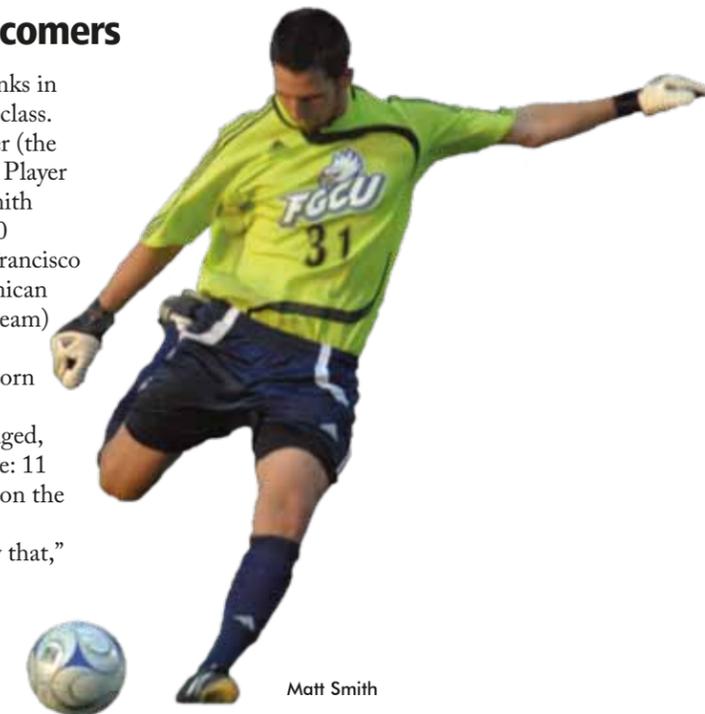
team will improve this fall thanks in large part to a great recruiting class.

Midfielder Jeremy Vollmer (the reigning Indiana High School Player of the Year), forward Jelani Smith (member of Canada's under-20 national team) and defender Francisco Ubiera (member of the Dominican Republic's under-17 national team) are just three freshmen who should make an impact, Butehorn says.

The Eagles will be challenged, however, by a rigorous schedule: 11 of the team's 16 games will be on the road.

"We're not intimidated by that," Butehorn says.

– Chris Duncan/Photo by Jim Dostie



Matt Smith

Season looks bright for women's soccer team



Amber McCall

After posting its third and most successful season in 2008-09, the FGCU women's soccer team expects to take its game to a new level this fall.

The Eagles return every player from last season's squad, which went 10-4-3 and took fourth in the Atlantic Sun Conference regular season. The 2009-10 team should be buoyed by the return of talented sophomore defender Kathleen Hunter, who sat out last season with a torn anterior cruciate ligament injury.

"It should be an outstanding year," says coach Jim Blankenship. "Our group has a couple years under their belt so we're excited to see how much they'll grow. Our expectations are quite high."

The Eagles will be tested by what Blankenship calls the toughest schedule in program history. Of FGCU's first seven opponents, five qualified for the NCAA Division I tournament last season. Playing nationally ranked squads such as Central Florida and Miami in non-conference should only force the squad to improve.

As of Oct. 4, the team's overall record was 7-4-1 (2-1-0 in A-Sun play).

Blankenship says the team will lean heavily on senior midfielder Amber McCall, one of four Eagles who earned all-conference honors last season.

"She's the engine that makes us go," Blankenship says about McCall, who had a team-high five goals and 12 points last season.

— Chris Duncan/Photo by Jim Dostie

Swimming, diving team returns stronger than ever

How do you improve on a team that won last year's Coastal Collegiate Swimming Association Conference championship by more than 200 points? If you're the FGCU women's swimming and diving program, the answer is adding a 2008 Beijing Olympian.

Danielle Beaubrun, who represented her homeland of St. Lucia in the 2008 Beijing Olympics, is one of 18 newcomers on FGCU's squad this fall. The additions should boost an already loaded squad that cruised to the 2008 CCSA Team Championship, a tournament that includes clubs from the Big Sun, Southern, Mid-Eastern Athletic and Atlantic Sun conferences.

"We don't really have any holes in the lineup," coach Neal Studd says. "Last

year, we had a couple events where we were weak. This year, we have no weaknesses."

FGCU's biggest competition might be within its own program. Thirty-four women competed for 18 swimming spots this fall. Studd says the best student-athletes made his travel

roster. Last year, the Eagles posted a combined 3.48 grade-point average — the eighth best in the nation for NCAA Division I swimming teams.

Beaubrun and sophomore Victoria Cadge are two swimmers who shouldn't have to worry about starting for FGCU in meets.

Cadge, who was named the 2008 CCSA Swimmer of the Year, swam in the 200-meter individual medley at the British Nationals this summer.

The team's overall record was 2-2 (1-0 in the conference) as of Oct. 7.

— Chris Duncan

"We don't really have any holes in the lineup."

— Neal Studd



Neal Studd

Cross country squads expect great year

FGCU men's and women's cross country coach Cassandra Goodson considers herself lucky: She has two school-record holders on her teams when many teams don't have any.

School-record holders Kyle Brunette, a senior, and junior Megan Thies should spearhead the men's and women's teams, respectively. Brunette established four new top-10 FGCU times, including shattering the previous 8K school record with a time of 26 minutes, 8.92 seconds at the Atlantic Sun Conference championships last year.

"There should definitely be more depth this year."

— Cassandra Goodson

Thies has broken her own 5K school record on three separate occasions during her FGCU career, establishing the current school record with a time of 19:10.11 at the FLRunners.com Invitational last season.

"They are two well-rounded leaders," Goodson says.

The men's and women's team took seventh and ninth, respectively, in the A-Sun last season. Goodson expects the squads to improve on those marks.

In addition to Brunette, the men return sophomore Joshua Brooks, who posted the sixth-fastest time (27 minutes, 5.74 seconds) in school history at last year's conference meet. The women, meanwhile, will be bolstered by the addition of freshman Kailand Cosgrove — a three-time conference champion at Tarpon Springs High School.

"There should definitely be more depth this year," Goodson says.

— Chris Duncan



Cassandra Goodson

Sports Calendar



Friday, Oct. 23

Men's Cross Country - FGCU Invitational
5 p.m., Estero Community Park, 9200 Corkscrew Palms Blvd., Estero

Women's Cross Country - FGCU Invitational

5:30 p.m., Estero Community Park, 9200 Corkscrew Palms Blvd., Estero

Women's Soccer vs. East Tennessee State*

7 p.m., FGCU Soccer Complex

Saturday, Oct. 24

Men's Soccer vs. Campbell*
7 p.m., FGCU Soccer Complex

Sunday, Oct. 25

Women's Soccer vs. University of South Carolina Upstate*
1 p.m., FGCU Soccer Complex

Friday, Oct. 30

Women's Swimming & Diving vs. Florida Atlantic/Tampa
6 p.m., FGCU Aquatics Center

Volleyball vs. East Tennessee State*

7 p.m., Alico Arena

Saturday, Oct. 31

Volleyball vs. Campbell*
7 p.m., Alico Arena

Thursday, Nov. 12

Volleyball vs. University of South Carolina Upstate*
7 p.m., Alico Arena

Friday, Nov. 13

Women's Basketball vs. University of Texas El Paso - Preseason WNIT
7:05 p.m., Alico Arena

