

A close-up photograph of a young woman with long, brown dreadlocks, smiling broadly. A black and white butterfly with yellow spots is perched on her nose. She is wearing a blue tank top. The background is a lush garden with green plants and a metal trellis structure. Other people are visible in the background, slightly out of focus.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The power of scholarships

Because education is such a critical tool for building a productive and successful life, it's imperative that we do everything possible to make it accessible to all who desire it. As a public institution, Florida Gulf Coast University has a particular responsibility to eliminate financial barriers that would prevent otherwise qualified students from attending FGCU. That remains one of our highest priorities.

Private donors play a key role in helping to break down those financial barriers to higher education, providing a substantial endowment that allowed us to award \$1.6 million in scholarships to 900 FGCU students over the past year.

We are growing rapidly. This fall we'll have almost 12,000 students and we expect that to grow to 22,000 within a decade. That will require an even greater investment of private dollars as well as state and federal funds to provide the financial aid our students will need.

This year's President's Celebration, the theme of which was "The Power of Scholarships," was very gratifying. I can't say enough about the generosity of the people of Southwest Florida who so unselfishly establish endowed scholarships. They understand the importance of a thriving university to the region's social, cultural and economic vitality. They also understand that if we can find ways to keep good students here for their college educations, we can probably find ways to keep them here as they pursue their early careers.

The budget cuts we've experienced over the past three years have required us to significantly increase tuition. While that can pose additional financial barriers for students, we've been diligent in setting aside about 30 percent of the revenue from those tuition increases for need-based financial aid.

We are keenly aware of the potential impact our price structure could have on academically qualified students wishing to attend here. All of that said, the state university system still has one of the lowest tuition rates in the country. I don't mean to trivialize the increases, nevertheless the bottom line still is a very modest tuition and fee structure.

Scholarships will increasingly be important in assisting future students in realizing their aspirations. Endowed scholarships are vitally important because they continue to give in perpetuity. But every scholarship donation is significant, whether it's \$25 or \$250 or \$1 million, because all help to support deserving students.

Our scholarships assist both those students who have demonstrated academic acumen as well as those with acute financial need. For example, we will continue to offer scholarships to valedictorians and salutatorians from the high schools in the five-county Southwest Florida region. Additionally, our honors program affords high-achieving students an excellent academic experience, which, in turn, elevates the overall caliber of education at FGCU. Indeed, enrolling qualified students enhances the profile and diversity of our student body.

I'd like to thank all those who have supported our scholarship program and I hope that their actions will inspire still more to invest in the future of our students and our community.

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



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EDITOR'S CORNER

What's in a name?

I always get homesick this time of year, despite the fact that I haven't lived in the home I miss for 30 years. Technically, it's not the house in the south Jersey suburb where I grew up for which I yearn: it's my parents.

While other families gather to celebrate Mother's Day and Father's Day, 1,100 miles separate me, an only child, from my parents. I send cards and gifts and call them, but that all serves to remind me that I'm far away and they are childless on this special day.

One of the stories in this issue of Pinnacle prompted me to think a lot about parents and how that word can mean vastly different things to different people.

It's a disturbing story about human trafficking and its prevalence in Southwest Florida. If it's something you believe only happens in far-off countries to people with whom you have nothing in common, this story will quickly disabuse you of that notion.

On page 25, you'll read a letter written by a young woman whose father not only sexually abused her for years, but loaned her out to friends for the same purpose. This didn't happen in some Third World nation; it took place right here in Lee County. She now attends Florida Gulf Coast University.

Her father may still live nearby, but there will be no joyous familial celebration of Father's Day for them.

How different her memories of her father must be from mine. What must it feel like to know that the man most young girls look to as a hero and protector was the person from whom she needed rescuing?

Her experiences made me realize that this horrific crime can happen anywhere, even in seemingly ordinary middle-class neighborhoods, perhaps in the house next door.

And then there are the young women you'll read about in the larger article that starts on page 23. Some became mere merchandise, the object of a transaction between their parents and men who paid a pittance for them then smuggled them out of their home countries and brought them to the United States, where they were forced to work as farm laborers, sex slaves or both.

It's ironic that law enforcement and social services agencies that liberate these victims from enslavement and help them fashion something of a normal life for themselves turn out to be more nurturing than the people who raised them.

With all that in mind, I've decided to do something different this year. I'm headed home to celebrate Mother's Day and Father's Day with my parents, and will make sure they know how grateful I am for the safe, loving life they've given me.

Karen Feldman
Pinnacle Editor



ED CLEMENT

Patrick Greene, professor and trailblazer

Patrick Greene taught instructional technology at Florida Gulf Coast University since it opened, but that hardly begins to define him.

Greene was a musician and poet, a U.S. Army Special Forces veteran, a vegetarian, a biker, skydiver and scuba diver, a devoted husband and father of two and someone who seemed genetically incapable of conforming to society's conventions.



Patrick Greene

He died unexpectedly March 14 at age 64.

"There are two things he'd want to be remembered for," says his wife, Marci Greene, dean of the College of Education. "He was an innovator in education. He was forever talking about and designing schools, restructuring classrooms. Years ago he was talking about requiring laptops for all students."

"Above all else, Pat wanted people to think for themselves and not live according to other people's expectations. That's how he lived every day of his life."

Glenn Sabatka, manager of the WGCU Radio Reading Service, describes his long-time friend and fellow musician this way: "He was obstreperous. He walked not to a different drum, but to a different band."

He hated ties and tuxedos, reveled in his status as an ordained minister of the Church of Spiritual Humanism (a designation he obtained via a website), enjoyed playing duplicate bridge online and waited until he was 50 to start work on his doctoral degree.

For the past three years, he, Sabatka, FGCU Associate Professor Tak Ueda, Paul Byer and Pat LaRonde would gather every Saturday afternoon at the Greenses' home for four-hour jam sessions.

He was as engaged in life as he was with music.

"Most of us take on issues that impact our life," Marci

Greene says. "He took on issues that didn't even impact him."

One cause that was personal involved the couple's daughter, Katana, who has Angelman's syndrome.

"The therapist told us she wouldn't walk and wanted to give her a walker," says Marci Greene. "Pat said 'She'll walk.' He worked with her every day after school either in the basement or, because she had a fascination with water, he'd take her to the fountain at the mall. By age 3½, she held our hand and walked with us. He kept high expectations for all of us."

That included himself.

"He was so curious," Marci Greene says. "Learning nourished him. When we would take trips, we'd always end up having lunch or dinner with the tour guides and Pat would be sharing information on their topic that they didn't know."

Greene earned his bachelor's degree in chemistry from Tennessee Technological University, his teaching certification from Ball State University, a master's degree in computer science and education from the University of Oregon and a doctorate in instructional technology from the University of South Florida.

He was among the founding FGCU faculty in 1997, but previously taught at USF, International College, Edison State College, Canterbury School and Mariner High School as well as in schools in El Salvador, Dominican Republic and Brazil, where he and Marci Greene met and fell in love.

Some 29 years later, "we were best friends and both preferred to be with each other than anyone else," Marci Green says.

Their son, Jay, recalls a phone conversation he had with his father not long before his death.

"My father mentioned that he considered himself a very wealthy man," he says. "In all the things that mattered, he said, in all the things that were really important – family, friends, and experiencing life – he was wealthier than the biggest Wall Street bankers."

Memorial donation may be made to the Angelman Syndrome Foundation at www.angelman.org. Choose the "Memorials" link and go to the "In Memory of" page for Pat Greene.

Robert Michael, Holocaust expert

Robert Michael was a scholar and poet who devoted his career to teaching the horrors of the Holocaust but never lost his sense of humor. A part-time history professor at FGCU for the past several years, he died Feb. 25 at age 73.

Michael was a professor emeritus of European history at University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth, where he taught the Holocaust for nearly 30 years. A Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Boston University in philosophy, Michael published poetry as well as more than 50 articles and 11 books on the Holocaust and the history of anti-Semitism. Among his many distinctions, he was a 1997 recipient of the American Historical Association's James Harvey Robinson Prize for the "most outstanding contribution to the teaching and learning of

history." He was also a World War II veteran, serving in the U.S. Army at the Pentagon and in Bitburg, Germany.

"Dr. Michael embraced the role of educator with a zeal and passion that eludes many scholars," says FGCU graduate student Paul Chartrand. "This was evident in his work and in his dedication and efforts in attempting to see through his commitment to our class while engaging in a brave, personal battle with cancer."

"Dr. Michael never lost his abounding hope, sense of purpose, or his sense of humor.... We can take comfort in knowing the ideas and insights he provided about the history of anti-Semitism live on in his writings and that he will continue to reach an untold number of students for years to come – a most fitting legacy for a teacher. Shalom Bob!"

He is survived by his wife, Susan, four children, three grandchildren and a brother. Memorial donations may be made to the Pancreatic Cancer Research Lustgarten Foundation, 1111 Stewart Ave., Bethpage, NY 11714.

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Earth Day at FGCU

Lessons about the arts and the Earth intersected outside of the classroom when Florida Gulf Coast University observed Earth Day on April 8.

On the verdant campus lawns, students, faculty and staff gathered for an organic lunch, a fashion show featuring reclaimed and recycled clothing and speeches by environmental activists.

A highlight of the day's events was a living mural created by Oregon artist and environmentalist Daniel Dancer. As he has done at 100 other universities, Dancer created a mural unique to the institution. Using sand and mulch to create the outline of an eagle on the grass, he directed participants to assemble on either the bird's dark body or its white head, depending on the color shirt they were wearing.

Prior to photographing the creation from above, he told the roughly 200 participants: "Tune into the Earth, the sky, your friends and classmates and see what comes to you. Tune in with that magical, mysterious side of yourself that's really connected with the Earth."

Clockwise from left: Dancer arranges mural participants. A bird's eye view of the eagle mural from atop a fire truck. Jessica Huang models during "Runway Earth," a project of Assistant Professor Mary Voytek's environmental art class.



Revitalizing the reefs

Researchers harness oyster power to improve area waters

Story by Roger Williams/Photos by Andrew West

As a model of marine irony, it would be hard to beat the two distinct parades of waterborne humans that share Estero Bay on a dazzling April morning.

While sizeable pleasure craft thread the north-south channel off the coast of Bonita Springs, a small-scale flotilla flanks them east and west, anchoring not 50 yards off their slow-running bows.

Some 200 men, women and children pile out of the boats and into the murky water. They wade thigh-deep into the shallow bay like a pedestrian navy, forming long lines that stretch away from flat-bottomed pontoon craft, seemingly to nowhere.

In fact, those lines lead directly into the future. They are about to build the foundation for a massive oyster reef covering almost 200 square meters (2,153 square feet) of bay floor under the direction of Aswani Volety, Florida Gulf Coast University professor of marine sciences and chair of environmental science.

By next spring, this reef, like 25 others Volety has established in the course of his seven-year oyster reef restoration project, will host countless thousands of the bivalve shellfish.

Hence the irony: Since each adult oyster is capable of filtering and cleaning an impressive 30 to 60 gallons of water in a 24-hour period, Volety's

volunteers are working just yards from passersby who inevitably pollute the water, cleaning up their playground and creating a healthier bay.

Besides cleansing the water, oyster reefs provide refuge and habitat for shrimp, fish and crabs. They, in turn, feed larger fish as well as birds and mammals.

Volety's oyster reefs depend on community-based volunteers, who have numbered more than 600 over time. On this April morning they include elementary and high school students, undergraduate and graduate students from FGCU, Canadians and Americans visitors, Florida natives who grew up fishing the bay, FGCU President Wilson G. Bradshaw and Donna Price Henry, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

Thanks to volunteers like them, oysters now flourish not only in Estero Bay but north at the mouth of the Caloosahatchee River in San Carlos Bay, and south in Collier County's Henderson Creek.

The scope and success of the operation and the careful science that supports it have garnered accolades and funding from public and private sources.

Those include the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Saltonstall-Kennedy Program, the Charlotte Harbor National Estuary Program, the South Florida Water Management

Lacey Smith, lab manager of FGCU's Coastal Marine Institute, adds a bag of oyster shells to an existing reef.



Cape Coral High School student Jon-Taylor Dilallo and friends toss bags of oyster shells while standing knee deep in Estero Bay. **At right:** Roughly 200 volunteers lend a hand in building an oyster reef in Estero Bay. To date, some 600 people have donated their time and effort to the project.

District and Mote Marine Laboratory.

Coastal America, a consortium of private and public organizations that recognizes exceptional teamwork in restoring and protecting the nation's coasts, bestowed one of four national 2006 Coastal Partnership Awards on the project.

In making the award, the organization commented: "In just a few short years, hundreds of volunteers have contributed thousands of volunteer hours to restore Southwest Florida oyster reefs... This community-based oyster restoration effort has done much more than just restore a small piece of the watershed. This effort has established a community wide commitment to ecosystem restoration."

It's also spawned an impressive body of knowledge about oysters and what it takes to keep them healthy and happy.

"When Aswani came here more

than 10 years ago we didn't know a lot about site-specific requirements of oysters in the Caloosahatchee River or Estero Bay," says Peter Loering, chief scientist for the South Florida Water Management District.

"His work has described a great deal about the life history of the oyster in this part of Florida. That's valuable to us. He's really given us a nice idea of how fresh water inflow is affecting not only the growth and survival of oysters, but also their distribution. And that has allowed us to make some better choices about how we manage water."

