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Solar power gives major boost to environmental efforts

As Florida Gulf Coast University enters its second decade, we are reaffirming our commitment to our mission of environmental sustainability with a number of exciting initiatives.

Of course, foremost among these is our plan to create a 16-acre solar energy field that will serve as a model of environmental and ecological sustainability for the nation. The state legislature appropriated, and Gov. Charlie Crist approved, \$8.5 million in state funds to construct a solar farm. The other half of the cost of this \$17-million project will be provided by a private sector partner. We are working with Regenesys Energy Services on the project. This public-private partnership will result in a solar source of electricity that will significantly decrease the University's dependence on non-renewable energy sources, save money and dramatically reduce our carbon footprint. Each year, the solar field will prevent an estimated 9,000 pounds of nitrogen oxide, 14,000 pounds of sulfur dioxide and 5.1 million pounds of carbon dioxide from being introduced into our environment. FGCU's solar field will be one of the largest of its kind in the world.

Last summer, I traveled to Great Britain with Gov. Crist as part of a Florida delegation to discuss a variety of topics, including alternative energy. While there, I signed an agreement that links FGCU with The College of Natural Sciences at Bangor University in North Wales. That agreement will facilitate the exchange of faculty and students whose areas of interest are environmental and marine science. We intend to collaborate to study climate change and ecosystems with projects that span the Atlantic Ocean.

University faculty, staff and students are doing their parts as well, banding together to further reduce carbon emissions by participating in Ride2FGCU, a program that promotes carpooling. In early October, FGCU's Environmental Stewardship Advisory Council presented "Focus the Campus," a day-long event that provided updates on the University's many efforts designed to promote environmental sustainability.

Other examples of our commitment to environmental sustainability include:

- Our state-of-the-art thermal storage plant, which sends chilled water through an underground loop that cools campus buildings, saving nearly \$700,000 in energy costs over the past three years.
- Solar-powered compacting trash receptacles, which are in use on campus.
- Our marine science faculty and students, who are delving into the health of the Caloosahatchee River as well as other bodies of water, ongoing projects about which you will read in this issue of Pinnacle.
- FGCU's membership in the leadership circle of a nationwide consortium of universities committed to demonstrating by example how to combat global warming.
- Construction and certification of new buildings on campus to standards set by the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED).
- Solar thermal equipment, which will provide hot water for Biscayne Hall, a residence hall under construction that is set to open next fall.

These initiatives, combined with many other environmentally focused programs and projects at the University, will assure that FGCU takes its place at the forefront of the green movement, making it a model for colleges and universities across the nation.



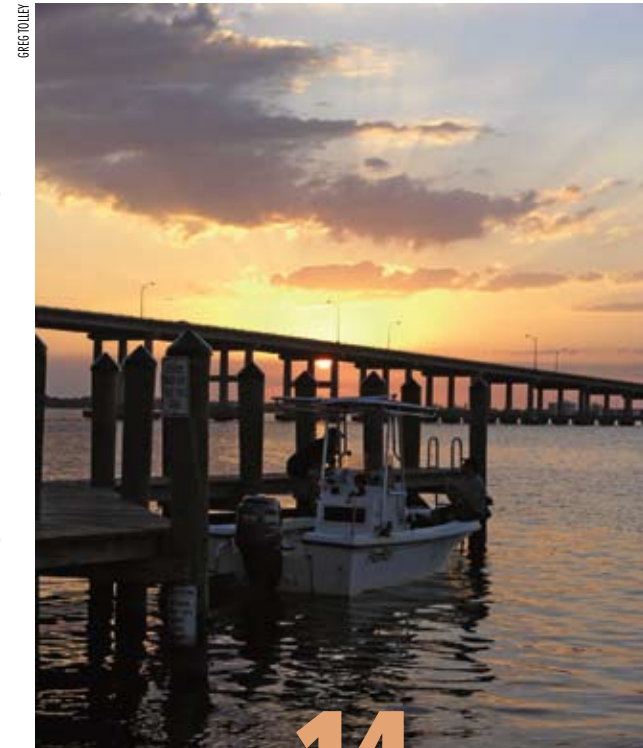
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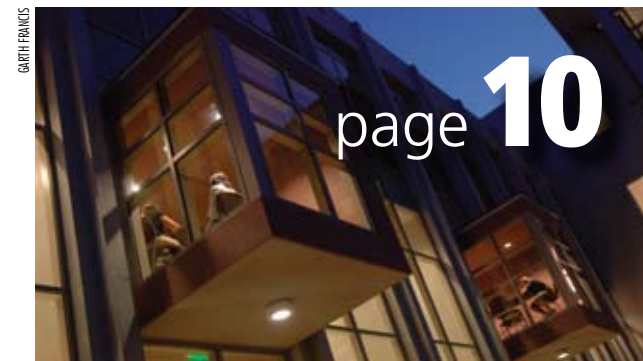


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EDITOR'S CORNER

FGCU starts exciting second decade

Florida Gulf Coast University experienced a growth spurt this fall.

A record-setting 10,198 students have enrolled, a 9 percent increase from fall 2007. As the student body increases so, too, must faculty, buildings and programs.

FGCU opened this semester with 379 faculty, an increase of 25 from last year. Leading that august group is Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Ronald Toll, who joined the University in July.

Also expanding are the University's degree offerings, with 51 undergraduate and 31 graduate programs now available. New this year are: Nurse Anesthesia (M.S.N.), Acute Care Nurse Practitioner (M.S.N.) and Primary Health Care Nurse Practitioner (M.S.N.). FGCU's first doctoral program, the Doctor of Physical Therapy (D.P.T.), began this semester, as did the Education Specialist (Ed.S.) program.

With the opening of Lutgert Hall, the Lutgert College of Business has its own home for the first time, allowing professors and students from the many faceted College the opportunity to study and work in close proximity instead of being scattered across the campus.

First-year students now have a place to call their own, too, with the opening of Everglades Hall, which houses more than 400 students. Besides having the chance to meet other newcomers, students can take part in the First-Year Residence Experience, a program that helps them make the transition to college life.

Next door is the Fresh Food Company, a new all-you-can-eat dining option featuring made-to-order food including vegan fare.

Everglades Hall and the Fresh Food Company are the first structures in the South Village, the second resident area for FGCU students.

It's a good start to the University's second decade, which promises to be as lively as the first.

In the pages that follow, readers will get a taste of the diverse and exciting projects and programs taking place on the FGCU campus and beyond. All indications are that the University has a bright future and will continue to grow as it matures, right along with its burgeoning student body.

Karen Feldman
Pinnacle Editor



Provost's role challenging in changing, uncertain times

BY KAREN FELDMAN

Improving life through science and nurturing independent thinkers top the list of Ronald Toll's areas of expertise and his priorities as Florida Gulf Coast University's new provost and vice president for academic affairs.

An experienced administrator with an extensive

background in life sciences, he came to FGCU after serving as the vice president for academic affairs, dean of the faculty and a biology professor at Lebanon Valley College in Annville, Pa. Prior to that, he served as dean for the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics and special assistant to the president for technology and corporate relations at the University of Central Arkansas. He has also served as biology department chairman and division chairman at Wesleyan College.

A New Jersey native, he holds an associate's degree from Union College, a bachelor's in zoology from Rutgers University and a doctoral degree in biological oceanography from the University of Miami.

Toll has published extensively on the subject of marine invertebrates. His work has taken him from coastal studies on Georgia's barrier islands to a deep-sea expedition as associate director of adjunct sciences for the S.S. Central America project, which led to the recovery of \$300 million of gold.

A lover of classic cars, he's the proud owner of a four-post hydraulic lift, which he plans to install in his garage. He holds a black belt in tae kwon do, is married and has three children.

Q: What motivated you to move from a small liberal arts college to a medium-sized state institution?

A: "I've worked at small and large institutions. This was a great opportunity. It's a place that's full of youthful exuberance and optimism. To be part of something that's the sum total of so many people's accomplishments in such a short time is wonderful. I hope to add my experience and leadership to the second decade of growth."

Q: You also bring expertise in building design. How do you think design relates to effective teaching and learning?

A: "Academic buildings can have a 40- to 45-year life span before they are gutted, renovated or knocked down to build something better. I want to build structures that are more responsive to our needs. The academic and social spaces we create will be around a long time. We're going to continue to build buildings and they will outlive the designers, but can't outlive the

needs of the people who will occupy them. While we can't predict exactly, we can think about how to design them in a flexible way to allow for future creativity."

Q: What role do you see technology playing in education in coming years?

A: "We need to explore how best to use information technology to enhance learning outcomes. We want to avoid death by PowerPoint. If all we do is transfer lectures to PowerPoint, we're not using the power of IT to expand thoughtfulness. We need to create the most intellectually robust atmosphere possible.

"Great teaching and learning existed before technology. I can still name the teachers who reached me, who pushed me into my discomfort zone. That's where real thinking occurs.

"Now take all that excellent pedagogy and move forward. There's a lot of published research about brain physiology. We have a greater understanding of how we learn. We have a greater understanding of how we can teach to facilitate maximum learning outcomes. We're more cognizant of different learning styles.

"Through my own kids, I can see that their brains function differently from my generation. Watching my oldest daughter study, she was talking on the phone, texting, on the computer. She could multitask in ways that I could not.

"Students of this generation are essentially digital natives. They've grown up with technology. We (baby boomers) are digital immigrants. We have to approach teaching with that difference in mind."

Q: What do you see as the primary challenges here?

A: "Decreased funding is a major concern. Students are coming in with more issues, requiring us to provide more support. Balancing all of that while maintaining high standards will be challenging."

Q: What message do you want to send to faculty members?

A: "I like to role model both lifelong learning and risk taking. We want our students to be risk takers in their lives. How we teach them to do that is part of academic freedom. I'm very excited about facilitating the development of a center for teaching and learning. We have an amazing faculty here, but we don't always share out best practices.

"I was in my 15th year of college teaching when I learned something valuable about term papers. I'd

always assigned them based on a lab project. Near the end of the term, I'd get a huge stack of papers. I made lots of notes in the margins and gave them a grade. I was assuming they were reading the comments, but I discovered they were only looking at the grade.

"I learned the value of breaking the assignment into subsets, with sections due every couple of weeks. At the end the product was better, the students enjoyed it more and so did I. Sharing that sort of information can be invaluable in making faculty more effective and helping students learn more."

Q: What do you view as some of the challenges ahead?

A: "We're facing some extraordinarily difficult budgetary times. It's going to cause us to do things very intentionally. We must think about our mission, our program mix, our growth. We'll have to use our best judgment in prioritizing the most mission-critical needs.

"We also have to look for efficiencies. The solar panel field will be an efficiency that will save money and serve as a great reflection of the key tenets of our mission statement.

"Overall, there's no silver bullet here. The Advancement people are challenged to keep the revenue stream coming in while competing with all of the non-profits out there that all have needs.

"We need to be cognizant of the positive and mutual benefits of operating with the corporate world. Corporations and higher education have not always gotten along in the past. Collaborative understanding is a piece of the skill set I bring. I'm interested in working on mutually beneficial corporate partnering. Building upon the institution's spirit of entrepreneurialism, we have an opportunity to explore sound, rational, clearly defined entrepreneurial ventures with the corporate world. It's very exciting."



Toll addresses FGCU faculty and staff at the annual Welcome Back event.

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— Ronald Toll



Bird man of Southwest Florida

Professor lives to learn and teach about the wild things

BY ROGER WILLIAMS

Jerome A. “Jerry” Jackson plunges into his jam-packed office on a quest that would discourage most mortals.

He maneuvers past the whisky bottle shaped like an ivory-billed woodpecker, shipped to him as a token of respect for his acclaimed book, “In Search of the Ivory-Billed Woodpecker.”

He moves past photos of his six children, past books he’s written, stacks of paper, boxes of correspondence and assorted birds’ nests. Past photos he’s shot in Cuban mountains and remote Southern swamps where he’s heard, but never seen, the elusive (and likely extinct) ivory-billed woodpecker.

He even has to slip past boxes of movies used in an undergraduate class, “Issues in Science and Technology,” which explores the science behind big-name films – wolf habits and habitats depicted in “Never Cry Wolf,” for example, or the clown fish and coral reefs from “Finding Nemo.”

Finally he tracks down his quarry, hoisting aloft a chunk of metal and wood, a prize

At right: Jackson prepares a trap to capture birds on the FGCU campus in order to band them.



that bears the inscription: The Margaret Morse Nice Medal for Lifetime Contributions to Ornithology, 2008.

Jackson – an FGCU professor of ecological sciences and former Whitaker Eminent Scholar in Science – won’t say it, but it’s the Oscar of ornithology, one of the most prestigious awards an ornithologist can receive.

Given annually by the Wilson Ornithological Society “to individuals with significant contributions to science and ornithology,” the medal celebrates Jackson’s lifetime of discovery and achievement. In other words, this award is big – unlike his office, which measures about 10 feet by 8 feet. Within this Lilliputian habitat resides a leviathan mind, with a passion for learning and teaching to match.

“He has ambitious plans for what you need to learn, and he doesn’t let up on you,” says Patty Borden, who studied ornithology with him last spring and is now enrolled in his biogeography class. Borden is a student with undergraduate and graduate



Jackson’s photo of a turkey vulture in flight



degrees, returning after years away from academia to gain a contemporary understanding of environmental science.

“Dr. Jackson has a remarkable capacity to invoke a sense of wonder and awe in the natural world,” she says. “He subtly transforms all of the students in our class into stewards of the earth. And his enthusiasm and insatiable curiosity are contagious. At the end of each class, we all wish we could stay for even just a few more moments.”

After 30 years at Mississippi State University, Jackson came to FGCU a decade ago, sharing his enthusiasm with students, while teaching them to approach science devoid of wishful thinking or fantasy.

He demonstrated that approach two years ago, when Cornell University ornithologists introduced a low-quality videotape of a bird they claimed was an ivory-billed woodpecker in an Arkansas forest.

The revelation brought instant acclaim and international excitement, but Jackson, ignoring the potential dip in his own popularity, studied the evidence more skeptically. He concluded that his colleagues likely had mistaken the more common pileated woodpecker for the ivory-billed. (A year earlier, after years of research and serving on the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Ivory-Billed Woodpecker Advisory Committee, Jackson had published a book on the ivory-bill and was considered the expert on the species.)

In a report that gained national and international prominence, he called the faulty sighting, “faith-based ornithology,” which earned him no love at Cornell, he recalls, but garnered the respect of scientists from around the world, who studied the evidence and concurred with Jackson’s conclusions.

That’s not the role he relishes most, he concedes.

“The joy – and yes, I mean real joy – that I find in learning and teaching about the living world comes from student recognition of the tremendous diversity of life,” he says.

He shares that joy for the natural world with radio listeners each weekday at 7:19 a.m. on WGCU-FM, 90.1 on the dial, concluding with his trademark line: “With the Wild Things, I’m Dr. Jerry Jackson.”

FGCU Professor Emeritus William Hammond,



Jackson’s photo of an osprey bringing leaves to line its nest in Bonita Springs

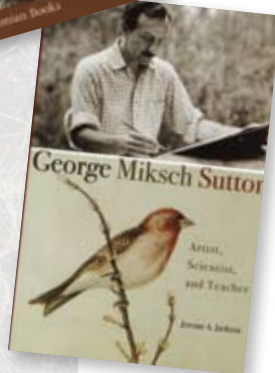
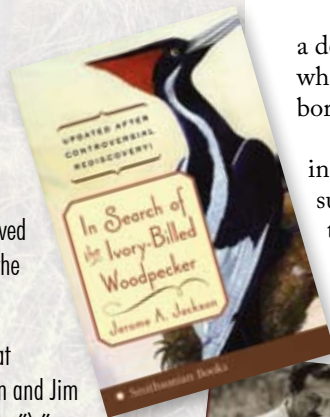
Left and middle: Jerry Jackson Jr. chronicles his father’s search for an ivory-billed woodpecker along the Cache River in eastern Arkansas.