Thursday, Nov. 19

Volleyball - A-Sun Tournament
TBA, Alico Arena

Friday, Nov. 20

Volleyball - A-Sun Tournament
TBA, Alico Arena

Saturday, Nov. 21

Volleyball - A-Sun Tournament
TBA, Alico Arena

Friday, Nov. 27

Women's Basketball vs. Tulsa - FGCU Thanksgiving Classic
7:05 p.m., Alico Arena

Saturday, Nov. 28

Women's Basketball vs. Rider - FGCU Thanksgiving Classic
7:05 p.m., Alico Arena

Tuesday, Dec. 1

Men's Basketball vs. Bethune Cookman
7:05 p.m., Alico Arena

Saturday, Dec. 12

Men's Basketball vs. Florida International
7:30 p.m., Alico Arena

Saturday, Dec. 19

Women's Basketball vs. University of South Carolina Upstate*
7:05 p.m., Alico Arena

Tuesday, Dec. 22

Men's Basketball vs. DePaul
7:05 p.m., Alico Arena

Tuesday, Dec. 29

Women's Basketball vs. Bethune-Cookman
7:05 p.m., Alico Arena

Thursday, Jan. 7

Women's Basketball vs. North Florida*
6:05 p.m., Alico Arena

Friday, Jan. 8

Men's Basketball vs. North Florida*
7:05 p.m., Alico Arena

Saturday, Jan. 9

Women's Basketball vs. Jacksonville*
2:05 p.m., Alico Arena

Sunday, Jan. 10

Men's Basketball vs. Jacksonville*
2:05 p.m., Alico Arena

Tuesday, Jan. 12

Women's Swimming & Diving vs. Radford*
3 p.m., FGCU Aquatics Center

Saturday, Jan. 16

Men's Tennis vs. Florida A&M
11 a.m., FGCU Tennis Complex

Women's Tennis - Eagle Invite
All Day, FGCU Tennis Complex

Thursday, Jan. 21

Women's Basketball vs. Kennesaw State*
7:05 p.m., Alico Arena

Friday, Jan. 22

Women's Tennis vs. Troy
1 p.m., FGCU Tennis Complex

Men's Basketball vs. Kennesaw State*
7:05 p.m., Alico Arena

Saturday, Jan. 23

Women's Swimming & Diving vs. Florida International
11 a.m., FGCU Aquatics Center

Women's Basketball vs. Mercer*
7:05 p.m., Alico Arena

Sunday, Jan. 24

Men's Basketball vs. Mercer*
2:05 p.m., Alico Arena

Wednesday, Jan. 27

Women's Basketball vs. Stetson*
5:15 p.m., Alico Arena

Men's Basketball vs. Stetson*
7:30 p.m., Alico Arena

*A-Sun Conference Game



Work in progress



BOB KLEIN

Music school structure begins to take shape

Every great composition begins with an inspiration, a glimmer of an idea that grows into something with a life of its own.

That's how the Bower School of Music got its start as well. Today, the three-year-old program is on its way to becoming a master work, with 96 music majors and a burgeoning curriculum that have quickly outgrown their temporary classroom space. Work has begun on a building to house the program. (See accompanying story.)

"Through music instruction, performance, community service and outreach, the Bower School of Music enhances the cultural offerings and improves the quality of life for all who live, work and play in this region," says Florida Gulf Coast University President Wilson G. Bradshaw.

It was through the generous support of Alan and Marilyn Korest that the school became a reality. Their donation was a tribute to Marilyn Korest's father, Edwin H. Bower, a successful CPA and longtime Naples philanthropist with a passion for music.

The next phase calls for building a center the school can call its own, a place where students have the space and resources to reach their greatest potential.

"The Music Education and Performance Building will enhance the vibrant cultural life of our campus," says Bradshaw. "While the facility is intended to provide educational and performance spaces for the programs offered by the Bower School of Music,



JAMES GRECO

I'm confident the entire campus and community at large will enjoy the connection to music made possible by this acoustically advanced facility."

The Bower School of Music was established in 2006 to prepare musically gifted students for successful careers in performance and music education. Its

students have garnered honors in celebrated competitions across the nation.

Music faculty as well as area professional musicians instruct students in curricula guided by the National Association of Schools of Music.

Instruction includes: piano, voice, bassoon, cello, clarinet, double bass,

euphonium, flute, guitar, harp, horn, oboe, percussion, saxophone, trombone, tuba, viola and violin.

Students participate in a pep band, string orchestra, choir, chamber singers, wind orchestra, symphonic band and symphony orchestra. The school holds summer camps for high school musicians and FGCU students

currently teach violin to 4- and 5-year-olds at the Guadalupe Center in Immokalee.

Faculty members teach and mentor as well as perform, conduct research and serve the community.

Upon earning accreditation in 2010-2011 with its first graduating class, the school will expand academic instruction to include graduate students and music therapy.



MUSIC EDUCATION AND PERFORMANCE BUILDING

Giving opportunities

For details on the many ways to support the Bower School of Music, contact Judith Cassidy, at (239) 590-1058 or jcassidy@fgcu.edu.

Curtain rises on new building

Construction has begun on the Music Education and Performance Building on the Arts Complex cul-de-sac on the FGCU campus.

The 23,000-square-foot, two-story structure will overlook a lake and wetlands and will serve as a gathering spot for the community. The state has provided \$12.6 million for essential performance space.

Opportunities to support the building abound. They range from \$1,000 for a seat in the recital hall (with permanent plaque) to \$3 million for naming rights of the building. Building gifts will be matched by the state and will fund an endowment to advance excellence in the school.

Program gift opportunities range from \$10,000 for an endowed scholarship to \$1,000,001 for an eminent scholar chair. Endowed program gifts of \$100,000 or more will be matched by the state.

Here are some highlights of the building, which is expected to be completed by the winter of 2010-2011:

Grand Lobby: The 1,000-square-foot space will feature a commemorative wall of honor designed by Sanibel artist Luc Century.

Recital Hall: The 196-seat, 3,260-square-foot hall will possess excellent acoustics and site lines, plush seating, ample leg room and personal space.

Rehearsal Hall: Adjoining the recital hall, this 3,000-square-foot space will feature state-of-the-art acoustics and recording capabilities, with equipment storage areas and access to the education wing.

Green Room: This space will provide a quiet haven for guest musicians before and after performances.

Other features include 10 faculty studios for individual instruction adjacent to three specialty classrooms accommodating 30 students each; a 15-student technology lab; a 12-student keyboard lab; 10 student practice rooms for independent instrumental/vocal study; and a music library with collections of sheet music and CDs.

The structure has been designed collaboratively by Reynolds, Smith and Hills Inc. in Fort Myers, Pfeiffer Partners Architects Inc. in New York and Los Angeles, Johnson Engineering, OCI Associates, TKW Structural Engineers and JaffeHolden. Owen-Ames-Kimball is constructing it.



