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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Funding critical to young University's growth

As they prepare to deal with the state's ailing economic condition, Florida legislators are hearing a great deal about "costs and cuts." While this is unavoidable in the current economic environment, we must ensure "value" is not lost in this discussion, specifically, the value of Florida Gulf Coast University to current and future students and the well-being of Southwest Florida.

FGCU has served as a major buffer to the region's economic downturn this past year. According to a recent report titled "Florida Gulf Coast University: The Economic Impact for Academic Year 2007-2008," the University contributed \$389 million in overall expenditures to the regional economy, created 3,525 jobs and employed 1,751 full- and part-time employees. (Learn more on page 7.)

But FGCU has contributed in other vital, yet less tangible, ways. We are educating Southwest Florida, not just for today but for what we as a community are becoming.

While our sister state universities are fine institutions, their situations are not the same as ours. In fact, what is happening at FGCU is unmatched in the nation. FGCU is becoming a comprehensive regional University focused on the needs of Southwest Florida. We're not just focused on educational needs, but economic, social and cultural ones as well.

Because FGCU is here, we have the growing and distinguished Bower School of Music, the Lutgert College of Business, the U.A. Whitaker School of Engineering and Sugden Hall, which provides a cutting-edge home for the Resort and Hospitality Management program.

The names on these buildings underscore something very important: These are not the names of our alumni. They are the names of community visionaries who recognize the importance of a regional university to the ability of a region to thrive. Someday, our alumni will be prosperous enough to lend their names to such worthy endeavors. It is the support of the community and the state now that will make that possible.

The next two years will be challenging. We've already lost \$6.6 million in state funding and stand to see more reductions. Despite that, we have stayed true to our strategic plan and mission and will continue to do so. It is our road map in good times and bad times. For example, recently we had to decide whether or not to develop three new degree programs. We decided not to proceed because we did not have the resources to develop them with the degree of excellence we are committed to having in our academic programs. The region needs these programs, but we are not an institution that will settle for mediocrity.

We put students first. We are a learning community, where our primary goal is to educate our students and prepare them for a successful future. At the same time, we must not lose sight of our responsibility to the region's businesses and to doing what we can to make them succeed.

Budget limitations necessitated turning away 300 students last year who otherwise qualified to attend FGCU. With 65 percent of our students coming from this region, our students are being disproportionately affected by enrollment freezes. We are likely to have to turn away still more students next year, but as a community, we must fight hard to advocate for our institution so that it can continue to provide access and excellence to the region's students.

FGCU is a young University. We must make sure our legislators understand where we are in our evolution and how critical our continued growth is to the vitality of our community. We must deliver the message that it's not only about costs and cuts: It's about value.

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

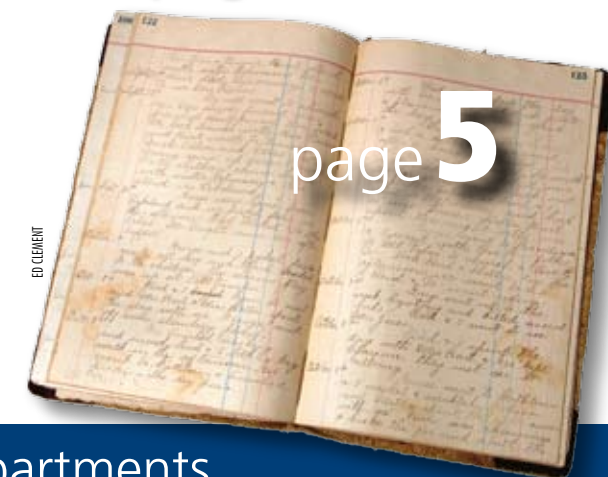


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FGCU grads change lives through Peace Corps

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EDITOR'S CORNER

From a sapling grows a mighty tree

Not long after moving into my current home, I planted an oak sapling in my back yard, thinking a future owner would enjoy its shade. But to my surprise, within 10 years, it soared well above my roof, spreading its branches in every direction.

While that resulted in lovely shade for my home, there were other benefits I'd not anticipated. Birds built nests in it, nurturing their young until they were able to take wing on their own. Squirrels harvested acorns. And bromeliads burst into bloom under its protective umbrella.

Florida Gulf Coast University has flourished in much the same way and time frame.

It comes as no surprise that the University has grown since opening its doors 11 years ago. But there was no predicting just how broad a reach it would have in so short a time.

With this, the eighth issue of Pinnacle magazine, an unmistakable theme resonates: the faculty, staff, students and alumni of this University are making increasingly greater contributions to the community and beyond.

The University as a whole makes a \$389 million impact upon Southwest Florida's economy through construction projects, jobs and the money spent by students who remain in the area for their education as well as those who are attracted here from elsewhere.

With a record 10,214 students this year, FGCU forges on in its mission to educate the next generation of teachers and health-care workers, engineers, entrepreneurs, resort and hospitality management professionals.

Meanwhile, FGCU researchers with the Green Technology Research Group are breaking ground on exciting technology that may one day protect our military troops from toxic biological weapons while shielding civilians from illnesses that come from traveling in germ-laden airplanes. And they are doing it with ultraviolet light combined with potent, but environmentally clean, decontaminating agents.

The University is taking a giant leap forward to become a model of environmental entrepreneurialism with the construction of a 16-acre solar energy farm that will help power the growing Fort Myers campus while drastically reducing costs and pollutants released into the atmosphere.

"It's a new era for FGCU when we do more now than just educate our students in terms of sustainability and continue our march to practice sustainability," said FGCU President Wilson G. Bradshaw.

While educating, FGCU also strives to cultivate in all of its students a desire to give back to society and that effort has clearly taken root.

In thanking scholarship donors in December, senior communications major Ashlyn Gibbs announced her intention to make a contribution.

"I want to change the world in the way this scholarship has changed me," she said.

Some graduates have chosen to do that by joining the Peace Corps.

Magali Solimano, '03 (Finance), gave voice to how that lesson took hold for her: "People's lives are tightly interwoven; thus, a contribution toward the betterment of one individual or one community is, in effect, a contribution on a global scale."

It's the message the University community strives to live and deliver every day as it continues to grow and thrive.

Karen Feldman

Karen Feldman
Pinnacle Editor



New general manager takes over at WGCU Public Media

BY KAREN FELDMAN

There was no slowly easing into his new job for Rick Johnson, who became general manager of WGCU Public Media in October. He faced a full load from day one.

WGCU-FM, 90.1/91.7, had recently launched a 24-hour HD classical music station and added a wealth of news and information programming to its conventional analog station. And now, as television speeds toward that same high-tech frontier, he'll oversee the birth of three additional TV channels this winter.

"We're on the verge of having four separate TV broadcasting streams by the middle of February," says Johnson. "It's something we needed to do because of the impending digital switch." (See accompanying story for details.)

That sudden and significant growth doesn't faze Johnson, who has 30 years of public broadcasting experience.

Coming from Jacksonville, where he was the senior vice president for radio and television programming and production at WJCT-TV/FM, he was attracted to both WGCU's operation and the area's natural charms.

"The University and the station appear to have a mature relationship, in which both entities understand and appreciate each other's roles," he says. He was impressed with the philanthropic tradition that exists here.

"I saw that the station is well run and well supported," he says.

On the personal side, "it just felt like a really good fit for me," he says.

His daughter is a senior at New College in Sarasota, about 90 minutes north of FGCU. His son, a high school junior, recently made the varsity basketball team at his school in Jacksonville and Johnson doesn't want to uproot him, so his son and wife will remain there for the time



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— Rick Johnson

being. Although it's a 5-plus-hour drive each way, Johnson considers it a manageable distance – at least for a while.

Then there was the region itself.

"You can't deny the natural beauty of the surroundings," he says.

FGCU Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Ronald Toll thinks Johnson is a good fit for WGCU.

"Rick comes to us at an exciting time, as we are transitioning from analog to digital and HD radio and TV," says Toll. "We are fortunate to have him join us in this key leadership position with FGCU's radio and television station, and look forward to working with him as our University moves into its second decade."

Before working in Jacksonville, Johnson previously served as station manager at WFSU-TV at Florida State University, and held positions at public broadcasting stations in Seattle, Wash., Albuquerque, N.M., and an ABC affiliate in Green Bay, Wisc. He earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Wisconsin, where he also pursued some post-graduate studies. He replaces Kathleen Davey, who retired after serving as general manager and as FGCU dean for Academic and Media Technology Services.



Station's programming expands in February

American television will change drastically come Feb. 17, when broadcasters switch to DTV, a digital signal that makes it possible for stations to broadcast multiple channels of free programming at once, rather than broadcasting one channel at a time.

At WGCU-TV, channel 30 will become channels 30.1, 30.2, 30.3 and 30.4, each with its own programming.

General Manager Rick Johnson says viewers can expect all the programs they now enjoy and more, broadcast in digital, making the picture crisper and the audio more vibrant.

Here's what Johnson says is planned for the WGCU channels:

Channel 30.1: The primary station will continue to carry the bulk of programs currently broadcast but now in High Definition.

Channel 30.2: WGCU World, with non-fiction programming including documentaries, history shows and "Charlie Rose at a decent time."

Channel 30.3: WGCU Create/Encore, which will offer lifestyle programs such as travel, cooking and home repair from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., shifting to locally scheduled programs in the evening, such as popular PBS series broadcast in blocks rather than weekly episodes, archived local programming and local productions.

Channel 30.4: By day, this channel will broadcast Florida Knowledge Network, an educational programming service used by home schoolers and others. It shifts to the Florida Channel, with a C-span-style lineup, in the evenings.



A matter of record Bride's diaries reveal long-ago Florida

BY KAREN FELDMAN

Before the advent of mosquito control, air conditioning and paved roads, Florida was a rugged frontier, a place in which only those willing to work hard and live simply could survive.

That's the world 16-year-old Minnie Clark chose when she wed the Rev. George Gatewood in May 1892 in Chokoloskee, a sparsely populated region south of Everglades City.

Minnie Gatewood chronicles that life in five diaries that span 8 years, with daily entries posted in her neat thin penmanship.

Her writings comprise The Gatewood Diaries collection, one of the special collections maintained in the FGCU Library Archives. FGCU also holds her "Want Book," which contains mostly reflections on religious subjects such as Christian stewardship; her husband's book of essays, "On Florida's Coconut Coast," published in 1944; and a copy of "Cracker Girl: A Love Story," the autobiography of the Gatewoods' granddaughter, Hazel Hoffman.

The diaries were loaned to the University in August 2000, by Vernon Peeples, a fifth-generation Floridian, former FGCU Foundation board member and state legislator.

Most entries are short, which isn't surprising considering her workload – ironing, cooking, cleaning, canning and attending the services led by her husband, a circuit minister.

Here's her first entry:

"The day was fair and pleasant. And at three o'clock Rev. G. Gatewood was married to Minnie L. Clark. Rev. R.H. Barnett officiating. Bird O. Clark and James H. Owen stood up with us. After the marriage was over we all went out and played croquet. I was dressed in cream cashimer lace and ribbon. Bird was dressed in white embroidery. And both of the men were dressed in black. I received a great many nice presents which were, several books and an Oxford Bible from James H. Owen, a set of silver tea spoons from Mrs. R.P. Burton, a towel and cake of soap from Mrs. T.W. Craft. A set of silver knives and forks from mamma. A butter dish and a silver butter knife from J. W. Payne. And a nice cake from Sallie and Alice Ward. And Brother Owen gave George a book containing five hundred sketches of sermons. Mamma gave us a real nice supper. Bro. Owen also gave me the Youths Companion for one year."

Other entries discuss coming upon a rattlesnake while traveling by boat, trading with native Americans, socializing with friends and other events of the day.

According to Pamela Sawalles, former FGCU associate librarian, "These diaries provide a unique snapshot of the early days of pioneer life in our area. Primary material about the history of Southwest Florida is uncommon. This material undoubtedly will provide a wealth of information to the citizens of Southwest Florida about the area's unique and often overlooked history."

FGCU Collections

This is the first in a series of stories that will appear in subsequent issues of Pinnacle about collections in the possession of the FGCU Archives. For more information about the University's collections, contact Rebecca Donlan, assistant director, at 590-7641 or rdonlan@fgcu.edu.

Here comes the **sun**

FGCU breaks ground on solar energy farm

BY KAREN FELDMAN

By summer, Florida Gulf Coast University will harness the power of the sun to supply some of its energy needs. The University broke ground in late October on a 16-acre solar energy farm that will be among the largest in the nation and will serve as a pilot program designed to demonstrate the use of clean energy. It's expected to be operational by late July.

"It's a great day for Southwest Florida," said Florida Lt. Gov. Jeff Kottkamp. "It's a great day for this University."

The 2-megawatt farm will turn solar energy into usable electrical energy, creating the largest solar field in the southeast and one of only two at U.S. public universities.

"It's a new era for FGCU when we do more now than just educate our students in terms of sustainability and continue our march to practice sustainability," said FGCU President Wilson G. Bradshaw.

The Florida Legislature appropriated \$8.5 million for FGCU during the 2008 legislative session to construct the solar energy field, which will sit on the north side of the University's main entrance.

FGCU formed a public-private partnership with Regenes Power to construct the \$17 million project. Regenes Power is a national alternative energy company based in Simi Valley, Calif., with regional offices in Florida.

"Delivering solutions to our clients' energy needs today requires a combination of advanced technology, innovative expertise and collaborative partnering, and we are pleased to bring these resources to FGCU's solar energy initiative," said John Polumbo, president and CEO of Regenes Power.

FGCU and the entire community will reap major benefits

from the solar energy farm, including an estimated \$22 million in savings on energy costs over a 30-year period. It will also immediately reduce the University's power costs from 10.5 cents per kilowatt hour to 2 cents per kilowatt hour.

The environmental benefits are similarly dramatic. As a clean energy source, the solar energy field annually 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 the environment.

In addition, the undertaking will serve as a research project to teach students of all ages as well as the business community, construction industry and general public about the capabilities of solar power.

For additional information on the project, visit www.fgcusolar.com.

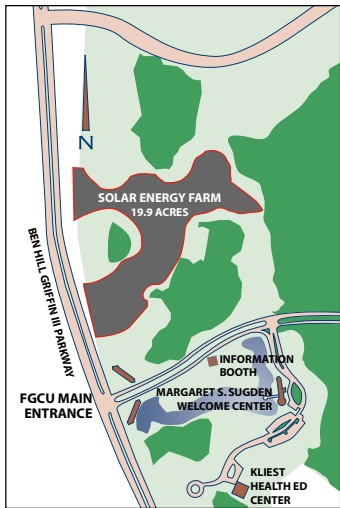


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Top: From left, Joe Shepard, FGCU vice president for Administrative Services and Finance; Burt Saunders, former state senator; Wilson G. Bradshaw, FGCU president; Jeff Kottkamp, lieutenant governor; and Del Jones, Regenes Power vice president.

Bottom: Small-scale exhibit of solar panels



FGCU plays large part in region's economic well-being

BY GARY JACKSON

While Florida Gulf Coast University plays a vital role in educating thousands of people each year, it also contributes to the region's economic health.