The ultimate success of the project relies on the creatures themselves.

Oysters produce viable larvae when water temperatures are highest – between about May and October, says Volety. They thrive when the water salinity stands at about 14 or 15 parts per thousand.

"If the water is too fresh, oysters

can't reproduce," says Mike Parsons, associate professor of marine sciences and co-director of FGCU's Coastal Watershed Institute. "And if it's too salty, predators will take them out."

Parsons, at the helm of the Tide-water, one of FGCU's marine fleet, calls to other volunteers as they drop anchor, challenging them to a salinity taste test.

"Let's see who gets it," he says, leaning over to swipe a finger in the bay. "Ten!" he shouts.

Other guesses come from grinning students in nearby boats.

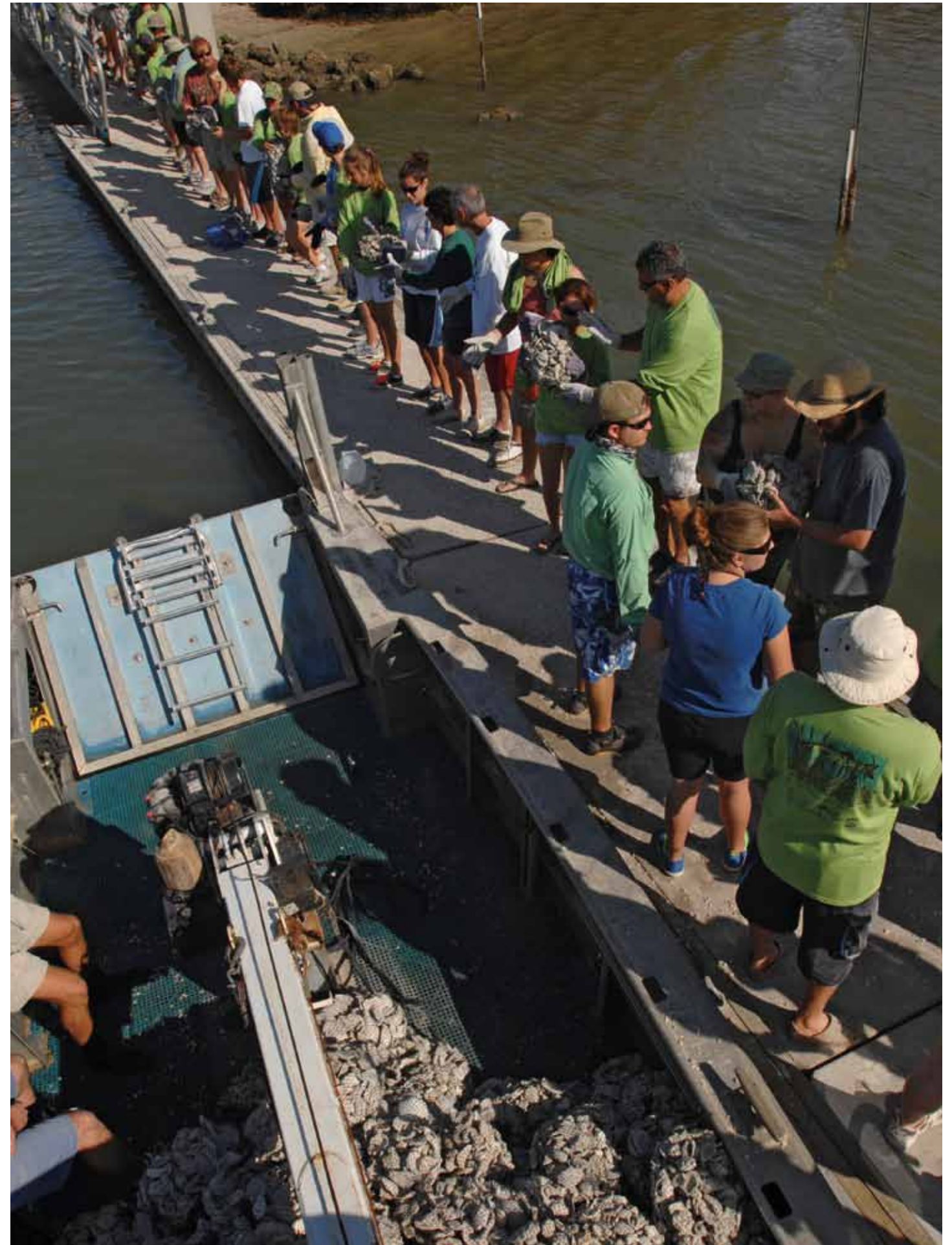
"Eight!"

"Eight or nine!"

One student produces the mission refractometer, which measures salinity. "Ten it is," she says.

Liza Rollins, a senior majoring in marine science, appears so excited at this news that she jumps off her boat, scratching her leg in the process.

"It's not a field day unless there's



blood,” she says cheerfully.

Rollins explains her joy in the work this way: “When I first took an oceanography course, it blew my mind. Here I can put my education to good use. And I can study, learn and identify a reality on site, instead of just in a lab or on a computer. I wouldn’t want to be anywhere else.”

Given the opportunity, oysters become self-generating vacuum cleaners of the environment, as well as nurturers, filtering and cleansing the water, increasing its clarity and allowing more light to penetrate.

That improves critical feeding, spawning and nursery habitat for fin and shellfish.

It’s a process set into motion each time the professor and his troops establish another reef.

“We look at the chemistry, the geography and the physics that influence the biology of oysters in the bay – how wind and waves carry larvae, the quality of the sand, how the chemistry of the water, based on nutrients such as nitrogen or phosphorous, or chemical pesticides or oil pollution influence the survival of larvae,” says Volety.

“So we’re tracking water from the uplands as far away as Lake Okeechobee that can affect the bay, which is why I think of this not just as the study of marine sciences, but as environmental sciences. All of them are related.”

The positive impact reaches well on to solid ground as well.

“This is both a political moment and a scientific moment – we have to educate the public,” Volety says. “Any educational institution does. That is our mission.”

That teaching reaches beyond the issues of oysters, creating greater awareness about the region’s fragile environment.

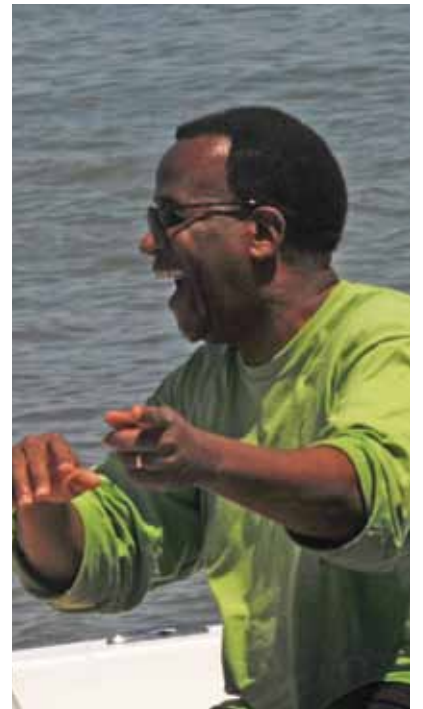
“Community education – this awareness – means that when other issues about water arise, their antennae go up,” notes Bradshaw, who stands working with other volunteers in and out of the water.

Some of the volunteers have



Get involved

To volunteer for a future research or restoration effort, or to contribute to the work, contact Aswani Volety at (239) 590-7216 or online at avolety@fgcu.edu.



Clockwise, from opposite page: FGCU student and research assistant Boch Hoeffleiniv, center, hoists bags of oyster shells while student and lab assistant Sara Larsen counts them as they are loaded onto a boat.

Volunteers waded into the waters of Estero Bay as they prepare to build a 200-square-meter oyster reef.

FGCU President Wilson G. Bradshaw joins the 200 volunteers participating in the restoration effort.

A diverse array of volunteers team up to restore Estero Bay oyster reefs. Men, women and children, students and retirees, residents and visitors gather to help out.

already gotten the message.

"I'm retired, and I look for opportunities to give back, or to support anything that keeps this place healthy and ecologically vibrant," says Pat Green, a special education teacher from Pennsylvania. "I'm a birder, too. The bird and animal life, including many of our northern species that winter here, couldn't exist without a healthy bay. That's why I'm here."

So while curious onlookers lounge in bikinis or trunks on the foredecks of the passing pleasure boats, Green and the other volunteers begin passing about 600 wire-mesh bags filled with fossilized oyster shells, each weighing about 25 pounds, from one pair of arms to the next, moving them to the ends of the long lines and pitching them into the sea near a small mangrove key.

The University buys the shells from a Sarasota firm and students bag them on campus.

"Oyster spat, the larvae, float until they find something to attach themselves to – and what works best, naturally, are oyster shells," says Volety. "The wire mesh of the bags will eventually degrade, but not before the reef is fully developed and they're embedded. So they won't do any damage."

As they form a growing reef and a healthier bay, they also help seed an expanded and more vital environmental sciences program. At FGCU, that is likely to include not only master's degrees in marine sciences and environmental management, but the doctoral degrees that will define FGCU as a significant research institution.

"I am very optimistic about this program, and about where we're headed," says Volety.

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

– Andrew West is a staff photographer for The News-Press.

Top: Adam Smith works with his sister, Lacey, to add on to an existing oyster reef. The shadows in the water are the submerged reefs.

Bottom: Once these oyster shells are placed in the water, they will provide secure spots for oyster larvae to attach and grow.



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FGCU's growing presence

Kapnick Center plants permanent Naples home

By Karen Feldman

With the opening of its first permanent Naples facility, the imminent acquisition of 500 acres in Buckingham and plans for a new research center on Alico Road, Florida Gulf Coast University's reach continues to expand throughout Southwest Florida.

It's a natural progression for the University, says Joseph Shepard, FGCU vice president for Administration and Finance.

"Today's modern universities have become transformational in the economy of a region," he says. "We understand that theory is better when put into practice and research is better when it supports the community. The University has a responsibility to transform and influence the area."

It's not enough to plan for needs 5 years hence.

"We need to consider a 20-, 30- or 40-year window when the region will be far different from what it is today," he says. "We need to take advantage of land opportunities today to get there."

But it's evident that the University will need room to grow even sooner than that. The student body is anticipated to double from the current 11,000-plus students in the next decade. FGCU's campus comprises 760 acres but, for environmental reasons, only about half

of that acreage will be developed.

As FGCU officials look for ways to accommodate the growing population and the additional programs that will require, they must look beyond the current boundaries and develop ways to meet the University's needs as well as those of the community.

To those ends, the University recently opened the Harvey Kapnick Education and Research Center at the Naples Botanical Garden, providing 15,000 square feet of state-of-the-art educational space, research laboratories, offices and a greenhouse.

"We're so excited about having our first permanent facility in Collier County and entering into partnership with the Naples Botanical Garden," President Wilson G. Bradshaw told those assembled for the grand opening in February. "We could not have done that without the generosity of donors."

The building is named for the late Harvey Kapnick, a long-time Naples resident and philanthropist whose vision played a key role in securing the land on which the botanical garden sits. His son and daughter-in-law, Scott and Kathleen Kapnick, supported construction of the building and the naming of the FGCU center in his honor.

"Occasionally in life we get to influence something and maybe make a move in the right direction," Scott

Kapnick says. "How proud I am to provide a little influence and direction to make the Kapnick Center a reality. My father would be incredibly thrilled at the partnership between the University and the Naples Botanical Garden."

University students already have begun benefitting from the center. Plant ecology and environmental biology classes meet there, with the botanical garden providing a vast living laboratory. FGCU is in the process of hiring an eminent scholar, an expert in tropical systems and ecology, thanks to an endowment by Naples developer and philanthropist Judy Sproul.

In addition to providing space and resources for FGCU students and researchers, the Kapnick Center benefits a broader constituency as a gathering spot for community events, such as flower shows, receptions and symposia.

The center will also serve as a meeting place for garden clubs and plant societies and summer youth camps, establishing a K-to-gray center for the community.

The Kapnick Center is one of several facilities through which the University is extending its reach throughout Southwest Florida.

Following are other FGCU centers of learning and research currently operating or in the planning stages around the region.

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Brian Bovard, assistant professor of marine and ecological sciences, and graduate student Julie Ross pick clusters of dune sunflower seeds to grow in a plant ecology class at the Harvey Kapnick Education and Research Center at the Naples Botanical Garden. It is the University's first permanent facility in Collier County.

The FGCU Innovation Hub

The Florida Gulf Coast University Innovation Hub is planned as a 1.2-million-square-foot research park on 241 acres just south of Southwest Florida International Airport and close to the FGCU campus.

The project is being developed in collaboration with FGCU by John D. Backe, president of the Backe Foundation; his son, John E. Backe; and Richard Galvano, of Galvano Development.

The University has 5 acres in the park, with plans to build a 50,000-square-foot research facility there dedicated to renewable energy.

Shepard says FGCU has another 5 acres nearby, donated by the Freeman family, which is expected to become a research center as well. That combination will likely form the foundation for a research zone, which could attract businesses and other universities to the area.

Buckingham property

Later this year, FGCU is expected to acquire a 500-acre property in rural Buckingham, east of Fort Myers.

It's long operated as Gulf Coast Center, a residential facility for people with development disabilities.

The state has been phasing out such large institutions in favor of smaller community-based group homes. Gulf Coast Center is scheduled to close this summer, leaving the property, its buildings and open spaces empty.