The University broke ground on its new music building in September. Taking part are, from left: Stephen McIntosh, FGCU Foundation chairperson; Donna Price Henry, College of Arts and Sciences dean; donors Alan and Marilyn Korest; President Wilson G. Bradshaw; and Robert Thayer, Bower School of Music interim director.

Ajax Building plays dual role in developing University

Ajax Building Corp. has not only played a large part in building the structures at Florida Gulf Coast University, the company has contributed to creating a financially secure foundation for the institution as well.

The company recently donated \$50,000 to the University to be used in any way it was needed.

University officials have chosen to put half toward sponsorship of the FGCU Scholarship Luncheon, which will take place in December. This annual event pays homage to scholarship donors and allows them to meet the students who benefit from their generosity. Current budget constraints had put the event in jeopardy.

The remaining \$25,000 will go to First Generation Student Scholarships, which are awarded to students who are the first in their families to attend college. The gift will be matched dollar-for-dollar by the state, which doubles the amount available to students who need financial aid to build their futures.

"It is important to Ajax to give scholarships to Florida Gulf Coast University and sponsor the Scholarship Luncheon because it is very gratifying to know that we are helping students who may not have the financial means to



From left: Andy Wallace, Ajax operations manager; William "Bill" Byrne, Ajax president; FGCU President Wilson G. Bradshaw; and Denise Ambrefe, Ajax project development manager

reach their educational goals," says William "Bill" Byrne, company president. "It is also very rewarding to witness the students' gratitude first hand at the luncheon program."

Since 1998, Ajax has contributed \$300,000, including state matching funds, to support FGCU in a number of ways. In addition to its most recent gift, the company has established an endowed scholarship fund and, in 2006 and 2008, gave unrestricted gifts, which were used for First Generation scholarships. It has contributed to the annual Founder's Cup Golf Tournament, each of the President's Celebrations and various FGCU athletic programs.

The general contracting company with seven offices from Tallahassee to Fort Myers is currently constructing the third parking garage on campus. Its previous University projects include Whitaker Hall, the first two parking garages and the FGCU Library addition and expansion.

Music professor establishes scholarship

Rod Chesnutt, head of instrumental music in the Bower School of Music, has established an endowed scholarship in honor of his parents.

The Clarence and Natalie Chesnutt Scholarship Fund for Instrumental Music Education will benefit instrumental music majors who plan to teach band or orchestra in public schools.

"I established this scholarship in honor of my parents as they provided the models and tools for me to find my own way and shape my future as a music educator," says Chesnutt. "They were firmly committed to a balanced, comprehensive public school education as that is what enabled both of them to be highly successful."

Clarence Chesnutt earned a doctorate in animal sciences while his wife held a bachelor's degree in biology and public school music. Both devoted much of their lives to teaching and helping children.

"In choosing to establish an endowed scholarship in honor of his parents, Dr. Chesnutt has displayed his commitment to the institution and its students," says Robert Thayer, Bower School of Music interim director. "This gift can serve as a model for others who seek to assure the continuing growth of the music school."



FGCU Associate Professor Rod Chesnutt and FGCU President Wilson G. Bradshaw



From left: Ara Volkan, Lutgert College of Business associate dean; Alejandra Alzate Nieves; Nelson Nieves, '02, Synergy Contractors president; FGCU President Wilson G. Bradshaw; Verne Nieves, '05, Synergy Contractors vice president; Melissa Clark Nieves, '05; and Shelton Weeks, FGCU Lucas Professor of Real Estate

Synergy supports Lutgert program

Synergy Contractors, Inc., owned and operated by two Florida Gulf Coast University alumni, has committed \$30,000 to support the Lutgert College of Business.

Company President Nelson Nieves, '02 (Finance), and his brother Verne Nieves, '05 (Management), Synergy's vice president, pledged \$30,000 to benefit the Lucas Institute for Real Estate Development and Finance. Their gift will support faculty and student research and involvement in community real estate organizations as well as the purchase of equipment and software.

"Synergy Contractors is committed to being an agent of positive economic

development," says Nelson Nieves. "We believe it's the responsibility of companies of all sizes to help ensure that the Lutgert College of Business flourishes in order to develop tomorrow's business leaders."

Founded in 2005, Synergy Contractors, Inc. specializes in concrete and masonry construction for commercial and residential projects throughout Southwest Florida.

"As alumni, we recognize how important it is to support the Lutgert College of Business and its mission," says Verne Nieves. "Collectively, we can help fuel the economic growth of our region through support of the College, its programs and faculty."

GFA donation aids engineering program

GFA International Inc. has pledged \$15,000 to help the U.A. Whitaker School of Engineering purchase scientific equipment.

In recognition of this gift, the study area on the east end of the second floor of Holmes Hall will be named the GFA International Student Study Area.

The Delray Beach-based company has conducted material testing on the Florida Gulf Coast University campus for several years. The full-service engineering consulting firm serves a range of industries, specializing in environmental, geotechnical, structural design, material testing, special and threshold inspections, mechanical, electrical and plumbing and mold remediation services.

"GFA International is committed to contributing to the ongoing success of FGCU, not only in the construction



From left: Chris Pacitto, GFA International Fort Myers branch manager; Susan Blanchard, founding director, U.A. Whitaker School of Engineering; Frank Frione, GFA chief executive officer; FGCU President Wilson G. Bradshaw; and Travis Merrick, GFA Fort Myers business development manager

field, but in the classroom," says Travis Merrick, GFA's Fort Myers business development manager. "We look forward to continuing a strong relationship with FGCU and also to the days when GFA will hire and develop graduating engineers."



President's Planned Giving Brunch

Donors who include Florida Gulf Coast University in their estate plans are recognized through memberships in the Covenant and Heritage societies and are honored each year at the President's Planned Giving Brunch. Among those at this year's event were: Gray Ballman, Mercedes Ballman, Bedford Biles, Fay Biles, Bob Shrader, Amal Das, Betty Das, Kathie Beeken, Keith Trowbridge, Doris Trowbridge, FGCU President Wilson G. Bradshaw, Mary Hull, Elissa Manna, Joan Attridge, George Fogg, Rebecca Fogg and Bill Attridge. For information about creating a deferred gift, contact Pete Lefferts at (239) 590-1077 or pleffert@fgcu.edu.



Top row: Charlie Faramo holding nephew Patrick, Nicholas held by grandfather Jeff Faramo, Jennifer Faramo Laderer

Middle row: Chrissy Faramo, Virginia Faramo Caron, Jeffrey Faramo

Bottom row: Erica Faramo, Rachel DiSalvo Faramo, Dianne Faramo

It's all RELATIVE

Faramos building family legacy at University

Story by Lindsey Touchette/Photos by Garth Francis

For one Naples family, FGCU stands for Faramo Gulf Coast University.

That's because there has always been at least one Faramo among the student body since the University opened in 1997.

To date, seven Faramos representing two generations have earned five bachelor's and two master's degrees at FGCU, with another two bachelor's degrees in the works. Still another member plans to enroll next year.

Dianne Faramo says FGCU has played a huge role in the family's life.

"My husband, Jeff, and I knew we wanted all six children to have a college education, but I wasn't really sure how it would be possible," she says. "I believe FGCU opened for the Faramos. It was an answer to our prayers."