A recent analysis concludes that the University contributed \$389 million in expenditures to Southwest Florida's economy last year.

The study determined that the overall economic impact in the five-county service area (Charlotte, Collier, Glade, Hendry and Lee counties) for fiscal 2007-2008 amounted to \$389 million in total expenditures, the creation of 3,525 jobs and \$162 million in labor income.

The direct and indirect economic impact of the University on the five-county Southwest Florida service area was determined by using IMPLAN, an input/output economic model.

The analysis illustrates that the tremendous growth in enrollment and infrastructure in the University's 11-year history has had a significant positive impact upon the region's economy. Student enrollment rose to 10,214 in fall 2008, an increase of 9 percent from the previous fall. The employees and infrastructure required to support that growth are responsible for the substantial economic impact on the region.

According to the study, fiscal year 2007-2008 University expenditures for salaries and benefits of more than \$71 million accounted for 55 percent of the operating budget. FGCU employed 1,751 people, including faculty, staff, students and temporary workers, with an average full-time salary of \$55,467, which is substantially higher than average for the local economy.

Capital expenditures for new buildings, facilities and infrastructure amounted to more than \$71 million in 2007-2008. This included Everglades Hall, providing housing for 400 students; Lutgert Hall, home to the Lutgert College of Business; work on Holmes Hall, which houses the U.A. Whitaker School of Engineering; Sugden Hall, housing the University's Resort and Hospitality Management programs; the central energy plant and other infrastructure projects. Capital expenditures for the current year are expected to total more than \$31 million and include a new solar energy field that will generate a portion of the University's power needs, as well as a new academic building, an addition to Sugden Hall and additional infrastructure.

FGCU's students also contribute to the economy, the analysis



Gary Jackson

determined. When the number of students who come to the area for college is combined with the number who remain in Southwest Florida rather than attending out-of-area institutions, their impact amounts to \$30 million. That money was spent on food, housing, clothing, transportation, health care, entertainment and other goods and services.

Beyond the immediate money they contribute, students gain more career options, better promotional opportunities and higher earnings and fill community needs for highly skilled employees in the region. A study by the U.S. Census found that the median 2005 income of a high school graduate was \$21,079. Those with bachelor's degrees earned a median income of \$40,166, while those with master's degrees earned \$51,509.

The spending generated by the University benefitted a wide range of businesses, creating additional employment and income for some 150 types of businesses, including the food and beverage industry, entertainment facilities, retail stores, performing arts venues, hotels, medical services, dry cleaning, laundry services and more.

— Gary Jackson is the director of the Regional Economic Research Institute in the Lutgert College of Business.

FGCU impact 2007-2008

Local expenditures:	\$389 million
Labor income:	\$162 million
Capital expenditures:	\$71 million
Employed:	1,751 people
Jobs created:	3,525



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For more information
The study can be found on the University Web site at www.fgcu.edu/cob/eri.

CLEAN AND GREEN

Researchers develop powerful, earth-friendly technology

BY CHRIS WADSWORTH

PHOTOS BY ED CLEMENT



Jose Barreto holds a 24-well plate containing a solution called sudan red dye. The dye mimics fat-soluble toxin. By treating it with a photocatalyst solution and exposing it to ultraviolet light, researchers can gauge how this procedure will work on toxins.



Picture the scene: a dusty road in enemy territory with a lone American tank rolling along on patrol. Suddenly, a canister comes flying toward the armored vehicle, erupting in a cloud of nerve gas. The deadly plume envelops the tank, but the soldiers inside are safe thanks to sophisticated technological advances made on the other side of the world at Florida Gulf Coast University.

This scenario could one day become reality through a little process with a big name – titanium oxide photocatalyst. It's just one of many scientific breakthroughs under development at FGCU with possible commercial applications and military uses that are environmentally friendly to boot.

These diverse goals are coalescing under the auspices of the Green Technology Research Group, a cadre of FGCU scientists from fields such as engineering, chemistry and marine science. The group's aim is to identify existing research projects on FGCU's campuses and determine if they have any environmentally friendly, or "green," applications that can be exploited to benefit everyone – the University, the business community, society at large and even the planet.

In the case of the titanium oxide photocatalyst, a piece of fascinating science could ultimately prove life changing for millions around the world.

The process employs an ultraviolet light to activate potent decontaminating agents. When the light is off, these agents are harmless. When the light is on, watch out.

"You can create a very intense killing zone," says Jose Barreto, a professor of chemistry.



Top: A 24-well plate loaded with dye and a photocatalyst solution is treated with ultraviolet light.

Top right: This well plate holds samples of dye showing the results researchers expected. The fading color indicates how the dye is destroyed by the photocatalyst and ultraviolet light treatment as it changes from red to pink to clear.

Bottom: A researcher fills a 24-well plate with sudan red dye and a clear photocatalyst before treating the mixture with ultraviolet light.

GREEN TECHNOLOGY RESEARCH GROUP: WHAT IS IT?

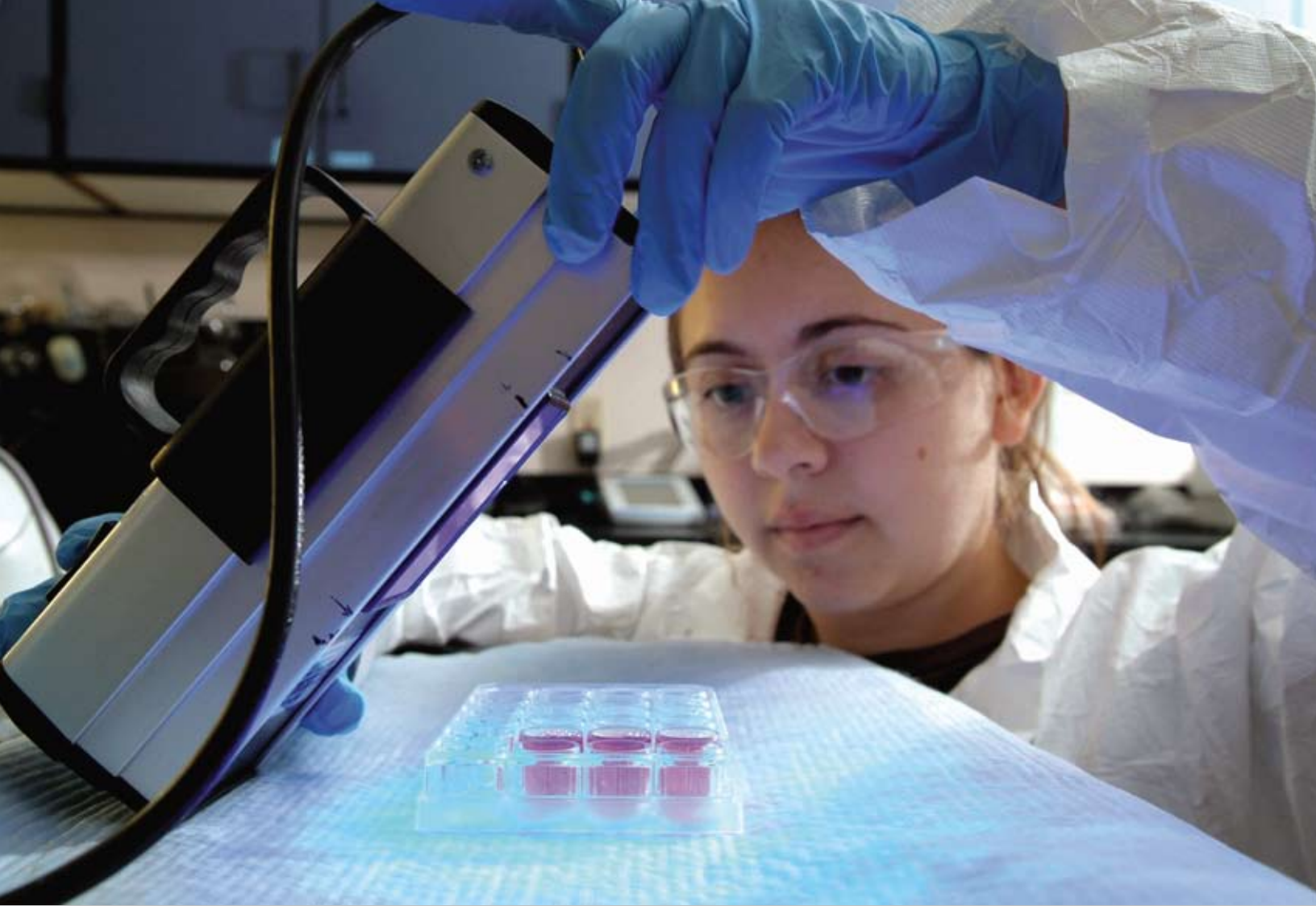
Currently, the Green Technology Research Group is made up of about 10 FGCU faculty members from various disciplines. They share an interest in green technology and seek to explore ways to identify green applications among the hundreds of research projects being conducted at the University.

Group members hope to soon get University approval to officially become the Center for the Development of Green Technology.

Becoming a University-recognized center will formalize the group's role on campus, increase the organization's prestige in the scientific community and aid in the acquisition of grant funding.

"You can create a very intense killing zone ... You want it to be absolutely lethal – but safe."

– Jose Barreto



Research assistant Jessica Strnad places an ultraviolet light over a plate containing test solution that mimics a fat-soluble toxin. Each well in the plate also contains a photocatalyst that absorbs ultraviolet light, which causes a reaction that destroys the toxin.

“The minute you turn the light off, the radicals and oxidants have a very short lifetime and they get snuffed out. That’s what makes it green technology. You want it to be absolutely lethal – but safe.”

In the case of an armored tank, an air filter using the photocatalyst process could neutralize incoming nerve gas and provide the soldiers with clean air. The Department of Defense provided the initial funding for the research.

“We are contributing to society as a whole through this research,” said Thomas Roberts, FGCU’s associate vice president of research. “There is a critical need for new technologies that can be used for the rapid detection, immobilization and destruction of bio-threat agents, toxins and pathogens important to bio-defense efforts and public health.”

Aprile Jordan spends her days growing bacteria, only to kill much of it with titanium oxide. The 2007 FGCU graduate returned to her alma mater to help Barreto with his research. Her bachelor’s degree in biology with a minor in chemistry has proved invaluable.

“Whenever you work with biological specimens, you have a lot of controls you have to do along with the experiments,” says Jordan. “You put them all together and you can see how effective the photocatalyst process is in each case.”

Other uses of this process might include green ways to sterilize contact lenses or clean contaminated groundwater, rid a home of second-hand smoke and develop filters to protect the health of

Jose Barreto examines a jar of sudan red dye to check for loss of color or changes in composition.

airplane passengers.

Yes, that old bane of travelers – the bugs we catch while flying – could be solved at FGCU.

“On an airline with 300 people, several of them might have colds. People have viruses – they sneeze, they cough,” Barreto says. “You cannot kill these people on the plane, but you need to kill the germs they are breathing out. You can’t release a toxic agent into the plane, but you have to decontaminate the air.” Turn on a specially coated filter activated by UV lights and suddenly that old stale air is cleaned up and crystal clear.

“This would work on an airplane. This would work in a hospital,” Barreto says. “As far as I am concerned, it would be useful to have in a house.”

And therein lies another goal of the Green Technology Research Group. Besides helping expand FGCU research, finding new green applications for campus discoveries and saving the world, many of these applications will also have commercial applications. As they are patented and one day make their way to the marketplace, they could prove lucrative for the University.

“There is great potential for revenue streams from patented work, but it can take many years for the commercial value to develop,” says Donna Price Henry, the dean of the College of Arts & Sciences. “It is a good investment to support creative, entrepreneurial research projects by faculty.”

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



The sudan red dye must be kept refrigerated to prevent a change in its color prior to its use.

GREEN TECHNOLOGY RESEARCH GROUP: CURRENT STUDIES

Other projects the Green Technology Research Group is exploring include:

• TITANIUM OXIDE SENSOR PROJECT

The group is looking at FGCU-based research that could lead to titanium oxide being used in sensors. These devices might one day measure the amount of hydrogen sulfide in mud – a factor critical to understanding the health of marine environments including rivers, estuaries and bays – or measure hydrogen sulfide in humans in order to help regulate blood pressure.

• GREEN BIOCIDES

The problem with most pesticides and germicides is that they leave a residue that theoretically could be harmful to people or the environment. Researchers at FGCU are exploring earth-friendly biocides that kill but leave nothing toxic behind.

• BIODIESEL FUEL

The group hopes to eventually take advantage of campus research into algae to see if the marine plant could be used to make a biodiesel fuel.



Building cultural bridges

Hundreds benefit from two students' trip to HUNGARY

BY KAREN FELDMAN

Imagine going to school in a foreign country, attempting to learn in a language you don't understand while living among people whose customs are completely unfamiliar.

Autumn Arbree, '08, and Georgina Iannotta, '08, don't have to imagine it; the two Florida Gulf Coast University elementary education majors lived it during the three weeks they spent in Jaszbereny, Hungary last spring working with an elementary school affiliated with St. Stephen University.

FGCU has a partnership with the Hungarian university and this was the first time an FGCU group participated in an exchange program there.

Last spring, the two then-seniors, along with their instructor, Jackie Greene, spent three weeks working in the St.



Autumn Arbree and Georgina Iannotta enjoy the scenic Danube River in Budapest.

Stephen's Laboratory School, about 65 miles from Budapest, immersing themselves in the community and garnering a host of material to bring home to share with U.S. students.

Greene, director of the Non-Final Integrated Field Experience Program for the College of Education, coordinated the undertaking, made possible by support from the host university, which supplied room and board for \$17 a night, as well as research funds from FGCU.

"We strive to give our students a global vision and we also wanted them to have the experience of immersing themselves in a culture and language totally foreign to them so they would develop empathy for students who enter their classrooms and do not have the language of power," says Greene.

It was part of the students' ESOL – English for Speakers of Other Languages – training, preparing them for the day when they have their own classrooms with some students who speak no English.

The FGCU group got a first taste of how difficult it is to communicate in a foreign land when they discovered on arrival that the airline had lost their luggage.

That was a warmup for the whirlwind

that followed, which consisted of days spent at a school for pre-kindergarten to sixth grade. The classrooms with which they worked in Hungary became partners to classrooms at Poinciana Elementary in Naples and Naples Park Elementary, where the two students served as student teachers, and Nocatee Elementary in Arcadia, where Greene volunteers.

Before making the trip, Arbree, Iannotta and Greene worked with their local classrooms, teaching students Hungarian culture through mapping, folk tales, music and charts detailing what they wanted to know about the culture – things like what the money looked like, what candy they ate, what school was like and what Hungarian children do for fun.

"The Florida students developed culture kits about American culture, putting in money, sand, seashells, tourist literature, sharks' teeth, anything that had to do with Florida culture," Greene says.



Autumn Arbree, left, and Georgina Iannotta use a quilt created by Southwest Florida students to teach English at St. Istevan Laboratory School in Jaszbereny, Hungary.

This quilt is composed of squares decorated by Hungarian children depicting their lives and culture.

Each student created a kit by putting what they'd collected into a resealable plastic bag, along with pictures they'd drawn and postcards showing the area.