Because it's already state property, FGCU need only assume its operational expenses.

Shepard says the property will serve as a retreat and recreational center, at least initially.

"We will maintain the rural flavor of the area," he says. "It allows us to create a conference center of a more rustic nature. It's another arrow in our quiver."

Despite widespread speculation, "it will not be a branch campus," he says. "The area can't support that."

And, he adds, it will not become a football stadium should the University decide to create a team.



JERRY JACKSON



Clockwise, from top: Visiting scientist Madeleine Goncalves and FGCU marine science students examine video output from a remotely operated vehicle that allows researchers to observe activity as deep as 500 feet below the water's surface. Their work is one of many projects based at the Norm and Nancy Vester Marine and Environmental Science Research Field Station in Bonita Springs.

Research assistant Patty Borden prepares to release an Eastern meadowlark after banding its leg for identification purposes. She is taking part in a research project led by Jerry Jackson, professor of ecological science, studying the birds of Babcock Ranch in southern Charlotte County.

FGCU's new Office of Continuing Education in Fort Myers affords state-of-the-art classrooms and conference space for a wealth of continuing education and lifelong learning classes. Located in the Atrium Executive Suites on College Parkway, it was the site of some 200 classes this spring.

Norm and Nancy Vester Marine and Environmental Science Research Field Station

Situated where the Imperial River empties into Estero Bay in Bonita Springs, the Vester Station provides scientists and students with access to area waters critical to their marine research.

The field station's docks accommodate 11 boats, eliminating the need to trailer them back and forth from campus 12 miles away. Mangroves, sea grasses, oyster beds and the Gulf of Mexico are all short boat rides from the station.

In addition, the field station provides critically needed space for classrooms, laboratories, offices and apartments for visiting researchers.

A host of research projects are under way at the site, which could result in new ways to improve marine environments in the Caloosahatchee River, the Ten Thousand Islands and the Everglades, among other important bodies of water.

Babcock Ranch

Three years ago, developer Syd Kitson gave the University 67 acres of his company's Babcock Ranch land in southern Charlotte County for use as a research center and field station.

Although no structures have yet been built, there's plenty of research going on and the potential for even more.

Kitson, president and CEO of Kitson & Partners and FGCU Foundation Board member, contracted with the University to conduct a long-term wildlife study at Babcock Ranch, says Bill Hammond, FGCU professor emeritus and senior consultant for Kitson.

"We asked FGCU to take a long-term look at how wildlife and ecological systems change as the region changes and development moves forward," he says. "It's a one-of-a-kind study over a 20-year period."

Three years into the project, the research being led by environmental sciences Professor Win Everham has provided valuable data and enabled planners to modify the development

plan to better protect wildlife.

There are plans to set up a half-square-mile plot of forest that FGCU researchers and students will monitor. Once the Kitson community is developed and its schools open – possibly in 2013 – the researchers will teach school children how to assess long-term changes on the land.

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– Steven Bloomberg

At some point, the FGCU telescope may be relocated to the site, where there is far less light pollution than on the Fort Myers campus. It's possible to run it remotely from Fort Myers, Hammond says.

The Babcock Ranch community, which is planned to have the largest solar power plant in the world as well as many other environmentally sustainable components, is expected to break ground in late 2011 or early 2012, he

says. Opportunities for FGCU research at the site will expand exponentially as the community grows.

Office of Continuing Education

FGCU's Office of Continuing Education and Renaissance Academy lifelong learning programs are growing as well.

The Lee County division relocated in late 2009 to an office building on College Parkway in Fort Myers. The 5,000-square-foot facility in the Atrium Executive Suites at College Parkway and Winkler Road, affords easy access and free parking, two state-of-the-art classrooms and a conference room for continuing education classes and other programs.

"It's been amazing," says Steven Bloomberg, executive director of Continuing Education and Off-Campus Programs. "This spring we ran 200 courses at the Atrium."

That's in addition to those conducted at the 7,000-square-foot facility in downtown Naples as well as Renaissance Academy sessions held in a variety of spots around Charlotte County.

For the 2009-2010 fiscal year, Bloomberg estimates that 10,000 people will have enrolled in a Renaissance Academy class, with another 4,000 to 5,000 taking courses through the Office of Continuing Education.

He expects the program to grow even more in Charlotte County with the addition of a 5,000-square-foot office planned for Herald Court Centre, a new retail, office and parking facility in downtown Punta Gorda.

"There will be three classrooms plus administrative space," he says. "We'll be able to centralize everything in one location. Until now, we haven't been able to offer a lot of professional development, which this space will make possible. Even during austere times our expansion has been aggressive."

All of this growth makes FGCU that much more accessible to the sprawling region it strives to serve.

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Going green

Three dozen ways FGCU strives to leave a smaller footprint on Earth

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Clockwise, from top: FGCU's new building for science laboratories and research, Academic 7, achieves the highest standard of environmentally sound construction devised by the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design. High efficiency lighting fixtures, windows and insulation reduce energy requirements by 18 percent, saving more than \$50,000 annually. Other environmentally sound qualities include electronic systems that measure indoor humidity levels and adjust air conditioning systems accordingly, a high-performance reflective metal roof and shade overhangs and high-efficiency bathroom fixtures that reduce water usage.

The University's ice thermal storage plant creates ice at night when demand for electricity is low and sends chilled water through an underground loop to cool buildings, reducing FGCU's reliance on electricity from Florida Power & Light Co., and saving roughly \$250,000 annually.

A 15-acre solar field, which began operating in December, consists of 10,818 solar modules that produce 2 megawatts of electricity, enough to power hundreds of homes. FGCU uses most of that energy to run Holmes and Lutgert halls, as well as Academic Building 7, reducing the University's use of FPL-generated power by 18 percent.

At Florida Gulf Coast University, sustainability and environmental stewardship aren't simply terms students learn in the classroom: They are core components of the University's mission and figure prominently in the research, campus design and overall operation. Here are 36 ways in which FGCU minimizes its impact on the planet.

DESIGN

1. FGCU's 15-acre solar field produces roughly 85 percent of the energy needed to operate Holmes and Lutgert halls as well as Academic Building 7, reducing the University's reliance on Florida Power & Light Co. by 18 percent.
2. The University operates one of the state's largest ice thermal storage plants, generating ice at night when demand for electricity is low and sending chilled water through an underground loop that cools buildings. It reduces FGCU's need for electricity from FPL and saves roughly \$250,000 annually.
3. The Biscayne and Everglades residence halls get hot water from rooftop solar tanks.
4. Campus swimming pools use geothermal energy to heat and cool the water by pumping it into the earth, cooling it in the summer and heating it in the winter.
5. Academic 7, the University's new building for science laboratories and research, is built to platinum level, the highest certification in the green building rating system devised by the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED).
6. All future buildings on campus are expected to achieve LEED certification.
7. Campus architecture is geared to the region's subtropical climate, providing shade in and around buildings via covered walkways, broad roof overhangs, light-colored exterior walls, tinted windows and well-insulated hip roofs.

EDUCATION

8. The Wings of Hope program introduces Lee and Collier county students in first through fifth grades to native animals, their habitats, water conservation and green ways to help the earth. To date, roughly 120,000 children have participated.

- 9. All undergraduates complete the University Colloquium, a for-credit course with an environmental focus that involves faculty from all five colleges. Students explore issues pertaining to the environment, sustainability and sense of place, learning about native species, wetlands, green initiatives and sustainability.
- 10. The University offers 31 for-credit courses, two undergraduate and two graduate degrees dealing with sustainability and the environment.
- 11. The University sponsors Sustainability Week each fall, providing seminars and activities designed to heighten awareness of FGCU initiatives in improving water quality, transportation and habitat.
- 12. FGCU hosts clean-up days to improve access to campus nature trails, reinforcing ecological awareness in students and increasing their understanding of Florida's unique habitat.

PRACTICE

- 13. Thirteen solar-powered trash compactors process refuse from food service operations.
- 14. Student residence halls use fluorescent bulbs rather than incandescent ones.
- 15. The Eagles ❤️ Tap Water campaign provides refill spigots in high-use areas to encourage reuse of drinking containers and reduction of plastic bottle waste.
- 16. Dual-flush toilets help conserve water.
- 17. University dining facilities use cage-free eggs, local products when possible and offer vegetarian fare at all meals.
- 18. Dining halls use a tray-less system, which reduces food, water and energy waste.
- 19. The University uses no chlorofluorocarbon-based refrigerants in classroom building air conditioning or fire suppression systems.
- 20. FGCU recycles office paper, aluminum cans, plastic containers, aerosol cans, fiberboard, glass, construction debris, waste oil, newsprint, toner and ink cartridges, batteries, mercury-containing devices, electronic equipment and cellular telephones.



Clockwise, from top: All University dining facilities offer vegetarian options at all meals.

Biotech researchers are exploring green ways to neutralize toxins and bacteria. These methods are aimed at combating nerve gas on the battlefield as well as germs found in homes, airplanes and hospitals.

Children enrolled in FGCU's Family Resource Center tend a garden in which they grow vegetables they harvest and eat. They use compost created from leftover food and recycled paper produced by the FGCU Physical Plant.

- 21. FGCU's care of campus trees and commitment to environmental sustainability practices earned the Tree Campus USA designation for 2009, awarded by the National Arbor Day Foundation.
- 22. University personnel clear exotic trees and shrubs by hand to preserve the ecosystem. Melaleuca trees are ground into mulch, which is used around campus.
- 23. Campus landscaped areas are primarily xeriscaped, using native trees and plants,

which require minimal to no irrigation.

- 24. Faculty, staff and administrators primarily use electrical carts, rather than combustion-powered vehicles, on campus.
- 25. Newly constructed buildings use motion-sensor lighting, which turns off when there's no movement detected for a specified period.
- 26. During non-office hours, air conditioning and heating are reduced.

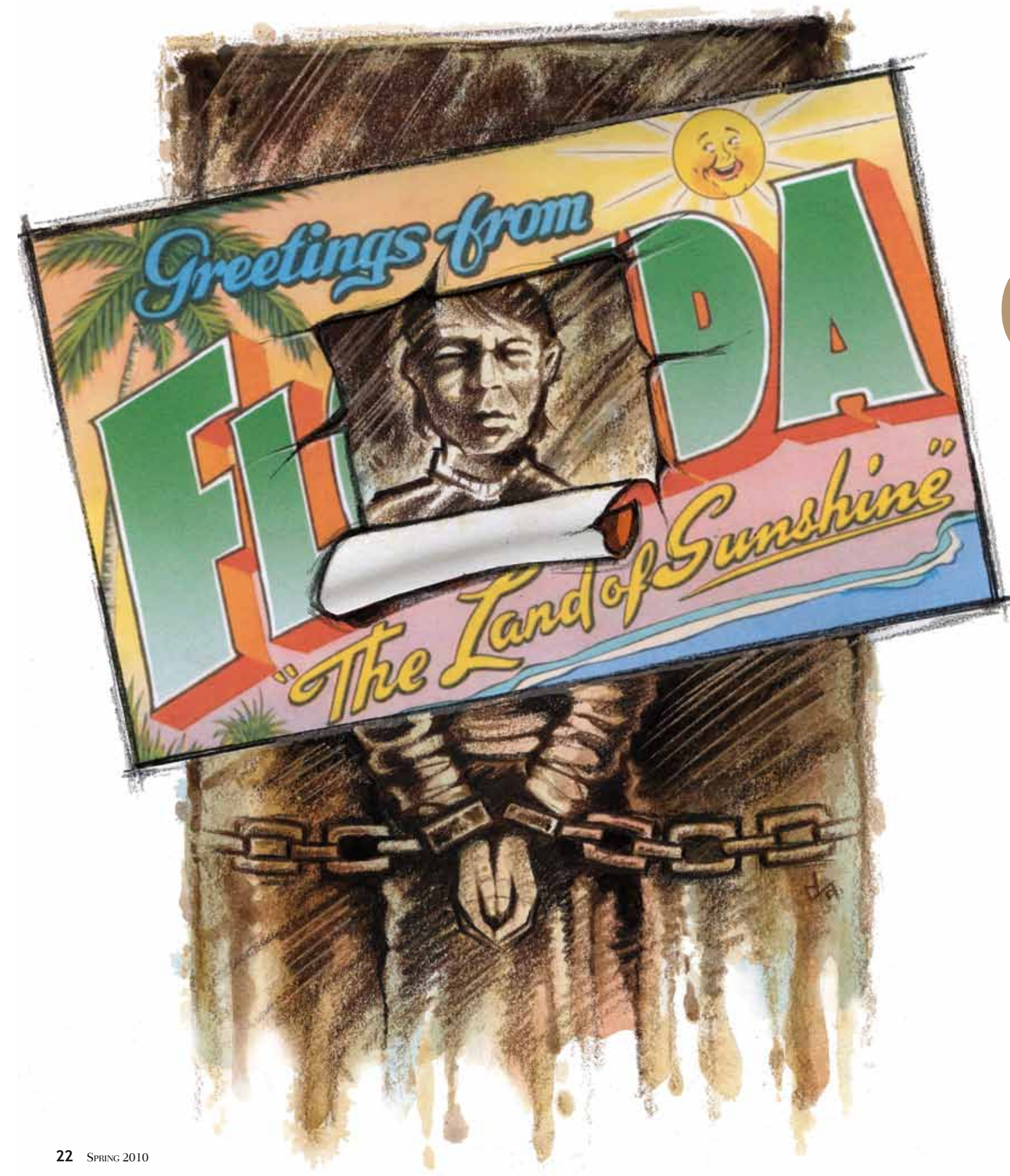


In an effort to preserve and protect the environmentally sensitive wetlands around FGCU, researchers monitor the impacts of development on the area by measuring levels of carbon and other elements found in soil, stems and leaves.