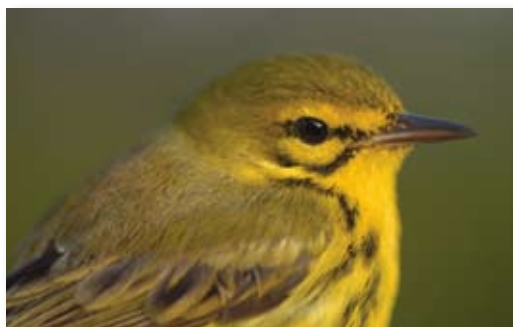
Jackson holds a whimbrel he's caught in the Canadian Arctic while teaching Arctic ecology to high-school students as a volunteer with Global Explorers. His son, Brent, an FGCU senior majoring in environmental studies, took this photo.

Facts of life

- **Born:** Fort Benning, Ga.; raised in Burlington, Iowa
- **Age:** 65
- **Education:** Bachelor of Science, Iowa State University; doctoral degree, University of Kansas
- **Favorite living bird species:** “The red-cockaded woodpecker, because it’s endangered and we had one that lived in our house for 17 years. We found her as a fledgling with broken wings and legs, and had to have a permit to keep her. She became a member of the family, and became the oldest known red-cockaded woodpecker on record.”
- **Favorite non-living bird species:** “I better not say the ivory-billed woodpecker, because I hope they still exist. Maybe it’s the dodo bird, simply because it is so important to conservation today as an icon of extinction. They probably became extinct in about 1600 A.D. It’s the first species of anything known to have become extinct. Prior to the recognition that it was gone, the Catholic church believed God had created everything, and it would exist to the end of time. The idea that humans could cause extinction wasn’t thought possible.”
- **Family:** Dr. Bette Jackson, FGCU chair of biological sciences; six children, six grandchildren
- **Favorite adventure:** “Probably the first time I was in Cuba, 1987. I had been invited there in my capacity as a director of the International Council of Bird Preservation to evaluate the status of conservation in Cuba. For five weeks we had total freedom to go everywhere, and at the end received an engraved invitation to appear on a reviewing stand for the May Day parade with Fidel Castro.”
- **Heroes:** “My wife is my hero, and beyond that maybe (renowned ornithologist) George Sutton and Jim Tanner (author of “The Ivory-Billed Woodpecker”).”
- **Most important thing to do before you die or quit working:** “Who’s going to do either? I want to see my kids grow up and be successful, hold my grandkids on my knee and take them into the field and show them some of the wonderful things in nature.”



Top: A great white heron lands at Key West. Below: A prairie warbler caught and banded at Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary. Jackson took both photos.



a celebrated scholar and teacher in his own right, calls him, “the Godfather of all the wild things. I like just about everything about him. He’s a gifted teacher, a gifted scholar, a gifted parent, a gifted photographer. And he’s world-renowned for his work on woodpeckers.”

If you’re a wild thing, a student or a fellow scientist, you couldn’t have a better champion – unless you’re an invasive species, such as the black spinytail iguana.

An invasive species expert and member of the National Invasive Species Advisory Committee, Jackson studied and helped Lee County officials determine how to rid Gasparilla Island of thousands of the destructive pests, beginning two years ago, encouraging them to take a broader approach than merely trapping or shooting them.

Pointing out that iguanas can lay 80 eggs at a time, have no natural predators here, may carry salmonella and have other unpleasant habits, he rethought the approach to eradication, suggesting that the burgeoning population be attacked in the winter, when it’s most vulnerable.

By closing their nesting burrows and “getting rid of exotic plants that they’re feeding on (especially Brazilian pepper),” he told National Geographic News, “we could exercise a natural control over them, to some extent.”

That’s simply applied science, one of Jackson’s many talents, says Win Everham, professor of environmental studies.

“He really is an eminent scholar,” Everham says. “He has such a deep background, he knows so much, he has written so much, and what I think makes Jerry unique is the fact that he straddles the border between science and the humanities.”

“Some of what he writes is very much for the general public, including some of his books and his radio program – and he’s just such a good writer. It helps all of us other scientists at FGCU to have such a good example of someone who makes all those connections.”

Jackson modestly ascribes that capacity to FGCU itself, which he calls “the most collegial place I’ve ever been.”

Donna Price Henry, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, praises both his scholarship and his teaching, a skill at which many famous scholars fail, she says.

“Jerry is uniquely qualified to fit in here,” she says. “Not only does he bring his eminence and

Books by Jackson

Jackson and two middle-school students from Sun Prairie, Wisc., share a mud bath while exploring the Amazon River about 80 miles downstream from Iquitos, Peru during a Global Explorers trip.

(Jackson is) “the Godfather of all the wild things.”

– FGCU Professor Emeritus William Hammond

world-renowned knowledge of ornithology, but he has this uncanny ability to teach at any level. I’ve seen him reach students who are pre-k, elementary, high school, university or grad students – and he can work so well with other scholars.”

Jackson teaches in the University’s lifelong learning program, the Renaissance Academy. He also accompanies middle-school students from urban settings to the Amazon River basin or the Arctic Circle each summer as part of the international Global Explorers program.

“He is,” says Henry, “what anyone would call a master teacher, with a very strong scholarly expertise.”

Jackson’s zeal for learning and teaching seems imbedded in his DNA.

It’s been that way his entire life, says his oldest son, Jerry Jackson, Jr., photo editor at the Baltimore Sun newspaper.

“Our family trips were always different,” his son says. “We always went to Iowa (where Jackson grew up), but I remember one summer when he was studying cliff swallows or barn swallows, I think. We would stop at almost every bridge on the highway and look for them. So we were always having an adventure and doing stuff nobody else’s kids did. For two Christmases, we volunteered as park rangers on Horn Island (off the Mississippi coast where the family relieved the rangers to give them vacations). One year half our presents went in the drink, trying to make the trip.”

Inevitably, though, the family came back with the gift of greater experience and knowledge, gained by doing something nobody else would do.

Such is Jackson’s approach to life, and one he sees no point in changing.

“I can’t imagine a better life for me,” he says. “Retirement? I’ll never retire. This is too much fun.”

– Roger Williams is a freelance writer based in Alva.



Lutgers Hall opens for business

Lutgers Hall, the much-anticipated home of the Lutgers College of Business, opened its doors this fall. The imposing, four-story building is the first one visitors see as they approach from the University's main entrance, with its sculpture, "Human Race," created by Raymond Lutgers, overlooking a reflecting pool.

Raymond and Beverly Lutgers, after whom the College and the building are named, donated \$5 million, which was matched by the state.

Following their lead, many other individuals and businesses donated generously to make the \$19.4-million, 62,000-square-foot building a reality.

Now all the branches of the College of Business are housed under one roof for the first time.

"One important dimension of the strength of a college of business is to be able to enhance the opportunities for faculty and staff to work together as a cohesive unit," says Richard Pegnetter, dean of the Lutgers College of Business. "The new Lutgers Hall gives our college that opportunity."

The state-of-the-art building serves as a training center for tomorrow's entrepreneurs and business leaders.

Gifts ranged from \$5,000 to \$300,000. Room sponsorships start at \$15,000. Naming opportunities remain. Contact J. Howard Finch at (239) 590-7370 or Linda Lehtomaa at (239) 590-1071 for details.

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Above: Lutgers Hall's imposing profile dominates the main entrance to the campus.

Left: The Wasmer Schroeder & Co., Inc. Trading Room is equipped to help students master portfolio management and trading.



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Above: Donor Raymond Lutgers' sculpture, "Human Race," at sunset.

Left: A night view of Lutgers Hall from its courtyard.



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Everglades Hall welcomes freshmen

The opening of Everglades Hall this fall marked at least two firsts for Florida Gulf Coast University: It's the first five-story building on campus and it's the first building in the South Village, the University's second neighborhood of residence halls.

It adjoins the Fresh Food Company and houses about 400 first-year students.

Accommodations are a mix of suite-style rooms, with two bedrooms sharing a bathroom, as well as some single rooms with private baths. Amenities include a game room, laundry facilities and a computer lab. An energy-saving feature of the construction is the motion-sensitive lighting in the halls and lounges, which shuts lights off when no one is in the area.

The hall is the home of the First Year Residence Experience, a program offered by the Office of Housing and Residence Life to help students make the transition into the University lifestyle.

"The residents have happily settled into this residence hall and are responding positively to the programs aimed at supporting their success as first-year students," says Pam Schreiber, director of University housing. "We are already seeing the development of a strong sense of community among these students."

New dining spot expands campus menu

There's something new cooking at the south end of the Florida Gulf Coast University campus.

Fresh Food Company at SoVi – short for South Village – opened this semester next to Everglades Hall, the new freshman residence hall. Dishes such as basil roma panini, shrimp kabobs and Caribbean pork with orange mojo, add a new dimension to campus dining.

Carl Steinberg, FGCU's coordinator of contract operations, says, "It offers students real variety and allows them to order their food just the way they want it."

Diners pay a set price for all they care to eat.

A deli station serves sandwiches, pizza and panini; a hot entrée station features sautéed dishes; and a vegan station offers a daily special free of animal products. Customers can watch as their food is cooked to order. There are also self-serve salad, breakfast, soft ice cream, baked goods and beverage areas.



Upholstered booths as well as tables and chairs line the perimeter of the dining room, along with strategically positioned televisions. An outdoor dining area should be ready sometime this fall.

Keeping the University's commitment to conservation in mind – as well as that of Aramark, the contractor that runs FGCU's food operations – the Fresh Food Company uses no trays, saving water, detergent and energy as well as reducing waste, Steinberg says.

"Everyone seems to like the variety and the individualized service," Steinberg says.

1. Everglades Hall is the first five-story building on campus.
2. The first group of students moves into Everglades Hall in the new South Village.
3. The new residence hall houses more than 400 first-year students.
4. Students carry in their belongings at the start of the fall semester.
5. Lounges where students can study, watch TV and socialize are among the amenities found in Everglades Hall, along with a computer lab and game room.





Mike Parsons, an FGCU associate professor of marine science, studies microscopic plants collected from the Caloosahatchee River.

Fishing for answers

Marine researchers assess Caloosahatchee's health

BY CHRIS WADSWORTH

Hidden beneath the calm, gently rolling surface of the Caloosahatchee River is a little-known but vitally important spot. Few know it exists beyond a handful of scientists and perhaps some seasoned fishermen with keen eyes and sharp instincts.

Constantly moving upstream and downstream, ebbing and flowing, this mysterious place is actually a mass of salt water, fresh water, microscopic plants and suspended sediment, churning up the waters in what's called the turbidity maximum. It is an incubator of microscopic animals, a nursery for young fishes and it's key to the health of the entire estuarine system connected to Southwest Florida's most vital waterway.

"The seasonal differences are really interesting," says Megan Andresen, a Florida Gulf Coast University graduate student. "You are able to see how the fresh water influences where the sediment is located in the water, where the turbidity maximum is located."

Andresen is part of a unique interdisciplinary research project underway at the University's Coastal Watershed Institute, one that could someday have a significant impact on fish populations in the Caloosahatchee and even the Gulf of Mexico.

The study's official name is a mouthful: "Freshwater Inflow and Estuarine Production

"The goal is to see if we can give water managers an idea of what is best for young fishes."

— Greg Tolley

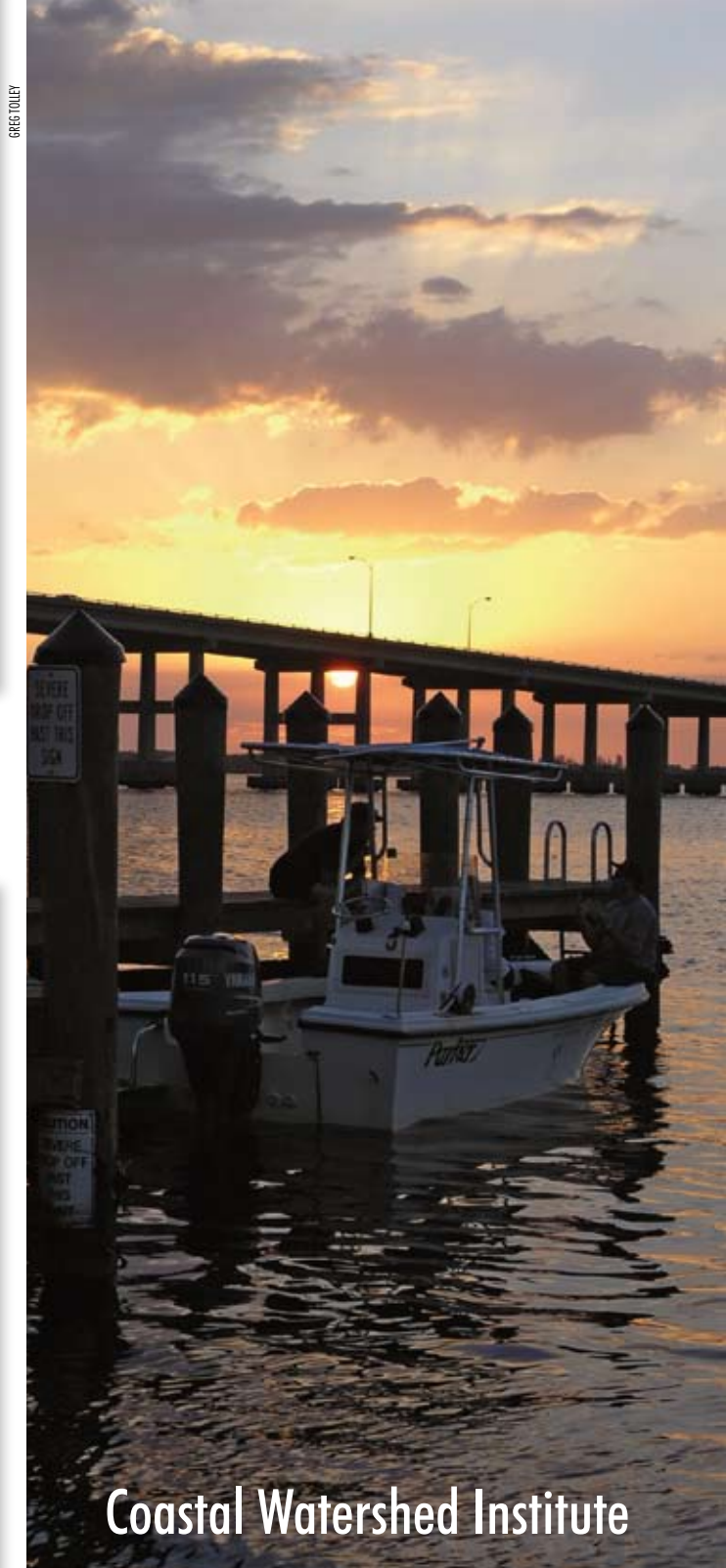


Above: David Fugate, FGCU assistant professor of marine science, and graduate student Megan Andresen unload equipment from a research boat.

Left: Graduate student Brooke Denkert deploys a net to collect larval fishes, shrimp and crabs.