"We took all those kits to Hungary and used them with the students there," says Greene. "It taught them so much about our culture and gave them the opportunity to practice English."

In turn, the Hungarian students created culture kits, which the American team brought back and shared with their Florida students.

Students on both sides of the Atlantic also created squares that depicted life in their cultures. The squares were sewn together to form quilts. Greene proudly displays the Hungarian children's colorful quilt on her office wall.

After they finished their days in the Hungarian schools, the FGCU group went to community meetings and English clubs, where adults learn to speak the language. Greene showed videos she'd made of life in Florida, including the beach and the Arcadia rodeo.

"The people were oh-so-welcoming," Greene says. "We were invited into their homes, their farms, their meals. We were like rock stars there. The people were very aware of our culture and the economic situation. They were way ahead of us on that."

While in Hungary, the women videotaped everything they did, transmitting the videos to their Southwest Florida classrooms, followed by an exchange of e-mailed questions and answers.

"It was total literacy immersion," Greene says.

Iannotta, who majored in elementary education, had never traveled abroad before.

"I was able to use many of the learning strategies I have learned to communicate with my students," she says. "I was able to see what it felt like to be that student in the classroom who could not concentrate or pay attention because he was not understanding because of the language barrier."

Arbree also earned her degree in elementary education and returned home with valuable insight.

"This experience has taught me how



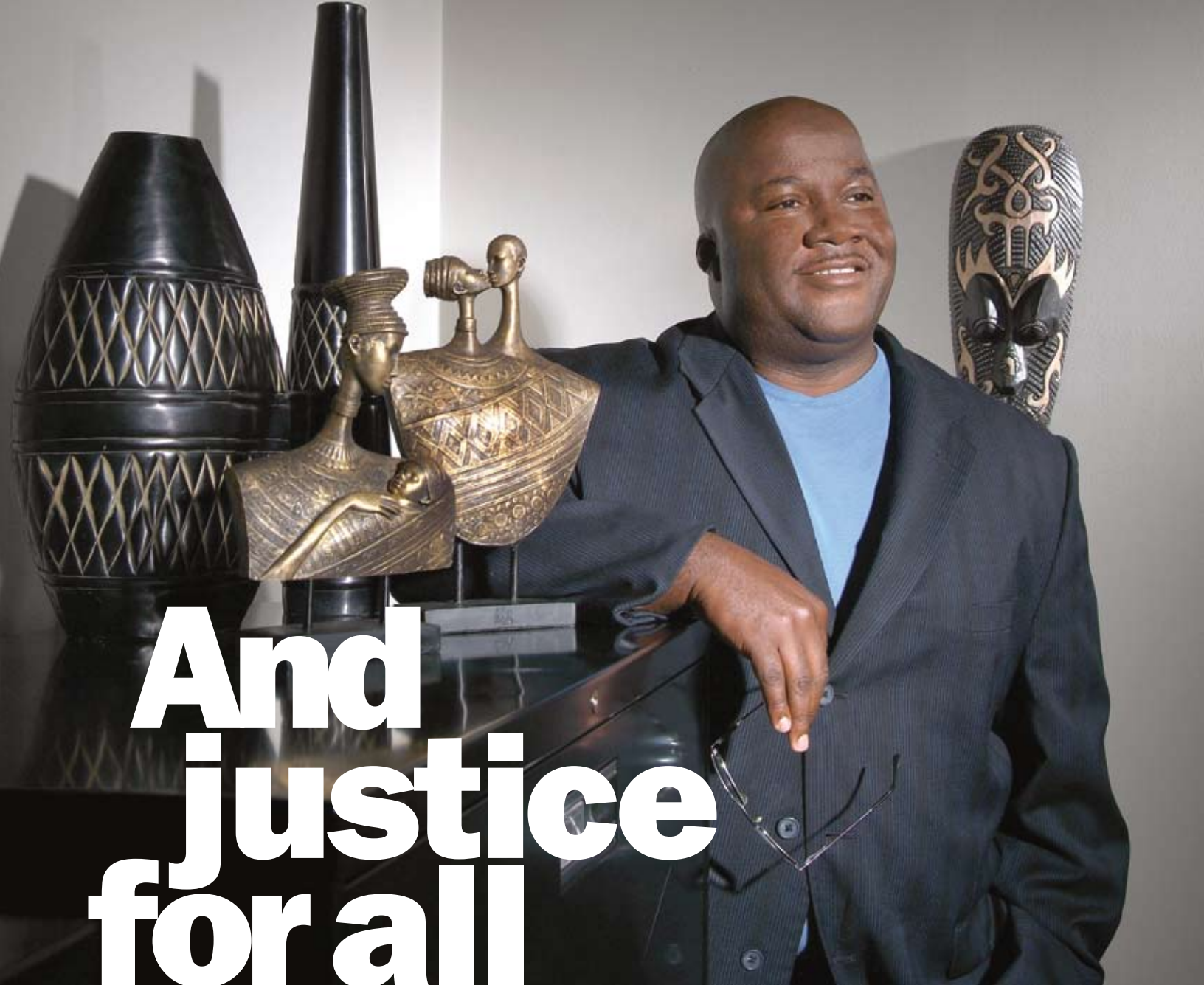
important non-verbal methods are when teaching," she says. "A teacher can say so much without saying anything at all. Through this I have a better understanding of ESOL students. I was in their shoes. It was a scary thing to experience as an adult so I can only imagine how a young child feels in this position."



Top: Fourth-grade Hungarian students read postcards sent by Southwest Florida students. By fourth grade, Hungarian students can read and write in many languages.

Middle: Jackie Greene, right, and Hungarian education majors discuss effective literacy strategies to use with those learning English.

Bottom: Georgina Iannotta, left, Jackie Greene, Jaszbereny Mayor Jozsef Gedei and Autumn Arbree share ideas.



ED CLEMENT

Tony Barringer has a passion for African art. These pieces help create a tranquil environment in his office.

Professor spends career fighting crime, inequality

BY JOHN FRANCIS

Growing up in inner-city Chicago and segregated Hayti Heights, Mo., Tony Barringer saw firsthand how lives became entangled in the American justice system. On the streets, crime was a rite of passage. In the courts, fairness wasn't guaranteed. In the corrections halls, people he knew and loved became trapped in a cycle of doing crime and doing time.

"I saw so many friends and family members go off to prison who I didn't think would get a fair shake," says Barringer, the middle child of 13. "I saw a lot of injustice."

The experience inspired him to work to change the system. With the support of strong parents, and by focusing on academics and athletics instead of social pressures, he forged a path that led him to Florida Gulf Coast University, where he heads the Division of Justice Studies and serves as associate dean of the College of Professional Studies.

"Now I'm in a position to make a bigger impact by preparing people to work in the field I was so concerned about," Barringer says.

Besides being a valued administrator and professor, Barringer uses his own success story to inspire and mentor students such as Leon Woodstock, a 25-year-old criminal justice major who faced some of the same challenges as his professor while growing up in Miami's inner city.

"Whatever the issue is, you feel comfortable going to him about it," Woodstock says. "I trust him like no other. He drives me to do my best."

Barringer's own drive has propelled him to heights he had never considered when he fought against the odds just to get to college in the 1980s: occupying a dean's office, where a plaque on his desk reads "Dreams can lead us to wonderful places." He has numerous scholarly publications, presentations and grants to his name; a position consulting with the nation of Bulgaria on its juvenile justice system; and years behind him in the trenches of juvenile justice as well as corrections and probation.

"Some of my most rewarding experiences have been in juvenile detention," Barringer says. "I saw youths make changes in their lives. Later in life, some have contacted me and told me I made a difference in their lives. That's more rewarding than anything."

All of which might never have happened without a pivotal incident in high school. Although he ranked 10th in his class, a guidance counselor suggested he talk to admissions representatives of trade schools instead of colleges. Discouraged, he took a job at the plant where his late father, Frederick Douglass Barringer, worked as a welder. It was dirty, miserable work for an intelligent 17-year-old, and drove him to prove his guidance counselor wrong. He would go to college.

"That motivated me," Barringer says. "Only students can determine what they will accomplish. When things get hard, I remember that. I want to be the opposite of that guidance counselor."

And he is, according to FGCU alumni like Fort Myers attorney Carlos Cavenago, who intended to go into law enforcement, but with Barringer's support, went on to law school instead.

"Dr. Barringer was always telling me he would do whatever he could do to help – he was always available," Cavenago says. "Because of that I'm forever grateful."

Chiquarya Barnes, '06 (Criminal Justice), and a graduate student in public administration, considers him her mentor.

"Dr. Barringer is inspirational to his students because he helps them to see that there is more than one solution to a problem whether the problem is in class or out of class," she says. "He helps a student in any way possible; he also encourages his students to be the best that they can be."

As a teacher, Barringer reaches students with a soft-spoken but straight-shooting style. He draws lessons from his life that young people can relate to but also makes the effort to listen to

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— Carlos Cavenago

their concerns.

"I do share a lot of stories about my family when I'm lecturing," Barringer says. "My experience helps me understand students come from different walks of life and may learn differently. It helps build trust and relationships with

students. They see I'm human and honest."

They also see that he has experience in many facets of the justice system. Before he went into teaching, he worked as a youth counselor at a treatment center, case manager and minority recruiter for Big Brother/Big Sisters, superintendent of a juvenile detention center and probation officer. He also served as a personnel supervisor in the U.S. Army.

"I've worked with law enforcement, courts and corrections," Barringer says. "I have a very good feel for how all those components work together to form the overall system."

Because of that, he can better prepare students as they develop core skills, seek internship experience and decide on a path to a future career. His involvement with local law enforcement agencies as well as Florida's juvenile justice and corrections departments also helps the Division of Justice Studies staff develop curriculum to meet the demands of criminal justice agencies.

"In addition to being an extraordinary classroom teacher, he brings an authority and sense of confidence to every task he takes on," says Ken Millar, dean of the College of Professional Studies. "He has overseen the growth of the program and helped develop the master's degree program in criminal justice. He's a value-added person to this college."

Barringer credits "a very talented faculty, staff and supervisor who help make my academic accomplishments possible."

Outside the University community, Barringer applies his experience and expertise to larger issues facing the field of

Facts of life

- **Born:** Caruthersville, Mo.
- **Age:** 43
- **Position:** Associate dean, FGCU College of Professional Studies; chairman, professor and internship coordinator, Division of Justice Studies
- **Education:** Bachelor's degree in criminal justice, Southeast Missouri State University, Cape Girardeau, Mo.; master's in public administration, Southeast Missouri State University; doctorate in education, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, Ill.
- **Research interests:** Faith-based programs and rehabilitation, minority overrepresentation in the criminal justice system, hate crimes, school violence
- **Pastimes:** Working on cars, writing poetry, collecting African art
- **Favorite TV show:** "America's Most Wanted"

justice on the state and national levels and even around the world. He has published papers on rehabilitation, juvenile delinquency and overrepresentation of minorities in the corrections system. And he's involved in a state initiative to combat the continuing problem of recidivism – repeat offenses by convicted criminals – especially as it pertains to minorities. One of Barringer's own brothers has been caught in the cycle for most of his life.

"What can we do in the prison setting to truly rehabilitate individuals and make sure they can get a job and the treatment needed to keep them crime-free?" he says. "Prisons are overcrowded. Funding is down for treatment. People are just being warehoused."

Building a stronger moral foundation through early mentoring could help those at risk avoid the downward spiral, Barringer says.

"In most inner cities it's quite common to have single-parent families where the father is incarcerated," he says. "The absence of a father to provide a role model is a big problem."

Inside the system, his research has shown, maintaining bonds with family and providing education and treatment can help rehabilitate people. And after incarceration ends, he says, employers who are willing to overlook the stigma of hiring ex-convicts, perhaps with a reward of state or federal tax breaks, could help ex-convicts avoid the pattern of repeat offenses.

"If we don't take care of those at risk, who feed the system, we're really just working in a circle," Barringer says.

— John Francis is a freelance writer who lives in Southwest Florida.



Who Am I

When I peer into the mirror I wonder who do I see, the person that I am or the person I want to be.

*I ask myself do I pursue the fame and glory,
or do I allow my past to tell my story.*

*Truly in my past faults and flaws will exist,
but being something that I am not is a temptation I must resist.*

Oh, finding out who I really am is one goal that I have left, because when it's all said and done, I want to have been true to myself.

*The probing of this dilemma has lasted a lifetime, but in no way am I going to give up
and stop trying.*

*The pursuit of the American Dream will prove to be such a scam, in that after acquiring
all the material possessions I still don't know who I am.*

*Many tell me to strive and be all that I can be, but I'll settle for the life goal of knowing
the real me.*

*So as this warring takes place deeper than anyone can see,
my life would have been in vain if I never discover the real me.*

*Finally, there will come a time when I must lie down and die. I am just hoping that I
would have answered my question of "Who am I?"*

—Tony Barringer

Development director goes distance in endurance race

BY KAREN FELDMAN

In his job as director of planned giving, Pete Lefferts employs energy, drive and perseverance to raise critically needed funds for Florida Gulf Coast University.

He calls upon those same qualities when he competes in endurance races as a triathlete.

In November, Lefferts spent two weeks in Monterrey, Mexico, where he traveled 1,406 miles under his own power without leaving the neighborhood of the State Institute of Physical Culture and Sport.

The 53-year-old (who was 52 at the time) not only competed in, but completed, the World Challenge Deca Triathlon 2008, swimming 24 miles, bicycling 1,120 miles and running 262 miles in 326 hours, 49 minutes and 21 seconds. From among a field of 18 competitors from around the world, he finished 15th.

To accomplish that Herculean feat, Lefferts took naps in a small tent along the race route, grabbed quick meals, downed caffeine pills, endured temperatures that ranged from the 80s by day to the 40s at night and withstood the smog that accumulated each day in one of Mexico's largest cities.

Lefferts was the only American to finish the grueling event, the seventh to ever complete it and the third fastest. In 2008, the International Ultra Triathlon Association ranked him second among American ultra triathletes.

This wasn't his first such competition, although it was the longest. He also completed the 2003 Odyssey Double Iron Triathlon (in 35 hours, 5 minutes) and the 2007 Virginia Triple Iron Triathlon (in 59 hours, 12 minutes).

What possesses someone to push their body to this extreme? "There are men and women for whom the unattainable holds special allure," he says. "I don't know the author of that quote but it's always guided my interest in triathlons."

"That's why I continued to increase the distances of my races from sprint triathlons, to the Olympic distance, to half ironmans, to full ironmans, to doubles, triples, and now the deca. Stretching to the next longer distance always held special allure."



Black Box Theatre

"Exit the King"

Written by Eugene Ionesco
Directed by Barry Cavin
Feb. 11-15, 18-22

8 p.m. Wednesday - Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday
\$10 general admission; \$5 FGCU faculty, staff and students

The great king is about to die. All reality emanated from his glorious presence and now that reality is crumbling at his feet. But the king refuses to go quietly because, blinded by love, he is just as unprepared for death as he was ignorant of true life. In this darkly humorous play, the absurdist comic genius Ionesco explores the idea that even the mighty are humbled by love.