The first to attend was Virginia, 31, the oldest of the six Faramo siblings.

She feels fortunate that she could play a part in founding many groups and organizations that continue to thrive on campus. She served as a Student Government senator and a resident assistant for housing, and participated in the FGCU honors program, among other activities.

Next came Jennifer, 29.

"My initial attraction to FGCU was it is far enough away from home, but not so far that I couldn't drive home on a whim," she says. "It's our family nature to stick together."

The third Faramo to enroll, 27-year-old Jeffrey, served as Student Government vice president in 2002-2003 and as president the following year. He represented Student Government on the University Board of Trustees, participated in groundbreaking for several campus buildings and

helped launch Eagle Express, the campus transportation system.

He also met Rachel DiSalvo, whom he married in April, making her yet another Faramo alum.

Rachel, 25, connected with the Faramos her first day of college.

"Jennifer Faramo was my orientation leader and was the first person I knew at FGCU," she says. "I would have never thought I would marry her brother nine years later."

The couple now live in Washington, D.C., where they host an annual party for FGCU alumni who live in the area.

Impressed by the education her children were receiving, Dianne, 54, decided to return for a master's degree in education.

"FGCU is an extraordinary University," she says. "In addition to the quality courses of study, FGCU provides opportunities for personal growth, support and friendship. We are extremely fortunate to be a part of the FGCU family."

Son Charlie, 23, set out to be the renegade, heading to Carson Newman College in Tennessee so that he could play football. But after a year, he transferred to FGCU.

"I wanted to live in Southwest Florida and be a part of the young, upcoming school," he says.

By the time 22-year-old Christina was ready for college, FGCU was nine years old. The modern campus housing, family legacy and chance to be part of a growing University sealed her decision.

"FGCU has given me unforgettable opportunities that have shaped me into the person I am today," she says. "Not only have I been given the opportunity to watch FGCU grow, but from my many FGCU experiences, I have grown as well."

Erica, 21, knew she'd be an Eagle by the time she was in grade school.

"It was the first university I ever stepped foot on," she says. "Watching all my other siblings attend the University over the years, it only seemed natural

Virginia Faramo Caron

Graduated: 2000 and 2004

Degrees: Bachelor's and master's, elementary education

Career: Taught first and second grades, Naples Park and Big Cypress elementary schools

Currently: Substitute teaching; raising her children, Patrick, 4, and Nicholas, 21 months

Most influential professors: Carolyn Spillman and Sally Mayberry, College of Education

Student activities: Student Government senator and ambassador, resident assistant, Gulf Regional Educational Advantage for Teachers, which supports aspiring teachers through the Uncommon Friends Foundation



Jennifer Faramo Laderer

Graduated: 2002

Degree: Bachelor's, marketing

Career: Director of strategic marketing, Bonita Bay Group

Most influential professor: Ludmilla Wells, marketing. "She is the reason I am a marketing professional. Her enthusiasm for marketing and advertising is contagious, and to this day she is still a huge support," she says.

Student activities: Eagle News staff writer, Orientation leader, Family Resource Center student assistant, American Advertising Federation president, member of the Golden Key Honor Society and Phi Eta Sigma



that when my time came to apply for college, I would only fill out one application.”

She expects to graduate in 2010.

Although Erica is the youngest Faramo, she's not likely to be the last to

graduate from FGCU. Her father, Jeff, plans to enroll once Erica completes her education.

Michele Yovanovich, FGCU dean of students, believes the family sets a great example.

“The Faramos are a bright family of leaders who could have attended most any school but chose to stay in their home region to take advantage of the establishment of FGCU,” she says. “Talk about Eagle pride!”

Jeffrey Faramo
Graduated:
2004

Degree:
Bachelor's,
marketing
Career:
Global account
manager,
Gartner, Inc.

Most influential professor:
Joe Shepard, vice president for Administrative Services and Finance. A student in Shepard's statistics class, he was impressed by the administrator's assistance outside of class. “I know that without his guidance on and off campus, I would not have been so successful while at FGCU,” he says.
Student activities: Student Government vice president and president, student member of FGCU Board of Trustees



Dianne Faramo
Graduated:
2006

Degree:
Master's,
reading
education
Career:
Collier County

Coordinator of Elementary Reading and Language Arts
Most influential professor:
Linda Ray, professor and program leader of the Division of Teacher Education
Favorite FGCU memory:
Commencement. “With a large family it isn't always easy to get everyone together. With graduations, however, the Faramos make it a point to come together in support and celebrate each other's accomplishments,” she says.



Chrissy Faramo
Graduates:
December 2009

Degree:
Bachelor's,
management
Career aspirations:
To work in bank-

ing and become a certified public accountant or chartered financial analyst. She also hopes to move to New York City and work in the financial district.
Student activities: Student Government treasurer, Florida Student Association, Undergraduate Business Association, Financial Managers Association
Honors/Awards: FGCU Hall of Fame (2009), “Who's Who Among Students” (2008), FGCU Excellence in Service award for more than 200 hours of service learning hours (2008)



Rachel DiSalvo Faramo
Graduated:
2005

Degree:
Bachelor's,
communication
Career: Client
adviser to uni-
versities and colleges in the Northeast,
Gartner, Inc.

Most influential staff member:
Jon Brunner, assistant dean, and Alice Brunner, former director of first-year advising and orientation activities
Favorite FGCU memory: Orientation. “I did not know what a great experience awaited me as a freshman,” she says. “After walking around campus, meeting the faculty, staff and other new students as well as learning about all the activities, I couldn't wait for college to start.”



Charlie Faramo
Graduated:
2008

Degree:
Bachelor's,
management
Career: Vice
president of
operations,
Faramo Amusements Inc., a coin-

operated amusement machine supplier
Most influential professors: Charles Mathews and Howard Finch, Lutgert College of Business
Favorite FGCU memory: Serving as director of Eaglepalooza in 2007. “It was a lot of fun networking with local businesses for sponsorships and meeting rap artist Yung Joc,” he says. “The success of the event is an experience I will remember forever.”



Erica Faramo
Graduates:
Spring 2010

Degree:
Bachelor's,
English
Career aspirations:
She's thinking
about teaching high school

English or working in the publishing field.
Most influential staff member:
Jorge Lopez, '03, director of student financial services
Student activities: Eaglepalooza, the Money Game Camp, Sanibel Island Writers Conference, commencement, the Creative Writing Club and student assistant in the Office of the Registrar



Foundation board offers alumni incentive to give

Story by Peter Lefferts/Photo by Garth Francis

In an effort to inspire alumni to help support their alma mater, Florida Gulf Coast University's Foundation board members are reaching into their own pockets.

Each pledged to donate a minimum of \$500 to create a pool of money through which they will match dollar for dollar every gift of \$100 to \$1,000 by alumni who give for the first time.

“Approximately 3 percent of FGCU's 10,000 alumni support current FGCU students through our annual giving campaigns,” says Stephen McIntosh, the Foundation board's chairman. “It is our hope that this matching gift program will provide the incentive alumni need to become first-time donors who will help make a difference in the lives of today's students.”