Greg Tolley, FGCU professor of marine science, is the principal investigator for the Caloosahatchee River project.



Coastal Watershed Institute

The Coastal Watershed Institute at Florida Gulf Coast University was created to focus scientific and scholarly attention on the many important watersheds across Southwest Florida, including: Charlotte Harbor including the Peace and Myakka rivers, the Caloosahatchee and Lake Okeechobee, Estero Bay, Corkscrew Swamp, Naples Bay, Rookery Bay, the Ten Thousand Islands, the Everglades and Big Cypress Swamp.

Caloosahatchee River and estuary study participants

From FGCU: **Greg Tolley**, professor of marine science, principal investigator;

Mike Parsons, associate professor of marine science, co-principal investigator;

David Fugate, assistant professor of marine science, co-principal investigator; environmental science graduate students **Brooke Denkert**, **Megan Andresen** and **Marijke Noens**; undergraduate environmental studies student **Travis Brindise**.

From USF: **Ernst Peebles**, research faculty, co-principal investigator; **Scott Burghart**, post-doctoral researcher; marine science graduate students **Greg Ellis** and **Kara Radabaugh**.

in the Caloosahatchee River and Estuary.”

Translated that means a team of scientists and students are studying how seasonal rains and freshwater releases from Lake Okeechobee affect the Caloosahatchee, particularly the river’s important role as a nursery for fishes that will one day populate the estuary and Gulf of Mexico.

“The goal is to see if we can give water managers an idea of what is best for young fishes,” says Greg Tolley, an FGCU professor of marine science and the project’s principal investigator. “What kind of freshwater inflow is best? What levels and timing are good for the nursery function of the river?”

For years now, regional water managers have released fresh water periodically from a dangerously swollen Lake Okeechobee. The problem is that fresh water rushes down the Caloosahatchee and often wreaks havoc downstream. The salt water coming upstream from the gulf gets pushed back. Plants and animals that thrive in a saline environment in the river find their habitat reduced or washed away.

That life-rich turbidity maximum spot is altered, too. The area fills with particles suspended in the water column. Tiny plants known as phytoplankton are also found here. In turn, minute animals – zooplankton – come to feed on the plants. This zooplankton provides food for young

fishes. Larger predators, such as jellyfish, also feed on zooplankton, competing with the young fishes for food.

“The turbidity maximum is a great place for zooplankton to hide. It’s dark so it’s like a refuge,” says David Fugate, an FGCU assistant professor of marine science and a co-investigator on the study. “Juvenile fishes have learned that’s a great place to feed.”

It’s a critical part of the life cycle of the entire estuary and too much fresh water running down the river can throw this cycle into upheaval.

“If any given month was critical for fish development, if we could manage our flows (of fresh water) to compensate for that, it might result in more survivability

(of larval fishes),” says Mike Parsons, an FGCU associate professor of marine sciences and the third investigator on the project.

Picture it as a triangle with each side supporting the others: Tolley focuses on the zooplankton and larval fishes; Parsons studies the phytoplankton and plant life; while Fugate analyzes the sediments in the water.

The three FGCU investigators, along with a team of graduate students and one undergraduate, take measurements and collect samples every month at 14 locations in the Caloosahatchee stretching from the Gulf of Mexico to the Franklin Locks, about 25 miles upstream. A fourth collaborator, Ernst Peebles, a research faculty member at the University of South Florida, and his graduate students also take measurements and help analyze the collected materials.

The team aims to determine how much fresh water is ideal in the river and at what times. If water releases can be timed to minimize their impact, it could lead to a healthier river, which, in turn, could result in more fish, improved sport and commercial fishing and increased tourism.

The project is supported by a Congressional award from the U.S. Department of Education of nearly \$200,000 and \$50,000 from the South Florida Water

Management District.

“FGCU is an integral part of the Southwest Florida community,” says Donna Price Henry, FGCU dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. “Our research in the Caloosahatchee River contributes to the local knowledge, which allows the community to make better decisions as we grow and develop.”

– *Chris Wadsworth is a freelance writer based in Fort Myers.*

Larval fish, shrimp and crabs, known as zooplankton, come into sharp focus under a microscope. These were collected from the Hillsborough River but are representative of those the team expects to find in the Caloosahatchee.



FGCU graduate students Brooke Denkert and Marijke Noens wait for the sun to set before sampling zooplankton and phytoplankton off Sanibel Island.



University of South Florida graduate student Greg Ellis recovers the sampling tripod that carries several instruments that measure organic matter and chlorophyll and collect microscopic plants living on the river bottom.



FGCU graduate student Marijke Noens transfers phytoplankton from a fine-meshed net into a sample jar. These microscopic plants will later be identified under a fluorescence microscope in the laboratory.



The research team heads out at sunset for a night of sampling, carrying all of the electronic instrumentation used for the project.



Black Box Theatre



Scene from "4.48 Psychosis"

"4.48 Psychosis"

Written by Sarah Kane
Directed by Barry Cavin
Nov. 5-9, 12-16

8 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday,
2 p.m. Sunday

\$10 general admission; \$5 FGCU faculty, staff and students
Theatre Lab 590-7199

Sarah Kane's "4.48 Psychosis" probes what we all fear about love and beauty: With great happiness comes the capacity for great suffering. This intense conceptual work blends poetry, humor and stunning visuals to reveal the interior of a person who has experienced the joy of uncontrollable love and is contemplating the value of going on in the aftermath of monumental loss. "4.48 Psychosis" creates an intimate portrait of the darkest thoughts people can consider and most do everything to avoid.

Bower School of Music

Major Ensembles Concert

The University Choir, the String Orchestra and Wind Orchestra
7:30 p.m., Oct. 18
Student Union Ballroom

Ensemble Concert

Wind Orchestra, Rod Chesnutt, conductor, with the Port Charlotte High School Wind Ensemble, Jose Lopez, conductor
7:30 p.m., Oct. 20
Charlotte County Performing Arts Center
701 Carmalita St., Punta Gorda
(941) 637-0459

Opera Workshop

"Suor Angelica" by Giacomo Puccini
FGCU Opera Workshop, Jeanie Darnell, director
7:30 p.m., Oct. 21
The Moorings Presbyterian Church
791 Harbour Drive, Naples
(239) 261-1487



Michael Baron



Debra Hess

Faculty Recital: Works for Piano and Organ

Michael Baron, piano,
Debra Hess, organ
7:30 p.m., Nov. 4
First Presbyterian Church of Bonita
9751 Bonita Beach Rd SE, Bonita Springs

Instrumental Chamber Ensembles Recital

7:30 p.m., Nov. 11
Student Union Ballroom

Holiday Concert

The University Choir and Chamber Singers, Nancy Cobb Lippens, conductor; The String, Wind & Symphony Orchestras, Rod Chesnutt, conductor
7:30 p.m., Dec. 4
Student Union Ballroom

Art Exhibits

Able Artists

In cooperation with Adaptive Services for National Disabilities Month
Oct. 2-Nov. 25
Library Gallery

GARDENFresh Gallery Artists

Oct. 30-Dec. 13
Opening reception: 5-8 p.m. Oct. 30
Main Gallery

Eighth annual Pottery Sale/Empty Bowls Lunch

Dec. 5
Noon-7 p.m.; lunch from 11:30 a.m. until gone
Arts Complex

Finals: Senior Project Exhibition

Dec. 5-17
Opening reception: 5-7 p.m., Dec. 5
Library Gallery

Mary Ellen Croteau: Artist and Agitator

Jan. 8-Feb. 7, 2009
Opening reception: 5-8 p.m., Jan. 8
Gallery talk by the artist: 6:30 p.m., Jan. 8
Main Gallery

Human Trafficking: An Honors Program Exhibition

Jan. 9-16, 2009
Opening reception: 5-8 p.m., Jan. 9
Library Gallery



Mary Ellen Croteau's "Bag World" installation will be on view in the main gallery in January.

Sowing Seeds of Success

Small Business Development Center nurtures entrepreneurs

BY JILL BELCHER

College students aren't the only ones who benefit from the collective expertise amassed at Florida Gulf Coast University. The Small Business Development Center's mission is to nurture owners of small businesses throughout Southwest Florida.

With its primary office in FGCU's Lutgert Hall, the SBDC has a dozen partner locations throughout Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry, and Lee counties through which it offers an array of programs and services aimed at helping businesses start, grow and thrive.

The Center opened under FGCU's auspices in January 1997, says Dan Regelski, SBDC director. Back then it had a staff of two; today it's grown to 13.

The program provides counseling, training and technical assistance in all aspects of small business management. Nine business analysts bring wide-ranging expertise in fields such as financing, loans, marketing, manufacturing and government procurement.

The one-on-one counseling the Center offers is free and confidential. There's a nominal fee for some seminars.

Jose Avila, president of Lite Oak Landscaping in Fort Myers, says the Center's assistance has proven invaluable.

Avila has been working with the SBDC since 2003, when a staff member helped him become certified as a Minority Business Enterprise.

"The certification process was quite intensive, but (SBDC Disadvantaged

Business Enterprise assistant) Millie Class was there to simplify the process," he says. "Without her I would have been lost."

Other staff members taught him the basics of contracting, networking and working with government entities.

"They are the most professional, knowledgeable people I have ever met," he says. "They are always there to help in every way possible."

The SBDC is funded in part through a grant from the U.S. Small Business Administration. FGCU's Lutgert College of Business matches that amount. Additional operating funds come from contract grants with Lee County, the City of Cape Coral and the Southwest Florida Workforce Development Board.

"We often receive comments from our small business clients that they couldn't afford this type of counseling and consider it a blessing to have this community resource available without charge," says Suzanne Specht, SBDC assistant director.

Many people attend SBDC seminars on topics such as finding and retaining employees, writing a business plan, how to obtain a business loan and how to run a business in a soft economy. The Center's staff also assists in crafting individual business plans and plays a vital role in helping clients obtain loans.

"Financial education is usually a dominant element for small business owners to be considered for a small business loan," says Regelski.

One mark of the Center's effectiveness is the recognition it's received through the Florida Small Business Development Center Network, which annually names a top counselor from throughout the state. Counselors from the FGCU Center have won that honor three times in the past five years.

This year's recipient was Julio



Fredrica Cosper of the Florida Department of Revenue, and Patty Prezzavento of Synthetic Intelligence, network at the SBDC Grits, Eggs and Business gathering.

Estremiera, a certified business analyst, who translated most of the Center's materials into Spanish, providing access to Spanish speakers seeking business advice.

University faculty and students also participate in programs such as the SBDC Student Projects' Program, through which FGCU students receive class credit for providing analyses of business, financial and marketing plans for small businesses.

The Center also sponsors four annual events: the Entrepreneur's Law School, a day-long seminar in which attorneys explain the legal aspects of starting and running a business; Grits, Eggs and Business,

which connects small business owners with various resources available locally; Girls Going Places, co-sponsored by Alliance Financial Group, helps girls ages 12 through 18 years increase their financial knowledge and independence; and Junior Achievement CEO Academy, a week-long entrepreneurship-training program that teaches business and life skills to high-school students.

The Center also devotes time and attention to measuring and improving its impact.

The SBDC sends clients an annual survey, then uses the results to tailor offerings to each community. It also allows the Center to track its impact in each area.

"The results from our yearly survey confirm the sales growth, employee growth and continued new business startups, which is an indicator of our success, one person at a time," says Regelski.

Measuring impact

The SBDC estimates that in 2007, it helped clients open 70 businesses and assisted in creating and retaining 477 jobs.

For details

Contact SBDC at (239) 745-3700, or on the Web at <http://cli.fgcu.edu/sbdc>.

Just for 1 girls

Program sparks love of science in middle schoolers

BY KAREN FELDMAN

Middle school is that critical time when girls start their journey to womanhood. “That’s the age when they get turned off to science,” says JoAnn Wilson, an FGCU biology professor. “That’s the age when you want to capture and engage them.”

She and Terry Dubetz, an FGCU associate professor of chemistry, figured out a novel way to do that: They created GEMS – Girls in Engineering, Math & Science.

The program exposes pre-teen girls to the joys and challenges of subjects such as marine and environmental science, chemistry, biology, engineering, medicine, veterinary sciences, forensics and biotechnology.

“We kept seeing studies about young girls not being encouraged to go into science, that it was not considered cool,” says Wilson. “Whether intentionally or not, girls were pushed toward other careers. We wanted to provide hands-on activities that showed them that science is cool, that it’s something girls can do as well as boys.”

They sought seed money for a one-day program and landed grants right away. American Honda Foundation and the Foundation of Collier County Women’s Fund provided the money they needed to begin offering the program free of charge.

Middle-school girls come to the FGCU campus and spend the day immersed in science-related activities under the guidance and encouragement of FGCU female professors and students.

“The middle-school girls think it’s so cool because these are college girls,” Wilson says. “It’s been a wonderful experience on both sides and for us it’s absolutely thrilling to watch women of all ages come together who are dedicated to science.”

The single-day sessions proved so popular that Wilson and Dubetz organized a week-long program last summer. Over the course of five days, the girls learned how to take a pulse and monitor blood pressure, perform DNA extraction, see how water filtration works, how to build a wall and determine its strength, examine a real human skeleton and analyze fingerprints. They also dissected rats.

Rats?

“They loved it,” says Wilson.

That was clear during the lab as groups of girls, each with an FGCU student mentor, probed the inner recesses of their preserved rodents. Holding the rats in



Pelican Marsh Middle School students Gabriella Manuszak, left, and Mara Coolidge dissect a rat while FGCU senior Vedanta Malhoe checks their progress during a GEMS biology lab.



Middle-school students dissect a rat during this summer’s Girls in Engineering, Math and Science program. From left: Shelby Kruse, Three Oaks Middle School; Myra Adu-Sarkodie, Tiffany Zutten and Heather Zutten, all from Caloosa Middle School.

gloved hands, they carefully removed various parts.

“Who wants to see a rat brain?” asks Shelby Kruse, a Three Oaks Middle School student. Her lab partners – Caloosa Middle students Myra Adu-Sarkodie, Tiffany Zutten and Heather Zutten – huddled close to scrutinize the tiny organ.

Olivia David, who attends University Lakes Middle School, isn’t sure yet what she wants to do when she grows up but she’s given it some thought.

“I got a letter about GEMS and thought it would be interesting,” she says. “Maybe I’ll be a science teacher someday. This might help me decide.”

Myra’s mother, Heather Adu-Sarkodie, has long had a love for science and became a dentist as a result. She’s glad to see her daughter take an interest, too.

“I think she’s interested in becoming a vet at this point, although it’s not etched in stone,” she says. “I encourage her to do whatever she can in science.”

Adu-Sarkodie, who lives in Cape Coral, believes the summer program produced a number of worthwhile outcomes.

“She was thinking clearly about the scientific approach, about how to get a project done and how to work in groups,” she says. “I think she’d do it again. One week was good, but two would be even better.”

One of the measures of the program’s success is that girls who first attended the program as sixth graders in 2006 are still returning as eighth graders this year.

“They love the things they have done and suggested other areas they’d like to explore. I think we’ve sold them on it,” Wilson says.

It’s not just the middle-school girls who have reaped rewards. The FGCU students have learned a few things, too.

FGCU seniors Ashley Ernst and Enas Okab both participated in the summer program.

Ernst, a biology major with minors in chemistry and humanities, took part because “I wanted to make a difference in young girls’ lives. I know that when I was their age I was not that interested in science.” She’d like to help younger girls discover that interest earlier.