"TL001: A Performance Constellation an Original Ensemble-Created Performance"

Directed by Michelle Hayford
April 1-5, 8-10, 15-18

8 p.m. Wednesday - Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday
\$10 general admission; \$5 FGCU faculty, staff and students

A performance devised from the life experiences and thoughts of the performers. Each person involved in this unique presentation participates in the birth of what promises to be a fresh piece of innovative theatre.

Art Exhibits

Mary Ellen Croteau: Artist and Agitator

Jan. 8-Feb. 7
Main Gallery



"Running with Fire" by Leo Johnson

Leo and Krista Johnson: Work from the Open Mind

Jan. 22-March 6
Opening reception: 5-8 p.m. Jan 22
Library Gallery

Carl Schwartz Retrospective

Feb. 19-March 22
Opening reception: 5-8 p.m. Feb. 19
Main Gallery



Small World: Art of the Jewelry Box

March 19-April 24
Library Gallery

Celebration of the Arts: FGCU Juried Student Art Exhibition and Theatre Opening Night

April 1-11

Opening reception: 4-8 p.m. April 1
Awards presentation: 6 p.m. April 1
Main Gallery

Finals: Senior Project Exhibition

April 17-May 2
Opening reception: 5-8 p.m. April 17
Main Gallery

Bower School of Music

Wind Orchestra Concert

Featuring President Wilson G. Bradshaw
7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 12
Student Union Ballroom

String Orchestra Concert

Featuring James Tapia, guest conductor
7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 19
Location TBD

Winter Wind Borealis Wind Quintet Guest Artist Recital

Katherine Fink, flute; Tamar Beach Wells, oboe; Kathryn Taylor, clarinet; Wayne Hileman, bassoon; Dan Culpepper, horn
7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 24
Student Union Ballroom

The Virtuosity of the Tenor Saxophone Guest and Faculty Artist Recital

James Houlik, tenor saxophone, and Michael Baron, piano
7:40 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 26
Student Union Ballroom

Romantic Symbolism in the Early 19th Century German Song Literature Guest Lecture

Robert Bailey
7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 12
Student Union Ballroom

President's Concert

Featuring outstanding student and faculty performers
7:30 p.m. Friday, March 13
Student Union Ballroom

University Choir and Fort Myers Symphonic Mastersingers, Brahms "Requiem"

Jeanie Darnell, soprano
7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 28
First Presbyterian Church
9751 Bonita Beach Road, Bonita Springs
Tickets \$20. Call 590-7851.

University Choir and Fort Myers Symphonic Mastersingers, Brahms "Requiem"

Jeanie Darnell, soprano
4 p.m. Sunday, March 29
Burnt Store Presbyterian Church
11330 Burnt Store Road, Punta Gorda
Tickets \$20. Call 590-7851.

Symphony Orchestra Concert

7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 7
Student Union Ballroom

Chamber Singers Concert

7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 9
Student Union Ballroom

Chamber Singers Concert

8 p.m. Tuesday, April 14
Bower Chapel at Moorings Park
120 Moorings Park Drive, Naples
Complimentary tickets available.
Call 590-7851.

Wind Orchestra and String Orchestra Concert

Col. Alan Bonner, Guest Conductor
7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 16
Student Union Ballroom

Schwartz retrospective comes to FGCU gallery

BY ANICA STURDIVANT

Travel from Fort Myers through the Everglades and Florida Keys, up the rocky shorelines of the Atlantic Coast and past the soaring cityscapes of Chicago through the eyes of nationally recognized painter and printmaker Carl E. Schwartz.

A retrospective of his work runs Feb. 19 through March 22 at Florida Gulf Coast University's Art Complex Gallery.

Art lovers who know him as a painter devoted to light and gardens likely will be surprised by the range of subjects represented in this show.

"This exhibition reflects my response to my surroundings," says Schwartz, who taught art full-time at FGCU until last spring when he went into semi-retirement. He continues to teach as an adjunct. "If I lived on the beach, I painted beach scenes. If there was a wonderful, jumbled back of a marina or fix-it shop that was nearby, I created ordered, balanced compositions out of the great chaos that those places can present. This body of work is reflective of what has been my changing environment."

Even a series he refers to as "foods and nudes" was inspired by the same muse.

"I was teaching figure drawing and painting in Chicago in those days," he says. "Nudes really were part of my everyday environment. And food, I love food. The two just seemed to go together. On a more serious note, I love the female form, its lushness, its softness and its sensuality."

His current body of work focuses on Southwest Florida's tropical plants. He finds

all the inspiration he needs by walking out his back door into the lush paradise he's created, full of plants, a water garden and a koi pond. He often invites students to work in his gardens for off-campus classes.

For more information, visit the gallery's Web site: artgallery.fgcu.edu.

— Anica Sturdivant is the interim director for FGCU's Art Gallery.



Clockwise from the top: Carl E. Schwartz in his studio with a work in progress, "Tropical Treasures", diptych; "Aby/A.D. V" 1972; "Swirling Color, II" 2003



IF YOU GO

WHAT: Carl E. Schwartz retrospective

WHERE: Art Complex Gallery, Florida Gulf Coast University

WHEN: Feb. 19-March 22; opening reception with the artist is 5-8 p.m. Feb. 19

COST: Free

INFORMATION: Call 590-7199 or visit <http://artgallery.fgcu.edu>.



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RAISING THE BAR

FGCU Athletics thrives in second Atlantic Sun season



BY CARL BLEICH

Florida Gulf Coast University's move to Division I's Atlantic Sun Conference in the 2007-08 season was meant to elevate the caliber of competitors and create traditional rivalries. Now, as the teams compete in their second season, the payoff has become obvious.

FGCU teams are facing off against the likes of the University of Florida, Florida State, Penn State and Syracuse University.

"We knew when we made the move that we would be playing some high-profile schools," FGCU interim athletic director Jo-Ann Nestor says. "Our goal is to be similar to them when we are out of our four-year reclassification period."

Nestor is referring to the period during which Division I newcomers are banned from NCAA Tournament play. The rule makes an exception, however, allowing one women's team and one men's team to compete in the NCAA Tournament after just two years. For FGCU, that means that the women's volleyball program and men's baseball program will be eligible in the 2009-2010 seasons. The rest of the Eagle teams will be eligible in the 2011-2012 seasons.

Here is an update on how each individual Eagle sports program fared during the fall semester.



Top: Adrianne McNally
Bottom: Emma Beddome, Brittany Brown and Shannon Murphy

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

With nine newcomers on the team, FGCU's lady Eagles started off the basketball season Nov. 14 with an electrifying victory over the University of Florida, winning 88-86 at Alico Arena in front of close to 3,000 enthusiastic fans.

Junior Adrianne McNally, who finished the game with 14 points, gave FGCU an 85-84 lead with 42 seconds remaining and extended that lead to 87-84 after two successful free throws with 22 seconds left to play.

Junior Brittany Brown nailed a free throw and, after an inconsequential basket by the Gators as time expired, Eagle fans rushed the floor to celebrate the upset with their team.

The team scored a victory over another in-state rival Dec. 7, when it beat Central Florida 77-64 at Alico Arena. The Eagles had a 6-2 record as of Dec. 15.

"We have a young team," Eagles coach Karl Smesko says. "Once our players learn our system and the intensity that we practice at, we will have a bright future."

MEN'S BASKETBALL

After a huge roster turnover from last year, the men's basketball program began the season with just two returning lettermen.

"Thirteen of 15 players had not played a minute for us prior to this season," says coach Dave Balza. "We have a talented group of young players. We may take some lumps now, but it will pay dividends by the time we get through this reclassifying period."

Despite that inexperience, FGCU was able to top Florida Atlantic 60-55 Dec. 1 at Alico Arena. Junior Derrick O'Neil, who transferred from Florida Community College in Jacksonville, scored 27 points and grabbed nine rebounds as the Eagles earned the close victory.

The Eagles played on FOX Sports when they took on the Florida Gators on Dec. 10 in Gainesville. FGCU led 28-27 late in the first half thanks to sophomore Reed Baker drilling five 3-pointers. But the Gators proved too tough for the Eagles in the end, beating FGCU 94-60.

The men's basketball team had a 5-6 record as of Dec. 15.

Derrick O'Neil

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

Two Eagles broke school records during the 2008 season.

Junior Kyle Brunette now owns the men's school record after running a 26:08.92 at the Atlantic Sun Conference Championships on Nov. 1.

Sophomore Megan Thies set the women's school record at the FLRunners.com Invitational on Oct. 3.

She ran a 19:10.11 and now owns the top five times in FGCU women's history.

First-year coach Cassandra Goodson was very pleased with both teams' performances throughout the season.

"Both the men and women were so hard working and enthusiastic that there was drastic improvement in the entire team," Goodson says. "I am very excited about the future of this program."

WOMEN'S SOCCER

In its second season, the women's soccer team posted its second consecutive 10-win season. FGCU finished with a record of 10-4-3 and a 5-2-3 record in Atlantic Sun Conference play.

This was especially impressive considering the Eagles had 11 freshman and 11 sopho-

mores on the roster this season.

One of the tougher games of the year came Sept. 28 against Mercer, the team that would go on to win the Atlantic Sun. Mercer took an early 1-0 lead in the first half. FGCU trailed the Bears until the 83rd minute when freshman Stacey Payne scored a huge goal that tied the game for FGCU. The game finished in a 1-1 tie.

"I think that was a great result," coach Jim Blankenship says. "Mercer was a quality team and they definitely came to play; they put us on our heels right from the start. But we made some good adjustments, found a way to fight back, and I think that shows the kind of character our girls have."

Junior midfielder Amber McCall was voted first team All-Atlantic Sun for the second consecutive season. Sophomores Lindsay Haw and KC Correllus were named second team All-Atlantic Sun while goalkeeper Stephanie Powers was named to the Atlantic Sun All-Freshman team.

MEN'S SOCCER

The men's soccer team played a very tough schedule this season. The team played road games against Ohio State, Penn State and Syracuse before ever playing a home game at the FGCU Soccer Complex.

One of the team's big wins of the season was its 1-0 victory over Penn State on Aug. 31 in the Bert and Iris Wolstein Classic in Columbus, Ohio. Sophomore Adam Glick registered the shutout, making five saves. Sophomore Matt O'Shaughnessy scored the game's lone goal in the first half. The victory was the soccer team's first over a Big Ten school.

The Eagles finished the season with a 6-10-2 record overall and a 3-5-1 record in Atlantic Sun conference play.

"As we had to remind ourselves regularly throughout this season, we are very young," coach Bob Butehorn wrote in his postseason blog entry on fgcuathletics.com. "With that incredibly young group, we showed signs of brilliance in every match and found a way to go unbeaten in our final four games of the season."



Amber McCall



Top: Kyle Brunette
Bottom: Megan Thies and Taylor Cooke



Casey Lademann, Lindsey Haw and Katie Donnellan



Scott Harrison



Adam Glick



Sarah McCollough

WOMEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING

The FGCU Aquatics Center has been very good to the women's swimming and diving team this season.

The team is a perfect 5-0 in home meets, defeating Campbell, Florida International, Florida Atlantic, Tampa and Florida A&M in October and November.

FGCU notched three victories on Nov. 22 alone. The team topped Florida Atlantic 179-121, Tampa 236-58 and Florida A&M 254-13.

Freshman Vicky Cadge paced the Eagles throughout the quad-meet with three first-place finishes; the 100-yard breaststroke (1:06.02), the 200-yard breaststroke (2:23.80), and the 20-yard

individual medley (2:06.47). Eagles freshman Rossy Murray added two more first-place finishes, one in the 1,650-yard freestyle (17:14.20) and the other in the 500-yard freestyle (4:58.65).

The Eagles have been ranked as high as No.9 in the Division I mid-major poll this season.

"That is phenomenal for us," coach Neal Studd says. "To be ninth in only our second season ever is really special."

VOLLEYBALL

New coach Dave Nichols' first season as the Eagles volleyball head coach was a good one. FGCU finished the season 20-8 overall and 18-2 in Atlantic Sun Conference play.

The Eagles have now won the regular season Atlantic Sun championship in back-to-back seasons, the program's first two in Division I.

"The team had amazing attitude and work ethic," Nichols says. "We feel that we have set in place philosophies and systems that will continue to move the program in the right direction. The future looks bright."

Senior setter Roberta Santos and senior outside hitter Ana Kokanovic were given First Team All-Atlantic Sun honors. Holly Youngquist was also given a post-season honor. She was named to the Atlantic Sun All-Freshman Team.



Ana Kokanovic and Holly Youngquist



Roberta Santos



Sports Calendar

Kennesaw State*
7 p.m., Alico Arena

Friday, Feb. 20
Men's Baseball vs. Central Michigan
Midnight, Swanson Stadium

Men's Tennis vs. Florida Atlantic
2 p.m., FGCU Tennis Complex

Women's Softball vs. Fairfield (FGCU Tournament)
6 p.m., FGCU Softball Complex

Men's Baseball vs. Central Michigan
8 p.m., Swanson Stadium

Women's Softball vs. DePaul (FGCU Tournament)
8 p.m., FGCU Softball Complex

Saturday, Feb. 21
Women's Tennis vs. Northwestern State
10 a.m., FGCU Tennis Complex

Women's Softball vs. DePaul (FGCU Tournament)
5 p.m., FGCU Softball Complex

Women's Softball vs. Bethune-Cookman (FGCU Tournament)
7 p.m., FGCU Softball Complex

Men's Baseball vs. Wichita State
8 p.m., Swanson Stadium

Sunday, Feb. 22
Men's Baseball vs. Temple
Noon, Swanson Stadium

Women's Softball vs. Michigan State (FGCU Tournament)
1 p.m., FGCU Softball Complex

Monday, Feb. 23
Women's Tennis vs. Bethune-Cookman

10 a.m., FGCU Tennis Complex

Tuesday, Feb. 24
Women's Softball vs. Eastern Michigan (DH)
5 p.m., FGCU Softball Complex

Thursday, Feb. 26
Men's Baseball vs. Samford
4 p.m., Swanson Stadium

Friday, Feb. 27
Women's Softball vs. Colgate (FGCU Spring Break Tournament)
5 p.m., FGCU Softball Complex

Women's Softball vs. St. Francis (FGCU Spring Break Tournament)
7 p.m., FGCU Softball Complex

Men's Baseball vs. Towson
8 p.m., Swanson Stadium

Saturday, Feb. 28
Men's Baseball vs. USF
4 p.m., Swanson Stadium

Women's Softball vs. Dartmouth (FGCU Spring Break Tournament)
5 p.m., FGCU Softball Complex

Women's Softball vs. Bryant (FGCU Spring Break Tournament)
7 p.m., FGCU Softball Complex

Women's Basketball vs. Johnson & Wales
7 p.m., Alico Arena

Sunday, March 1
Women's Softball vs. Dartmouth (FGCU Spring Break Tournament)
11 a.m., FGCU Softball Complex

Men's Baseball vs. Bethune-Cookman
Noon, Swanson Stadium

Women's Softball vs. St. Francis (FGCU Spring Break Tournament)
1 p.m., FGCU Softball Complex