Requests for gifts for the annual “You Make A Difference” campaign are mailed to alumni throughout the year. Alumni can also go to the FGCU Web site to make a secure gift with a credit card. These gifts may be designated for whatever program or scholarship the donor wishes and the matching gift from the Foundation Board members will also go to that program or scholarship.

“It is our hope that this matching gift program will provide the incentive alumni need to become first-time donors who will help make a difference in the lives of today's students.”

— Stephen McIntosh

knowledge I received daily,” he says. “I want to be sure other students have similar opportunities and experiences. I specifically chose to support the Alumni Association scholarship because I want students to realize their connection to FGCU continues long after graduation.”

The FGCU Foundation was formed in 1993 by a group of dedicated community leaders to support the education mission of the University through fundraising. Last year, the Foundation awarded more than \$1.3 million in scholarships to FGCU students.

For more information, contact Peter Lefferts, Planned Giving director, at 590-1077 or pleffert@fgcu.edu.



Stephen McIntosh



Welcome back

Alumni took part in greeting incoming students and their parents during convocation at Alico Arena in August. Angela Hodge, '04 (Communication), and Mathew Visaggio, '05 (Communication) both addressed the group. Philanthropist and “Three Cups of Tea” author Greg Mortenson was the featured speaker. The afternoon concluded with a cookout hosted by President Wilson G. Bradshaw at the Fresh Food Company, FGCU's newest dining spot.



Learning the basics

Sean Griffin, '01 (Secondary Education) taught fellow alumni the latest self-defense techniques at Griffin's Martial Arts Center in North Fort Myers. Armed with their newfound skills, Orv Curry, '02 (Computer Information Systems), and Kim Williams, '06/'09 (Master's, School Counseling), broke boards with their fists.



Eagles flock to ball game

Alumni celebrated summer in full swing at a Tampa Bay Rays game in St. Petersburg. After the game, fans enjoyed a rousing performance by the B-52s. Among the alums spotted in the stands were Ashley Harris, '06 (English), left, and Danny Harris, '06 (Master's, Accounting).

Class notes

Weddings, engagements and births

Amber Golden, '07 (Nursing), and Joshua Golden have announced the birth of their son, Caleb Dean, on May 27 at HealthPark Medical Center in Fort Myers. He weighed 8 pounds and 13 ounces.

Jorge Lopez, '03 (Master's, Business Administration), and **Carol Lopez**, '03 (Elementary Education), are getting their son, 16-month-old Noah, into the Eagle spirit with an FGCU bib.

Newsmakers

'99 Carmen Dellutri, (Master's, Business Administration), has been appointed state chair for the middle and northern districts of Florida by the National Association of Consumer Bankruptcy Attorneys. He will serve as a liaison among the association and attorneys, bankruptcy judges and other court officials, and as a primary contact for local media regarding consumer bankruptcy issues. He is a board-certified consumer bankruptcy attorney and one of the founding members of BankruptcyLawNetwork.com.

Andrew DeSalvo, (Executive Master's Business Administration), has won the CoStar Power Broker Award, given annually to recognize individual brokers who closed the highest transaction volume in commercial property sales or leases. He is a broker associate for Premier Properties of Southwest Florida, Inc., Realtors commercial division.

'03 Derek Lamely, (Management), won the Nationwide Children's Hospital Invitational for his first Nationwide Tour golf title.

Robert Lee, (Finance), has been named a home consultant at the Vistas at Heritage Bay in Naples by Lennar. With five years of experience in residential real estate sales in Southwest Florida, he will assist homebuyers in the purchase of new town homes.

Myrna Rivera, (Nursing), is a registered nurse at Gulf Coast Medical Center in Fort Myers. She and her husband, Leonard, have a 3-year-old son, Raymond. They live in Fort Myers.

Tiffany Sawyer, (Marketing), took the trip of her dreams and backpacked through Europe for two months by herself. She visited 16 countries and met some wonderful people along the way.

'05 Spencer Roach, (Political Science), a lieutenant in the U.S. Coast Guard, is one of six officers nationwide recently selected for the Judge Advocate General program. The program offers him the opportunity to attend a law school of his choice, fully funded by the U.S. Coast Guard, while continuing to earn his salary. Selection is based on military performance and academic history. Spencer plans to attend the University of Miami's School of Law, where he expects to specialize in international law.

Chris Trout, (Sports Management), shot a 73 in the final round of the E-Z-GO South Florida PGA Open at Fiddler's Creek in Naples to tie for third. He works at Cypress Lake Country Club.

'06 Danielle Brant, (Art), graduated from Florida State University with a master of science in art therapy. She is a grief/art therapy counselor at Big Bend Hospice in Tallahassee.

Jason Garcia, (Biology), has been accepted into the College of Osteopathic Medicine at Nova Southeastern University to pursue a master's degree in public health.

Ryan Uhler, (Communication), has been named the marketing manager for the Bonita Springs Chamber of Commerce.

'07 Carolyn Greene, (Communication), joined the Office of Community Outreach at FGCU after serving 11 years in the Foundation office. She assists the director of community outreach with fostering relationships in the community as well as recruitment and retention of students from the five-county area who are underserved and underrepresented.

Errington Neysmith, (Criminal Justice), graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, TX.

Alana Smith, (Elementary Education), is in her third year of teaching in Collier County. She married Thomas Eugene Gray Jr. in June 2008.

'08 Christina Chuderski, (Master's, Educational Leadership), is the international baccalaureate coordinator for James Stephens International Academy. She is also pursuing a specialist degree in educational leadership at FGCU.

Alex Fernandez, (Marketing), joined NOISE, an award-winning multimedia branding communications agency, as a social media guru. He heads the social media department while also contributing to Web content, video editing and new business development. Alex also authored "Social Media Manifesto," a brief guide to social media best practices.

Stefanie Ink, (Marketing), has joined Alliance Financial Group as a financial adviser. She previously served on the board of directors and as advisory board vice president for The Southwest Florida Museum of History. She is the sponsorship chair of the 2010 Cattle Barons' Ball fundraiser to benefit the American Cancer Society and co-founder of PAWS Lee County, which works to reduce pet populations and offer veterinary services to low-income pet owners.

Adair Kaestner, (Marketing), has been named the director of student life at Northwood University's West Palm Beach campus. She is responsible for producing a monthly student publication, planning and coordinating student activities and special events and serving as an administrator for student organizations. She lives in Palm Beach Gardens.

Jessica Paletsky, (Master's, Business Administration), has been named a board member of the Lee County Alliance for the Arts. The board assists the organization staff in furthering the arts and culture in Lee County. Jessica is a financial adviser with the Berlick-Sherwin Group at Morgan Stanley.

Erica Turok, (Accounting), is an accountant at Ann Storck Center in Fort Lauderdale.

'09 Luke Benfield, (Master's, Educational Leadership), is the coordinator of fraternity and sorority life at Coastal Carolina University in Myrtle Beach, SC. As a student at FGCU, he was voted Graduate Student of the Year and was inducted into the Student Hall of Fame.

Tiffany Esposito, (Communication), has been named the communications manager for the Bonita Springs Chamber of Commerce.