As for what she got out of the program: “It has been an amazing experience for me. I have learned a lot about the girls and also learned about fields of science that I was not even aware of.”

Getting to know the professors better was a plus, too.

“I will continue to participate until I’m not able to,” she says.

Okab, a biology major with a minor in chemistry, admits to being reluctant when Dubetz suggested she sign on.

“To be honest, I first joined GEMS to make some extra cash and thought the activity would be a nice addition to my resume,” she says. “But after this summer’s experience I will still participate this

fall even if it was free! I worked hard to be at my best because I wanted the girls to see me as a role model, to believe that they can become scientists one day. I really look forward to this fall’s GEMS.”

That, says Wilson, is a big bonus of the program.

“We love for our FGCU girls to have the experience,” she says. “They’ll remember it all of their lives. No matter how far along in life you go, someone’s helped you out. I always say ‘keep reaching back and help someone else along.’”

Learn more

A day-long GEMS academy is set for Nov. 8 with two more planned for the spring. For more information, contact the program at gems@fgcu.edu.



Pine Ridge Middle School student Valerie Damasini, left, watches as Carissa Villaneuva, of Trafalgar Middle School, measures her blood pressure. FGCU student Elena Rodriguez, center, helps guide them through the process during a GEMS session.



Brittany Bertilson, '06

Position: Head coach, women's golf

Lives in: Fort Myers

Hometown: Austin, Minn.

Goal at FGCU: To be a top-ranked Division I women's golf program, and a top contender in the Atlantic Sun Conference.

Motto to live by: "Practice every chance you get, play and practice the same as you would in competition. Try to remember that one bad shot doesn't determine the entire round."



Dave Napier Nichols

Position: Head coach, women's volleyball

Lives in: Cooper City

Hometown: Pacific Palisades, Calif.

Goal at FGCU: Establish FGCU volleyball as a legitimate top-25 program and, ultimately, win the NCAA championship.

Motto to live by: "Life is short. Enjoy the moment."



Jennifer Gabou

Position: Head coach, women's tennis/assistant academic adviser

Lives in: Estero

Hometown: Bradenton

Goal at FGCU: To provide an environment for young women to grow and reach their full potential both on the court and in the classroom. Results wise, we would like to have a winning season.

Motto to live by: "My father always had two rules for us growing up when I was training in tennis: 'Try hard and have fun.'"



Heather Hagerman

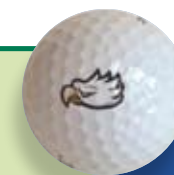
Position: Assistant coach, women's golf

Lives in: Estero

Hometown: New Port Richey

Goal at FGCU: It has been an honor to play the last four years for the team and to now be able to coach. I am very passionate about golf and love to instill that in the players.

Motto to live by: "Life's a garden. Dig it!"



Cassandra Goodson

Position: Head coach, men's and women's cross country

Lives in: Fort Myers

Hometown: Chatsworth, Calif.

Goal at FGCU: To have the cross country team be one of the top in the Atlantic Sun Conference.

Motto to live by: "Champions do not become champions when they win the event, but in the hours, weeks, months and years they spend preparing for it. After all, the desire to win is useless without the desire to prepare."



Brent Michael Jensen

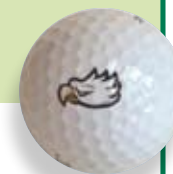
Position: Assistant coach, men's golf

Lives in: Fort Myers

Hometown: Chicago

Goal at FGCU: Win a national title.

Motto to live by: "Practice with a purpose and improve in your craft and as a person every day."





J. Paige Jones

Position: Assistant coach, softball

Lives in: Fort Myers

Hometown: Birmingham, Ala.

Goal at FGCU: To help the FGCU softball program continue its success in Division I and eventually help the program make its first regional appearance.

Motto to live by: As Thoreau said: "Go confidently in the direction of your dreams, live the life you've imagined."



Leo Paul Miller

Position: Assistant coach, men's basketball

Lives in: St. James City

Hometown: Born in Worcester, Mass.; lived in Orleans, Mass.

Goal at FGCU: To help the men's basketball program be the best it can be.

Motto to live by: "Make each day your masterpiece."



Fernanda Nelson

Position: Assistant coach, women's volleyball

Lives in: Estero

Hometown: Sao Paulo, Brazil

Goal at FGCU: Take this program to the next level and work really hard with the student athletes on and off the volleyball court to make them well rounded and productive.

Motto to live by: "Work hard. Where you start is not as important as where you finish."



EAGLES SET TO SOAR

Teams have high hopes for second year in Division I

BY MATT FAIRCHILD AND
JAKE PERKINS

Florida Gulf Coast University's Eagles flew high and proud during their first year in the Division I Atlantic Sun Conference.

"We surprised a lot of people last year and now there will be a lot of teams in this conference aiming for us," says Athletic Director Carl McAloose. "That presents a great challenge, but one that we thrive on and look forward to."

The success that FGCU Athletics enjoyed was unprecedented for a first year Division I program.

It began in the fall with the volleyball team capturing the A-Sun championship. The fledgling men's and women's soccer teams finished in the top half of the league in their first year of play.

The other new team, women's swimming and diving, took second place at the Coastal Collegiate Swim Association Conference Championships and was the top ranked A-Sun team in the field.

The Eagles basketball teams made their marks, too. The men played on national television for the first time, and took on teams such as Iowa, Butler, DePaul and Marquette.

Meanwhile, the Lady Eagles made hoops history of their own. One year after placing second nationally in their final Division II season, they finished in second place in the conference. That won them a berth in the Women's National Invitational Tournament. They hosted and won the first round against the University of South Florida, becoming the first program to win a WNIT game in the first year of Division I play and the first current member of the A-Sun to win a post-season basketball game. Although they subsequently lost to the University of Florida Gators on the road, they fought hard and made the Gators work for their win.

The spring season saw the FGCU baseball and

softball teams capture A-Sun titles, giving FGCU three conference championships (tied for the league lead) in its first year of competition.

Excitement surrounding Eagle athletic programs continues to build this year with the volleyball team named by the conference as the pre-season favorite to repeat as champion. Both soccer teams started the year off strong, too. Here's a look at how the teams fared so far this season and what's ahead:

VOLLEYBALL

As of Oct. 6, the Eagle volleyball team was off to a 7-1 start in conference play (8-6 overall). The Eagles took care of Stetson and Campbell at home and then swept through Mercer and Kennesaw State on the road to start league play. The pre-season favorites to defend as champions were rounding into form at the perfect time after starting off 1-5 in non-conference play. That record was deceiving, though, as the Eagles played a very tough early schedule out of the league and did so minus some key players. As planned, the challenging schedule seemed to prepare the Eagles to make a run at defending their conference championship the rest of the way.

"I am very pleased with how we have played



Top: Roberta Santos
Above: Katherine Correllus



Manuel Gonzalez



Volleyball players celebrate victory with Coach Dave Nichols.

this year,” says volleyball coach Dave Nichols. “We have thrown a lot of new stuff at the team and they have picked it up very well.

“We still have some areas to improve on, but the team has done a tremendous job picking up the new systems that we have installed. They are a very hard-working group and are trying to get better. If we keep on improving, I like our chances at winning our second straight Atlantic Sun championship.”

MEN’S SOCCER

The very young Eagle men’s soccer team prepared for the start of conference play in 2008 by holding its own against some opponents with name recognition. The Eagles hung tough in a 2-1 loss to defending national runner-up Ohio State then upset Penn State. Losses to Syracuse, Seattle and Holy Cross were followed by a big home win over Fairfield. The youthful Eagles were at 2-7-1 overall (0-2 in conference play) as of Oct. 6.

“So far I am pleased with the progress and development of our young team,” says men’s soccer coach Bob Butehorn. “Our non-conference schedule, which

included teams from the Big Ten, Big East and the Patriot League conferences, has prepared us well for A-Sun Conference play. We are excited by the potential of our program and have high expectations” for conference games.

WOMEN’S SOCCER

The Eagle women’s soccer team raced out to a 6-2-2 start to the 2008 season. The team battled to a 1-1 draw in the conference opener against the Kennesaw State Owls. The 6-2-2 start saw the Eagles take care of FIU, Indiana State, Wingate, former A-Sun member Gardner-Webb, and Howard, with draws against Kennesaw State and Mercer.

“I can’t begin to say how proud I am of our team,” says women’s soccer coach Jim Blankenship. “Sometimes I almost have to stop and pinch myself to remind me that we are just a second-year program. We are coming along nicely as a team and I feel that we are much further along than I thought we would be at this point when we started the program.”

WOMEN’S SWIMMING AND DIVING

The FGCU swimming and diving team kicked off its season at the FGCU Aquatics Center with the second annual Blue-Green Scrimmage. The team then headed to Florida Atlantic, where it

Kayley McMillan



JASON F. SMITH

beat FAU but lost to Georgia Tech in a tough non-conference meet. The team is scheduled to follow that with even tougher opponents when it takes on the Hurricanes and Florida State in Miami in another tri-meet.

At press time, conference action was scheduled to start at the FGCU Aquatics Center on Oct. 18 vs. Campbell University. The Eagles took second place in the inaugural CCSA Swimming Championships last year. They finished as the top A-Sun team in the CCSA Championships, but fell just 26 points shy to Davidson College.

“I feel we have some great sophomores who can be awesome team leaders for this year and years to come,” says Neal Studd, the team’s coach. “The incoming class of 14 freshmen and two transfers is outstanding. I can’t wait to get to work with them. They have had terrific summers with their club programs and are ready to challenge for a conference championship.”



Above: Alessandra Cianci
Left: Taylor Sullivan

WALT WINDERTON

JIM DOSTIE



Delvin Franklin

JASON F. SMITH



Chad Lutkenhaus

JASON F. SMITH

MEN’S BASKETBALL

The Eagles lost four starters and 11 of 13 players from last year’s roster. Gone are nine of the top 10 scorers from a year ago, leaving senior sharp-shooter Delvin Franklin as the only returning starter.

Two freshmen and a junior college transfer will compete for the starting point guard spot vacated by Rob Quaintance, who led the league in assists and steals while also finishing among the leaders in minutes played. The new trio consists of Reggie Chambers, a guard who helped Miami Pace reach a state championship during his senior year; Addison Smith, a freshman from Santaluces Community High in Lantana who led his team to a district championship; and Ben Vega, a transfer student from Gulf Coast Community College who was named second team All-Conference in the Panhandle League.

Joining the team this year is redshirt sophomore Reed Baker, a transfer from the University of Michigan. Baker was a prep standout at Bishop Verot High School in Fort Myers before heading to Michigan. He appeared in 28 games for the 22-13 Wolverines during his freshman season.

In addition to its revamped roster, FGCU has assembled another difficult schedule as the team starts the season by facing three-time national champion University of Kansas on Nov. 18.

The Eagles will also play the Florida Gators in Gainesville on Dec. 10.

They open at home against North Carolina Central before hosting the final

three rounds of the CBE Classic.

Also on this year’s lineup are games against Florida Atlantic, Stetson, Butler and Michigan. The team’s Jan. 23 game against the University of North Florida will be televised

by Comcast Sports South as the A-Sun game of the week. The games against Kansas (Nov. 18) and Florida (Dec. 10) will also be televised.

“I don’t know if I’ve ever been as excited about a team’s work ethic as I am with this one,” says men’s basketball coach Dave Balza. “Will we be young and inexperienced? Certainly. Will there be a learning curve? Without a doubt. This group, though, has demonstrated a tremendous willingness to work and to listen. If that continues, the sky is the limit for how much we can accomplish as a team.”

WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

The Eagles look to continue the success they enjoyed last year. The team will have to accomplish that without its four starters and nine of 13 players from last year’s roster. Gone are four of the top five scorers, leaving junior Adrienne McNally as the only returning starter.

Despite the changes, the Eagles are optimistic about continuing their success in Atlantic Sun.

“This is a very challenging schedule,” says head coach Karl Smesko. “We are going to learn a great deal about ourselves, because this schedule will definitely be a test for us. Hopefully we will be ready.”

The Eagles’ home schedule consists of 15 regular-season games, including non-conference contests against Florida and UC-Santa Clara. The Eagles will not host any tournaments this season, after

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Top: Shannon Murphy
Above: Adrienne McNally

hosting two during the ’07-’08 season, but will participate in the University of North Carolina Greensboro Marriott Classic in Greensboro, N.C. The regular season begins with a home game against Florida on Nov. 14. The Gators defeated the Eagles 60-55 in the second round of the WNIT. The Eagles then head to Tallahassee to take on the Florida State Seminoles on Nov. 16.

The team will also face UC-Santa Clara, UNC Greensboro, Stetson, University of Central Florida and Cornell, as well as A-Sun competitors.

Sports Calendar

Friday Oct. 17
Men's Soccer vs. UNF*
5 p.m., FGCU Soccer Complex

Women's Soccer vs. Lipscomb*
7 p.m., FGCU Soccer Complex

Saturday, Oct. 18
Swimming and Diving vs. Campbell
11 a.m., Aquatics Center

Volleyball vs. Belmont*
3 p.m., Alico Arena

Sunday, Oct. 19
Women's Soccer vs. Belmont*
Noon, FGCU Soccer Complex

Volleyball vs. Lipscomb*
1 p.m., Alico Arena

Men's Soccer vs. Jacksonville*
2 p.m., FGCU Soccer Complex

Thursday, Oct. 23
FGCU 08-09 Basketball Sneak Peek
7 p.m., Alico Arena

Saturday, Oct. 25
Swimming and Diving vs. Florida International
11 a.m., Aquatics Center

Friday, Oct. 31
Men's Soccer vs. ETSU*
7 p.m., FGCU Soccer Complex

Volleyball vs. Kennesaw State*
7:30 p.m., Alico Arena

Saturday, Nov. 1
Volleyball vs. Mercer*
3 p.m., Alico Arena

Women's Soccer vs. Stetson*
5 p.m., FGCU Soccer Complex

Sunday, Nov. 2
Men's Soccer vs. USC Upstate*
1 p.m., FGCU Soccer Complex

Wednesday, Nov. 5
Men's Basketball vs. Ave Maria (Exhibition)
7 p.m., Alico Arena

Saturday, Nov. 8
Men's Soccer vs. Florida Atlantic
7 p.m., FGCU Soccer Complex

Tuesday, Nov. 11
Volleyball vs. Florida International
7 p.m., Alico Arena

Friday, Nov. 14
Women's Basketball vs. Florida
7 p.m., Alico Arena

Thursday, Nov. 20
Men's Basketball vs. UNC Central
7 p.m., Alico Arena

Saturday, Nov. 22
Swimming and Diving vs. Florida Atlantic & Tampa
12 p.m., Aquatics Center

Monday, Nov. 24
Men's Basketball vs. TBA – CBE Classic
7 p.m., Alico Arena

Tuesday, Nov. 25
Men's Basketball vs. TBA – CBE Classic
7 p.m., Alico Arena

Wednesday, Nov. 26
Women's Basketball vs. UC – Santa Clara
3 p.m., Alico Arena

Men's Basketball vs. TBA – CBE Classic
7 p.m., Alico Arena

Monday, Dec. 1
Men's Basketball vs. Florida Atlantic
7 p.m., Alico Arena

Sunday, Dec. 7
Women's Basketball vs. Central Florida
2 p.m., Alico Arena

Saturday, Dec. 13
Basketball vs. Campbell*(DH)
1 and 3:15 p.m., Alico Arena

Tuesday, Dec. 30
Basketball vs. Cornell/Airy (DH)
5 and 7 p.m., Alico Arena

*A-Sun Conference Game



Cheyenne Jenks

JASON P. SMITH



Caytlan MacKenzie



Jonathon Koshko



Margie Chamberlin



Adrienne McNally

DEVELOPMENT

BB&T funds free enterprise professorship, community programs and lecture series

Helping students understand the moral underpinnings of a capitalist society is the primary goal of the new BB&T Distinguished Professorship in Free Enterprise at Florida Gulf Coast University's Lutgert College of Business.