Tuesday, March 3
Men's Baseball vs. Boston College
6 p.m., Swanson Stadium

Wednesday, March 4
Men's Baseball vs. Boston College
6 p.m., Swanson Stadium

Friday, March 6
Men's Baseball vs. Campbell* (DH)
4 p.m., Swanson Stadium

Saturday, March 7
Men's Baseball vs. Campbell*
1 p.m., Swanson Stadium

Tuesday, March 10
Men's Tennis vs. Bucknell
2 p.m., FGCU Tennis Complex

Women's Tennis vs. Bucknell
2:30 p.m., FGCU Tennis Complex

Men's Baseball vs. Penn State
6 p.m., Swanson Stadium

Wednesday, March 11
Men's Tennis vs. St. John's
2 p.m., FGCU Tennis Complex

Men's Baseball vs. Penn State
4 p.m., Swanson Stadium

Sunday, March 15
Women's Tennis vs. Harvard
10 a.m., FGCU Tennis Complex

Tuesday, March 17
Women's Tennis vs. Colgate
10 a.m., FGCU Tennis Complex

Men's Tennis vs. Colgate
2 p.m., FGCU Tennis Complex

Women's Tennis vs. New Jersey Institute of Technology
2 p.m., FGCU Tennis Complex

Wednesday, March 18
Men's Tennis vs. New Jersey Institute of Technology
2 p.m., FGCU Tennis Complex

Thursday, March 19
Men's Tennis vs. Lipscomb
2 p.m., FGCU Tennis Complex

Women's Tennis vs. Lipscomb
2:30 p.m., FGCU Tennis Complex

Friday, March 20
Men's Baseball vs. Jacksonville*
7 p.m., Swanson Stadium

Saturday, March 21
Men's Tennis vs. Belmont
10 a.m., FGCU Tennis Complex

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

Men's Baseball vs. Jacksonville*
7 p.m., Swanson Stadium

Sunday, March 22
Men's Baseball vs. Jacksonville*
1 p.m., Swanson Stadium

Thursday, March 26
Women's Softball vs. USC Upstate* (DH)
4 p.m., FGCU Softball Complex

Saturday, March 28
Women's Softball vs. ETSU* (DH)
2 p.m., FGCU Softball Complex

Thursday, April 2
Men's Tennis vs. USC Upstate
2 p.m., FGCU Tennis Complex

Women's Tennis vs. USC Upstate
2:30 p.m., FGCU Tennis Complex

Saturday, April 4
Men's Tennis vs. East Tennessee State
10 a.m., FGCU Tennis Complex

Women's Tennis vs. East Tennessee State
Noon, FGCU Tennis Complex

Tuesday, April 14
Men's Baseball vs. UCF
6 p.m., Swanson Stadium

Wednesday, April 15
Men's Tennis vs. DePaul
2 p.m., FGCU Tennis Complex

Women's Softball vs. Florida International (DH)
5 p.m., FGCU Softball Complex

Friday, April 17
Men's Baseball vs. Lipscomb*
7 p.m., Swanson Stadium

Saturday, April 18
Men's Baseball vs. Lipscomb*
7 p.m., Swanson Stadium

Sunday, April 19
Men's Baseball vs. Lipscomb*
1 p.m., Swanson Stadium

Tuesday, April 21
Women's Softball vs. Stetson* (DH)
5 p.m., FGCU Softball Complex

Thursday, April 23
Women's Softball vs. Belmont* (DH)
5 p.m., FGCU Softball Complex

*A-Sun Conference game



DENNIS SWIDER

Sugden Hall gives Resort and Hospitality program a home

Florida Gulf Coast University's 5-year-old Resort and Hospitality Management program has moved into its own building, Herbert J. Sugden Hall.

The sophisticated 37,000-square-foot building functions as a working laboratory to prepare students for high-demand careers in various aspects of the industry that's such a vital part of Southwest Florida's economy, including resort, private club, spa, hotel, event, time share, restaurant and tourism destination management. It also includes a PGA-accredited Professional Golf Management program. "This facility is critical for us to be competitive with other universities across the nation and to engrain the hospitality ethic into our students while they are learning the academic aspects," says Sherie Brezina, director of the Resort and Hospitality Management program. "The whole building works in conjunction with the education students receive."

The unique facility was made possible through the generosity of the Sugden family, which donated \$5 million to start the program and helped build Sugden Hall in combination with state matching funds.

Herbert J. and Margaret S. Sugden were long-time Naples residents and major philanthropists. FGCU's Sugden Welcome Center was named for Margaret Sugden. Herbert Sugden died in 2002 at age 88 and Margaret Sugden died in Sept. 2007 at age 93, but their legacy lives on in the contributions they made to FGCU and other worthy local causes.

"My father was an adventurer who loved traveling the world with my wonderful mother," says Eva Sugden Gomez. "I believe this was the reason for their enthusiasm for the resort and hospitality program at FGCU."

The couple recognized how important it was to have a well-trained work force for this industry, especially on the management level.

Members of the local hospitality industry also recognized the importance of the program. Thanks to generous contributions to Sugden Hall, Carroll Properties named the Embassy Suites Classroom and Sandra Stilwell named the Keylime Bistro Cyber Café.

Brezina says that the program's 45-member advisory board played an important role, too, lending their vast expertise to the planning and design of the building.

The \$11.4-million Sugden Hall includes a wine and food technology laboratory equipped with light panels for visual wine evaluation, a high-end residential kitchen for wine pairings and expert demonstrations, built in spittoon sinks for tasting and video and internet technology for oenological learning experiences.

Among the building's other features is a prototype spa laboratory area equipped with wet and dry treatment rooms, a hair and nail salon, and a steam and whirlpool area.

Brezina says the spa management concentration is in high demand because there's "a dire need in the resort business for spa managers. This is a phenomenal career path for students."

The Professional Golf Management program, one of 20 in the country, has the latest golf equipment and technology in the building's club repair shop, including simulated full-swing stations, putting green area and retail operation pro shop.

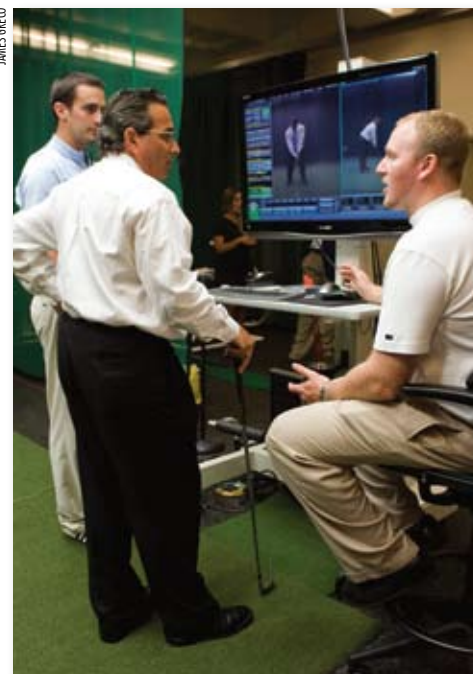
Scheduled to be completed later this year are a ballroom, additional function space and the adjoining kitchen, which will give the program the ability to hold events that students can plan and implement.

The Resort and Hospitality Management program is FGCU's fastest-growing academic program, with 430 students majoring in the various concentrations.

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JAMES GRECO



BOB KLEIN



Top: Herbert J. Sugden Hall
Middle: Ryan Cole, left, and Joey Lewis, right, show Resort and Hospitality Management advisory board member Ron Albeit the state-of-the-art C Video Swinglab in the PGA Golf Management wing of Sugden Hall.

Bottom: Sandra Stilwell in the Keylime Bistro Cyber Cafe

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Top: Students get the feeling of being in a resort in the newly opened Sugden Hall.

Left: When completed later this year, a ballroom located at the end of this hallway will allow students to plan and implement special events.

Right: Guests mingle in the lobby at the grand opening of Sugden Hall.

Gift establishes scholarship, world affairs program funds

Bernice Bongiorno left her charitable remainder trust to Florida Gulf Coast University, endowing two funds that will serve as lasting tributes to her husband, who devoted his life to healing and teaching.

Her gift amounted to \$314,798. The state will provide a 50 percent match, making the gift worth more than \$477,000.

The donation establishes the Dr. Erich Liebert World Affairs Program Endowment and the Dr. Erich Liebert Endowed Scholarship Fund. The former will fund a pre-eminent scholar who will make a number of presentations at the University and throughout the community as well as spend time on campus exploring challenging issues of the day with students, faculty and staff. This person may also prepare monographs that would become part of the FGCU Library permanent collection and perform other duties that would shed light on the world's challenges and the role of higher education in solving them.

The scholarship fund will award scholarships to students with financial need who are pursuing fine arts degrees, preferably in music, and who demonstrate service to the community.

Mrs. Bongiorno died in March 2008 at age 92. Her first husband, noted neuropsychiatrist Erich Liebert, died in 1960.

"The Bongiorno gift is a reflection of the passion that the Lieberts had for higher education and Southwest Florida," says Steve Magiera, FGCU vice president for Advancement. "They understood the value of lifelong learning and wanted future generations to recognize the importance of furnishing the mind. Most of all, Bernice wanted to honor her husband and through this gift, we will be able to honor Erich and Bernice for their visionary generosity in perpetuity."



Erich Liebert and Bernice Liebert Bongiorno and infant Pamela Liebert

The couple's daughter, Pamela Liebert, a Bonita Springs resident, says of her parents, "He was the love of her life and she wanted to make a gift that would honor him. She knew he loved teaching and thought this was a good way to accomplish that."

Dr. Liebert held a professorship at Northwestern University's Feinberg School of Medicine, ran a medical practice in Chicago and conducted a great deal of research in the area of psychiatric illness. He was also the clinical director of Elgin State Hospital and was a fellow in the American Academy of Neurology.

The couple lived in Elgin, Ill. for many years, spending part of each winter on Fort Myers Beach as far back as the 1950s. Their granddaughter, Danielle La Belle-Liebert is a sophomore at FGCU, pursuing a degree in forensic studies.

Congress extends IRA rollover provision

The Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 extends the IRA charitable rollover provision originally enacted as part of the Pension Protection Act of 2006. The new law allows donors age 70 1/2 and older to contribute as much as \$100,000 from an IRA to a qualified charity in 2008 and again in 2009.

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

"This is a marvelous way to support higher education and

FGCU," says Steve Magiera, FGCU vice president for Advancement, "especially for donors who do not itemize their deductions and for donors who must take mandatory withdrawals. In fact, gifts of \$10,000 may easily be structured to create named endowed scholarship funds that will last in perpetuity."

The IRA rollover gifts are simple to make. Donors need only instruct their IRA custodians to transfer the gift directly to FGCU. For more details, contact your IRA custodian or Pete Lefferts, FGCU director of planned giving, at (239) 590-1077.



FGCU student Azuree Arias, recipient of the Mary D. Van Slyke Memorial Scholarship, gets to know donor Marion Van Slyke at the annual President's Scholarship Luncheon.

Scholarship luncheon brings donors, recipients face to face

While many people give and receive scholarships, it's rare that donors and recipients have the opportunity to meet.

That's a major reason why Florida Gulf Coast University holds the President's Scholarship Luncheon each year. Scholarship donors get the chance to see who received their gifts and students can thank their benefactors in person.

"Lifelong friendships are formed and not just among students," says FGCU President Wilson G. Bradshaw, who created a scholarship fund with his wife, Jo Anna, earlier this year. "We are enjoying getting to know our first scholarship recipient. It's also beneficial for students to see the importance of generosity."

Gift annuities generate income for older donors

Charitable gift annuities have long provided valuable support to charities, while simultaneously providing guaranteed income streams for older donors, consistently outperforming money market funds.

This mutually beneficial program involves simple contracts between the Florida Gulf Coast University Foundation and donors.

It's a gift that works well for donors such as George and Rebecca Fogg of Naples.

"We have given a portion of our portfolio to FGCU for charitable gift annuities and will be getting a very favorable return, which is especially gratifying during these difficult economic times," says Rebecca Fogg.

By combining resources, several faculty members joined forces to create the College of Arts and Sciences Faculty Student Scholarship.

"With a young University, we knew it might be a while until the alumni would be in a position to give scholarships," says Greg Tolley, a professor of marine science. "As faculty, we thought we'd help."

Recipient Ryan Humphries is among those who have benefited from it.

"The scholarship has definitely made a difference," he says. "There are five people in my family attending FGCU right now so this helps. It's made an important impact on our lives."

This year, FGCU awarded 860 scholarships totaling \$1.3 million from 244 scholarship funds. That included 265 First Generation scholarships, awarded to students whose parents did not attend college.

Ashlyn Gibbs from Estero is among the recipients of First Generation scholarships. The senior communications major also received a Riverwoods Plantation Endowed Scholarship and another from the Charlotte R. Schmidlapp Fund.

"Going to college has really shaped who I am," she says. "I've had conversations in classes I never would have had and would never have met the most amazing mentors without this scholarship."

She plans to head to New York City after graduation to work in the music industry and with human rights groups.

"I'm not sure how I'll do it but I want to change the world in the way this scholarship has changed me," she says.

For details on contributing to or establishing a scholarship fund, contact Judie Cassidy, senior director of Advancement, at (239) 590-1058.

Part gift, part annuity, charitable gift annuities provide donors with a fixed interest rate, guaranteed income for life and several tax benefits, including a handsome charitable deduction. Interest rates for charitable gift annuities are higher for older donors.

Moreover, the gift portion of a charitable gift annuity can be assigned to a donor's favorite academic program, scholarship,

research initiative, sport or other area of interest. Over the years, several donors have written multiple charitable gift annuity contracts, cashing out low-interest-earning money market certificates as they mature in favor of charitable gift annuities yielding higher interest rates and benefitting charitable causes.

For more information, call Pete Lefferts at (239) 590-1077 or visit www.fgcu.edu/foundation/plannedgiving.

Money market fund

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

3%

Charitable gift annuity (age 69)

Value: \$100,000
Annual rate: 6 percent
Annual income: \$6,000
Charitable deduction: \$38,893

6%



From left: Eva Freeman, Alan Freeman, FGCU President Wilson G. Bradshaw, Jules Freeman and Paul Freeman

Scholarship helps students achieve American dream

Alan Freeman contributed \$10,000 to create the Jules Freeman Scholarship Endowed Fund, in honor of his father, who developed San Carlos Park in the 1950s.

“Growing up in Depression-era poverty, my father knew his chances for success would be based on hard work and getting a college education,” Alan Freeman says. “Working during the day, he attended City College of New York night school for 14 years to earn his college degree. I can think of no better way to honor his career than to dedicate this endowed scholarship in his honor. I hope it provides opportunities for recipients to pursue a similar path to success.”



From left: Pat Carroll; Howard Finch, Lutger College of Business associate dean; Jason Amar; Austin Amar; Wilson G. Bradshaw, FGCU president; Barbara Amar; Marcia Green, College of Education dean; and Mary Callier

Barbara Amar honors husband, sister

Barbara Amar has established two \$10,000 scholarship endowed funds to honor her husband and her sister. The Jack Amar Memorial Scholarship Endowed Fund will support students enrolled in the Lutger College of Business. The Ellen Wolfson Smyle Memorial Scholarship Endowed Fund will support early childhood education students in the College of Education.