- 27. Offices use central printers and copiers whenever possible because they are more efficient than individual desktop printers.
- 28. Sediment and erosion control is part of all construction projects, preventing soil loss caused by stormwater runoff or wind erosion.
- 29. The Student Government and Office of Environmental Health and Safety run www.Ride2FGCU.com, an online rideshare matching system that helps those headed to campus find commuting partners, reducing the number of cars and subsequent emissions from them.

RESEARCH

- 30. FGCU's Coastal Watershed Institute, its partners and community volunteers restore oyster reefs in local waterways.
- 31. The Coastal Watershed Institute explores regional marine science and coastal watershed issues and the conservation of natural resources, conducting research and educating the public about the health of area waters.
- 32. The Harvey Kapnick Education and Research Center, at the Naples Botanical Garden, serves as a living laboratory of conservation, education and research into bio-energy, global warming, medicinal plant biology, native plant species and plant ecology.
- 33. Biotech researchers are exploring green ways to destroy bacteria and toxins such as nerve gas on the battlefield as well as germs in swimming pools, airplanes and hospitals.
- 34. The Bernese B. and Sidney R. Davis Chair for Environmental Design and/or Management and Horticulture focuses on leadership, knowledge and cutting-edge research in native flora.
- 35. The recently established Juliet C. Sproul Chair for Southwest Florida Habitat Restoration and Management will be filled by an eminent scholar in the field of tropical systems and ecology.
- 36. The recently established Backe Chair in Renewable Energy Endowed Fund will be filled by an expert in green technology who will play a leading role in cutting-edge research.



Of human bondage

In midst of vacation mecca, FGCU helps combat slavery

Stories by Bill Cornwell/Illustrations by Dave Anderson

It is the flip side of life in paradise – the human suffering that lurks in the shadows of a region renowned for its sun-drenched beaches and idyllic lifestyle. It is a crime that conjures painful images of men and women in chains in a nation in which forced servitude presumably ended some 150 years ago at Appomattox.

That the trafficking and subjugation of human beings for purposes of coerced sex and forced labor takes place in Southwest Florida is starkly at odds with the region's image. But exist it does, and such cases are not mere aberrations.

A small but determined army of law enforcement officers, prosecutors, church groups and social service agencies works feverishly to eradicate this persistent evil and Florida Gulf Coast University plays a critical role in the effort. The group's successes have attracted international attention, as communities around the world seek to model their own anti-slavery forces in its image. In the process, Johnny McGaha, an FGCU professor of justice studies who has been a key member of the team, has become a sought-after consultant on the subject.

Leading the local war against human trafficking and slavery is Douglas Molloy, chief assistant U.S. attorney for the Middle District of Florida. Over the past dozen or so years, he has forged an international reputation as an impassioned prosecutor of cases involving human trafficking and slavery. He's addressed the United Nations and been interviewed by news outlets as diverse as the BBC and Gourmet magazine.

Molloy pursues human traffickers with the zeal of a 19th-century abolitionist. By his count, some 50 people who had been held against their will have been emancipated as a result of prosecutions brought by his office.

"It is amazing that in this day and age we are still talking about liberating people, but it is an undeniable fact."

— Douglas Molloy

His staff alone prosecutes more cases of this type each year than entire states, he says, and he is not shy about seeking maximum prison terms. He has repeatedly labeled Immokalee as "ground zero" for trafficking and slavery in the United States. While it's raised some eyebrows, it's also helped focus attention on Southwest Florida as a center of such activity.

Molloy concedes the topic makes people uncomfortable and that it does not fit the pristine image tourism officials promote, but he offers no apologies.

"The fact is that people have been liberated, here, right here in Southwest Florida," he says. "It is amazing that in this day and age we are still talking

about liberating people, but it is an undeniable fact."

The U.S. State Department estimates that upwards of 30,000 trafficking victims are brought into the United States annually from other countries. Add to that an untold number of American residents who fall victim, such as women forced into prostitution.

With its migrant-rich population and vast agricultural landscape, Southwest Florida long has been a prime destination for traffickers and their victims. The diverse population, Molloy says, also means that "victims can be hidden in plain sight. They don't stand out."

Nonetheless, he says Lee County is

making dramatic progress in the fight, which is why other regions are taking notice.

"We are setting the standard nationally for how community involvement can make a difference," Molloy says. "Law enforcement is key, of course, but we have a united effort here that is the envy of other communities across the country. Unless you get everyone on board, you have little chance to succeed."

This community-engaged approach began five years ago, when the U.S. Department of Justice awarded the Lee County Sheriff's Office a \$450,000 grant that led to the creation of three crucial entities: a two-person investigative team within the sheriff's office; the Lee County Human Trafficking Task Force; and the Esperanza Project at FGCU.

At first, managing the disparate groups that comprised the task force proved nearly impossible, Molloy says. Meetings were fractious and unproductive. Egos were bruised; turf battles erupted.

That has changed, and Molloy assigns great credit to the steadying influence of FGCU in general and Johnny McGaha in particular.

"You had so many different people involved — everyone from code enforcers to firefighters to social agencies to law enforcement to churches and religious groups," Molloy says. "What Johnny and FGCU have done is essentially get everyone on the same page, to bring some order to the process. They have ensured that everyone keeps their eyes on the prize and that everyone moves in the same direction."

Another member of the FGCU community, Nola Theiss, played a major role in the task force's formation. Theiss, a former mayor of Sanibel who earned her master's in public administration from FGCU in 2002, was the task force's founding chairwoman and was instrumental in putting together a

Angie's story

Editor's note: The following letter comes from a Florida Gulf Coast University freshman. She wrote it to Julie Shematz, director of Beauty from Ashes, a local non-profit organization that helps women recover from sexual exploitation, following a seminar on campus at which Shematz spoke. It is reprinted here with her permission. Her name has been changed to protect her identity.

Many people have misconceptions on what child sex trafficking is, and what programs there are to help kids in these situations. Most programs address global trafficking, and although that is a problem, it isn't the only form of child sex trafficking. Sometimes there is another form. Sometimes, like in my case, it is a form that is often swept under the rug. This problem exists not only in a foreign country, but here in Florida.

I am a first-year student here at FGCU and I was sexually abused by my father starting at the age of five up until I turned 18. From the ages of six to 10 my father "lent me" to his friends and other family members who got to take turns "having fun with me," sometimes for money, and sometimes just because they wanted to get off.

Was I transported out of the country to be forced to be someone's sex slave? No. Instead, I was kept in the country, kept in my neighborhood and house, and taken on "sex trips" where I wouldn't know where I was going, or who I was going to be seeing, or who I would be forced to do horrible and despicable things with. But apparently because I wasn't transported across country lines, the 50 people who abused me for four years were able to get away with it. Scott free...

When I went to the Out of the Shadows (FGCU human trafficking symposium) events, I went hoping that I would be enlightened with knowledge that maybe these programs did exist, maybe there really are these programs out there, maybe there is something that they are already doing for kids who were in my situation both in the past and in the present. The problem is that after attending these seminars and after doing research on the programs that were mentioned, it was brought to my attention that they don't exist.

There is a BIG loophole, a huge crack that many children who become adults seem to be able to slip through without help from the very adults on whom they depend. They are the kids who are trafficked domestically by their parents, who grow up to be adults without the resources to get the help they need. Once you turn 18, you are completely on your own unless you are making poor life choices. What about the individuals who try to do the right thing? Where is the help for them? Does everything magically become OK because we are going to college and are now classified as adults?



groundbreaking national conference on trafficking that the University hosted in 2006. Theiss is now executive director of Human Trafficking Partnerships, Inc., which helps communities across the United States form trafficking and slavery task forces.

Begun in 2008, the Esperanza Project is one of a handful of university-based trafficking research centers. McGaha, the amiable Texan who co-chairs the task force and serves as director of the Esperanza Project, views the FGCU project's mission as one of coordination and research.

"We don't want to hands-on run the task force; that's not our job," says McGaha. "But we can be a catalyst for

research and for community involvement. We try to pull it all together and coordinate. We act as an umbrella for all the organizations doing this work and serve on the task force. I like to think that we're a one-stop shop. If anyone on the task force has a problem outside their area, we can direct them to the proper person or agency."

In addition to coordinating the diverse components of the task force, the Esperanza Project fills a critical research role, working with any FGCU faculty member involved in the research of trafficking, slavery or a related field.

"(FGCU) has the resources and the expertise to conduct research into areas that no one else can do," Molloy says.

One example is an article McGaha co-authored last year with Amanda Evans, an FGCU assistant professor of social work. Published in the *Intercultural Human Rights Law Review*, the article examined how human trafficking cases are reported and studied and could lead to greater accuracy in determining the number of victims in the United States. Accuracy in counting victims is essential in effectively funding enforcement and prevention.

McGaha has extensive experience in criminal justice, both in academia and in the system itself, with a special emphasis on working with juvenile offenders. After attending a conference on human trafficking in 2005, he decided to become a part of the solution.

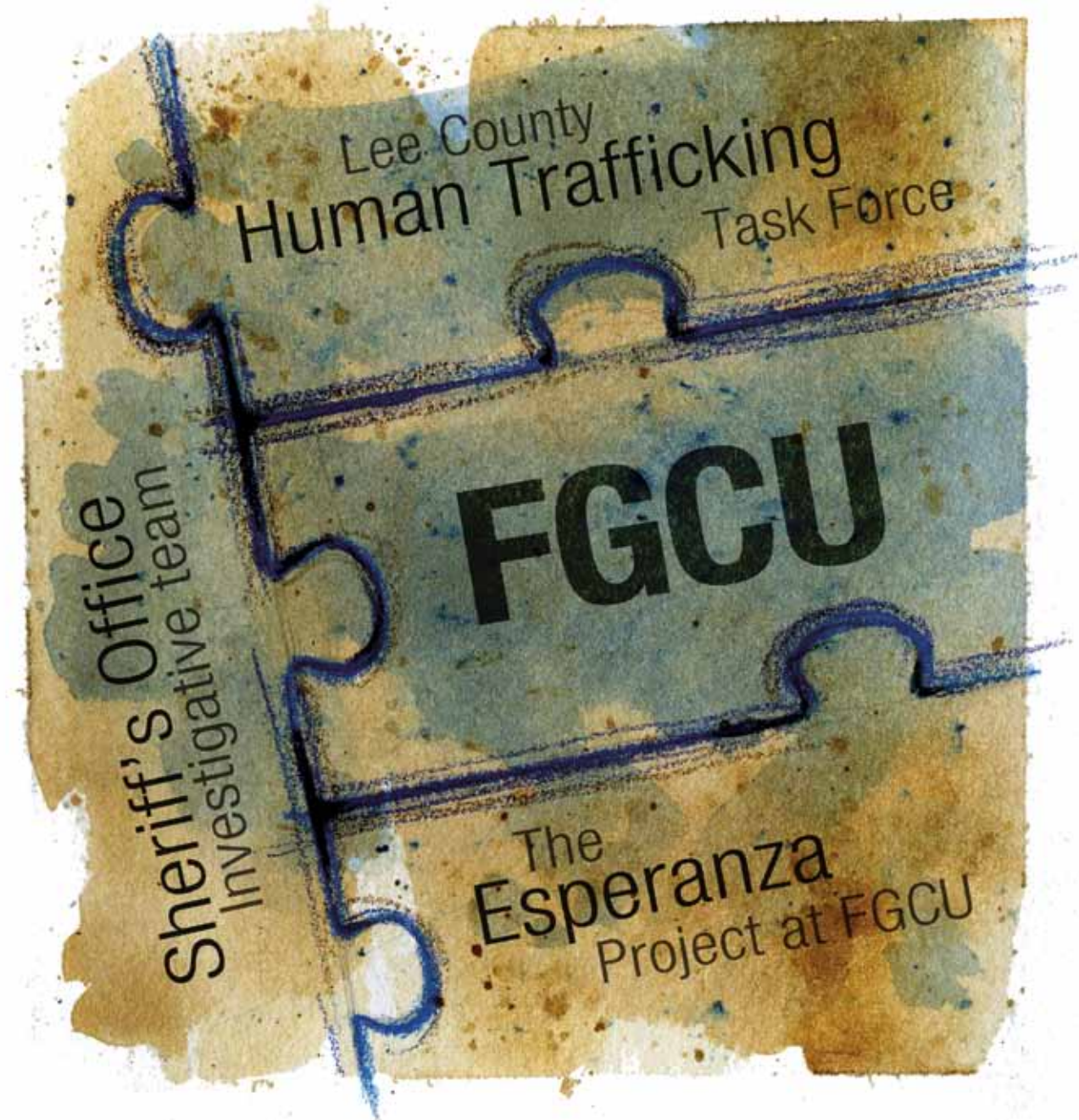
He's now an in-demand consultant on structuring community programs to combat trafficking. In 2008, the U.S. State Department sent him to Moldova, where trafficking is rife. He departs for Italy in May on another trip at the behest – and expense – of the State Department.

In Southwest Florida, the journey to a unified, community-based commitment began in earnest with a human trafficking case of unspeakable brutality.