The bank has committed \$600,000, which qualifies for a 50 percent match from the state, bringing the total value of the gift to \$900,000.

"The establishment of the BB&T Distinguished Professorship in Free Enterprise will provide a critical foundation for the Lutgert College of Business to enhance public understanding and creative initiatives that address capitalism and the importance of private incentives in economic growth and development," says Richard Pegnetter, dean of the Lutgert College of Business.

The BB&T Distinguished Professor in Free Enterprise will teach a new course for business majors that examines the philosophical basis for free market economics and the connection between capitalism and economic well being. The professor will be available for public speaking engagements and will develop a book club that focuses on free enterprise.

FGCU will also create an annual lecture series aimed at bringing in prominent thinkers of national status to further explore the concepts of free enterprise capitalism.

"We hope this program will create a long-term partnership between BB&T and FGCU, and show our commitment to this

community," says Susan Maurer, BB&T senior vice president, area executive. "This program will also be a great opportunity for the University's scholars to encourage thorough discussions of the moral foundations of capitalism."

BB&T is a full-service financial institution based in Winston-Salem, N.C., with 1,500 locations in 11 states and Washington, D.C.

"One of BB&T's missions is to make the communities in which we work and live better places," Maurer says. "Supporting education is one way to do that. FGCU was an obvious choice as a partner. The addition of Lutgert Hall shows the University's commitment to our community, as will our contribution to this fine program."



William Klich, BB&T state president, speaks about the company's support for FGCU.



From left: Susan Maurer, BB&T senior vice president, area executive; FGCU President Wilson G. Bradshaw; Richard Pegnetter, FGCU dean of Lutgert College of Business; and William Klich, BB&T state president

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— Susan Maurer

Estero Bay Chevrolet gets Athletic Department rolling

Estero Bay Chevrolet has provided seven cars to the Athletic Department for the next two years.

Athletic coaches use the cars in the performance of their duties including recruiting student athletes, scouting, speaking engagements and sometimes traveling to games.

Estero Bay Chevrolet partners Charles Winton and Pat Denson and FGCU Athletic Director Carl McAloose think the new relationship is a winner.

"FGCU Athletics is very excited about our new partnership with Charles Winton and Estero Bay Chevrolet," says McAloose. "Because of the location and the cooperation of the personnel at Estero Bay

Chevrolet, we believe this will be a very beneficial relationship for both of us. The combination of two outstanding products – Chevy and FGCU Athletics – should prove to be a winning team. We look forward to a long-lasting partnership with them."

Of the dealership's gift, Winton says, "My partner, Pat Denson, and I have children in school and realize the importance of access to the University in our community. Since becoming part of the FGCU family, I felt it was a good way to show my commitment to the University. General Motors and Chevrolet have always been committed to college athletics. Part of our mission statement includes being an active and productive member of our community."



From left, Pat Denson, FGCU Athletic Director Carl McAloose and Charles Winton have teamed up to provide transportation for University coaches.

Chico's honors former CFO with scholarship fund

For almost two decades, Charlie Kleman played a pivotal role at Chico's FAS, helping the little Sanibel-based family business expand into a national company with three brands and more than a thousand stores.

So when he retired from the company earlier this year, it was a fitting tribute that Chico's established a scholarship endowed fund at Florida Gulf Coast University in his honor. The company gave \$200,000, which will be matched with \$100,000 by the state of Florida.

Awards from the Charlie Kleman Scholarship Fund will go to degree-seeking undergraduates who graduated from a Lee County school or college, who are majoring in accounting, finance or business, have demonstrated community service and are in



Charlie Kleman

good standing academically.

"Chico's very generous gift in support of accounting, finance and business majors demonstrates the fundamental core of this successful company," says FGCU President Wilson G. Bradshaw. "We applaud the company for this positive, productive decision that not only recognizes Charlie for his exceptional financial leadership, but also will result in a future workforce with like knowledge and values."

The scholarship will generate funds in perpetuity. Each year, about \$15,000 will be awarded to deserving students.

Scott A. Edmonds, Chico's chairman, president and CEO, says, "Charlie Kleman is one in a million. We will always be grateful for his commitment and dedication to Chico's success."

Children, accountants unite to fund scholarship

A partnership between the family and associates of Arthur W. Tunnell, Jr. has resulted in the establishment of a scholarship endowed fund for accounting students.

Tunnell was a lifelong certified public accountant who lived in Fort Myers with his wife, Amelia, from 1975 until his death in 2005.

After he died, his longtime CPA, Steven "Rusty" Whitley, worked with his daughter, Margaret Tunnell, to settle the estate.

"When we completed that, she offered to make a donation in my name to a charity of my choice for my assistance to her father over the years," says Whitley, of Wiltshire, Whitley, Richardson & English.

Whitley had been thinking about establishing an accounting scholarship at FGCU. He pledged money to get it started and Arthur Tunnell's three children – Margaret, Arthur W. Tunnell III and Louise Tunnell – agreed to continue funding it until its value reaches \$10,000, when it becomes an endowed fund.

"It was a really nice gesture on their part," says Whitley. "FGCU gets a scholarship and Wiltshire, Whitley, Richardson and English gets additional opportunities to interface with accounting students at FGCU."

Tunnell's family is happy, too.

"It was a fabulous idea," says Margaret Tunnell. "My dad would have been very honored to have Rusty suggest it and get it started and he'd be pleased that his children supported it as well."



Golf management student honors friend's memory

FGCU junior Jason Howard established a scholarship fund in honor of his friend and fellow FGCU student Andrew McGillen, who died in 2006, when the two were in a car accident. Both were in the professional golf management program. The Andrew McGillen Memorial Scholarship Endowed Fund will benefit students in the professional golf management program who come from out of state, have at least a 3.0 GPA and plan to become golf professionals. From left: Michelle Yovanovich, FGCU dean of Student Affairs; Jason Howard; FGCU President Wilson G. Bradshaw; and Steve Eisenberg, FGCU director of golf management.

License plates aid University



FGCU license plates help the University raise money and awareness, while spreading a positive message and helping with student recruitment. The University receives \$25 with the sale of each plate, money that helps provide vitally needed scholarships for FGCU students. For details, contact the FGCU Foundation at (239) 590-1072.



President's brunch honors planned giving

Members of the Covenant Society and Heritage Society who have included Florida Gulf Coast University in their estate plans attended the President's Planned Giving brunch in August. From left: Bedford and Fay Biles, Dick and Sue Ackert, Joan and Bill Attridge, Betty and Amal Das, Shirley Gerstenberger and Bob Shrader, George and Rebecca Fogg, and Jo Anna Bradshaw and FGCU President Wilson G. Bradshaw.



CPA institute supports accounting program

The Southwest Chapter of the Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants donated \$5,576 to FGCU to support the University's accounting programs and student scholarships. FICPA is a professional organization that promotes integrity, competency and ethics among Florida's CPAs. From left: Jack Eisenga, president of the Southwest Chapter of FICPA; Richard Pegnetter, dean of the Lutgert College of Business; Ara Volkan, chairman of the FGCU department of accounting and finance; and Mitchell Dannenberg, of LTCI Marketplace.



Alumnae pay tribute to mother with scholarship

Linda Guerrine ('06, Business Management, '08, MBA), FGCU director of annual giving, along with her sister, Charmaine ('08, Elementary Education), father Terry Guerrine and friends and colleagues, have established a scholarship endowed fund to honor Linda's and Charmaine's late mother. The \$10,000 Diana Nerestant Memorial Scholarship Fund will award scholarships to degree-seeking students with preference given to students of Haitian descent and whose mothers are deceased. From left: Linda Guerrine, FGCU President Wilson G. Bradshaw; Charmaine Guerrine and Terry Guerrine.



FGCU President and wife establish scholarship

FGCU President Wilson G. Bradshaw and his wife, Jo Anna, have established a \$10,000 scholarship endowed fund that will generate a \$500 scholarship each year to be awarded to a full-time, degree-seeking FGCU junior or senior in good academic standing who has demonstrated extraordinary civic engagement. "We hope that in some manner, this scholarship will make the promise of a college education a reality for future students attending our fine University," Bradshaw said.



Nelson Marine donates boat lifts

The FGCU Norm and Nancy Vester Marine and Environmental Science Research Field Station in Bonita Springs now has two solar-powered boat lifts thanks to Ben Nelson Jr., president of Nelson Marine Construction Company. "I am very proud of the Vesters, the faculty and students at FGCU and especially proud to have this wonderful facility in Bonita Springs. It is an honor for me to have a chance to be a small part of it." The gift has a retail value of more than \$15,000. From left: Lori Nelson, Ben Nelson Jr. and FGCU President Wilson G. Bradshaw.

Couple who championed education leave legacy

Marlin and Alice Perry believed in education, and devoted a great deal of their passion to learning and helping others do so, too. In death, they have enabled countless more aspiring students to reap its benefits through an estate gift to Florida Gulf Coast University valued at more than \$241,000.



Marlin Perry

Alice Perry

The state will provide a \$120,000 match, making the gift worth \$361,000.

The couple spent the last five of their more than 50 years together living in Wildcat Run in Estero.

"From the time FGCU arrived in Estero, both Marlin and Alice were extremely excited about what it meant for the community," says their niece, Susan Perry.

Marlin Perry was born in Wakefield, Kan., spending much of his youth on the family farm in central Illinois until the family moved to New York during the Great Depression. He completed his high school and college educations at night, working during the day to support his family.

He enlisted in the Army during World War II, retiring at the rank of first lieutenant and with a multitude of honors, including

the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star.

When he was seriously wounded, he landed in a military hospital where U.S. Army nurse Alice Klemmetsen tended to his injuries and won his heart. They married after a whirlwind two-week romance and spent more than 50 years together, living in the Far East, the Philippines, Malaysia and Singapore before returning to the United States in the 1950s.

Marlin returned to college, earning his bachelor's degree in business at New York University and devoting his career to the insurance industry.

With his encouragement, Alice obtained her bachelor's degree in nursing, master's in medical-surgical nursing and doctorate in research and nursing, all from NYU. During that time she worked as a nurse and then began teaching at NYU. She went on to work at Rockland Community College, eventually retiring from Fairleigh Dickinson University, where she helped to develop the nursing program.

After retiring, the couple moved to Hilton Head, S.C., where they enjoyed their friends and golf. They moved to Estero in 1992. Marlin died in 1997; Alice died in May 2006.

"FGCU is the grateful recipient of the Perrys' estate gift," says Peter Lefferts, FGCU's director of planned giving. "The FGCU Foundation has created a named scholarship endowment as a legacy to the Perrys' benevolence and love of higher education."

When fully funded, the endowment will provide more than \$18,000 in annual scholarships.

"We are honored to be a part of Marlin's and Alice's legacy, to be able to provide scholarship dollars to deserving students in perpetuity," Lefferts says.

Scholarship honors judge

A recently established scholarship endowed fund honors the memory of well-known judge and Fort Myers native Isaac Anderson, who died in December 2007.

His wife, Audrea Anderson, FGCU associate vice president for Community Relations and Marketing, established the Judge Isaac and Audrea Anderson Scholarship Endowed Fund to benefit FGCU students with financial need, solid academic records and strong community ties. The family established the fund with \$25,000 to generate a \$1,000 scholarship annually. Generous donations from colleagues and friends continue to grow the fund.

"Isaac experienced and understood well the transforming effect of higher education and sought to extend opportunity especially to first-generation college students," Anderson says. "His passion was fueled by the knowledge that to educate a first-generation student is to significantly increase the chances that future generations within the family would be educated as well.

"As a native of Fort Myers who returned to the region to rear his family and pursue his career in the court system, Isaac was very proud and appreciative of the advantages and enhanced quality of life Florida Gulf Coast University brings to the people of Southwest Florida."



Audrea and Isaac Anderson

On-the-job training



GARTH FRANCES

Lifelong educator gets, gives lessons along the way

BY KEVIN PIERCE

Nola Theiss' story begins and ends with education. She began her working life as a teacher, then changed course in 1981. Now, almost three decades later, she's resumed that role as she guides communities in the fight against human trafficking.

Her many accomplishments contributed to making her Florida Gulf Coast University's 2008 Alumna of Distinction.

Nola Theiss (pronounced Tice) taught English and photography in Maryland high schools for 10 years. In

Facts of life

- **Hometown:** North Lake, Ill.
- **Age:** 60
- **Most influential professor:** Roger Green, associate professor in the FGCU Division of Public Affairs. "He was my adviser and helped make everything relevant."
- **Best benefit of FGCU experience:** "FGCU gave me not only skills to do the job I was currently doing, but also the confidence to do something I'd never done before."
- **Family:** Husband, Hal, two adult daughters and two grandsons

1981, she started a home-based business to spend more time with her children. She intended to teach test preparation classes and indulge in her favorite hobby, knitting. But events took a serendipitous turn.

"I saw an ad for a warehouse that was selling yarn," Theiss says. "When I got there, the sales manager knew his business, but he knew nothing about yarn or the people who were knitting with it."

Once again, she drew on her experience as a teacher. "I proposed a class to teach the yarn business people how to talk to knitters about knitting," she says.

While she was involved in that, another opportunity appeared. "The same yarn company needed someone to translate some of its knitting instructions," Theiss says. "I had a minor in French, so I did it."

And so began a translation business that Theiss operated from her home for 20 years, translating for 20 companies in a dozen languages.

"Since it was out of my home, I was able to hire women who wouldn't have been able to work otherwise," she says. "One of them only had a tenth-grade education when she started with me. While she was translating, she earned her high-school diploma."

Theiss began visiting Sanibel in 1987. She and her husband bought a house there in 1992, and moved there in 1996.

"Then I got caught up in the whole Sanibel aura," she says. "I volunteered for city committees, the historical museum, the planning commission. I said, 'If I'm going to put this much time in, maybe I should be on the city council.'"

She ran for a city council seat in 1998 and won.

"When people run for office, they think their experience will apply," she says. "Once I got there, I realized I knew nothing about

running a city, but nobody else did, either."

She enrolled at FGCU for a master's degree in public administration. She graduated in 2002.

"I spent four years on the Sanibel City Council and it took three of those years to get my degree," she says. "Everything was extremely relevant. Every course I took, every paper I wrote was about Sanibel. My public finance paper was about Sanibel's budget. My personnel project was about Sanibel salaries."

Degree in hand, she left elected office for the non-profit sector.

"An education in public administration is great preparation for running non-profits," she says. "My capstone paper was about citizen participation in government solutions. That has always been important to me."

The next turn for Theiss came via her involvement with the Zonta Club of Sanibel-Captiva, a chapter of the international service group that advances the status of women.

"Internationally, Zonta was involved with preventing human trafficking in Bosnia," she says. "Our club decided to get involved. And as a recovering politician with time on my hands, I got involved, too."

"Zonta provided the funding, organization and business background. We helped set up a community task force with (Lee County) Sheriff Mike Scott. More than 80 people took part. Within a month, there had been four arrests."