“Creating a scholarship in memory of someone is a great way to honor that person,” says Barbara Amar. “To keep someone’s memory alive is one of the greatest ways we can remember and honor them.”



Marion and Donald Routh

Family, friends honor Marion Routh

Donald Routh, Todd Routh, friends and family established a scholarship in honor of Donald Routh’s wife, Marion. The Marion W. Routh Memorial Scholarship Endowed Fund will support FGCU undergraduates majoring in environmental engineering or environmental studies, or graduates pursuing degrees in environmental science. Donald Routh is a psychology adjunct and takes classes at FGCU.

“Being a student at FGCU made me permanently see the world differently,” he says. “I used to think of progress as a matter of advances in science and technology. Now I see it in terms of sustainability and optional use of energy resources. That is the importance of FGCU’s environmental education programs.”



From left: Howard Finch, Lutger College of Business associate dean; Darryl Fales; Wilson G. Bradshaw, FGCU president; and Richard Pegnetter, Lutger College of Business dean

Preferred Materials names study room

Preferred Materials, Inc. has committed \$15,000 to FGCU to name the Preferred Materials Student Study Room in Lutger Hall. The contribution will be placed in the Lutger College of Business Fund for Educational Excellence.

“The University offers a vital link to the community, employers and potential employees in the marketplace,” says Darryl Fales, regional manager of Preferred Materials and an FGCU Executive MBA graduate. “It helps shape the future of Southwest Florida every time a student graduates who stays in the community working for a local business.”

Johnson Engineering makes its mark on new Holmes Hall

Even before Florida Gulf Coast University had a campus, Johnson Engineering was a proud supporter, helping to engineer the University’s successful start.

The firm recently made a generous financial commitment to name the Johnson Engineering Lobby in Holmes Hall, the new home of the U.A. Whitaker School of Engineering.

The state will match the gift dollar for dollar. The funds will be used to purchase scientific equipment for the new facility.

“Johnson Engineering is deeply rooted in Southwest Florida and we look to local graduates to continue our tradition of excellence in the community,” says Steven Morrison, company president. “Supporting FGCU, especially the engineering program, was an easy decision for us. The Johnson Engineering Lobby is our latest effort to help create and attract the leaders of tomorrow.”

In 2005, the company established the Johnson Engineering



From left: Richard Pegnetter, Lutger College of Business dean; Gary Bull, Johnson Engineering director of administration; Wilson G. Bradshaw, FGCU president; Steven Morrison, Johnson Engineering president; and Susan Blanchard, U.A. Whitaker School of Engineering director

Scholarship Endowed Fund, benefiting FGCU students who are dependents of Johnson Engineering employees or, if there are no eligible dependents, it can be awarded to someone majoring in civil or environmental engineering.

Johnson Engineering also donated a full four-year scholarship for a student in the inaugural class of the U.A. Whitaker School of Engineering.

Established in 1946, Johnson Engineering is Southwest Florida’s oldest full-service civil engineering firm. With its corporate headquarters in Fort Myers, the company serves clients from Collier to Pasco counties, with offices in Naples, Cape Coral, Port Charlotte, LaBelle and the Tampa Bay area.



From left: Linda Lehtomaa, FGCU senior development officer; Tommy Perry, Johnson-Prewitt & Associates president; Wilson G. Bradshaw, FGCU president; and Susan Blanchard, U.A. Whitaker School of Engineering director

Johnson-Prewitt names engineering high bay

Johnson-Prewitt & Associates recently donated \$50,000 to name the Johnson-Prewitt & Associates High Bay in Holmes Hall, the new home of the U.A. Whitaker School of Engineering. The gift, which is eligible for matching funds from the state of Florida, will purchase scientific equipment.

“Johnson-Prewitt & Associates recognizes that Southwest Florida needs engineers with good technical training and FGCU’s new engineering curriculum can fill this need,” says Tommy Perry, president of Johnson-Prewitt & Associates Inc. “Johnson-Prewitt & Associates looks forward to someday having an FGCU graduate working in our Clewiston office.”



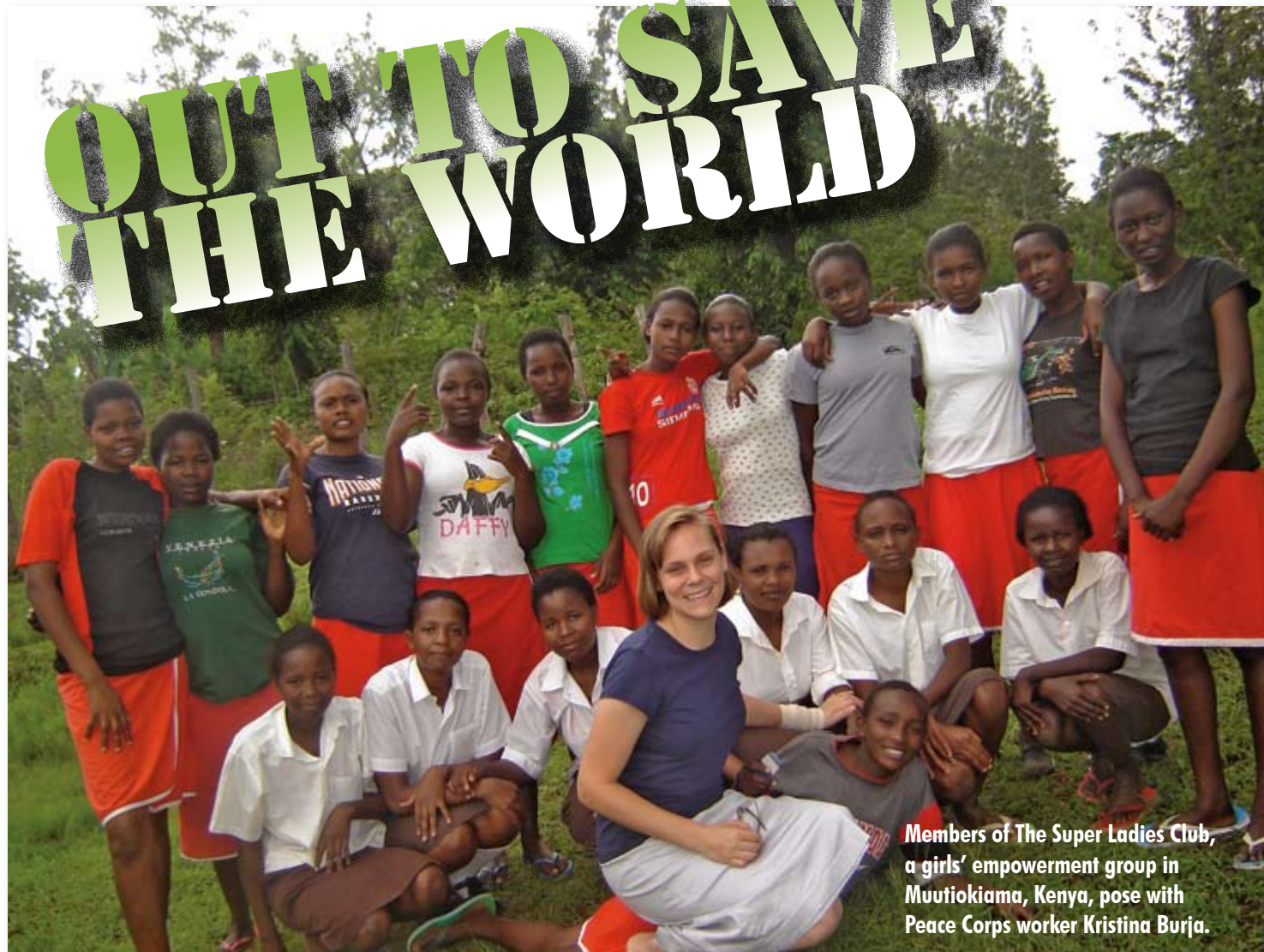
From left: Susan Blanchard, U.A. Whitaker School of Engineering director; Chad Luttrell, GRAEF vice president; Wilson G. Bradshaw, FGCU president; and Linda Lehtomaa, FGCU senior development officer

GRAEF supports future engineers with gift

The engineering firm GRAEF recently donated \$25,000 to name the GRAEF Conference Room on the first floor of Holmes Hall, home of the U.A. Whitaker School of Engineering. The gift, which will be matched by the state, will be used to purchase scientific equipment.

“An investment in FGCU is synonymous with an investment in the future of Southwest Florida,” says Chad Luttrell, GRAEF vice president. “By supporting the U.A. Whitaker School of Engineering, GRAEF is making an investment in our future engineers – our future employees, dedicated individuals who’ll meet the challenges of tomorrow by providing the critical infrastructure that will help Southwest Florida prosper and grow.”

OUT TO SAVE THE WORLD



Members of The Super Ladies Club, a girls' empowerment group in Muutiokiamia, Kenya, pose with Peace Corps worker Kristina Burja.

Signing on with the Peace Corps impacts alumnae as they help others

BY LINDSEY TOUCHETTE

Newly minted college graduates usually set out to land lucrative jobs that will lead them up the ladder of success in their chosen careers.

But a select few venture down another path, one that pays little, requires great sacrifice and is likely to take them face to face with poverty, war and disease in distant lands. Yet it also promises adventure, an opportunity to make a difference in the world and to test their mettle in ways a classroom or board room never could.

The Peace Corps affords one of the best-known avenues for those seeking to give of themselves and their talents to help change lives around the world.

Here are four Florida Gulf Coast University alumnae who have improved the lives of countless people and been themselves forever changed by their experiences.

Kristina Burja - Kenya
Graduated: 2007
Major: Biology
Hometown: Ocala, FL
Peace Corps service: 2007 - present



Q: Where are you stationed?

A: I served in Ebubayi and now Muutiokiamia, Kenya.

Q: What are your responsibilities?

A: Primarily I serve as a biology teacher at Muutiokiamia Secondary School. When I am not teaching, I am focused on projects that include teaching a community computer class, as well as founding and sponsoring a girls' empowerment club called The Super Ladies Club, which educates them on topics related to HIV/AIDS, puberty and safe sex, among other things.

Once you see the poverty, the sickness, the neglected and starving children, the problems related to HIV/AIDS and gender inequality, you will never be the same.

— Kristina Burja

Q: How were you affected by the violence surrounding the December 2007 elections in Kenya?

A: Many of the problems related to the election originated near my site in the Western Province. The opposition candidate, Raila Odinga, as well as many of his supporters were from this area. When the results started to come in things were fine, but then halfway through the day, rumors began to spread that ballots were being doctored and that Mwai Kibaki, the current president, was ahead. These rumors caused major riots to break out in Nairobi and Kisumu/Kakamega.



Kristina Burja bonds with students at Muutiokiamia Secondary School, where she teaches biology.

I was on vacation in Kakamega when the riots broke out and the Peace Corps contacted us and told us not to leave the house. At that point, the army had been dispatched to control things. The soldiers were shooting and throwing tear gas into crowds. We could hear gun shots and tear gas bombs going off, people yelling and starting fires. The shop in front of the compound where we were staying was burned to the ground. A couple of volunteers and I went to the street to see what was going on and the Army came chasing after us and other Kenyans with their guns pointed at us. We were able to run back to the house safely, but we decided not to go out again.

Many people were injured or killed in the surrounding areas. We spent about a week on lockdown in Kakamega before we began to run out of food. Some of us decided to go into town to try to find food for our group. The town was deserted. Almost all the shops were closed, damaged and looted. There was no food coming in or out of the affected areas and many farmers were driven from their land. We were able to find one shop owner who opened for us and gave us bread, rice, eggs and flour. After a week and a half, the Peace Corps pulled us out and flew us to Tanzania for two weeks, then sent us home until our various sites became more stable.

Kenya is still being affected by food shortages. Farmers who were driven from their lands could not return and lost most of their crops. Prices have gone through the roof and people cannot afford to feed their families. Many of the volunteers who were stationed in Western Kenya did not come back. Of the 200 volunteers, only 25 returned in June when things were safe again.

Q: What is one thing you miss most from home?

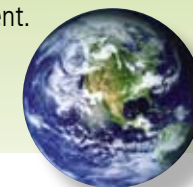
A: Good food. Kenya is not known for a wide variety of tasty dishes; things like cheese and ice cream are rare. At night, I dream about burritos and chocolate cake.

Q: What was it like to return to the United States while on temporary leave?

A: It was so nice to see my family and to gorge myself with all my favorite foods. Having things easy again was nice, like not having to walk up and down the hill from my house to fill up my bucket with water.

Q: How has the Peace Corps changed you?

A: My view of the world is much different, especially my view of Africa. You cannot appreciate the problems in Africa without experiencing them. Once you see the poverty, the sickness, the neglected and starving children, the problems related to HIV/AIDS and gender inequality, you will never be the same. The problems of the developed world seem so petty compared to all the issues most Africans face. You cannot imagine the disparity.



Lindsey Garven - Gambia
Graduated: 2007
Major: Environmental Studies
Hometown: Oviedo, FL
Peace Corps service: 2007 - 2008



Q: Where were you stationed?

A: Gambia, West Africa, where I spent 10 months in the town of Sanyang.

Q: What were your responsibilities?

A: I served as an agro-forestry volunteer, educating more than 200 women on sustainable gardening techniques and small business development at a gardening school. During my first trip to the garden, my translator aided me in requesting a small plot of land. Over the next several months I worked with the garden school to help the women reconstruct and organize their plots

to increase efficiency of growing produce. Many of my ideas that are common practices in the United States were considered risky by the women, such as mulching and growing pigeon peas.

I also taught them about garden maintenance. An organization called Gambia is Good (GIG) introduced hand pumps, step pumps and a drip-irrigation system prior to my arrival; however, no one taught them about maintenance. After getting the pumps to work I was able to teach the women how to maintain the systems.



Lindsey Garven with children in Gambia

family, we had our ups and downs, mainly regarding the issue of privacy. Privacy is virtually non-existent in Sanyang and with that many kids it was quite an adjustment. On my last day there, I finally let go. I brought out all the paint and brushes that I had and let 20 kids paint the outside of my house. Later in the day it began to rain. The kids stopped painting, ripped off their clothes and went running around. Everyone had a great time and it is a moment I will never forget.



When a fellow Peace Corps worker asked for her help, Lindsey Garven traveled to Basse, West Africa, to paint an educational mural about respect on the worker's hut.

Q: Did enrolling in the Peace Corps have something to do with your time at FGCU?

A: (Associate) Professor (Win) Everham from Environmental Studies was a great support to me. When the majority of my family did not understand my decision to go to Africa, he encouraged me through stories of travel, adventures and living with the tribes from his time in the Peace Corps.

His course, "African Environments," was one of my most influential classes. I recall a class project where we studied the land, geography, pre- and post-colonial influence and the evolution of countries in Africa. I was able to take much of the knowledge gained through his class and apply it while working with the women in the garden.