Katherine Liebl



Shannon York

Katherine Liebl, (Master's, School Counseling), is an elementary school counselor at North Fort Myers Academy of the Arts.

Sarah Wood, (Marketing), has joined Chico's as an allocator for the White House Black Market headquarters in Fort Myers.

Shannon York, (Resort and Hospitality Management), is a traveling leadership consultant for Zeta Tau Alpha, visiting collegiate chapters around the country. Her responsibilities include officer education, leadership development, chapter organization, supervision of membership recruitment and assistance with new chapters.

In memoriam

Florida Gulf Coast University expresses sympathy to the family and friends of the following alumna:

Juanita Bryan, '09 (Master's, School Counseling), died July 13. She was a much-respected school counselor at Moore Haven Elementary School. She is survived by her husband, Jim, two children, Nicole and Eric, and her granddaughter.

Reach out

Alumni are encouraged to share their news about new jobs, promotions, relocations, weddings, births and other milestones.

Send items to the Office of Alumni Relations at: alumnirelations@fgcu.edu or by mail to FGCU, 10501 FGCU Blvd. South, Fort Myers, FL 33965-6565



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Sail away for five sun-drenched and relaxing days with a getaway especially for Florida Gulf Coast University alumni and friends.

The FGCU Alumni Association announces this year's Eagle Escape, a five-day cruise aboard Royal Caribbean's Grandeur of the Seas.

Set sail from Fort Lauderdale aboard this modern ship with its full complement of activities, including a casino, full-service spa and fitness center, themed bars and lounges, six whirlpools, indoor and outdoor pools and an outdoor jogging track.

Ports of call include George Town, Grand Cayman, and Cozumel, Mexico. Both ports offer plenty of unique opportunities for visitors.

George Town's Stingray City affords a chance to snorkel amidst stingrays, relatively tame and gentle creatures with velvety soft skin and a penchant for having their bellies rubbed. Tour the picturesque town and check out the Conch Shell House, built entirely of shells. Or chill out island-style at the Rum Point Club or Grand Cayman's world-famous Seven-Mile Beach.

Cozumel has its own charms, including Chankanaab Park, which boasts the only inland coral reef formation in the world, an ideal spot for snorkeling and viewing a host of marine life up close. Other attractions include dolphin swims and sea lion shows, along with vast expanses of sand and surf, for which the island is justifiably famous.

The royal treatment includes complimentary transportation to and from Fort Myers, an exclusive Eagle Escape cocktail reception aboard the Grandeur, along with all the state-of-the-art features Royal Caribbean has to offer.

Eagle Escape 2010

What: Eagle Escape, a five-night Western Caribbean Cruise aboard Royal Caribbean's Grandeur of the Seas

Who: FGCU alumni and friends

Where: Departs Fort Lauderdale with stops in George Town, Grand Cayman and Cozumel, Mexico

When: June 28-July 3, 2010

Info: Office of Alumni Relations, (239) 590-1087 or alumnirelations@fgcu.edu

Alumni Association Happenings

OCTOBER 21 AND 22

Grad Fair

10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Bookstore, FGCU main campus

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NOVEMBER 20

Eaglepalooza

6 p.m. FGCU main campus

Visit the FGCU Alumni Association tent during this popular annual festival featuring a host of games, activities and live music. Alumni tickets for the main event may be purchased at a discount through the Office of Alumni Relations. Tickets are limited. Membership ID required.

DECEMBER 12

Fall Commencement

9 a.m. Alico Arena, FGCU main campus

Lindsey Touchette, director of Alumni Relations, and Jim Robinson, president of the Alumni Association Board of Directors, will induct graduates into the association during the Commencement ceremony.

For details, contact Kim Williams, coordinator of alumni programming, at alumnirelations@fgcu.edu or (239) 590-1087.

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JANUARY 22

All Alumni Reunion

Times vary, Alico Arena, FGCU main campus

All alumni are invited to return to campus to celebrate the reunions of classes 2000 and 2005. Festivities include an FGCU alumni basketball game and an Eagle FANatics Spirit Celebration. There will be food, beverages and photos with Azul the mascot, appearances by FGCU President Wilson G. Bradshaw and men's basketball coach Dave Balza, FGCU souvenirs and a silent auction. Wear your Eagle gear and help fill the arena for the men's basketball game against Kennesaw State University.



JUNE 28 - JULY 3

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Embark on a 5-night western Caribbean cruise on Royal Caribbean with fellow FGCU alumni and friends. Set sail from Fort Lauderdale to George Town, Grand Cayman and Cozumel, Mexico. There are boundless activities onboard and onshore. Book now, or learn more by contacting the Office of Alumni Relations at (239) 590-1087 or by visiting www.preferrednaples.com/FGCUAA

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Awards or Recognitions

Bob Diotalevi, J.D., College of Professional Studies, Justice Studies, profile story, "The Insider," Washington School of Law, April 3.

Michael Gulnac, Tony Rodriguez, Tim Kenney, Richard Chin Quee, Sheri Coleman, WGPU-TV, Telly Award, bronze, "Untold Stories: Immokalee II," Telly Awards, July 1.

Bradley Hobbs, Ph.D., College of Business, Marketing and Economics, Research Advisory Council, James Madison Institute, May 27.



Bradley Hobbs

Mike Kiniry, WGPU-FM, best newscast award, second place, Public Radio News Directors Inc., June 11.

Mike Kiniry, Luis Hernandez, WGPU-FM, call-in radio program, second place, "Gulf Coast Live! The State of Citrus," Public Radio News Directors Inc., June 11.

Liz Layton, Career Development Services, completed Greater Fort Myers Leadership Program, Fort Myers Chamber of Commerce, June 18.

Barbara Linstrom, Shawn Holiday, Kristy Vaughn, Janina Birtolo, Tim Kenney, Mike Gulnac, Tony Rodriguez, Brian Price, WGPU-TV, Telly Award, bronze, "Connect! Feeding the Hungry," Telly Awards, July 1.

Kelly G. McCarthy, M.A., Community Relations and Marketing, award of merit, photograph "Dunnellon 2," National Art Encounter Juried Exhibition, The von Liebig Art Center, Naples, May 15.

Book Publication

John Cox, B.A., Social and Behavioral Sciences, "Circles of Resistance: Jewish, Leftist, and Youth Dissidence in Nazi



John Cox

Germany," Peter Lang Publishing, Inc., New York, NY, pp. 214.

Grant awards

Walter Rodriguez, Ph.D., College of Business, Computer Information Systems and Decision Sciences, \$19,500, Southwest Florida Workforce Development Board, Inc., Workforce Investment Act Training Program, April 16-June 30.

Professional Presentations

John Cox, B.A., College of Arts and Sciences, Social and Behavioral Sciences, "Did They Fight Back? Jewish Resistance, Resilience, and Survival Strategies during the Holocaust" and "The Legacy of the Holocaust for Today," eighth annual Martin and Doris Rosen Summer Symposium: Remembering the Holocaust: A Summer Symposium for Educators and the Community, Center for Judaic, Holocaust, and Peace Studies, Boone, NC, July 23-24.