After meeting Theiss through the community task force, Scott became a fan. "Nola has been, and continues to be, a leader in the detection and prevention of human trafficking and a strong advocate for victims," he says. "It has been a privilege to work with her and the many others dedicated to this cause."

Today, Theiss is executive

2008 Alumna OF Distinction

Each year, the FGCU Alumni Association Board of Directors welcomes one distinguished graduate of Florida Gulf Coast University into the Alumni of Distinction Society.

Recipients demonstrate distinguished professional careers, service to others and ongoing dedication to the University. Theiss is the fifth graduate to join the society.

"Each year it becomes more evident that our alumni are dedicated individuals who strive not only to succeed, but to make a positive impact on the communities in which they live," says Lindsey Touchette, '05, FGCU director of Alumni Relations. "Nola exemplifies that creed. Her tireless efforts to bring awareness to the issues of human trafficking are witness to her dedication to serving others. The FGCU Alumni Association is proud to honor her as the 2008 Alumna of Distinction."

director of Human Trafficking Awareness Partnerships, Inc., which helps communities set up organizations to fight human trafficking.

"Human trafficking is a huge problem," she says, "but you don't see it unless you're looking for it."

Helping communities organize is Theiss' focus. "I'm not a social worker. Those professionals have roles to play," she says, "but citizens can still make a difference by supporting the professionals."

Helping communities organize that involvement is a role with which she's comfortable.

"I was teaching in the beginning and I'm still teaching today," she says. "It's come full circle."

— Kevin Pierce is a freelance writer who lives in Fort Myers.

"Nola has been, and continues to be, a leader in the detection and prevention of human trafficking and a strong advocate for victims."

— Lee County Sheriff Mike Scott

Alumna helps commuters steer clear of traffic jams

BY KAREN FELDMAN

It was curiosity that drove Jillian Windham to audition for a job as a television traffic reporter. “I have a lot of TV experience, using a teleprompter and being in front of a camera,” says the FGCU alumna from Naples. “I’ve always been interested in journalism and thought it would be a neat opportunity to see the news world. So I went for an audition.”

Windham, '07 (Philosophy and Communications), was one of two winners of the Great NBC2 Talent Search. The station held open auditions last spring seeking a traffic reporter. As in other such talent competitions, the audience decided their fate. She and Jason Pawloski were the top vote-getters. NBC2 hired them both.

Windham now reports traffic on the NBC2 News at 4 and 5 p.m. weekdays while Pawloski handles the morning shift.

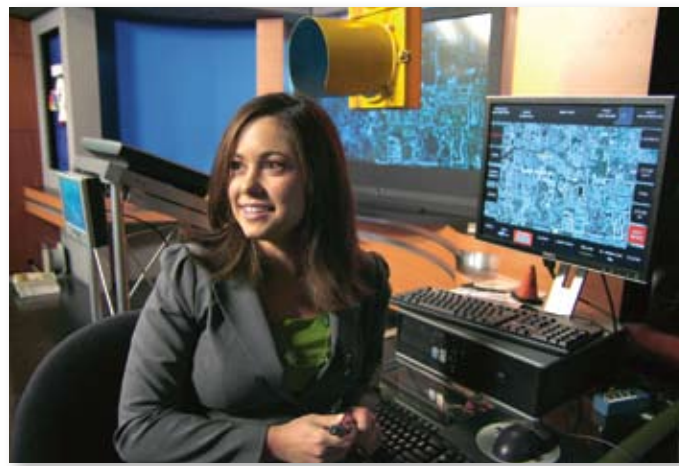
Her victory was no accident.

She’s appeared in dozens of episodes of “Get Reel” on the STARZ movie channel,

recently finished “Real Life 101,” a show geared to helping teens understand various professions, and has been taping voiceovers for a travel show, “The City Walker.” As a teenager, she spent time in Los Angeles pursuing an acting career.

She returned to Southwest Florida, where she grew up, and enrolled at FGCU, majoring in communications, then adding a philosophy major to that.

After one philosophy course, “I fell in love with the program, which the University was thinking about making a major,” she says. “It got me excited and I wanted to be part of it.”



She credits her philosophy professors with instilling in her the desire to learn more.

“Glenn Whitehouse, Sean Kelly and Kevin Aho were so passionate about what they were teaching,” she says. “It’s a hard thing to study, but they made sure I understood what I was reading. It made me a deeper thinker. I’m able to problem solve a lot better and engage in interesting conversation with people.”

Windham does her time in traffic every day, leaving her job as service coordinator at Center Point Community Church in Naples in the early afternoon to make the hour-long trek to NBC2 in Fort Myers.

There she ensures that her hair and makeup are TV-ready. Next she takes part in the afternoon news meeting, then it’s time to check with law enforcement and traffic sources to find out about any accidents or construction that might cause delays during the afternoon rush hour.

At her computer tucked into a nook just next to the traffic set, she compiles her report and readies the graphics she’ll need. Facing the anchor desk on the main set, she awaits her cue then smoothly delivers the good or bad news to commuters while standing next to a large traffic light, graphics displayed on a large screen behind her.

NBC2 News Director Darrel Adams is pleased with how the Great NBC2 Talent Search turned out.

“She’s so delightful to work with,” he says. “We put the contest into the hands of the viewers and it came down to Jason and Jill. We planned to hire one but both had done so well that it seemed appropriate to add both. They’re doing a great job.”



Marc Devisse



Amanda Fortuna



Angela Hodge



John (Jay) Kollar



Brad Phelps



Mathew Visaggio

Alumni Board of Directors welcomes six new members

The FGCU Alumni Association Board of Directors recently elected six new board members. With 8,500 FGCU alumni worldwide, the growing board, which now has 20 members, strives to promote enrichment programs and instill pride in the University through the support of alumni achievements, alumni involvement and valuable benefits and services to members.

In just five years the board has created a thriving Association, which conducts monthly networking nights, has grown alumni communications opportunities and sponsored five- and 10-year reunions. Serving on the board affords alumni the chance to directly impact the future of the Association. The new board members include:

Marc Devisse, '05, Annual Member, is a licensed real estate broker, licensed general contractor and owner of Tri-Town Construction, which specializes in condo/home maintenance, residential remodeling and commercial build-outs. Marc earned his bachelor’s degree in marketing from FGCU. He serves on the fund-raising committee. “I hope through my involvement

on the board I will be able to influence current students to stay involved with the Association once they’ve graduated and help bring additional awareness to the Alumni Association Scholarship fund, which helps make it possible for students to attend FGCU,” he says.

Amanda Fortuna, '05, Annual Member, is the district aide for Florida state Rep. Trudi Williams. She earned her bachelor’s degree in political science from FGCU and serves on the board’s fund-raising committee. She believes that “becoming involved will provide the opportunity to not only give back to the University but to the community as well,” she says, allowing her to take an active role in FGCU’s further development and overall success.

Angela Hodge, '04, Life Member, is events coordinator for Neighborhood America in Naples. She is an active member of the Florida Public Relations Association and is a freelance event coordinator. Angela received her bachelor’s degree in communications from FGCU, concentrating in public relations, and will serve the

board as chair of development. When asked what being an FGCU alumna means to her, Hodge says, “It’s about staying in touch and still being involved with FGCU, and I am excited to be able to help other alumni make those connections.”

John (Jay) Kollar, '04, is a sales executive at Gartner in Fort Myers. John received his bachelor’s degree in communications from FGCU and now serves the board on the development committee. “I look forward to the opportunity to be part of FGCU’s evolution and development,” he says. “It allows me to stay connected with our alumni and ensure that current students will have the same great experience I had while at FGCU.”

Brad Phelps, '03, Life Member, is a partner and broker associate of Frost & Associates, Inc. Realtors. He also owns and operates Phelps Enterprise LLC, which offers small business marketing, sales consulting and business development services of a discreet and specialized nature to owner-managed businesses. He serves on the FGCUEA membership committee. Brad received his bachelor’s degree

in business from FGCU and is pursuing his MBA. “As I resume the MBA program at FGCU, I wish to utilize the opportunity to bring other graduate and undergraduate students to the realization of how fundamental membership in the Alumni Association is and how it can benefit students just like me,” he says.

Mathew Visaggio, '05, Annual Member, received his bachelor’s degree in communications from FGCU and now works as a senior district legislative aide for state Rep. Gary Aubuchon. Matt is involved in civic organizations including: Literacy Volunteers of Lee County, the Lee County Homeless Coalition, Easter Seals, Positivity Roles Across America and Goodwill Industries of Southwest Florida. Matt will serve on the FGCUEA membership committee. “Joining the Alumni Board has given me the opportunity to show my pride in FGCU, to give back to my alumni community and to support my alma mater,” he says.

For more information on nominating someone to the board, visit www.fgcu.edu/alumni.

Class Notes

■ Weddings, engagements and births

Alexandria Benjamin, '07 (Communications) and Nick French announced their engagement on July 16. They live in Sarasota.

Penney Chastain, '03 (Computer Information Systems) and **Owen Chastain**, '03 (Computer Information Systems) announce the birth of their second son, Dylan Joseph Chastain. He was born May 16, weighing 7 pounds, nine ounces. The couple have also started their own consulting business, Chastain Technology, LLC, that serves the Treasure Coast. They specialize in computing problems, business technology and telephony solutions. The family lives in Vero Beach.



Dylan Joseph Chastain

Jamie Fortier, '07 (Communications) and Eric Negron were married May 17. Jamie is a reservation/revenue manager for Homewood Suites by Hilton. Eric is a financial consultant for Colonial Bank. They live in Lehigh Acres with their dog, Buddy.



Jamie Fortier and Eric Negron

Tiziana Gandolfo, '04 (Psychology) and Christopher Marchante were married Dec. 29. Christopher, a student at FGCU, is an aircraft engine inspector in Naples. Tiziana is pursuing a



Tiziana Gandolfo and Christopher Marchante

master's degree in educational leadership and working as a recruiter in the FGCU undergraduate admissions office.

Nicole Gelinas, '05 (Communications) and Joseph Delaney are getting married Nov. 15 in Bonita Springs. Nicole is a senior circulation manager at Source Interlink Companies.



Nicole Gelinas and Joseph Delaney

John Kollar, '04 (Communications) and Naomi Celmo are engaged to be married Nov. 9.



John Kollar and Naomi Celmo

Amanda Parsels, '03 (Liberal Studies) announced her engagement to Samson Enzer, a law clerk with the U.S. Southern District of New York. Amanda graduated from the University of Pennsylvania Law School magna cum laude. She was also a member of the Order of the Coif Legal Honor Society and the University of Pennsylvania Law Review. She passed the New York Bar examination in October 2007 and is a legal associate with Kaye Scholer, LLP in Manhattan specializing in litigation.

Molly (Fagan) Spelman, '04 (Finance) gave birth to her second child, Donovan Robert Spelman, on June 17.

Stephanie Vandeburg, '03 (Management) married Michael Tamulionis on April 5 in Bonita Springs. Stephanie is an inside account executive at Gartner, Inc.

Sherrie (Consolazio) Womack, '04 (Elementary Education) and **Walter Womack**, '02 (Human Services) celebrated their second wedding anniversary.

Jaclyn Yeakey, '07 (Liberal Studies) is engaged to be married Dec. 7 to Steven Wray.



Michael and Stephanie Tamulionis

■ Newsmakers

'99 Edward Griffith (Executive Master's, Business Administration) has joined MeadWestvaco (MWV) Corporation as vice president of planning and entitlement, MWV community development and land management group. He is responsible for submitting and acquiring the approval of development applications and agreements, processing federal and state regulatory permits and managing the entitlement process for the company's East Edisto master-planned community.

Lorraine McCann (Master's, Counselor Education) has completed the 50 hours required by the Florida Board (licensing mental health counselors) to provide hypnotherapy. Her office is in Naples.

Crissy (Fowler) Stout (Special Education-Mathematics) was named Lee County Math Teacher of the Year for high school. She teaches

at Dunbar High School in Fort Myers.

David White (Master's, Public Administration) earned a doctoral degree in business administration, with specialization in criminal justice administration from Northcentral University in Prescott Valley, AZ. Dr. Arthur Rubens, associate professor from the FGCU Lutgert College of Business, was a member of the dissertation committee.

'00 Michael McCabe

(Liberal Studies) has joined the law firm of Miller, Kagan, Rodriguez & Silver, a statewide worker's compensation defense firm specializing in representing insurance carriers and employers. Michael and his wife, Elizabeth, live in Fort Myers.



Michael McCabe

'01 Sean Griffin (Secondary Education) opened Griffin's Martial Arts Center in North Fort Myers Aug. 6.

Sharon Jenkins-Owen

(Master's, Public Administration) has been re-appointed to the Lee County Affordable Housing Advisory Committee and designated the liaison for the Lee County Long Term Recovery Committee. The housing committee makes recommendations to the county commissioners in an effort to expand affordable housing for eligible households. She also serves on the Governor's Affordable Housing Study Commission representing growth management organizations. She is employed by WilsonMiller, Inc. as a senior project manager.



Sharon Jenkins-Owen

'03 Mary Gibbs

(Master's, Business Administration) is the director of community development for Lee County. She credits her staff of some 250 for her success.



Mary Gibbs

Jacqueline Gregory

(Finance) has joined Wealth Group in Naples. She will assist in portfolio monitoring and construction. She has received a Master of Science degree in finance from Florida International University.

Amber Rish (Management) is the community investor coordinator for the Memphis Grizzlies NBA basketball team, seen here at the annual Staxtacular event, which benefits the Stax Music Academy.



From left: Amber Rish, Carly Knight, head coach Marc Lavaroni, general manager Chris Wallace and team trainer Drew Graham

Hughey White (History) is the on-site coordinator for Fort Myers Middle Academy (FMMA) for the College Reach Out Program (CROP) at FGCU. He familiarizes first-generation middle-school students with the requirements, rigors and rewards of pursuing a college degree. Hughey also facilitates a Title I tutoring program for students. He is pursuing his master's degree in educational leadership at FGCU. Hughey has been nominated



Hughey White

twice for the Lee County Schools Foundation's Golden Apple Teacher Award.

'04 Matt Caldwell (History) is running for the Florida Senate District 27 seat for the Republican Party.

Alicia Kruse (Environmental Studies) was re-elected as membership director for the Southwest Chapter of the Florida Association of Environmental Professionals board of directors. She is employed with Passarella and Associates as an ecologist.



Alicia Kruse

Jeffrey Scott

Lewis (Art) was named Visual Artist of the Year at the fifth annual Angel of the Arts Awards hosted by the Lee County Alliance for the Arts.



Jeffrey Scott Lewis

Andy Platt

(Master's, Business Administration) was named Rookie of the Year by the College Athletic Business Management Association (CABMA). The award is determined by the association's executive committee and honors a new member for the individual's outstanding contributions to the organization. Andy is the director of event management for the University of Virginia Cavaliers athletics department.

Kevin Price (Communications) was promoted to senior recruiter for Gartner, Inc. He will be responsible for developing and executing the recruitment strategy for the Fort Myers office. The office consists of about 250 people who are aggressively growing their sales, client partners and finance organizations.

Christopher Williams (Art) was promoted to art department director at Print and Copy Center.



Andy Platt



Scott Guelcher

'05 Scott Guelcher (Art) was named best New Artist at the fifth annual Angel of the Arts Awards hosted by the Lee County Alliance for the Arts.

Jeff Heverling

(Executive Master's, Business Administration) was appointed president of the Naples-based INFINETWORK consultancy firm. He previously was the vice president for the company. Jeff has more than 20 years of experience in information technology and 25 years in accounting, finance and administration.