In 2005, a 13-year-old girl (whom authorities called Esperanza, Spanish for "hope") was found enslaved in a Cape Coral home by Fernando Pascual, who purchased her two years earlier in Guatemala for less than \$300 from her mother and stepfather. He smuggled her to Cape Coral, where they lived with two of his relatives. Pascual raped and impregnated her, beating her so severely she lost the baby. She became pregnant again and, despite enduring repeated physical abuse and severe bleeding, delivered a premature infant. Her story was reported at the hospital, but no action was taken. Later, the girl sought refuge with a neighbor, who alerted law enforcement authorities. In 2006, Pascual was sentenced in federal court to 10 years in prison. His relatives received lesser prison terms.

Trafficking in Southwest Florida and elsewhere most often involves

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Numbers to know

Contact the following agencies if you suspect a case of human trafficking:

- Lee County Sheriff's Office Human Trafficking Unit: (239) 477-1241
- U.S. Attorney's Office, Fort Myers: (239) 461-2200
- Collier County Sheriff's Office Human Trafficking Unit: (239) 793-7888
- Crime Stoppers: (800) 780-TIPS
- Catholic Charities, Fort Myers: (239) 322-1077, (239) 738-8682 or (239) 738-8722
- Lee County Human Trafficking Task Force and The Esperanza Project: (239) 590-1521
- Beauty from Ashes: (239) 939-9218
- If you believe someone is in immediate danger, call 911.

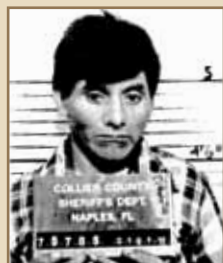
Mexicans or Central Americans. Recruiters, called coyotes, lure them from their homelands, promising plenty of work, good wages and a better life. The coyotes tell them they will owe a certain amount of money, but they can work it off. They find out too late that

the debt will never be satisfied, and their servitude will never cease.

Some victims must work in the fields; others might be pressed into domestic labor. Many women, especially young ones, wind up as prostitutes. Because most slaves are in the country

illegally, they believe they have no legal recourse. Many fear law enforcement agencies, which in their homelands often are in league with traffickers. Some fail to seek help because of language barriers.

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Jose Tecum



Cesar Navarette



Geovanni Navarette



Francisco F. Domingo

Slavery happens here: five cases

The horrifying case of the young Guatemalan girl known as Esperanza who was rescued in 2005 remains the most publicized case of human trafficking in Southwest Florida, but there have been numerous other prosecutions and arrests. Here is a sampling:

- In 1999, Abel Cuello was convicted and sentenced to 33 months in federal prison on slavery charges. Cuello kept enslaved more than 30 tomato pickers, holding them against their will in trailers near Immokalee. Upon his release from prison, Cuello reportedly resumed his work as a labor supplier for another tomato company operating in Florida and North Carolina.
- In 2001, Jose Tecum was sent to federal prison for nine years for forcing a young woman to work in his home and in the tomato fields of Immokalee.
- In 2008, several members of the Navarrete family of Immokalee were sentenced to federal prison terms for enslaving and brutalizing 12 Guatemalan and Mexican farm workers. Douglas Molloy, the assistant U.S. attorney who headed the prosecution, called it one of Southwest Florida's "biggest, ugliest slavery cases ever." Testimony revealed that the workers had been beaten and chained to poles. Cesar Navarrete, 27, and his 22-year-old brother, Geovanni, were identified as the ringleaders and sentenced to 12-year prison terms. Prosecutors described Cesar as "the young patriarch" and Geovanni as "the enforcer, the beater."
- In February, two Lee County residents were indicted on federal charges of human trafficking. Derrick Ned and Naomi Vasquez are accused of using violence, intimidation and drugs to coerce and force as many as 16 women to work as prostitutes in Lee County. They await trial.
- In March, Francisco Francisco Domingo of Immokalee was arrested on federal slavery charges in connection with a 15-year-old Guatemalan girl he allegedly purchased from her mother, smuggled into the United States and held captive in the home he shared with his wife, children and others. He allegedly forced her to work in the fields, have sex with him and with other men while he filmed it. He awaits trial.

Esperanza Project and the county task force is to spread the word within the immigrant community and elsewhere that victims of trafficking and slavery do have options. One of those is Catholic Charities for the Diocese of Venice.

"(Trafficking) victims will tell us things that they would be reluctant to tell law enforcement," says Alex Olivares, who serves as the human trafficking project manager for the Fort Myers office. "The fact that we are associated with the church gives us an immediate credibility among many victims."

His organization assists trafficking victims after they have been liberated by law enforcement. Last year, Olivares' office worked with 27 rescued victims. That assistance might involve helping them with shelter, psychological counseling, clothing, food and other necessities.

"The victims are in a delicate state when we see them," Olivares says. "Many lack even basic skills. Some don't even know how to do their laundry."

Catholic Charities works with victims for eight or nine months – sometimes longer – helping them adjust to their newfound freedom. It is painstaking work that requires frequent coordination with other agencies and service organizations. Olivares says the task force helps in this regard.

"From what I understand, at the beginning, everyone was new and everyone wanted to help, but not everyone knew how to do that," he says. "Johnny and the Esperanza Project have been very good at sorting that all out. I look at them as something of a clearinghouse. If I come across something, and I'm not sure whose responsibility it is, I'll run it past Johnny."

Although the task force and its cross-section of organizations and agencies now work well together, eliminating trafficking requires even broader effort.

"You know, I really don't like talking to reporters," Molloy says as he does just that. "But talking about this



problem, making the community aware of it, is extremely important. I talk to reporters because stories often lead to tips from readers. We make cases that way. Anything we can do to get the community thinking about this is valuable."

Molloy believes the large number of cases he handles may be more attributable to public awareness and involvement than to the sheer volume of criminal activity. In other words, people are reporting possible cases at a greater rate than ever before. If that's true, it means that Southwest Florida is becoming increasingly inhospitable to traffickers of humans, something that greatly pleases Molloy.

FGCU helps foster awareness, in part, by sponsoring seminars on trafficking and slavery featuring nationally and internationally recognized experts.

"We are a service university," says McGaha. "This is a part of that mission and a very important part, I believe. President (Wilson) Bradshaw has been tremendously supportive."

McGaha says his evolution into a guru in the field remains a surprise.

"This is not something that I sought or that I even pursued," he says. "It just evolved and seemingly has taken on a life of its own. Not that I am complaining. This is tremendously rewarding. But it is unexpected. Sometimes I feel as if this was something that was meant to be. And if it is, that's certainly fine with me."

– Bill Cornwell is a freelance writer who lives in Naples.



Women's basketball team scores post-season play for third time

It took some serious Hurricanes to derail the FGCU women's basketball team's quest for post-season glory.

The University of Miami Hurricanes defeated the Eagles in Miami 70-57 in the first round of the Women's National Invitational Tournament. FGCU led by 8 at half-time, but Miami took over in the second half.

The Eagles, who went 24-6 in the 2009-10 regular season, played in the Women's NIT for the third straight year. FGCU finished one game shy of capturing the Atlantic Sun regular-season championship by going 17-3 in conference.

East Tennessee State won the conference crown.

"Winning the conference was one of our goals, but we still had a very successful season," FGCU coach Karl Smesko says. "We had the fifth-longest home winning streak in Division I this year and won 24 games. It's exciting."

Senior forward Chelsea Lyles created a lot of that excitement. Lyles, who earned All A-Sun First-team honors, scored in double figures 19 times.

"Chelsea had a very strong second half of the season," Smesko said. "She was our emotional leader."



The FGCU women's basketball team sideline celebrates a basket during their WNIT game against the University of Miami.

Men's basketball hopes to build on this season's successes

Although the season didn't turn out the way the team had hoped, FGCU men's basketball took away some positives from 2009-10.

The young Eagles, who went 8-21 in their third season in NCAA Division I, posted home victories over DePaul and NBA Hall of Famer Isiah Thomas' Florida International team as well as sweeping perennial Atlantic Sun leader Belmont.

Coach Dave Balza, who in March agreed to a one-year extension of his contract that was to expire in 2011, wants to build from those wins.

Redshirt freshman Anthony Banks will be integral.

Banks led the team in scoring (12.9 points per game), rebounds (6.6) and field goal percentage (.567). Banks was a unanimous selection to the A-Sun Conference All-Freshman Team.

Banks' development helped ease the pain from a season that included the fewest FGCU wins in program history. The Eagles finished in a tie for last place in the A-Sun.



Anthony Banks

Baseball team sets sights on College World Series

Omaha is not a dream: It's an expectation.

That's what FGCU baseball coach Dave Tollett told his club in the preseason. Tollett believes his squad can be one of the eight teams invited to the 2010 College World Series, which takes place in June in Omaha, Neb.

As of April 23, the team had a 23-13 overall record, with a 14-4 tally in the Atlantic Sun Conference.

Tollett believes his team's pitching staff and returning position starters can carry the club to the playoffs in its first year of NCAA Division I postseason eligibility.

Among the team's best weapons is Golden Spikes Award.com junior left-hander Chris Sale, who can run his fastball into the mid-90s, baffle hitters with an excellent changeup and put away lefties with an improving slider. He ranked among the national leaders in ERA and strikeouts as a sophomore last spring, then earned pitcher of the year honors in the Cape Cod League last summer, ranking as the prestigious league's No. 1 prospect.

The Eagles entered 2010 as the favorite to win the Atlantic Sun Conference.

Softball players struggle to overcome injuries

Asked about his team's injuries, FGCU softball coach Dave Deiros laughs and says, "How much room do you have in your column?"

The Eagles, who were 22-28 as of April 23, lost three players to season-ending injuries in the first month of the season. Sophomore catcher Lindsey Green (hip), freshman outfielder Mariah Weingarten (shoulder) and junior pitcher Morgan Campen (shoulder) were expected to play key roles this year.

The injuries forced the team's young players to take on new positions. As a result, the team had a seven-game losing streak in February and a series of eight losses in March. Nonetheless, the team beat Villanova, Western Michigan, Dartmouth and Jacksonville, among others.

"It's been a learning experience," Deiros says. "We have players who are still figuring out the speed and skill of Division I. We lost six games by one run. That's the mark of inexperience and not being adapted to your environment. But I think the players will come together with the more games they put under their belts."



Chris Sale

Swimmers and divers conference champs for second year

FGCU's swimming and diving team didn't just repeat as the Coastal Collegiate Swimming Association Conference champion. It did so in grand style.

The Eagles women won the CCSA Swimming and Diving Championships by 194 points. The victory in a tournament that includes clubs from the Big Sun, Southern, Mid-Eastern Athletic and Atlantic Sun conferences produced some heavy FGCU hardware.

The Eagles captured 25 medals in the 25 CCSA events. "We're only a three-year-old team and we've won two championships and we almost won in our first year," FGCU coach Neal Studd says. "The girls have really bought in to what I was looking to build and my vision."

FGCU junior Karmin McNamara was named the tournament's Most Outstanding Diver while Studd was named Coach of the Year.

The CCSA win was a fitting ending to a season that

saw FGCU go 12-3 and post an impressive 100-point win over the University of Miami, a swimming powerhouse.

Men's tennis team improves its record

The FGCU men's tennis team worked hard on winning the doubles point at each match.

Thibaud Aime and Matthew Rock did their part, winning 12 of 17 doubles matches this season. For their efforts, they were named Second Team All-Atlantic Sun as a doubles team.

Aime and Rock played at the number one doubles position in every dual match for the Eagles this season, finishing with a 12-5 overall record, 7-3 in conference play.

Overall, the team wound up with a 4-14 overall record, 3-7 in A-Sun matches.

"We improved our place in the conference," says coach J. Webb Horton. "We did better than last year. We're young and we played a really aggressive non-conference schedule. USF was 32 in the nation. Georgia Southern was in the top 70. Florida Atlantic was leading their conference."

The idea, he says, is to season the team as it works toward 2011-12, when the University's transition into Division I is complete and all the teams will be eligible for post-season play.

"We've started a rebuilding process," Horton says. "We have new kids coming in next year who should help us move forward."

Women's tennis team savors best ever season

After enjoying the most successful season since joining the Atlantic Sun Conference, three FGCU women's tennis players were awarded with postseason accolades. The doubles team of Katharine Evans and Jessica Sweeting earned Second Team All-Atlantic Sun honors, and Morgan Bechtel was named to the Atlantic Sun All-Freshman team.

The three women led FGCU to a 9-9 overall mark and a 6-4 record in the Atlantic Sun Conference this season. Last year, the Eagles went 6-16 overall and 3-7 in conference.

"We have a lot of new faces," coach Jennifer Gabou says. "The tradition of hard work continues, but our skill level is much higher than last year."

Sweeting claimed the first A-Sun Player of the Week award of her career in late January.

Men's golf team takes second place

It took the FGCU men's golf team some time to get into the swing of things, but the Eagles fared well this season, ending with a second-place finish in the 2010 Atlantic Sun's Men's Golf Championship in Braselton, Ga., on April 21.

"The team played great and was very consistent throughout the entire tournament," says head coach Jim Suttie. "We were very close to winning this championship and it was a great experience for everyone, particularly Brandon Pena with the lowest final round score in A-Sun history. I was very pleased with our overall performance, but we just came up a little short."

Throughout the season, the team had some noteworthy wins. Out of 11



Daniel Mazziotta

events this year, the Eagles placed first three times and second three times.