Jeanie Darnell, D.M.A., College of Arts & Sciences, Bower School of Music, "Boys to Men: Training the Male Adolescent Voice," International Congress of Voice Teachers and National Association of Teachers of Singing, Paris, France, July 15-19.

Duane Dobbert, Ph.D., Justice Studies, "Halting Sexual Predators Using School Bus Surveillance Technology," National Webinar, Student Transportation News, Torrance, CA, June 24; "School Bus Drivers: The First Line of Defense Against Sexual Predators," annual conference of Texas Association of Pupil Transportation, Austin, TX, June 12-17.

Marian Dolan, D.M.A., College of Arts and Sciences, Bower School of Music, "Cross-Cultural Choral Coaching with Siyacula Youth Choir," Voices of South Africa, International Federation for Choral Music, Stellenbosch, South Africa, March 31-April 4.

Shawn Felton, Tim Desmarreau, College of Health Professions, Physical Therapy & Human Performance, "Hyperextended Knee in a Collegiate Football Quarterback," NATA Annual Meeting and Clinical Symposium, San Antonio, TX, June 18.

Shelby Gilbert, Ed.D., College of Education Dean's Office, participant, AERA Institute on Statistical Analysis for Education Policy, American Educational Research Association, Washington, May 28-30; "Teacher Education, Accreditation and Academic Freedom," American Association of University Professors' Conference on Globalization, Shared

Governance, and Academic Freedom, Washington, June 11-13.

Peg Gray-Vickrey

Curriculum and Instruction, "Assessing the Older Adult" (concurrent session), Nursing 2009 Symposium, Orlando, May 8.



Peg Gray-Vickrey

Harvey Heckes, M.S.W., College of Professional Studies, Social Work, "Dimensions of Role Playing," 2009 Annual Social Work Conference, NASW Florida Chapter, Orlando, June 2.

Lewis Johnson, M.S. Industrial Health, Environmental Health and Safety, "Measurement of Lighting Levels in a Public University" and "Benefits of Remaining a Conditionally Exempt Small Quantity Generator," 56th annual conference, Campus Safety, Health and Environmental Management, New Orleans, LA, July 11-15.

Reid Lennertz, M.B.A., Career Development Services, "Helping Others Cope with Job Loss," Emerging Leaders Program, Greater Fort Myers Chamber of Commerce, Fort Myers, April 29.

Russell Sabella, Ph.D., College of Education Dean's Office, "Guarding Kids Against High-Tech Trouble," American School Counselor Association, Dallas, TX, June 29.

Russell Sabella, Madelyn Isaacs, Ph.D., College of Education Dean's Office, "Using Technologies to Reach and Teach Stakeholders," American School Counselor Association, Dallas, TX, June 30.

Pamella Seay, J.D., L.L.M., College of Professional Studies, Justice Studies, "The Evolution of Ethics in a Changing World," seventh International Conference on New Directions in the Humanities, Common Ground (Australia), Beijing, China, June 2-5.

Pamella Seay, J.D., L.L.M., College of Professional Studies, Justice Studies, with **Mell Bolen**, BCA Study Abroad, and **Riall Nolan**, Purdue University, "Applying Cross-Cultural Training: Real World Ethical Issues," Fostering Global Engagement Through International Education, NAFSA International Association of Educators, Los Angeles, CA, May 24-29.

Dean Stansel, Ph.D., College of Business, Marketing and Economics, "Interjurisdictional Competition and Economic Growth in U.S. Metropolitan Areas," 34th international confer-

ence, Association of Private Enterprise Education, Guatemala City, Guatemala, April 5-7.

Dean Stansel and Brad Hobbs, Ph.D., College of Business, Marketing and Economics, and **Stephan Gohmann**, Ph.D., University of Louisville, "An Economic Freedom Index for U.S. Metropolitan Areas," 34th International Conference, Association of Private Enterprise Education, Guatemala City, Guatemala, April 5-7.

Amy Tardif, WGPU-FM, presented the annual Leo C. Lee Award to Doug Mitchell for encouraging young people of color to work in public radio, Public Radio News Directors Inc. Annual Conference, WGPU Public Media, Portland, OR, June 10-12.

Hulya Julie Yazici, Ph.D., College of Business, Computer Information Systems and Decision Sciences, "Does project maturity matter for organizational success?" Industrial Engineering Research Conference, IIE, Miami, May 30-June 2.

Publications

Michelle Angeletti, M.S.W., Ph.D., College of Health Professions, Health Sciences, "Breastfeeding Mothers Returning to Work: Possibilities for Information, Anticipatory Guidance and Support from U.S. Health Care Professionals," Journal of Human Lactation, Vol. 25 Issue 2, pp. 226-232.

Rebecca Austin, Ph.D., College of Arts and Sciences, Marine and Ecological Sciences, "Stephanie Mills," Modern American Environmentalists, George Cevasco, Richard Harmond, Eds., Johns Hopkins University Press, pp. 320-325.

John Cox, B.A., Social and Behavioral Sciences, book review of Ben Kiernan, "Blood and Soil: A World History of Genocide and Extermination from Sparta to Darfur," H-German Discussion Network.

Bob Diotalevi, J.D., College of Professional Studies, Justice Studies, "Consider Group Work," The Paralegal Educator, The American Association for Paralegal Education, quarterly, pp. 29-31.



Bob Diotalevi

Marian Dolan, D.M.A. College of Arts and Sciences, Bower School of Music, and **Dr. Kay Keels**, "i vs. wii / I vs. We: The Individual, The Community and The 21st Century," Bridges, Vol. 3 Issue 2009, pp. 7-28.

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Professor examines development of deviance

Duane Dobbert spends his days exploring the damaged psyches of sexual deviates and psychopaths.

A professor of criminal forensic studies at Florida Gulf Coast University, he's devoted years to studying sexual predators who target children, figuring out how they think and act.

In the past three years, he's trained bus drivers in 5,000 school districts nationwide to spot sexual predators in hopes of catching them before they abduct, molest and possibly murder another child.

Now he's focusing on serial murderers, the life experiences and sexual predilections that drive them to commit such heinous acts.

His new book, "Psychopathy, Perversion, and Lust Homicide: Recognizing the Mental Disorders That Power Serial Killers" (Praeger), defines the terms lust homicide (sexually motivated murder), psychopathy (antisocial personality disorder) and paraphilias (sexual disorders such as fetishism and pedophilia). Then he sets out to determine what combination of conditions applies to the actions of individual serial killers in an effort to understand what made them such monsters.

Through 224 pages, Dobbert lays out the social and psychological histories of well-known murderers such as Henry Lee Lucas, John Wayne Gacy, Ted Bundy and Jeffrey Dahmer. What becomes clear quickly is that their early years were filled with dysfunctional families and trauma and that many early warning signs were ignored, mishandled or minimized by law enforcement, educators and medical experts.

Henry Lee Lucas, for example, was born to a prostitute and an alcoholic father who lost his legs in a train accident. His mother forced him to watch her perform sex acts on clients, beat him severely and dressed him like a girl. By age 10, Lucas was exhibiting signs of conduct disorder and was an alcoholic. At 13, he was obsessed with sex. He went on to kill his



Duane Dobbert

mother then many others, confessing to 600 murders, although no one is sure of the exact number.