Joey Lamielle (Management) played in the U.S. Open golf championship at Torrey Pines in San Diego.

Lynn Lee (Legal Studies) has been awarded the Doc Coggins award through Lee Memorial Health Systems (LMHS). The hospital board of directors recognizes staff members who demonstrate a commitment to excellence. The selections are based upon the employee's demonstrated dedication to the LMHS system goals of quality, service, community, people and finance. The award is named after long-time hospital board member Lester "Doc" Coggins.

Timothy Philbrick (Liberal Studies) is the owner of Print and Copy Center. He has worked there since 2000 and purchased it in 2006. He was recently awarded the Good Neighbor Award from the American Heart Association and was just designated one of the top "40 Under 40" in Southwest Florida by Gulfshore Life magazine.

Samantha Scott (Marketing) is the vice president of Pushing the Envelope, Inc., a multi-faceted marketing communications firm. She was named one of Gulf Coast Business Review's "40 Under

40." Winners were chosen by the publication's editors based on their professional achievements and community involvement. Samantha has also been named president of the American Advertising Federation-Southwest Florida (AAF-SWFL). She will lead AAF-SWFL through its 2008-09 term by representing the members at district and national meetings and overseeing local chapter operations.

Victor Antonio Tejera

(Master's, Social Work) passed the comprehensive examination for his doctoral program in leadership and education at Barry University. He is employed at Florida Diagnostic and Learning Resources System (FDLRS) South for Miami-Dade county public school system.

'06 Zachary Bouchard

(Communications) is the public relations/marketing coordinator for Pushing the Envelope, Inc.

Marti Daltry (Communications)

was promoted to regional conservation organizer for Sierra Club in Fort Myers. Her main focus is on the Florida Coastal Protection Campaign. Marti has been with the organization since May 2007.

Brett Fritz (Master's, Business Administration) and Tanner Fritz (Management) were recently named the winners of the biotechnology section for the seventh annual Five-Ventures Business Competition in Charlotte, NC. They won this prestigious award for their presentation of the AlgaMax system, which converts algae into electricity. Brett and Tanner, along with their family owned company, GOPS Group, are working on project opportunities around the world that will utilize the AlgaMax system.

Jeffrey Marsico (Finance) graduated from Villanova University in Villanova, PA. He received his master's degree in finance.

Eamonn Parsels (Accounting) was admitted to the Master of Accountancy program at the University of Notre Dame, the country's fourth-ranked program in accountancy. He was previously employed as a revenue agent in the Fort Myers Internal Revenue Service (IRS) office.

Joseph Swain (Mathematics)

is the new Gateway Charter High School football coach. He was the defensive coach last year. Joseph teaches mathematics at the high school.

'07 Rosemary Boisvert

(Master's, Occupational Therapy) is the director of the adult treatment services at the Transitional Living Center of Southwest Florida Addiction Services, Inc. in Fort Myers. Under her leadership, the Transitional Living Center received first place for innovative programs in the 2008 Substance Abuse Services Best Practices Awards presented by the Florida Department of Children and Families and The Florida Alcohol and Drug Abuse Association at the FADAA annual meeting in August. The award was for a peer support community program developed, implemented and evaluated by Rosemary with the help of graduate students and faculty from the FGCU Occupational Therapy Program. The program was based on occupational therapy principles. An article reporting on the project and its outcomes is slated to appear in the journal Occupational Therapy International.

Daniel Dau

(Management) has joined Gartner, Inc. as an account executive for high-tech and telecom providers. He lives in Estero.



Daniel Dau

Felicia Duce (Communications) attended the Southwest Florida Public Service Academy in January to become

a corrections officer. She is now a certified deputy with the Lee County Sheriff's Office. Felicia is also pursuing her master's degree at FGCU.



Gabriella, Drianis and Jamin Duran

Jamin Duran (Computer Information Systems) and his wife started a business, Gulf Coast Audiology, in Fort Myers. They specialize in hearing aids and accessories, audiological evaluations and balance testing. Jamin also works as a programmer analyst for Pegasus Solutions. He and his wife have a three-year-old daughter.

Kherin Hassan

(Communications) is successfully recovering from a serious accident that occurred October 2007. She is working at a law firm in Tampa.

Christina Metropoulos

(Master's, Special Education) is a special education elementary teacher at Journey's Academy in Naples.

Anamaria Ryan (Art) has been appointed the administrative assistant to the vice president at the Guadalupe Center in Immokalee.

Dan Ryan (Public Service Management) has been promoted to deputy chief of fire operations at the Bonita Springs Fire Control and Rescue District.

Ashley Williams

(Communications) has recently accepted a job at Northwestern Mutual Financial Network.



Mallory Young

Mallory Young (Marine Science) works for GeoCet as a marine mammal observer on board the Western Neptune, a seismic research vessel in the Gulf of Mexico.

'08 Chad DeMonte (Marketing)

is an account executive for Gartner, Inc. He is responsible for midsize technology and service-provider clients.

Cord McConnell

(Communications) and Carlos Calante are in the planning stage of their newest project, "Fortunate Son," a short film shot on 16mm film. Cord has written the script and plans to direct the film. Once complete, it will be entered into numerous film festivals. Cord was the film critic for Fox 4's "Morning Blend." He has also completed several short films, some narrative pieces and promotional videos.

Kadi Merren (Master's, Accounting and Taxation) has completed graduate school. She plans on enrolling in the Becker Certified Public Accountants (CPA) Review Course and then completing the CPA exam. She hopes to return to Grand Cayman to work with PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC), which has supported her last two years of education with a scholarship.

Joanna Pitts (Marketing) has been hired by the Whirlpool Corporation to begin training in the company's Real Whirled Program, which chooses eight recent graduates to live together for seven weeks in a

house filled with Whirlpool appliances. Joanna will be immersed in Whirlpool products and values by going through an intensive education program to learn about the company's brands, products and sales techniques. After the seven-week developmental training, she will be assigned to one of its U.S. sales regions to work as a market brand representative.

CJ Reed (Management) is an account executive for Gartner, Inc. He is responsible for midsize technology and service-provider clients.

Daniel Reyna (Finance) is a property manager for OMNI Management Services, Inc. in Charlotte, NC. He oversees a number of single-family home communities and ensures that every aspect of the community is running efficiently and effectively. Daniel also administers the community's budgets and HOA expenditures.

Jill Rhone (Master's, Social Work) was recently hired as the tutor corps program coordinator for the Guadalupe Center in Immokalee. She lives in Fort Myers with her husband.



CJ Reed

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, alumnirelations@fgcu.edu or mail to Office of Alumni Relations, Florida Gulf Coast University, 10501 FGCU Blvd. South, Fort Myers, FL 33965-6565.

Alumni Association Happenings

CAREER SERIES

Nov. 5: Life as a wedding planner
3:30 p.m., Student Union 213, FGCU campus
Kelly McWilliams, owner of Weddings by Socialites, will speak about what it takes to be a wedding planner and what life is like for those in the profession. Cost: free. Hosted by FGCU Career Services.

SOCIAL HOURS

Oct. 16: Eagle Networking Night
6 p.m., Bar Louie, Gulf Coast Town Center, Fort Myers
The Eagle Networking Night events allow FGCU alumni to get together, meet other alumni, network and have fun. A special meet and greet will take place with FGCU men's and women's basketball coaches. Come for an opportunity to win a pair of basketball season tickets.

Oct. 23: Pick-A-Seat Party & Basketball Sneak Peek
7 p.m., Alico Arena, FGCU campus
Join us for an open house sneak peek of the 2008-09 FGCU basketball teams with the opportunity for FGCU Alumni Association members to receive a 20 percent discount on season ticket passes. There will be plenty of food, fun and giveaways. Cost: free.

Nov. 14: Green & Blue Tailgate (FGCU vs. UF)
5:30 p.m., Alumni Tent at Alico Arena, FGCU campus
If you're not an Eagle, you're just prey! Let's rally our Eagle pride as the FGCU Alumni Association hosts a tailgate party. Gear up to cheer on the Women Eagles as they take on the Gators.

Nov. 21: Eaglepalooza
6-11 p.m., Recreational Fields, FGCU campus
Visit the FGCU Alumni Association tent during this popular annual event for food, fun and live music.

For more listings, visit www.fgcu.edu/alumni. For event details contact: Lindsey Touchette, director of Alumni Relations, at alumnirelations@fgcu.edu or (239) 590-1016.

FGCU alumni go green

More than 40 Florida Gulf Coast University alumni and students donated their Saturday morning to clean up Bunche Beach in Fort Myers during the Ocean Conservancy's International Coastal Cleanup on Sept. 20.

The FGCU contingent joined with other community volunteers to comb the beach and surrounding woods, collecting items such as bottles, tires, cigarette butts, food wrappers and fishing line. In all, the volunteers removed more than 1,026 pounds of debris from the beach in a single day.

"I am overwhelmed by the success of the cleanup," says Terry Cain, land stewardship coordinator for Lee County Parks and Recreation Department. "The volunteers are precious and their time is valuable. The impact they made that morning is priceless."

FGCU instills the importance of community service in students beginning their freshman year. The idea is that it will encourage them to make volunteering a lifelong habit.

The FGCU Alumni Association looks forward to supporting such initiatives that not only allow it to collaborate with current students, but to have a positive impact upon the communities in which we live.



Melissa White, '05 (Master's, Reading Education) and Brad Phelps, '03 (Management) clean Bunche Beach during a coastal cleanup event.

All Alumni Reunion Weekend 2008



Show your Spirit barbecue

FGCU graduates returned to campus to celebrate the classes of 1998 and 2003 during the All Alumni Reunion Weekend in May. The festivities kicked off with the Show your Spirit barbecue. From left: Andrew Miller, '04 (Marketing); Dennis Zuck; Megan Miller, '06 (Resort and Hospitality Management); Ryan Frost, '05 (Resort and Hospitality Management); Melissa White, '05 (Master's, Reading Education); Brad Phelps, '03 (Management); Lacey Smith, '04 (Marine Science); Garret Heine, Jonas Rockhold, '07 (Master's, Curriculum and Instruction); and Robyn Covino, '06 (Master's, Reading Education).



Along the waterfront

Kevin Gaffney, '01 (Accounting) and Amy Gaffney, '02 (Master's, Elementary Education), enjoy a relaxing afternoon boating along the lake with their son during the reunion weekend. FGCU Campus Recreation hosted a variety of waterfront activities, including canoeing, kayaking, tubing and a water trampoline.



President celebrates class of '98

Alumni enjoyed brunch, conversation and an opportunity to hear from FGCU President Wilson G. Bradshaw at a Saturday brunch. From left: Jennifer Sparrow, '99 (Master's, Curriculum and Instruction); President Bradshaw; Laurie Flohr, '99 (Accounting); and Leonard Flohr, '99 (Finance).

Paving the way to tradition Brick by Brick



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Baseball, hotdogs and hobnobbing

FGCU Alumni Association members gathered at the Lee County Sports Complex cheered the Miracle baseball team's 15-4 victory over the Clearwater Threshers. This was one of the monthly Eagle Networking Nights. Among those attending were '07 graduates Cara Zasoba (Communications), left, and Kim Zambito (Resort and Hospitality Management).



Bowling for a good cause

FGCU alumni and friends bowled in the second annual Dollars for FGCU Scholars fund raiser. This event attracted 65 participants, who raised more than \$1,350 for the FGCU Alumni Association Scholarship Fund. From left: Rachel Di Salvo, '05 (Communications); Jeffrey Faramo, '04 (Marketing); Erica Faramo, Mason Launderer, and Jennifer (Faramo) Launderer, '02 (Marketing).

Entries to Professional Briefs are compiled from the PERFORMANCE E-newsletter of professional accomplishments. FGCU faculty and staff are encouraged to submit their outstanding accomplishments at <http://www.fgcu.edu/CRM/form1.asp>.

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Awards or Recognitions

Paul Asfour, College of Professional Studies, Justice Studies, J.D., M.B.A., participant in three Florida New Motor Vehicle Arbitration Board Hearings, Florida Attorney General, May 8; reappointed for two-year term to board arbitration board, Florida Attorney General Bill McCollum, July 1.

Bob Diotalevi, College of Professional Studies, Justice Studies, J.D., appointed to the Faculty Committee on Common Prerequisites for Legal Assisting/Paralegal Studies, Board of Governors, State University System of Florida, May 1.

Jerome Jackson, College of Arts & Sciences, Ecological Studies, Ph.D., recipient of Margaret Morse Nice Medal for a Lifetime of Contributions to Ornithology, Wilson Ornithological Society, April 18.

Tanya Kunberger, Lutgert College of Business, School of Engineering, Ph.D., Gerald R. Seeley Award for Best Paper New Faculty, CE Division of ASEE, June 1.



Tanya Kunberger

Cheryl Seals-Gonzalez, Office of Institutional Equity and Compliance, elected secretary, Region IV, American Association for Affirmative Action, April 23.



Cheryl Seals-Gonzalez

Pamella Seay, College of Professional Studies, Justice Studies, J.D. L.L.M., appointed to The Florida Bar Professional Ethics Committee, The Florida Bar, June 16; appointed chair, Educational and Continuing Legal Education Committee, The Florida Bar International Law Section, June 10.

Yinghong Sheng, College of Arts & Sciences, Mathematics and Science, Ph.D., judge, eighth Southern School on Computational Chemistry and Material Science, Jackson, MS, April 26.

Book Publication

Kevin Aho, James Aho, College of Arts & Sciences, Humanities and Arts, Ph.D. "Body Matters: A Phenomenology of Sickness, Disease, and Illness," Lexington Books, Lanham, MD, pp. 204.

John Cox, College of Arts & Sciences, Social and Behavioral Sciences, Ph.D., contributor and content editor, "The West: A Narrative History, Vol. 2," Pearson Prentice Hall, Upper Saddle River, NJ.

Charlie Mesloh, Wolf, R. & Wood, R., Justice Studies, Ph.D., "Interviews, Interrogations, Contacts, and Questioning: Examining Constitutional Boundaries in the Practice of American Policing," Pearson Custom Publishing, Boston, MA, pp. 1-157.

Russell Sabella, College of Education, Graduate Studies, Ph.D., "GuardingKids.com: A Practical Guide to Keeping Kids Out of High-Tech Trouble," Educational Media Corp., Minneapolis, MN, pp. 146.

Grant Awards

Mark Bradshaw Busbee, College of Arts & Sciences, Humanities and Arts, Ph.D., \$3,750, American-Scandinavian Foundation, May 15-June 15.

Christina J. Gallagher, Office of Continuing Education and Off-Campus Programs and AMTS, Ph.D., \$2,000, Dr. Glen E. Gresham, M.D., FACP (Retired), On-Line Healthcare Continuing Education, Dec. 1-Aug. 1.

Johnny McGaha, Christina Gallagher, Office of Continuing Education and Off Campus Programs, College of Professional Studies, Justice Studies, Ph.D., \$27,000, Lee County Sheriff's Office/U.S. Dept of Justice, Human Trafficking Task Force Training and Evaluation, May 1-Oct. 31.

Patricia Wachholz, Lois Christensen, College of Education, Graduate Studies, \$43,000, U.S. Department of Education, National Writing Project at FGCU, June 1-30.

Jo Ann Wilson, Terry Dubetz, College of Arts & Sciences, Dean's Office, Ph.D., \$7,700, Community Foundation of Collier County, Girls in Engineering, Math, & Science, July 1-June 1.