As individuals, junior Daniel Mazziotta, sophomore Patrick Williams and senior Mike Hart picked up tournament titles this season. Mazziotta took top honors at the Mission Inn Fall Intercollegiate, while Williams did so at the Stetson/CFSC Invitational and Hart at the FGCU Eagle Invitational. Sophomore Alexander Medinis also placed in the top 10 at five tournaments this season, highlighted by a share of second place at the Bethune-Cookman Fall Invitational.

Women golfers finish fifth in A-Sun play

The FGCU women's golf team concluded the 2009-10 campaign with a fifth-place finish at the 2010 A-Sun Championship at the Venetian Bay Golf Club on April 14. All five FGCU players placed in the top 30 overall, led by freshman Briana Carlson's third place finish.

The Eagles wrapped up the season having placed in the top 10 at each of their nine competitions. The team opened the year with a second-place finish at the Eagles Golf Invitational, where Carlson took top individual honors. The spring portion of the schedule saw the Eagles post top five finishes in four of their five competitions, highlighted by fourth places at the 18-team UC Women's Spring Invitational in March and the 10-team Canes and Cardinal Classic in early April.

The 2010 A-Sun Championship was the final collegiate tournament for the senior duo of senior captain Amber Pedersen and Jessica Paulmann. With an average score of 77.5 on the year, Pedersen's best finish came at the JMU-Eagle Landing Invitational in March. Finishing 15th out of 60 at the Jacksonville University Classic, she was selected as the Atlantic Sun Conference Golfer of the Month for February, the first time an FGCU women's golfer earned such a recognition.



Amber Pedersen



Sports Calendar

Saturday, May 8

Men's Baseball vs. ETSU* (DH)
1 and 4 p.m., Swanson Stadium

Sunday, May 9

Men's Baseball vs. ETSU*
1 p.m., Swanson Stadium

Tuesday, May 11

Men's Baseball vs. FAU
6 p.m., Boca Raton

Friday, May 14

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

Saturday, May 15

Men's Baseball vs. Jacksonville* (DH)
1 and 4 p.m., Jacksonville

Tuesday, May 18

Men's Baseball vs. Miami
6 p.m., Coral Gables

Thursday, May 20

Men's Baseball vs. UNF*
6:30 p.m., Swanson Stadium

Friday, May 21

Men's Baseball vs. UNF* (DH)
3 and 6 p.m., Swanson Stadium

*A-Sun Conference Game

For details, visit www.fgcuathletics.com.



Swimming & diving team



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Investing in the future

Gala focuses spotlight on scholarships and their enduring value

The President's Celebration is a party with a purpose: the annual gala showcases learning, raising vitally needed funds to help students achieve their educational dreams.

This year, more than 375 people attended the March 27 black-tie event at The Ritz-Carlton, Naples, the theme of which was "The Power of Scholarships." In all, the event raised \$750,000.

While four current scholarship recipients spoke of their gratitude and hopes for the future, President Wilson G. Bradshaw brought home how such scholarships pay off over the years.

"Like these students, I, too, would not be standing before you except for the power of scholarships," he said. "The National Science Foundation Scholarship gave me hope and encouragement at a time when I desperately needed support to continue my education. The moment I was awarded that scholarship is the moment my dreams turned to possibilities."

"The NSF scholarship not only positively affected my life, but the lives of everyone who has been touched by my actions and decisions since graduation. That is the lasting power of scholarships."

Over the past year, 900 FGCU students benefitted from \$1.6 million in scholarships, and that need continues to grow.

The FGCU Foundation thanks gala chair Edward Morton, auction committee chair Barbara Dufrane and Foundation Board chair Stephen McIntosh for the time and effort they devoted to make this special event such a great success.



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1. Scholarship recipients Jianna Henegar, Alvena Paul, Zachary Glorioso and Maria Santos
2. President Wilson G. Bradshaw
3. Jo Anna Bradshaw, Francesca Donlan and President Wilson G. Bradshaw
4. Edward Morton
5. Silent auction
6. Nicole Decker and Judy Sproul
7. Stephen McIntosh and Kevin Moore

In their own words

"I was raised in Charlotte County by my loving family and we always managed to get by, but we never had much more than the basic necessities. The Ajax Building Corp. scholarship awarded to me in my sophomore year provided the breathing room I needed to focus on my education. I am in the Honors program and I tutor special needs students and student athletes, serve as a teacher's assistant for two biology courses and am president of the FGCU Biology Club. I had to work hard to get where I am today, but the helping hand of Foundation friends really made a difference."

Zachary Glorioso, senior, biology major



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"Growing up in a large family with only one working parent was never easy. College was always a big dream, but financially, my dreams were out of reach. Little did I know of the generosity of donors such as those of the Margaret and Peter Sulick First Generation Scholarship. Because of their generosity ... I will soon take part in protecting our country, working for the Department of Homeland Security, and I will never forget how I got there."

Maria Santos, senior, criminal forensics studies major



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Scholarships

Donors of scholarships of \$10,000 or more include:

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- Scott and Simone Lutgert
- Naples Botanical Garden
- Naples Garden Club
- The Vincent M. and Illona Wolanin Family and the Dr. John and Liz Kagan Family

- 1. Guests dance into the night.
- 2. Donna Moore
- 3. Susan Dalton and Scott Lutgert
- 4. President Wilson G. Bradshaw and William Dalton



FGCU President Wilson G. Bradshaw, center, with John and Liz Kagan, left, and, at right, Victoria, Illona and Vincent Wolanin

HMA honors Robyn Wright with scholarship

Robyn Wright spent more than two decades working in the local medical community, much of it at Southwest Florida Regional Medical Center.

She died in a motorcycle accident with her husband, Ron, in November 2008. She was 51.

In remembrance, members of the Health Management Association have donated \$10,050 to create the HMA Scholarship Fund in Memory of Robyn Wright.



Robyn Wright

The association comprises area office administrators, managers and other medical support staff. Wright, who served as director of physician services at Southwest Florida Regional, was a long-term member of the group.

“She was always willing to help everybody and she was in the health-care field at Southwest Florida Regional for many years,” says Lesa Shawles, a medical office administrator and member of the group. “We really wanted to do something to keep her memory alive.”

Priority for the scholarship will be given to members of Health Management Association and their relatives. Other students in the College of Health Professions may also be considered.



FGCU President Wilson G. Bradshaw, junior Kristine Cosgrove, International Services Director Elaine Hozdik and Assistant Director Timothy Gjini

St. Andrew's Society scholarship provides semester in Scotland

The St. Andrew's Society of Southwest Florida, Inc. recently donated a scholarship that enabled a Florida Gulf Coast University student to study for a semester in Scotland.

Junior Kristine Cosgrove won the \$5,000 scholarship to study at the University of St. Andrews in Scotland this spring.

Don McGee, a former St. Andrew's Society president and current scholarship chair, says, “This is an exciting opportunity for us to select and support a student with great interest and enthusiasm who will not only learn about Scotland directly, but will bring this experience back to our area to share with others.”

The Naples-based society partners with the FGCU International Services office to provide this opportunity for a student to learn first-hand about Scotland's history and culture.

“FGCU greatly appreciates the partnership with St. Andrew's Society in providing this unique educational opportunity for our students to expand their learning by immersion in the history, culture and contemporary events of Scotland,” says Elaine Hozdik, director of International Services.

Cosgrove's scholarship is the second award made by the St. Andrew's Society to a student recommended by the International Services office.

Collier nurse practitioners create new endowment

The Nurse Practitioner Council of Collier County has endowed a scholarship that will help aspiring nurse practitioners realize their dream.

The council donated \$10,000 to create the Nurse Practitioner Council of Collier County Scholarship Endowed Fund, to be awarded to a Collier County resident enrolled in Florida Gulf Coast University's advance practice nursing master's program.

With roughly 90 members, the council provides networking and continuing education and supports legislative initiatives that benefit patients and enhance advanced nursing practice.

New fund helps students who have lost parents

A new endowed scholarship will help aspiring Florida Gulf Coast University students who have lost parents realize their dreams through a college education.

The Rockin' Christmas Endowed Scholarship Fund has been created by PrivateSky® Aviation Services Inc., the Vincent and Illona Wolanin family and the John and Liz Kagan family. The gift was announced at the President's Celebration, held March 27.

The \$100,000 fund will assist students who have lost parents through illness or sudden death, who have achieved academic excellence and exhibited dedication, sportsmanship, discipline and a strong work ethic. Preference will be given to Lee County students enrolled in FGCU's resort and hospitality management, science or engineering degree programs.

The University will apply to the state for a 50 percent match, increasing the value of the donation to \$150,000.

Vincent Wolanin, chairman and founder of PrivateSky® Aviation Services Inc., founded the fund, but credits

his daughter, singer-songwriter-recording artist Whitney Wolanin, with raising a significant portion of the money through her six years of Rockin' Christmas performances with her All Star Band.

For the past 6 years, Vincent and Illona Wolanin, Whitney and her sister, Victoria, and John and Liz Kagan have held an annual fundraiser at the PrivateSky® Aviation executive terminal complex at Southwest Florida International Airport. Proceeds benefit youth organizations.

“Our entire organization is committed to helping young people,” Vincent Wolanin says. “We hope this gift inspires others to give as well.”

The need for financial aid continues to be great.

“I am so pleased on behalf of our students to accept this generous gift from the Wolanin and Kagan families,” says FGCU President Wilson G. Bradshaw. “Scholarships for deserving students are at the heart of our donor programs, and this gift will support FGCU students in perpetuity.”



Whitney Wolanin

Leave a legacy

Planned giving options provide donors with an opportunity to make a significant difference in the lives of FGCU students while creating lasting legacies that reflect the personal values of each donor.

Learn how to make a bequest or gift by calling Judie Cassidy at (239) 590-1058.

Moorings Park endows new music school fund

The Naples retirement community of Moorings Park and its residents have been leading supporters of Florida Gulf Coast University's Bower School of Music from the outset.

They recently added to that support with a \$100,000 endowment that will help the young school grow and thrive. The University will apply for matching funds from the state, which would increase the endowment's worth to \$150,000.

"Moorings Park Retirement Community has once again demonstrated its support of education," says Steve Magiera, FGCU vice president for Advancement. "Moorings provides scholarships and internship opportunities for our students. It provides our music majors with the use of the beautiful Bower Chapel for performance experiences. It truly is a symbiotic relationship and one we treasure."

The school, established in 2006, bears the name of a long-time Moorings Park resident, Edwin H. Bower, a passionate supporter of FGCU and lover of music. In his memory, his daughter and son-in-law, Marilyn and Alan



Bower School of Music students often perform at the Bower Chapel in Moorings Park.

Korest, provided a major gift to the school, which was subsequently named for Bower.

Annual proceeds from the Moorings Park endowment will be used to assist music majors with their educational expenses; purchase instruments, books and equipment; support faculty, student ensembles and programs; and benefit the school and its students in a variety of other ways.

In recognition of this gift, the lobby of the Music Education and Performance Building will be named for Moorings Park. The structure, which will provide the music school with a home of its own, is expected to be completed by the fall, well ahead of schedule.

Couple's estate gift continues their good works in perpetuity

During their lives, Ed and Esther Kuss devoted much of their time and energy to making the world a better place.

The Fort Myers couple also ensured that their good works would continue long after they were gone by remembering Florida Gulf Coast University in their wills. The \$173,223 estate gift created the Edward T. and Esther W. Kuss Endowed Scholarship Fund. Income produced by the fund will provide tuition and books for FGCU students who demonstrate academic excellence and economic need.

The University has applied for matching funds from the state, which will bring the scholarship fund to a total of \$259,834.

"The University is grateful to the Kusses for their gift," says Steve Magiera, FGCU vice president for University Advancement. "Their vision and generosity will be reflected

in the lives of countless appreciative students in the future."

The couple moved from Detroit to Fort Myers in the 1960s, quickly becoming active members of their adoptive community. Ed Kuss lobbied vigorously for a local Veterans Administration clinic at a time when veterans had to travel to St. Petersburg for care.

Once the Fort Myers clinic opened, the couple volunteered in the pharmacy, helping the staff handle the huge workload. A former World War II infantry sergeant, Ed Kuss also served as the legislative officer for the Veterans of Foreign Wars and as a public relations spokesman for the American Heart Association.

The Kusses believed that educating young people contributed to the well-being of everyone. Ed Kuss died in March 2002. Esther Kuss died in April 2004.

For more information on planned giving, contact Peter Lefferts, FGCU Foundation director of planned giving, at (239) 590-1077 or pleffert@fgcu.edu.

Environment focus of new scholarship fund

As Sanibel residents, Donald and Sheryl Lesch have an abiding concern for the region's delicate ecosystems. In an effort to enable more students to study ways to protect them, the couple have created a scholarship for Florida Gulf Coast University students who plan careers in environmental science.

The couple donated \$15,000 to create the Sheryl and Donald A. Lesch Scholarship Endowed Fund, proceeds of which will provide scholarships to undergraduate or graduate students majoring in environmental studies or environmental science. Preference will be given to employees and family members of J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge, Clinic

for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife or Sanibel-Captiva Land and Wildlife Conservation.

Donald Lesch serves as vice chairperson of the FGCU Foundation. He and his wife were motivated to give, he says, because "we realized FGCU is the epicenter of community life, culturally and educationally. The University has done so much for the community. There's not an area the University doesn't touch."