In a way, that project put the idea that Africa needed to be "fixed" in my head, which is the mindset I took into the Peace Corps. I was completely wrong for going to Gambia with that attitude. Africa is a completely different culture than the American way of life. What may be wrong to us – poverty, female circumcision and gender roles – are normal to them. I realized from my time in the garden that I cannot fix everything or change minds, but I could lead by example and hope to inspire along the way.

Q: What is your most memorable experience?

A: On the last day with my host family I felt a final connection and a freedom that I had been hesitant to accept. I had been placed in a medium-sized village with a family that contained about 30 people, most of whom were children. As with any



Lindsey Garven relaxes with members of her host family, Binta, left, and Sam

Q: What was it like to return to the United States after being away for so long?

A: I felt separated from my own culture. I found that people could not relate to my experiences. They would ask "how was Africa?" anticipating a quick answer; and it is impossible to quickly communicate your experience. It took some adjusting to get used to the fast-paced lifestyle, politics and processed and preserved foods when I came home, too.

Q: How did your time in the Peace Corps change you?

A: I know what it feels like to be a minority. Being the only white person living in my village of 3,000 black Africans I was very intimidated at first. Then, as time progressed, I, too, would find myself staring at random white tourists who came through town. In general, I have a deeper respect for minorities and also a firmer understanding of the Kenyan culture.

Meighan Higgie – Burkina Faso
Graduated: 2008
Major: Criminal Forensics
Hometown: Naples, FL
Peace Corps service: 2008-present



Q: Where are you stationed?

A: Burkina Faso, West Africa.

Q: What are your duties?

A: As a community education and development outreach agent in the Girls Education and Empowerment Program, I work with school-aged girls and their parents to promote female enrollment in the schools. I tutor, work with the girls' clubs and sports clubs, mentor and do educational counseling. I also have secondary projects, including weighing babies and giving vaccinations at the local health center, working with the village's women's



Meighan Higgie in Burkina Faso

groups on income-generating activities, teaching English and promoting moringa (a hardy nutrient-rich tree) gardening.

Q: Why did you join the Peace Corps?

A: I feel happiest when I am helping others. As a result, I am gaining lifelong friendships, experience and fulfilling my passion. As a Peace Corps volunteer, you become integrated into the

community and that makes your work there more valuable.

Q: How did your FGCU education relate to your current job?

A: I have used much of the information obtained from my FGCU colloquium course in Burkina Faso. I am currently arranging a partnership between my village and ECHO (Educational Concerns for Hunger Organization), a nonprofit in North Fort Myers that I visited on a class field trip. Through the partnership I hope to enroll my local women's group in ECHO's seed bank program for moringa and other seeds to distribute to subsistence farmers. The Lobi tribe is not accustomed to gardening, although the climate allows for year-round cultivation. As a result, the diets of most villagers are extremely poor. With the introduction of seeds from ECHO, gardening techniques and the moringa tree, the tribe will reap many benefits, such as a stable source of nutrition, allowing the women to feed their children more than once a day, and will provide income.

Q: What has been your most memorable experience?

A: I led a life skills and sexual education session with a group of girls in the village. The session focused on role models, goals and how education can influence the path you choose in life. After the session, everyone left my hut except my neighbor girl. She approached me and said that I was her role model and that every night she prays that she will one day have the opportunity to go to secondary school and university so she can travel and help other girls around the world pursue their dreams like I am. Everything she said to me that day touched my heart deeply and makes every hard exhausting day worth it.

Q: What do you miss most?

A: My friends and family. Cultural barriers can often be difficult and nothing is more comforting than the familiarity of those you love.

Magali Solimano - Ecuador
Graduated: 2003
Major: Finance
Hometown: Gulf Breeze, FL
Peace Corps service: 2003 - 2005



Q: Where were you stationed?

A: Oña, Ecuador, a rural, agricultural community in the Andes Mountains of southern Ecuador.

Q: What were your responsibilities?

A: Much of my time was spent working on a broad range of community development projects. Some of my proudest accomplishments include initiating the creation of school vegetable gardens and organizing income-generating activities to finance school lunch programs for 150 students in two rural elementary

schools; authoring a grant and receiving international funding for development of a community library and computing center; as well as developing and leading a community support network for victims of gender-based violence.

In developing the community support network, I worked with the mayor of my town and fellow Peace Corps volunteers in surrounding communities to train 15 community leaders and officials about laws related to gender-based violence; we also held workshops with high-school students to help break gender stereotypes.



Magali Solimano shares a moment with her neighbor, Andres, as he makes his way to middle school in Ona, Ecuador.

Q: How did you draw on your education while serving in the Peace Corps?

A: I had the opportunity to apply the finance skills I learned at FGCU and to further develop the goal of helping subsistence farmers generate income to meet their daily living expenses. One way we were able to accomplish this was in collaboration with our school lunch program, which was created by starting a school vegetable garden and greenhouse to cultivate produce for school lunches. The surplus produce that was not used for school meals was taken to the community market to sell. The revenues were then shared among the parents of the students.

Q: What were your most memorable experiences in Ecuador?

A: The friendships, the sense of belonging and having been so warmly embraced by a community. I specifically remember an experience about six months into my service where we had been without water for five days in my community. My neighbor came



Former Peace Corps worker Magali Solimano and students of Jose Serrano Elementary School proudly stand in front of the greenhouse and vegetable garden they created to grow food for school lunches and to generate income for the school and community in Ona, Ecuador.

to my house to offer me her last bucket of water because she felt I needed it more than she did. I found that to be absolutely incredible and generous, and knew from that moment that I had been embraced by the community.

Q: What was the biggest adjustment once you returned home?

A: Readjusting to the idea that I could instantly access running water with the turn of a faucet. This was a long adjustment. In Ecuador we collected water from the river and from the rainfall; many days, I did not have any water.

Q: How did the Peace Corps change you?

A: My experience has forever changed the way in which I look at the world. It has shown me that, regardless of nationality or socioeconomic status, all people have stories and aspirations. People's lives are tightly interwoven; thus, a contribution toward the betterment of one individual or one community is, in effect, a contribution on a global scale. My experience helped me to work with limited resources, to understand the challenges in developing countries, to appreciate cultural differences and to live simply.

Q: What does the future hold for you as a Peace Corps alumna?

A: I will be graduating this December from Columbia University with a dual master's degree in international economic policy and public health. My goals are to work on issues related to macroeconomic analysis and development in Latin America.

Alumni Association hosts trip to Costa Rica

Get away with Eagle Escapes this summer as the Florida Gulf Coast University Alumni Association hosts its first trip – to the lush rain forests of Costa Rica.

This adventure-filled journey promises to be the trip of a lifetime as alumni, friends and other members of the FGCU family marvel at the Arenal Volcano, one of the world's 10 most active volcanoes; explore the rain forest, which teems with exotic wildlife; savor natural hot springs and revel in the culture of this popular Central American destination.

Eagle Escapes provide travel opportunities that reinforce the FGCU Alumni Association's commitment to building enduring relationships among alumni and the University community. It's offered in partnership with Preferred Travel of Naples.

The program makes possible an array of trips worldwide, providing exceptional values, worry-free convenience and the opportunity to experience it all with people who share a taste for adventure.

The Eagle Escapes program will sponsor a yearly trip to different locales. The Costa Rica getaway takes place June 22-27, 2009.

Participants will spend five nights at the deluxe Arenal Kioro Hotel, with panoramic views of the volcano from each suite. Experience a perfect balance of tranquility and excitement. Highlights include: three all-inclusive excursions, a welcome dinner and a farewell "tipico" dinner at the Eco-Thermales hot springs.

Don't let your fondest memories of FGCU be your time as a student. Build on those by creating more unforgettable experiences with Eagle Escapes to the pure life of Costa Rica.



Trip Details

Visit www.PreferredNaples.com/FGCU. For questions and to reserve a spot, contact Sandi Hamann of Preferred Travel of Naples at (800) 523-3716 or at sandi@preferrednaples.com



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Class Notes

■ Weddings, engagements and births

Jessica Desrosiers, '05 (Communications), and Kevin Varnes were married April 19 in West Palm Beach. Jessica is an account executive for Wise and Time Advertising and Varnes is a student at FGCU. The couple live in Bonita Springs.

Nichole Fiala, '06 (Nursing), and Keye Kinnamon were married Nov. 29 in Ulyssess, NE. Nichole is a registered nurse at Nebraska Heart Hospital in Lincoln, NE. Keye is in the Army National Guard.



Joseph Burke and Alexandra Irick



Amanda Vaccaro and Jason Cianflone



Chris Cardinal and Nora Ziermann

Alexandra Irick, '08 (Nursing), and Joseph Burke announced their engagement. They plan to marry in early 2010 in Asheville, NC. In May, they will move to Orlando, where Alexandra will work as a registered nurse and Joseph will work as a graphic web designer and song writer.

Amanda Vaccaro, '08 (Psychology), is getting married to Jason Cianflone on June 20. They live in Williamsville, NY.

Nora Ziermann, '04 (Communications), and Chris Cardinal announced their engagement to friends and family. A June wedding is planned in Venice. Nora is the director of operations at The Sports Facilities Advisory and Chris is a deputy with the Brevard County Sheriff's

Office. The couple live in Melbourne.

■ Newsmakers

'02 Melissa Kelley (Criminal Justice), is a licensed private investigator in New York and serves as managing director with IVision International LLC, an investigative and risk mitigation consulting firm. She specializes in investigative due diligence efforts and dispute and litigation support on behalf of multinational law firms, commercial and investment banks and asset and investment management entities within the private equity, venture capital and hedge fund communities.



Neighborhood Cellular LLC, recently opened by Brittany Bochette Robbins and her husband, Zeke.

Brittany Bochette Robbins (Human Services), and her husband, Zeke Robbins, announced the opening of their new business, Neighborhood Cellular LLC, a Verizon Wireless authorized retailer. It is located near the intersection of Cape Coral Parkway and Coronado in Cape Coral. The couple has been in the wireless industry for four years.

'04 Julie Barkley (Management), has been employed by United Way of Lee County since September. After graduation she moved to Pennsylvania, where she worked for the United Way of Butler County for three years. She earned her Master of Science degree in nonprofit management from Robert Morris University. In August, she married C.J. Barkley.

Lindsay Clark (English), has joined PKE Marketing & PR Solutions, LLC as marketing and public relations assistant. She is responsible for

assisting clients to gain awareness of their business' unique attributes and for helping to develop creative solutions to generate new business.



Lindsay Clark

Susan Merritt (Art), displayed her art work at Art Modern Gallery in Naples on Nov. 15.

'05 Samantha Scott (Marketing), has been invited to participate in a panel discussion at the American Advertising Federation's (AAF) National Student Conference in October. She was chosen to be one of five panel participants from across the country to speak at "AAF/National Student Advertising Competition Alumni: Where they are now and how can you get there." Samantha is the president of the AAF Southwest Florida chapter.

'06 Lindsey Schmoyer (Finance), has joined LandQwest Commercial as a new employee of its commercial real estate brokerage team.



Lindsey Schmoyer

Stephen Schram (Political Science), has been named assistant men's and women's tennis coach at Bucknell University. He is a certified United States Professional Tennis Association teaching professional. Stephen was also a tennis player at FGCU, where he earned three letters.

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 celebrate Sugden Hall opening

The grand opening of Sugden Hall, the new home of the Resort and Hospitality Management program, was a festive affair. Among those who attended were Resort and Hospitality Management graduates, from left, Timothy Hancock, '05, Rhonda Decherd, '05, Rena Tchekmeian, '07 and Ryan Frost, '05.



Something to cheer about

From left, Carmen Montes, Paul Allen, '98 (Computer Information Systems), Phillip Niarchos and Victoria McConnell, '04 (Social Work) helped turn RJ Gators into RJ Eagles for a pre-game fund raiser before heading to Alico Arena to watch the lady Eagles basketball team beat the Gators, 88-86.



Alumni turn out for Lutgert Hall opening

Finance graduates Aimee Ruppel, '05, Krystal Marrero, '06, and Nina Memic, '06, were among the many guests who attended the grand opening of Lutgert Hall, the new home of the Lutgert College of Business.



Slam dunk at Bar Louie

FGCU alumnae relax after work with former classmates and FGCU's basketball coaches during the FGCU Alumni Association's monthly Eagle Networking Night at Bar Louie Gulf Coast Town Center. From left: Melissa Shannehan, '06 (Marketing), Melissa Amoroso, '07 (Resort & Hospitality Management), Randall Auvil, '08 (Master's, Public Administration) and Ashley Williams, '07 (Communications).

Alumni Association Happenings

WEBINAR EDUCATION SERIES

Feb 10: Marketing Yourself in a Competitive Job Market
12:30 p.m., Virtual
Reid Lennertz, director of FGCU Career Services, will share the top strategies job seekers need to market themselves to prospective employers.

March 10: A Map to Success: the Graduate School Process
12:30 p.m., Virtual
Debora Haring, coordinator of FGCU Graduate Studies, will explain what it takes to begin the graduate school process. Starting with doing research on graduate programs, covering the application process and ending with how to

succeed once enrolled, prospective students gain valuable information on how to earn a master's degree.

SOCIAL HOURS

Jan 23: All Alumni Reunion Night
Times vary, Alico Arena, main campus
All alumni are invited to return to campus to celebrate the reunions of classes 1999 and 2004. Festivities include an FGCU alumni basketball game and an Eagle FANatics Spirit Celebration, with food, refreshments, photos with Azul the mascot, appearances by FGCU President Wilson G. Bradshaw and men's basketball coach Dave Balza, FGCU souvenirs and a silent auction. Wear blue and help fill the arena for the regionally televised men's basketball game against the University of North Florida. Entry is free. For details, visit us online.

Feb 19: Eagle Networking Night
6 p.m., Tastings, A Wine Experience, Gulf Coast Town Center, Fort Myers

Enjoy food, fun and conversation while networking with fellow alumni.

March 27: Eagle Networking Night
7:30 p.m., Germain Arena, Interstate 75 and Corkscrew Road, Fort Myers
Cheer on the Florida Everblades as they battle the Augusta Lynx.

April 2: Etiquette Dinner
6 p.m., Embassy Suites, Estero
Alumni are invited to join current FGCU students in learning the proper etiquette for dining in a business setting. Enjoy a four-course meal while a protocol expert outlines the proper way to handle each course. Space is limited; entry is free. Co-sponsored by FGCU's Career Development Services.

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.

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, Justice Studies, J.D., M.B.A., certified as a circuit court mediator, Florida Supreme Court, Oct. 3.

Bradley K. Hobbs, College of Business, Finance and Accounting, Ph.D., Economics, guest of bi-annual meetings in Tokyo, Japan, The Mont Pelerin Society, Sept. 12.

Scott Karakas, Curriculum and Instruction, Ph.D., elected to board of directors, Council for the Administration of General and Liberal Studies, Sept. 25.

Halcyon St. Hill, College of Health Professions Dean's Office, Ed.D., M.S., M.T. (ASCP), Omicron Sigma, American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science - Region I, July 31; appointed chair, Generalist and Public Health Scientific Assembly, American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science, Aug. 1.