Professional Presentations

Rebecca Austin, College of Arts and Sciences, Ecological Studies, "Cultural Models and Environmental Values: a

Comparison of Fisherfolk and NGO Perspectives in the Philippines," Eighth International Conference on Philippine Studies, Palawan Panel, Philippine Social Science Center, Quezon City, Manila, Philippines, July 23-25.

Mark Bradshaw Busbee, College of Arts & Sciences, Humanities and Arts, Ph.D., "Conquest and Apotheosis in Walter of Châtillon's Alexandreis," 43rd International Congress on Medieval Studies, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI, May 8.

Jon Brunner, Counseling and Student Health Services, Ph.D., panelist, Underage Drinking Roundtable chaired by William Janes, Director of Florida Office of Drug Control, seventh annual Conference on Addictive Disorders: Latest in Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment, Lee County Coalition for a Drug-Free Southwest Florida, Harborside Event Center, Fort Myers, June 27.

Patricia Coccoma, College of Professional Studies, Social Work, Ed.D., L.C.S.W., "Evidence Based Treatment Modalities and Adolescent Depression: Implications for Practice," National Association of Social Workers Annual Conference, NASW Florida, Deerfield Beach, June 5-7.

Debra Jean Darnell, Novie Greene, Humanities and Arts, Doctor of Musical Arts, "Boys to Men: The Male Adolescent Voice," National Association of Teachers of Singing 50th National Conference, Nashville, TN, June 27-July 1.



Debra Jean Darnell

Duane Dobbert, College of Professional Studies, Justice Studies, Ph.D., "Keynote: School Bus Drivers: The First Line of Defense Against Child Sexual Predators" and "Keynote: National Issues on Sexual Predators," Georgia Annual Conference on Pupil Transportation, Georgia Association of Pupil Transportation, Jekyll Island, GA, June 17-19; "School Bus Drivers: The First Line of Defense Against Child Sexual Predators," STN 15th annual Conference, Student Transportation News, Reno, NV, July 27-30.

Amanda Evans, College of Professional Studies, Social Work, Ed.D., M.S.W., "Domestic Violence: Update on Neuroscience & Clinical Interventions," Professional Social Work Conference 2008, National Association of Social Workers, Deerfield Beach, June 5-7.

Shawn Felton, Jon Corneil, M.S., A.T.C., C.S.C.S. & James Guerra, M.S., F.A.C.S., College of Health Professions, Physical Therapy and Human Performance, M.Ed., A.T.C., L.A.T., "Osteochondral Defect in an Adolescent High School Baseball Pitcher," NATA 59th annual meeting and clinical symposium, National Athletic Trainers' Association, St. Louis, MO, June 17-21.



Shawn Felton

Harvey Heckes, College of Professional Studies, Social Work, M.S.W., "Changing Roles in Today's Society," Professional Social Work: What a Difference!, NASW Florida Chapter and Florida Society for Social Work Leaders in Health Care, Deerfield Beach, June 5-7.

Harvey Heckes, Sheryl Aesch, College of Professional Studies, Social Work, M.S.W., "Dimensions of Supervision," Professional Social Work: What a Difference!, NASW Florida Chapter and Florida Society for Social Work Leaders in Health Care, Deerfield Beach, June 5-7.

Donna Price Henry, College of Arts & Sciences, Dean's Office, Ph.D. Physiology, "Advancing Women's Leadership," 71st National Leadership Forum, Office of Women in Higher Education of the American Council on Education, Washington, D.C., June 11-13.

Tanya Kunberger, Diane Bondehagen, College of Business, School of Engineering, Ph.D., "Evaluating the Concept of Stability in Fluid Mech.," 2008 ASEE Annual Conference and Exposition, American Society for Engineering Education, Pittsburgh, PA, June 25.

Marc Laviolette, Undergraduate Admission, M.B.A., "The Employment of Student Workers in Enrollment Services," Annual Conference, Florida Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admission Officers, Jacksonville, June 8-10.

Reid Lennertz, Career Development Services, M.B.A., "A Brighter Tomorrow – Generational Considerations," annual meeting, American Red Cross of Lee County, Fort Myers, June 5.

Barry Lipton, Justice Studies, D.D.S., "Forensic Dentistry," Forensic Science Educational Conference, American Academy of Forensic Sciences, Fort Myers, May 3.

Barry Lipton, Drs. Warren Tewes, Harry Carlile, Justice Studies, D.D.S., "Missing and Unidentified-The Never Ending Disaster," FBI/CJIS, FBI, Denver, June 21-22.

Charlie Mesloh, College of Professional Studies, Justice Studies, Ph.D., "Less Lethal Weapons Effectiveness, Evaluation and Resulting Injuries," National Institute of Justice Conference, U.S. Department of Justice, Arlington, VA, July 21-23.

Sandra Pavelka, Howard Smith, Eric Muldoon, Sarah Jamieson, College of Professional Studies, Public Affairs, Ph.D., "The Virtuous Virtual MPA: Comparing Traditional and Distance Course Delivery in Public Administration," The Challenge to Public Service in Times of Reduced Resources – Making Less Equal More, Florida American Society of Public Administration, Lakeland, May 2.

Thomas Roberts, Gray, B.H., Vazin, M., Whitlock, P., Research and Sponsored Programs, Ed.D., "Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About Research Administration But Were Afraid to Ask," Riding the Waves of Compliance, National Council of University Research Administrators, Charleston, SC, May 11-14.

Thomas Roberts, Stremke, D., Rieger, B., Soria, A.L., Research and Sponsored Programs, Ed.D., "Eliminating Barriers to Participating in Research and Sponsored Programs," Riding the Waves of Compliance, National Council of University Research Administrators, Charleston, SC, May 11-14.

Pamella Seay, College of Professional Studies, Justice Studies, J.D., L.L.M., "Avoiding Ethical Issues with Law Firm Web Sites," Practicing Legal Ethics in the Electronic Law Office, Half Moon Seminars, Fort Myers, July 31; "Coast to Coast Ethics: The Latest from the Florida Bar Professional Ethics Committee," Florida Coastal Law Seminar, CLE International, Miami, June 26.

Pamella Seay, Roberta Flowers, Stephen Teppler, Franklin Zemel, College of Professional Studies, Justice Studies, J.D., L.L.M., "From India to Indiana: The Ethical Dilemmas of Outsourcing and Offshoring," Masters Seminar on Ethics, The Florida Bar Annual Meeting, Boca Raton, June 18-20.

Yinghong Sheng, Heather D. Bean, Jerzy Leszczynski, Nicholas V. Hud, College of Arts & Sciences, Mathematics and Science, Ph.D., "Theoretical Study on the Formation of beta-Pyrimidine Nucleoside by a Free Pyrimidine Bases and Ribose in a Plausible Prebiotic Reaction," Southern School on Computational Chemistry and Material Science, National Science Foundation, Department of Defense, Computational Center for Molecular Structure and Interaction, Jackson, MS, April 25-26.

Jennifer Sparrow, AMTS Dean's

English professor thrives on plague

Bubonic plague may seem like the stuff of which scientific research is made, but the plague's the thing to which FGCU Associate Professor of English Rebecca Totaro has devoted much of her professional life.

Literature of the plague has intrigued her since graduate school when she was struck by Mercutio's cry, "A plague o' both your houses!" in "Romeo and Juliet."

"Some of Shakespeare's audience members would have seen people die of plague," she says. "Wouldn't Mercutio's curse have been horrifying to them? Even today, we wouldn't say, 'May cancer strike your family.'"

Totaro came to FGCU in 1998. She teaches graduate and undergraduate courses in Shakespeare, Milton, literature of the plague and composition. Her extensive research on the plague led her to win a prestigious Folger Fellowship, awarded for scholarly accomplishments and future promise.

Totaro's work certainly demonstrates that. Her first book was "Suffering in Paradise: The Bubonic Plague in English Literature from More to Milton" (Duchesne, 2005).

In 2006, she delivered a paper at the World Shakespeare Congress in Australia. Over the next year, she made monthly trips to Washington, D.C. as a participant in the Folger Shakespeare Library Institute's Year-Long Colloquium on medicine in the Renaissance.

The Folger Library is a world-renowned site for the study of Shakespeare and the Renaissance in England. It was there that she spent part of her sabbatical year (2007-2008) as a Fellow, conducting research and reveling in the opportunity to participate in daily discussion with scholars from around the world.

She returned home with the completed manuscript for one book and the research plans for two more: the first a collection of 16th-century writings about the plague; the second on meteorology during the Renaissance, exploring how people viewed and dealt with natural disasters and outbreaks of disease; and the third, a collection of scholarly articles about the plague written for the 2008 Shakespeare Association of America seminar that she led, appropriately titled "A Plague on Both Your Houses."

What does all this have to do with teaching English?

"Many early English authors grappled with epidemic disease, trying to make sense of it, of life in general. Studying early responses to plague opens an unexpected window on old authors like Shakespeare and Milton. It's also an engaging way to challenge students to think outside of their own experiences of life, to try others on for size," she says. "It is a subject that is horrifying, sometimes humorous, but never dull."



Rebecca Totaro

Office, Ed.D. "Digital Fieldtrips for Digital Natives," National Educational Computing Conference, International Society of Technology Education, San Antonio, TX, June 28.

Dean Stansel, Brad Hobbs and Stephan Gohmann (University of Louisville), College of Business, Marketing and Economics, Ph.D., Economics, "Economic Freedom and

Entrepreneurial Activity at the Local Level," annual meeting, Association of Private Enterprise Education, Las Vegas, NV, April 6-8.

Jorge Torres, James Sweeney, College of Business, School of Engineering, Ph.D. Bioengineering, "Talk on conference session (and proceedings paper)," 2008 ASEE Annual Conference, American Society for Engineering Education, Pittsburgh, PA,

June 22-25.

Arie van Duijn, Ellen Williamson, M.S., P.T, and Kathy Swanick, D.P.T., O.C.S., College of Health Professions, Physical Therapy



Arie van Duijn

Management professor studies spirituality's connection to business



Sandra King-Kauanui

Sandra King-Kauanui firmly believes that spirituality is vital to succeed as an entrepreneur.

In collaboration with four other academics, the Lutgert College of Business associate professor of management wrote a paper on the topic that won first place in this year's International Council of Small Business Conference. "Entrepreneurship and Spirituality: An Exploration Using Grounded Theory" took the top honor in a field of 500 papers focusing on issues facing small business owners.

The team surveyed 77 entrepreneurs and classified them along a five-point continuum that expressed their spiritual commitment to work.

The group concluded that existing models that attempt to measure entrepreneurs' motivation, customer commitment, service and job satisfaction miss the mark because they don't address the spiritual connection – or lack thereof – to work.

When examining spirituality, she says, "I define it as an integration of self. For some people that includes a religious perspective, but not for everyone. It's more about doing what you believe in and it doesn't have to mean changing the world. It can just be providing quality service, a good relationship with customers, a good place for employees."

Why does this matter?

"Entrepreneurship is extremely important in growing our economy," she says. "We have to think about the message we're sending to kids. If we tell them it's all about money and it doesn't pan out right away, it makes it easier for them to bail."

For boomers, what's important has changed over the years with spirituality looming large now.

"Even those who made money realize it's not making them happy," she says. "I see a lot of successful entrepreneurs creating foundations, finding ways to give back to society."

She says she could find no correlation between happiness at work and how much money someone made. Those who were most fulfilled had integrated spirituality of some sort into their approach to work.

"Some pray at work, pray for guidance and trust that it will come if they do the right thing," she says. "Some use meditation, some use journaling or reflective thinking. They are looking within to what's really important to them."

King-Kauanui came to FGCU from California Polytechnic University, where she holds emeritus status.

In California, she encountered many MBAs who burned out professionally in their 40s. "It comes from being so disconnected from themselves, being one person at work, another at home," she says. "Many concluded that the only way to incorporate the two worlds was to have their own businesses."

She plans to continue her research here and involve her students by having them conduct interviews with people in various businesses to see what role spirituality plays in their professional lives.

"I'm still doing what I love," she says, "and I want to share it with my students so they will have the freedom to think outside the box."

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IN BRIEF

FGCU partners with Bangor University

FGCU has signed an agreement with The College of Natural Sciences, Bangor University to work cooperatively in advancing research in marine and environmental science.

The agreement with Bangor University, a 9,000-student institution in North Wales, will allow for the exchange of faculty scientists and students in environmental and marine science, focusing on climate change research and environmental restoration; will lead to development of joint Master of Science and Ph.D. programs in environmental/ocean sciences; will offer unique opportunities for scientists and students to collaboratively study diverse climates and ecosystems; and will enable FGCU to develop collaborative proposals that span the Atlantic and conduct comparative studies.

"Bangor University has particularly strong programs in natural and ocean sciences," says President Wilson G. Bradshaw. "Given that environmental and marine sciences are two of the flagship programs for FGCU, we are very excited about entering into a partnership with Bangor University for scientific and student exchange."

Bradshaw and FGCU delegates dean of College of Arts and Sciences Donna Price Henry and professor and marine sciences chair Aswani Volety, were part of a team of 100 influential Floridians who joined Florida Gov. Charlie Crist in London last summer to discuss aerospace, aviation and alternative energy.



From left: Dr. Stephen Hawkins of Bangor University, Gov. Charlie Crist and President Wilson G. Bradshaw

FGCU launches online rideshare matching program

In an effort to save fuel and decrease traffic on area roads, the FGCU Department of Environmental Health and Safety has partnered with the University's Student Government to develop www.Ride2FGCU.com, an online rideshare matching system designed to assist commuters find a carpool partner or a walking, biking or bus buddy.

This service is free of charge for the user and is limited to enrolled students, faculty and staff of the University.

Matches are created by those with similar schedules and by those who live in the same vicinity, or drivers may pick up other commuters along their route to campus. Ride2FGCU is also equipped to match students on one-time trips for events or going home for the weekend.

"With the high price of gas, Ride2FGCU is a great way to save money, and to do something good for the environment," says Kathleen Crawford, FGCU executive secretary for Environmental Health and Safety. "Sharing the driving just one day per week with one other person can shave 10 percent off a fuel budget, and increasing the number of riders and number of days the savings can potentially go up even higher."

For details about Ride2FGCU, visit <http://www.Ride2FGCU.com>.



FGCU, Naples Chamber team up

The Florida Gulf Coast University Office of Continuing Education and the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce have joined forces to help business and industry partners in Naples and Collier County access high quality and cost-effective professional development programs locally.

"Now that Florida Gulf Coast University is embarking upon its second decade, these are exactly the type of partnerships that will help extend our reach and further solidify us as a true regional university," says FGCU President Wilson G. Bradshaw.

The first program to be offered, "Ethics, Leadership & Trust," is set for Nov. 5 at the Moorings Presbyterian Church.

SCENES ON CAMPUS



JAMES GRECO

Welcome Back

New FGCU faculty and staff introduce themselves at the annual Welcome Back ceremony. At right, FGCU President Wilson G. Bradshaw and his wife, Jo Anna, enjoy the festivities.



JAMES GRECO



BOB KLEIN

Back to school

Students flock to the FGCU campus for the fall semester as classes commence in late August.



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Message of hope

This year's featured convocation speaker, Ishmael Beah, tells FGCU students, parents, faculty and staff of his struggles in Sierra Leone during the country's destructive civil war. The 26-year-old is the author of "A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier," an account of his life and his battle to regain his humanity.

Beach party

Fraternity brothers and friends gather for some fun in the sun at the North Village beachfront in early September.



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