"It's a good time to give and we expect that the scholarship will pay many benefits over the years. We hope that others will be inspired to join us in doing something for the University, too."



Sheryl and Donald Lesch

Bower School earns All-Steinway designation

Legendary pianists Arthur Rubinstein and Sergei Rachmaninov played on no pianos other than Steinways and neither will students at Florida Gulf Coast University's Bower School of Music.

The School recently became an All-Steinway School, making it the 111th in the United States to be so designated. Others include such prestigious institutions as The Juilliard School, the Curtis Institute of Music and the Yale School of Music. FGCU is the fourth Florida state university to receive the distinction.

"It's so fitting and so very timely that as the Bower School of Music is about to move into state-of-the-art facilities that we have the finest pianos available for students to perfect their craft," says Professor Michael Baron, head of the School's piano studies. "This significant commitment proves we will settle for nothing less than the highest standards in all of our musical endeavors."

Thomas Edds of Steinway & Sons, and Greg Billings, of Steinway Piano Gallery and president of the Steinway Piano Society in Naples, presented the company's official plaque at the President's Concert, which was held March 12.

All-Steinway Schools demonstrate a commitment to excellence by providing their students and faculty with the highest-quality instruments. The only pianos owned by the institutions, from the practice room to the recital hall, are designed by Steinway & Sons.



Senior piano student Satoko Hayami performs during the President's Concert. Bower School of Music undergraduate students have won many competitions against graduate students from larger institutions.

Getting his game on

FGCU alumnus proves he's up to PGA par

Story by Chris Duncan/Photos by Garth Francis

Derek Lamely spent most of his FGCU golf career peppering Eagles coach Jim Suttie with questions. Whether it was about putting, chipping or pitching, Lamely always had questions.

"Some of Derek's teammates would get mad at me because I was spending all of my time with him," says Suttie, the 2000 National PGA Tour Teacher of the Year and one of GOLF Magazine's Top 100 Teachers. "Some of the guys would say, 'When's my turn?' But that's just how Derek was. He wanted to get to the next level so bad."

After six years of playing on minor league tours, Lamely has reached golf's highest level. The 2003 graduate, who qualified for the PGA Tour this year by excelling in the 2009 Nationwide Tour, has posted some impressive results.

His first-place finish at the Puerto Rico Open in March won him \$630,000. He finished 19 under par and set a tournament record. Two weeks later, he took the 11th spot at the Arnold Palmer Invitation. In January, he finished 18th at the 2010 Bob Hope Classic – ahead of Chris DiMarco, David Toms and Rocco Mediate.

It all bodes well for the Fort Myers resident's future.

"There's no sure thing in life but Derek comes close to it," Suttie says. "The big thing is he really has a lot of belief in himself. He believes he can play with the top players anywhere. Confidence on the tour is a big, big, big issue and Derek has that."

Lamely, 29, credits his former coach for his development.

"There's no way I'd be where I am today without Suttie's instruction. No way," Lamely says. "The help he has given me is priceless."

Suttie, who is in his ninth year of coaching at FGCU, continues to mentor Lamely. After a mediocre performance at the Farmers Insurance Open earlier this year in La Jolla, Calif., Lamely hopped on a red-eye flight to see Suttie in Fort Myers.

Together they worked for two days on Lamely's swing, which he says had gotten into a funk.

"If you're tall or stocky or short, Suttie can build a golf swing that's best for you," Lamely says. "As far as a sheer swing instructor, there's nobody better."

Derek Lamely playing at a FGCU fundraising tournament at Miramar Lakes.

Suttie's advice has proven invaluable to Lamely as he has struggled to rise in the PGA Tour. Lamely says the 5 years he spent playing on mini-tours left him questioning his abilities. He wondered if he would ever make the PGA Tour.

Lamely recalls how he nearly quit the game in 2007. At the time, his prize money was dwindling and he was in his second stage of PGA Tour school.

"I was almost broke," Lamely recalls. "I think I only had \$1,000 left. So I had enough money for one event. If I didn't play well there, that probably would be it."

Lamely took second in a small tournament in Orlando, winning \$3,000. The performance re-energized his game and soon he began racking up victories.

Using his length and accuracy off the tee and strong putting, Lamely finished fourth in earnings – that's \$347,330 – in the 2009 Nationwide Tour.

"In the back of my mind, I always knew it was possible," Lamely says about qualifying for the PGA Tour. "I have a lot of friends on the tour and they're no different from me. I always told myself there's no reason why I can't be out there."

Despite his win at the Puerto Rico Open, Lamely's rookie season has had its obstacles. He says he's struggled getting acclimated to new golf courses.

But he's excited about playing against the world's best.

Over the long-term, he hopes to improve junior golf. Lamely, who graduated with a degree in business management, says shuttling him to junior tournaments took a toll on his parents' finances.

"I'd love to figure out a way to make it easier for people to play," Lamely says. "If you're a junior or an amateur and you go to a lot of events, it can be really expensive."

He's also interested in becoming a junior golf instructor, but he's quick to point out that that won't happen anytime soon.

"I'm not ready to retire just yet," Lamely says. "I've put in too much hard work to get here."

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

Facts of life

Derek Lamely

- **Graduated:** 2003
- **Major:** Business management
- **PGA Tour highlights:** Won the Puerto Rico Open in March, taking home \$630,000 in prize money.
- **Favorite FGCU moment:** Lamely won two golf tournaments while at FGCU, but his favorite moments were traveling on the road with his teammates. "We were all really close friends and we always had a lot of fun," he says.
- **Favorite FGCU class:** A sports management class taught by Carl McAloose, FGCU's former athletic director. "We talked about everything from being a beer vendor at a football game to being in ticket sales. He showed us how everything is run," Lamely says.

Class notes

■ Weddings, engagements and births

Ainsley Courtwright, '09 (Elementary Education), and Ryan York were married Jan. 2 at Pelican Preserve in Fort Myers. They honeymooned in Colorado. Ainsley is a middle school teacher at Evangelical Christian School. Ryan is a grocery manager at Publix. They live in Fort Myers.

Starr (Christner) Guimond, '06 (Management), and Daniel Guimond announced the birth of their daughter, Jassey Rae.

Angela Hodge, '04 (Communication), and **Andrew Kunkle**, '02 (Computer Information Systems), announced their engagement. They plan to marry this fall in Bonita Springs.

Brittany Meers, '09 (Human Performance), and **Stephen Rassel**, '09 (Human Performance), announced their engagement. They plan to marry in the summer of 2011. Brittany is a student in the FGCU physical therapy doctoral program. Stephen is the head strength and conditioning coach at Webber International University, where he is pursuing a master's degree in business administration.

Trevor Montgomery, '06 (Special Education), and Natalie Latch announced their engagement. They plan to marry in April 2011.

Kevin Price, '04 (Communication), and Alisa Burgess announced their engagement. Kevin is the senior recruiter at Gartner, Inc. Alisa is an

elementary school teacher in Fort Myers.

Angela Wilt, '07 (Master's, Physical Therapy), and **Ryan Wilt**, '05 (Human Performance), announced the birth of their son, Tanner Marlin Wilt, on Jan. 25. He weighed 7 pounds and 13 ounces.

■ Newsmakers

'98 Scott Bader, (Computer Information Systems), has been appointed information security officer and senior vice president for Five Star Bank in New York. He previously worked for 10 years at Chico's FAS in various positions, including director of store systems and programmer/analyst.

'00 Angel Van Wieren, (Clinical Laboratory Science), announced the opening of Van Wieren Law in Atlanta. She specializes in Chapter 7 and Chapter 13 bankruptcy law for clients in the Atlanta metro area.

'03 Laura Puerto, (Communication), was honored as the 2009 chapter member of the year for the Southwest Florida Chapter of the Florida Public Relations Association. She was previously honored by FPRA in 2007 as the Chapter Rising Star. Laura is the public relations specialist for Lee County Electric Cooperative, an electric distribution cooperative serving a five-county area in Southwest Florida. She married longtime boyfriend, Brandon, on March 15, 2008. The couple honeymooned in St. Lucia.

Margaret Shoemaker, (Elementary Education), graduated from the University of Phoenix with a master's degree in education with a specialization in curriculum and

instruction. Margaret is an academic counselor at the University of Phoenix. She lives in Arizona.

'04 Samantha Crow, (Social Sciences), is a planning technician for the City of Cape Coral.

Suzanne Decopain, (Liberal Studies), is the assistant state attorney for the 20th Judicial Circuit in the Punta Gorda office misdemeanor division.

'05 Melissa Felice, (Master's, Social Work), was named the executive director of the American Cancer Society Greater Marco Island unit. She previously worked at the NCH Healthcare Foundation as director of development.

Catherine Mummert, (Master's, Business Administration), was promoted to assistant vice president and credit department manager for Bank of Naples. She is responsible for the review and analysis of commercial loan applications, credit department policies and procedures, portfolio management, loan policy and board reporting. She joined Bank of Naples in 2007 as a credit officer.

'07 Nadine Enders, (Marketing), is the customer service account manager for the Philadelphia Flyers national hockey team. She assists in marketing and event planning for season ticket holders. Nadine and her husband, Aaron, live in Mount Royal, NJ.

'08 Shane Edgar, (Marketing), is the regional assistant buyer of fishing tackle for Dick's Sporting Goods.

Jennifer Hamilton, (Communication), has been promoted to account executive at RFB Communications Group. She has been with the company since February 2009.



Shane Edgar



Stefanie Ink

Stefanie Ink, (Marketing), was voted president-elect of the Southwest Florida Museum of History Foundation, Inc. She is engaged to Dustin Edwards. They plan to marry on July 4.

'09 Kaylie Brown, (Master's, Business Administration), is the athletic development assistant for the University of Mississippi Foundation.

Ryan Coll, (Professional Golf Management), has accepted the position of assistant pro at Seminole Golf Resort in Juno Beach.

Louise Skelly, (Professional Golf Management), is the director of international sales for Matrix Shafts in Anaheim, CA.

Reach out

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

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



Ryan York and Ainsley Courtwright



Angela Hodge and Andrew Kunkle



Stephen Rassel and Brittany Meers



Alisa Burgess and Kevin Price



Tanner Wilt



Laura (Zock) Puerto



Aaron and Nadine Enders

Alumni Association Happenings



Alumni from various classes turned out for the annual reunion, including, from left: Brad Phelps ('03), Dennis Zuck, Melissa White ('05), Andrew Miller ('04) and Ryan Frost ('05).

Eagle alumni flock back to the nest

Alumni, family and friends converged on FGCU on Jan. 22 and 23 for an Eagle day-cation at the third annual All Alumni Reunion to honor the classes of 2000 and 2005. Festivities included an FGCU alumni basketball game and an Eagles FANactics celebration.



Graduating seniors, Casey Smith, left, and Stephanie Terrigno proudly display the Class of 2010 banner.

No hassle for the tassel

The FGCU Alumni Association hosted Grad Fair, the official one-stop source for graduation information, services and products, March 10-12 in the University Bookstore. Seniors were able to sign the class banner and learn how to become an Alumni Association member. Participating departments included: Office of the Registrar, Herff Jones, Career Development Services, Graduate Studies and Adaptive Services.

MAY 11

Webinar series: "Prepare for Hurricane Season"

Noon, Virtual

Join fellow Eagles online for a free presentation by Liberty Mutual representative Kelly McCann, who will provide tips on how to properly secure your home, vehicle and family for hurricane season.

JUNE 24

Eagle Networking Night: Summer Soirée

6 p.m., Pizzaiolis, Collection at Vanderbilt, 2359 Vanderbilt Beach Road, Naples

Celebrate the start of summer with an array of appetizers while networking with fellow alumni, colleagues and friends. Bring a business card for a chance to win an Eagle alumni souvenir.

JUNE 28 - JULY 3

Eagle Escape - Cruise to the Caribbean

Take a 5-night western Caribbean cruise on Royal Caribbean with fellow FGCU alumni and friends. Set sail from Fort Lauderdale to George Town, Grand Cayman and Cozumel, Mexico. Contact Sandi Hamann, our FGCU trip specialist, at (800) 523-3716 for details.

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Awards or Recognitions

Bob Diotalevi, J.D., College of Professional Studies, Justice Studies, selected to Board of Visitors, Ave Maria School of Law, Nov. 9.

Elizabeth Elliott, Ph.D., Undergraduate Studies, College of Education, with student members of Omega Epsilon **Anna Winkle, Stephanie Karakos, Sabrina Bonventre** and **Roxanne Heiny**, "Achieving Chapter Excellence – ACE," Kappa Delta Pi – International Honor Society in Education, Oct. 30.

Steve Engle, B.S., Campus Police and Safety, Florida crime prevention practitioner, Attorney General of Florida, April 4; Crisis Intervention Team Training, National Alliance on Mental Illness/Lee County Chapter, June 6.

Kristen Sonneborn, M.M., Bower School of Music, executive committee, International Double Reed Society, Jan. 1.

Thomas C. Valesky, Ed.D., Graduate Studies, lifetime contribution award, Southern Regional Council on Educational Administration, Oct. 17.

Shelton Weeks, Ph.D., College of Business, Economics and Finance, distinguished fellow, National Association of Industrial and Office Properties, Oct. 29.

Mary Wisnom, Ph.D., College of Professional Studies, Resort & Hospitality Management, 2009 Outstanding Professor Award, Resort and Commercial Recreation Association, Nov. 9.