By grouping the case studies in a single book, Dobbert hopes to "demonstrate the precursor behaviors so that we can identify people early." Perhaps parents will recognize the abusive behavior of a daughter's boyfriend or a teacher will see signs of trouble in a student. Recognizing such signs early might allow for treatment and possibly prevent future crimes.

Dobbert says, "It was an interesting book to write. No one's done that to the best of my knowledge."

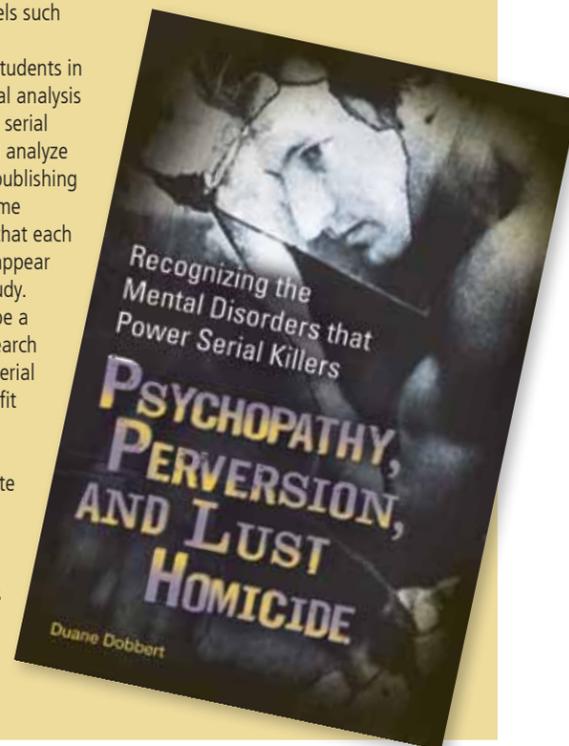
What he's most proud of is that 15 FGCU students assisted in the research.

"I had the students do case studies, look at how each child was raised," he says. "Then we examined what kind of variables precipitated their personality disorders and sexual disorders," the combination of which he believes fuels such actions.

This semester, students in his forensic behavioral analysis class will each pick a serial killer to research and analyze with an eye toward publishing another book. This time Dobbert anticipates that each student's name will appear on his or her case study.

The result will be a growing body of research into what creates a serial killer. But it will benefit students in a more personal way, too.

"They'll graduate not just with good degrees, but will be published authors," Dobbert says. "That's a great legacy to leave."



Marian Dolan, D.M.A., College of Arts and Sciences, Bower School of Music, and **Veljo Tormis** (EST), **Jaakko Mäntyjärvi** (FIN), **Trio Mediaeval** (NOR), **Alice Parker** (USA), **Christopher Marshall** (NZ), **Volker Hempfling** (GER), "Folk Music and Cultural Identity," International Choral Bulletin, quarterly, pp. 7-21.

Michael Fauerbach, Ph.D., and **Scott Marks**, '09, College of Arts and Sciences, Marine and Ecological Sciences, "Lightcurve Analysis of 566 Stereokopia and 823 Sisigambis,"



Michael Fauerbach

Minor Planet Bulletin, quarterly, pp. 96-97.

Nicola Foote, Ph.D., College of Arts and Sciences, Social and Behavioral Sciences, "Mapping the Foundations of a Modern Social Movement," A Contracorriente: A Journal of Social History and Literature in Latin America, quarterly, pp. 337-347.

Lakshmi Gogate, Ph.D., College of Arts and Sciences, Social and Behavioral Sciences, **Christopher G. Prince**, Ph.D., University of Minnesota, and **Dalit J. Matatyaho**, Ph.D., City University of New York, "Two-month-old infants' sensitivity to changes in syllable-object pairings: The role of temporal synchrony," Journal of Experimental Psychology: Human

Perception and Performance, quarterly, pp. 508-519.

Douglas Harrison, Ph.D., College of Arts and Sciences, Language and Literature, "Southern Gospel Sissies: Evangelical Music, Queer Spirituality, and the Plays of Del Shores," The Journal of Men, Masculinities, and Spirituality, Vol. 3 Issue 2, pp. 123-141.

Johnny McGaha, Ph.D., and **Amanda Evans**, Ed.D., M.S.W., College of Professional Studies, Justice Studies, "Where Are the Victims? The Credibility Gap in Human Trafficking Research," Intercultural Human Rights Law Review, Vol.4, Issue 2008 - 2009, pp. 239-266.

Anne Nolan, Carol Lawrence, Ph.D., College of Health Professions, Nursing, "A pilot study of a nursing intervention protocol to minimize maternal-infant separation after Cesarean birth," Journal of Obstetric, Gynecologic, & Neonatal Nursing, Vol. 38 Issue (4), pp. 430-442.



Anne Nolan

Hulya Julie Yazici, Ph.D., College of Business, Computer Information Systems and Decision Sciences, Project Management Journal, The Role of Project Management Maturity and Organizational Culture in Perceived Performance, quarterly, pp. 1-20.

Foundation board member Brad Clark loses cancer battle

By Linda Lehtomaa

Florida Gulf Coast University lost a true friend and passionate supporter July 25, when Bradley "Brad" Clark died after a two-year battle with cancer. He was 52.

Clark joined the FGCU Foundation in 2001, and quickly established what will become his lasting legacy at the University: the "World War II Symposium: Courage in the First Person." As an avid student of history, Clark believed that World War II veterans needed a venue in which to share their stories and reminisce with other veterans. He felt it was important that everyone understand what they had sacrificed for their country.

The symposium became a well-attended event in the Student Union on the FGCU campus. Each year, more than 300 veterans and their families, as well as students and community



Brad Clark

members gathered to listen and to learn first-hand from members of "The Greatest Generation."

"This tribute to those who have served their country in wartime will continue at the University and will be dedicated to the memory of Brad Clark," says FGCU President Wilson G. Bradshaw. "I am deeply honored to have known him."

Clark leaves behind his devoted wife, Karen; his two daughters, Rachel and Rebecca; and his father, Bob.

FGCU wins kudos for civic engagement

Florida Gulf Coast University won an honorable mention in the Washington Center for Internships and Academic Seminars' Higher Education Civic Engagement Awards.

This was the first time the center has recognized universities and colleges for their efforts to instill a spirit of giving and democratic values in the next generation of leaders. Of the 67 institutions nominated, there were five award winners and five honorable mentions.

According to center President Michael B. Smith, "Because of the extraordinary strength of its achievements in civic engagement, we are giving Florida Gulf Coast University honorable mention."

The Washington Center is a nonprofit organization that serves hundreds of colleges and universities in the United States and other countries by providing selected students challenging opportunities to work and learn in Washington, D.C., for academic credit.

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President's Celebration 2010

Saturday, March 27, 2010

6:30 PM

The Ritz-Carlton, Naples



A new slant

FGCU junior Lauren Bennett found art in a structure most people see but never notice: an FGCU parking garage. The art major had just finished shooting sunset photos from the top of the garage and was heading down the stairs when the building's lights switched on. "I really enjoyed the geometric shapes and the way the lights were glowing against the dark blue sky so I snapped this photo," she says.



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