Annette Snapp, Curriculum and Instruction, Ph.D., elected to board of directors, Caloosahatchee River Citizens Association (Riverwatch), Oct. 8.

Janusz Zalewski, College of Business, School of Engineering, Ph.D., U.S. Air Force Summer Faculty Fellowship Award, Air Force Office of Scientific Research, June 2.

Book Publications

Walter Rodriguez, Janusz Zalewski, Elias Kirche, Computer Information Systems and Decision Sciences, Ph.D., Chapter 12 in "Selected Readings on Strategic Information Systems," IGI Global, Hershey, PA, pp. 444.

Janusz Zalewski, Andrew Kornecki, Nick Brixius, College of Business, School of Engineering, Ph.D., "Assessment of Software Development Tools for Safety-Critical Real-Time Systems," Federal Aviation Administration, Washington, DC, pp. 159.

Grant awards

Johnny McGaha, Justice Studies, Ph.D., \$100,400, Lee County Sheriff's Office – U.S. Department of Justice,

Esperanza Project: Lee County Task Force on Human Trafficking, Oct. 1-March 31.

Professional Presentations

Kevin Aho, Charles Guignon, College of Arts and Sciences, Humanities and Arts, Ph.D., "Medicalized Psychiatry vs. Psychotherapy," Science and Medicine in Society, University of South Florida, Tampa, Sept. 19-20.

Michelle Angeletti, College of Health Professions, Health Sciences, M.S.W., Ph.D., "Breastfeeding Support in Emergencies: Policy Implications for Humanitarian Relief Agencies," Southeast Conference of Public Administration 2008, Orlando, Sept. 25-27.

Susan Cooper, College of Education, Undergraduate Studies, Ed.D., "Embracing Diverse and English Language Learners in Chemistry," 20th Biennial Conference on Chemical Education, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN, July 27-31.



Susan Cooper

Elizabeth Elliott, College of Education, Undergraduate Studies, Ph.D., "Enhancing Children's Behavior through Guidance," third annual Professional Development Day, Early Childhood Association of Florida, Orlando, Sept. 25.

Elizabeth Elliott, Elia Vazquez-Montilla, College of Education, Undergraduate Studies, Ph.D., "Puppets, Portfolios and Presentations," 54th Annual Early Childhood Conference, Early Childhood Association of Florida, Orlando, Sept. 26-28.

Jose Estrada-Lopez, Testing Services, "How to Develop and Accuplacer-Banner Interface: Guidelines and Principles," Accuplacer National Conference 2008, The College Board, New York, June 26-28.

Nicola Foote, College of Arts and Sciences, Social and Behavioral Sciences, Ph.D., "Race, Intellectuals and Indigenous Heritage in Ecuador 1830-1960," annual conference, Southern Historical Association, New Orleans, Oct. 10-14.

Debra Giambo, Ildikó Miklósné Kis, College of Education, Undergraduate Studies, Ph.D., "A Comparison of Reactions of Teacher Education Students in Hungary and in the United States to Living Conditions of Children in the Developing World,"

ACEI World Conference & Exhibition, Association for Childhood Education International, Moscow, Russia, June 18-21.

Debra Hess, David P. Thurmaier, College of Arts and Sciences, College of Arts and Sciences Dean's Office, Ph.D., "Exploring the Possibilities: An Interdisciplinary Approach to Teaching Schoenberg's 'Pierrot Lunaire,'" national conference, College Music Society, Atlanta, Sept. 25-28.

Barry Lipton, Justice Studies, D.D.S., "NCIC Dental Coding for Missing and Unidentified Persons," FBI, Orlando, Sept. 6-7; "Forensic Odontology, The Art and Science," Lee County Science Teachers Preservice Lunch and Learn, Lee County School District, Fort Myers, Aug. 13; "Forensic Dentistry for Law Enforcement," Lee County Sheriff's Office, Major Crimes Unit, Fort Myers, Oct. 16.

Barry Lipton, College of Professional Studies, Justice Studies, D.D.S., **Melih Madanoglu**, College of Professional Studies, Resort & Hospitality Management, Ph.D., "Focus on Core Competencies to Outplay Your Competition: Yes, You Can Do It!" 2008 annual convention, Hospitality Financial and Technology Professionals, Nashville, TN, Sept. 24-27.

Barry Lipton, Drs. Tewes and Bell, College of Professional Studies, Justice Studies, D.D.S., "NCIC Dental Coding for Missing, Wanted and Unidentified Persons," FBI/CJIS, FBI, San Antonio, Sept. 27-28.

Melih Madanoglu, Ersem Karadag, College of Professional Studies, Resort & Hospitality Management, Ph.D., "Firm Performance and CEO Compensation: Reflections from the U.S. Restaurant Industry," European Applied Business Research Conference, Clute Institute, Rothenburg, Germany, June 18-20.

Melih Madanoglu, Kyuho Lee, College of Professional Studies, Resort & Hospitality Management, Ph.D., "Financial and Risk-Adjusted Performance of Franchising and Non-Franchising Firms: Who Has an Edge?" Academy of Management, Anaheim, CA, Aug. 9-12.

Melih Madanoglu, Arun Upneja, College of Professional Studies, Resort & Hospitality Management, Ph.D., "Hotel REITs vs. Hotel C-Corporations: Who Has an Edge?," International Council on Hotel, Restaurant and Institutional Education Conference, Atlanta, July 29-Aug. 2.

Johnny McGaha, Justice Studies, Ph.D., "An Integrated Approach to Task Force Development," National Social Science Professional Development Conference, NSSA, Albuquerque, NM, Oct. 18-21.

Charlie Mesloh, Wolf, R., College of Professional Studies, Justice Studies, Ph.D., "Operability, Dependability, and Reliability of Conductive Energy Device Systems," annual conference, Southern Criminal Justice Association, New Orleans, Oct. 1-4.

Pamella Seay, College of Professional Studies, Justice Studies, J.D., L.L.M., "Keeping Your Head Above Water: Florida Legal Ethics Update," Water Law Conference, CLE International, Tampa, Sept. 25: "Keeping Your Feet on the Ground: Legal Ethics in Land Use," 11th annual Land Use Superconference, CLE International, Tampa, Sept. 26; "International Law: Making it Interesting and Writing it Right," Southwest Florida Romance Writers, Bonita Springs, Oct. 25; "Blunders, Bloopers, and Barriers: On the Job with ANGEL Instructional Software," ANGEL Southeast User Group Virtual Conference, Punta Gorda, Nov. 6.

Pamella Seay, Nancy Stuparich, College of Professional Studies, Justice Studies, J.D., L.L.M., "Sustaining our Communities Without Compromising our Ethics," Sustainability... Just Plan It, 2008 Annual Conference, Florida Chapter of the American Planning Association, Miami, Sept. 12.

Jaffar Ali Shahul Hameed, Prof. R. Shivaji, College of Arts and Sciences, Mathematics and Science, Ph.D., "Multiple positive solutions for a class of p-q-Laplacian systems with multiple parameters and combined nonlinear effects," 28th Annual South East Atlantic Regional Conference on Differential Equations, University of Arkansas at Little Rock and FGCU, Little Rock, Oct.10-11.

Tunde Szecsi, College of Education, Undergraduate Studies, "Innovation through Critical Reflection of Cultural Stories: Educating for Global Understanding," ACEI World Conference & Exhibition, Association for Childhood Education International, Moscow, Russia, June 17-21.

Tunde Szecsi, Dr. Debra Giambo, College of Education, Undergraduate Studies, "Ethnically Diverse Children's Literature as a Tool for Learning English as a New Language," ACEI World Conference & Exhibition, Association for Childhood Education International, Moscow, Russia, June 17.

Tunde Szecsi, Thirumurthy, V., Qek, L., & Potter, G., College of Education, Undergraduate Studies, "Play and learning in childhood: The voices of adults and children across cultures," ACEI World Conference & Exhibition, Association for Childhood Education International, Moscow, Russia, June 17.



Ken Watanabe

Ken Watanabe, College of Arts and Sciences, Ecological Studies, Ph.D., "Comprehensive Search for Unpredicted Gamma-ray Lines with INTEGRAL/SPI," seventh INTEGRAL Workshop, European Space Agency, Copenhagen, Denmark, Sept. 8-11.

Janusz Zalewski, Andrew Kornecki, Brian Butka, College of Business, School of Engineering, Ph.D., "Complex Electronic Hardware Tools Qualification," 2008 National FAA Software and Airborne Electronic Hardware Standardization Conference, Federal Aviation Administration, Denver, Aug. 20-21.

Publications

Kevin Aho, Humanities and Arts, Ph.D., "Medicalizing Mental Health: A Phenomenological Alternative," Journal of Medical Humanities Quarterly, pp. 1-17.

Anjana Bhatt, Library Services, M.S.L.I.S., M.S.I.R.M., M.A. "Assessing e-collections when every e-resource has its reader, every reader has his/her e-resource, and e-resources are ever growing," Against the Grain special issue on Collection Assessment in the Digital Age, Vol.18 Issue 5, pp.24-8.

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John Cox, College of Arts and Sciences, Social and Behavioral Sciences, Book review: "Robert Satloff, 'Among the Righteous: Lost Stories from the Holocaust's Long Reach into Arab Lands'," Journal of Genocide Research, Quarterly, pp. 605-607.

Nicola Foote, College of Arts and Sciences, Social and Behavioral Sciences, Ph.D., "Bluefields," "Esmeraldas," "Peru: Afro-Peruvian," Encyclopedia of the African Diaspora: Origins, Experiences and Culture, Edited by Carole Boyce Davies, pp. 204-5; 422-3; 751-3.

Melih Madanoglu, Kyuho Lee, Francis A. Kwansa, College of Professional Studies, Resort & Hospitality Management, Ph.D., "Risk-Return Analysis of Casual Dining vs. Fast Food Restaurant Segments: Who Moved My Cheeseburger?" Journal of Hospitality & Tourism Research, Quarterly, pp. 327-341.

Angela Osterman Meyer, et al., College of Arts and Sciences, Ecological Studies, Ph.D., Astronomy, "Results of the First Simultaneous X-Ray, Optical,

Dental expert wins kudos from law enforcement agencies

BY KAREN FELDMAN

For Barry Lipton, practicing dentistry means far more than preserving his patients' teeth. He also helps law enforcement agencies solve crimes and teaches others how to do it.

Lipton, an assistant professor in Florida Gulf Coast University's Division of Justice Studies, serves as the chief forensic odontologist – dental expert – for medical examiners in Hillsborough, Pasco, Pinellas and Polk counties.

Teeth, like fingerprints, are unique to the individual. Like fingerprint experts, forensic odontologists interpret these unique patterns to solve crimes and identify people.

Lipton has a private practice in Largo, but heads south to FGCU twice a week to teach FGCU students about the art and science of dental investigation. On weekends and whenever else he's called on, he pores over unsolved crimes, examining dental records and evidence. He also leads seminars around the country, training other dentists, and testifies as an expert witness at trials.

He volunteers to review cold cases, checking dental coding to fix errors so cases can be run through the National Crime Information Center, an FBI-operated computerized index that tracks down criminals and identifies people. That painstaking work has helped close 20 cold cases, some dating back 25 years.

Lipton is also an instructor for the FBI's Criminal Justice Information Service Division and a member of the FBI's Law Enforcement Online review panel for the National Dental Image Repository.

"A great majority of dentists are willing to give back to the community; they just have to be guided," he says. "Once these dentists are trained, they are available to help local and state law enforcement."

His work has won him national recognition. He recently was awarded the FBI's Assistant Directors Award for exceptional public service, the U.S. Attorney General's Award for outstanding contributions to community partnerships for public safety and the Florida Department of Law Enforcement's Commissioner's Award for valuable contributions and commitment to the safety of Florida's children.

Lipton didn't set out to become a forensic dental expert. While he and his wife raised their children, he had a conventional practice, although he always had an interest in forensics. In the early 1990s, he took a course on mass disaster preparedness offered by the Florida Dental Association. That led to his joining a federal disaster team and his affiliation with medical examiners who began calling him routinely when they needed dental expertise.

He loves the work and feels strongly about infusing others with the same zeal. He hopes to start a program at FGCU through which students will review the more than 5,000 missing persons cases on file in Florida to check for proper coding and resubmit them to the NCIC.

"I teach from the heart and from real life," he says. "You can read textbooks all you want but life experience is getting out in the street. Kids are learning real time. If I can give one person passion and they turn around and identify somebody, it's worth it."



FBI Assistant Director Thomas E. Bush III presents award to FGCU Assistant Professor Barry Lipton.

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IN BRIEF

Princeton Review lauds FGCU business program

Florida Gulf Coast University's Lutgert College of Business has once again been named one of the nation's best business schools by The Princeton Review. The New York-based education services company features the Lutgert College of Business in the 2009 edition of its "Best 296 Business Schools" (Random House/Princeton Review).

The book contains profiles of the highest-ranking schools with descriptions of academics, student life and admission, plus ratings for academics, selectivity and career placement services. The editors describe the Lutgert College of Business as providing solid preparation in general management, operations, teamwork and doing business in a global economy.

According to Robert Franek, Princeton Review vice president of publishing, "We select schools for this book based on our high regard for their academic programs and offerings, institutional data we collect ... and the candid opinions of students attending them who rate and report on their campus experiences. We are pleased to recommend Florida Gulf Coast University to readers of our book and users of our Web site as one of the best institutions they could attend to earn an MBA."

Students cited the University's location, cost and standing in the community as pluses. They also praised the professors for their willingness to help students and the experience they bring to their jobs.

Lutgert College of Business also was named in the 2007 edition.

FGCU names new director of community outreach

Isaac Brundage is the new director of Community Outreach for Florida Gulf Coast University.

Brundage is a familiar face at FGCU, having previously held leadership roles in the University's College Reach Out Program and the Office of Housing and Residence Life. In addition, he earned his Master of Education in Educational Leadership at FGCU in 2002.

"Mr. Brundage brings a wealth of experience working in the communities of the five-county area, and working with students, faculty and staff on the University campus," says Joe Shepard, vice president for Administrative Services and Finance.

"As director of Community Outreach, Brundage will assist and participate in the campus-wide effort to achieve enrollment and student retention goals."

He will also be responsible for enhancing the University's visibility among diverse community constituencies.



Isaac Brundage

Hobbs becomes BB&T Professor of Free Enterprise

Bradley K. Hobbs, professor of economics and finance, has been named the BB&T Professor of Free Enterprise at FGCU. This professorship was established through a major gift from BB&T Corporation to enhance economic understanding within the University and throughout Southwest Florida.

"Dr. Hobbs brings significant credibility to this donation through his international visibility within the Association of Private Enterprise Education and the Mont Pelerin Society," said Richard Pegnetter, dean for the Lutgert College of Business.

The professorship will help underwrite the development of a new course, "Moral Foundations of Capitalism." Hobbs will also develop a free enterprise book club designed to foster discussion of economic concepts with members of the Southwest Florida community. Also in the planning phase are a film series and a speakers series for students.

"I am extremely pleased to be associated with BB&T," Hobbs says. "BB&T is standing tall in these difficult times, and their support will help us to address a huge problem in America, namely, economic literacy."

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