Book Publication

Brian Fisher, Ed.D., Housing and Residence Life, with **J. Douglas Toma, Dennis A. Kramer II**, "The Uses of Intercollegiate Athletics: Opportunities and Challenges for the University," Josey Bass, San Francisco, CA, p. 125.



Susan Cooper



Douglas Carothers

Jeff Sandoz, Ph.D., College of Education Dean's Office, "Alcoholic Iliad/Recovery Odyssey: Utilizing Myth as Metaphor in Family Therapy with Addictions," Brown Walker Publishers, Boca Raton, p. 256.

Barbara Stites, Ph.D., Library Services, "Advances in Library Administration and Organization/An Unrelenting Need for Training," Emerald Group Publishing, Bingley, UK, pp. 219-282.

Irvin D. S. Winsboro, Ph.D., Social and Behavioral Sciences, editor, "Old South, New South, or Down South?: Florida and the Modern Civil Rights Movement," West Virginia University Press, Morgantown, W. VA, p. 260.

Professional Presentations

Michelle Angeletti, M.S.W., Ph.D., College of Health Professions, Health Sciences, "Health Professionals Supporting Breastfeeding Mothers Returning to Work," CERP/CEU session, The Healthcare Provider Seminar, Florida Breastfeeding Coalition & La Leche League, Daytona Beach, Sept. 11; and "The Healthcare Provider-Parent Partnership: Finding a Supportive Healthcare Provider," La Leche League of Florida Conference, La Leche League of Florida, Daytona Beach, Sept. 11-14.

Anjana Bhatt, M.A., M.L.I.S., M.S.I.R.M., Library Science, "Master of License Negotiations: Your 3-hour degree for learning practical strategies and tips, pre-conference workshop," and "Open Access E-Journals. What is Your Number?" 29th annual Preconference and Conference Issues in Book and Serial Acquisitions, Charleston, NC, Nov. 4-5.

Sheila Bolduc-Simpson, M.A., M.S.: **Suzanna Henson, Lori Cornelius**, M.F.A.; **Amy Towne, Carol Bledsoe**, M.A.; "To Be or Not to Be: Teaching Composition in Creative Ways," Florida College English Association 2009 Conference, Palm Beach Community College, Boynton Beach, Oct. 15-16.

Mark Bradshaw Busbee, Ph.D., College of Arts and Sciences, Language and Literature, "The Degenerative Cultural Effects of English Translations of Navajo Ritual," the 125th annual



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Modern Language Association Convention, Philadelphia, Dec. 27-30.

Douglas Carothers, Ed.D., **Carolynne Gischel**, Ed.D., and **Lynn K. Wilder**, Ed.D., College of Education, Undergraduate Studies, "Embedding response to intervention into an integrated program of study for all teachers," Teacher Education Division of the Council for Exceptional Children, Charlotte, NC, Nov. 12-14.

Susan Cooper, Ed.D., College of Education, "Promoting Scientific Inquiry and Active Reading, National Science Teachers Association Southeast Regional Convention, Fort Lauderdale, Nov. 14.

Susan Cooper, Ed.D., and **Diane Schmidt**, College of Education, Undergraduate Studies, "Implementing Meaningful Reading of Science and Mathematics Content at All Grade Levels," School Science and Mathematics Association, Reno, NV, Oct. 22-24.

John Cox, Ph.D., College of Arts and Sciences, Social and Behavioral Sciences, "Remembering Anti-Nazi Jewish Resistance in East Germany," annual conference, American Historical Association, San Diego, Jan. 9.

Jeanie Darnell, D.M.A. College of Arts and Sciences, Bower School of Music, and Stuart Chafetz, guest conductor, featured soloist Pops Series, Naples Philharmonic Orchestra, Naples, Oct. 17.

Elizabeth Elliott, Ph.D., Undergraduate Studies, College of Education, with students **Anna Winkle, Stephanie Karakos, Sabrina Bonventre** and **Roxanne Heiny**, "KDP Reads!" 47th biennial convocation, Kappa Delta Pi – Education Honor Society, Orlando, Oct. 29-31.

Nicola Foote, Ph.D., College of Arts and Sciences, Social and Behavioral Sciences, "Claiming Atahualpa: The Nationalization of the Inca Past in Postcolonial Ecuador," annual conference, American Historical Association, San Diego, Jan. 7-10.

Carolynne Gischel, Ed.D.; **Douglas Carothers**, Ed.D.; **Lynn Wilder**, Ed.D.; College of Education, Graduate Studies, "Establishing university-school partnerships to teach general educators how to meet the needs of students with emotional/behavioral disorders," 32nd annual Teacher Education Division Conference: Teacher Preparation in Changing Times – Fostering Partnerships Between Special and General Education, Council for Exceptional Children, Charlotte, NC, Nov. 10-14.



Jong-Yeop Kim

Harvey Heckes, College of Professional Studies, Social Work, "Dimensions of Role Playing," Southwest Unit Meeting, NASW Florida Chapter, Fort Myers Jan. 28.

Debra Hess, Ph.D., College of Arts and Sciences, Bower School of Music, "Using Listening Journals as a Tool in Teaching Music History Courses," national conference, College Music Society, Portland, OR, Oct. 22-25.

Dennis Hunt, Ed.D., C.S.C.S., with **Diana Wong** and **Andrew Hovanec**, College of Health Professions, Physical Therapy & Human Performance, "Utilizing a Linear Periodization Resistance Training Model To Enhance Sport Performance of Female Athletes," Petro-Canada Sport Leadership Sportif and ICCE Global Coach Conference, Coaching Association of Canada, Vancouver, British Columbia, Nov. 12.

Barry Lipton, D.D.S., College of Professional Studies, Justice Studies, "Odontology," Forensic Science Training for Capital Litigators, Bureau of Justice Assistance and the NCSTL, Phoenix, Nov. 19-20.

Johnny McGaha, Ph.D., College of Professional Studies, Justice Studies, "Perspectives on U.S. Policy and Funding Initiatives for Human Trafficking," Interdisciplinary Research Conference on Human Trafficking, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, NE, Oct. 29-31.

Sandra Pavelka, Ph.D., College of Professional Studies, Public Affairs, "Incorporating Restorative Principles and Practices into Gender Specific Programming," state leadership conference, PACE Center for Girls, Jacksonville, Jan. 14-15.

Dorothy Rea, Ph.D.; **Cecil Carter**, Ph.D.; and **Tom Valesky**, Ph.D., College of Education Dean's Office, "Development of a Current Disposition Instrument for Educational Leadership Candidates," Southern Regional Council of Educational Administration, Atlanta, Oct. 14-18.

Martha Rosenthal, Ph.D., College of Arts and Sciences, Biological Sciences, "Breaking the Ice: Ideas for the First Day of Human Sexuality Class," Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality, Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, Nov. 4-9.

Pamella Seay, J.D., L.L.M., College of Professional Studies, Justice Studies, "Offshoring of Legal Services: The Many Ethical Concerns," second annual ethics seminar, Florida Alliance of Paralegal Associations, Inc., Tampa, Nov. 7.

Dean Stansel, Ph.D., College of Business, Economics and Finance, "More Competition, More Economic Growth? A Panel Study of Local Government in U.S. Metropolitan Areas," 79th annual meeting,

Southern Economic Association, San Antonio, TX, Nov. 21-23.

H. Julie Yazici, Ph.D., College of Business, Computer Information Systems and Decision Sciences, "Role of Behavioral and Psychological Factors on Tacit Knowledge Sharing Between Buyer and Supplier," 40th annual meeting, Decision Sciences Institute, New Orleans, LA, Nov. 14-17.

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James Brock, College of Arts and Sciences, Language and Literature, "A Shadow in the Rain," New Letters, quarterly, p. 1.

Lisa Crayton, Ph.D., College of Education, Graduate Studies, "100 Stars for Reading," Reading Today, monthly, p. 45.

Shelby Gilbert, Ed.D., College of Education Dean's Office, "A Study of Ogbu and Simons' Thesis Regarding Black Children's Immigrant and Non-Immigrant Status and School Achievement," Negro Educational Review, quarterly, pp. 71-91.

Harvey Heckes, M.S.W. College of Professional Studies, Social Work, "From a Series of Hurricanes, a Field Education Coordinator Evolves," Reflections Narratives of Professional Helping, quarterly, pp. 56-62.

Jong-Yeop Kim, Ph.D., U.A. Whitaker School of Engineering, "Representation of Particulate Matter COD in Rainfall Runoff from Paved Urban Watersheds," Water, Air, & Soil Pollution, monthly, pp. 113-132; "Volumetric clarifying filtration of urban source area rainfall runoff," Journal of Environmental Engineering, monthly, pp. 609-620.

Kristopher Kimbler, Ph.D., College of Arts and Sciences, Social and Behavioral Sciences, and Jennifer A. Margrett, "Older adults' interactive behaviors during collaboration on everyday problems: Linking process and outcome," International Journal of Behavioral Development, Vol. 33, Issue 6, p. 12.

Charlie Mesloh, Ph.D., College of Professional Studies, Justice Studies, with students **Ross Wolf, Frank Thompson** and **Mark Henych**, "Police Use of Force and the Cumulative Force Factor," Policing: An International Journal of Police Strategies and Management, quarterly, pp. 739-757.

Angela Meyer, Ph.D., College of Arts and Sciences, Marine and

Ecological Sciences, with **H. Richard Miller; Kevin Marshall; Wesley T. Ryle; Hugh Aller; Margo Aller**; and **Tom Balonek**, "Simultaneous Multiwavelength and Optical Microvariability Observations of CTA 102 (PKS J2232+1143)," The Astronomical Journal, Vol. 138, Issue 6, pp. 1902-1910.

Shirley Ruder, Ed.D., College of Health Professions, Nursing, "Incorporating Spirituality into the Care of Persons with Alzheimer's Disease," Alzheimer's Care Today, Vol. 10 Issue 4, pp. 221-227.

Yinghong Sheng, College of Arts and Sciences, Chemistry and Mathematics, with **Heather D. Bean, Irena Mamajanov, Nicholas V. Hud** and **Jerzy Leszczynski**, "Comprehensive Investigation of the Energetics of Pyrimidine Nucleoside Formation in a Model Prebiotic Reaction," Journal of the American Chemical Society, monthly, pp. 16088–16095.

Mark Simpson, College of Education, Undergraduate Studies, "Collaborative Blogs as Technology Learning Tools: An Initial Investigation," Florida Educational Leadership, pp. 4.

David Steckler, J.D., LL.M., College of Professional Studies, Justice Studies, with **Fielding Epstein**, M.H.S.A., J.D., and **Ronald N. Riner**, M.D. F.A.C.C., "Getting Ready EHR, RHIOs and Next-Generation Co-Management Agreements," The Physician Executive Journal of Medical Management, quarterly, Vol. 35, Issue 6, pp. 48-51.

Tunde Szecsi, College of Education, Undergraduate Studies, and **G. Potter, V. Thirimurthy**, and **M. Salakaja**, "Children's literature to help young children construct understandings about diversity: Perspectives from four cultures," Childhood Education, quarterly, pp. 108-112.

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Guests play a game called Heads and Tails during the Wanderlust fund raiser.

Sellout crowd attends 21st Wanderlust

This year's Wanderlust was a sweet success, as 400 people turned out for the Candy Land-themed fund raiser for Florida Gulf Coast University's Resort and Hospitality Management Program.

The event, held at The Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club, raised \$230,000 through silent and live auctions, games and raffles. The money will be used for equipment for the program's building, which was completed last year, as well as scholarships and other expenses.

Southwest Florida's major resorts, private clubs, restaurants and tourism partners host the event, in which many resort and hospitality management students take part.

"Students have a unique opportunity for real-life training in resort and hospitality management that benefits their careers, our economy in Southwest Florida, and tourism throughout the U.S.," says Sheri Brezina, the program's director. "Helping plan Wanderlust is just one of many ways students gain experience to jump-start their careers."

Professor wins NASA fellowship

Janusz Zalewski, a computer science professor in the U.A. Whitaker School of Engineering at Florida Gulf Coast University, is one of five researchers in the nation to win a NASA 2010 Summer Faculty Fellowship.

Zalewski will spend eight weeks at the NASA Ames Research Center in California working on a project called "Prognostics for Complex Systems," which involves early assessment of abnormal conditions and the estimation of remaining life of a space mission component or subsystem.

He will present the results of his work during a week-long workshop at the Kennedy Space Center.

Zalewski, who joined the FGCU faculty in 2002, previously participated in similar projects with the national nuclear research laboratories and the Air Force Research Lab at Eglin Air Force Base in Florida.



The beauty of business

Bonita Springs resident Evan Walsh captured this image of FGCU's Lutgert Hall, home of the Lutgert College of Business, using a Canon EOS Digital Rebel XT_i and a Canon 10-22mm lens. He employed a technique called high dynamic range imaging, which allows the camera to more closely capture what is seen by the naked eye by combining multiple images taken at different exposures in order to pull details out of the shadows and highlights that might be lost in a single exposure. This photo is a prime example of how carrying a camera with you can open your eyes to beauty in things you might otherwise take for granted and walk or drive past. When too much of his energy is focused on the left side of his brain through work and studying, Walsh finds that exercising the right side through photography and other artistic means helps to balance all aspects of his life. A web programmer/developer by trade, he has found that being able to see things from different angles and points of view can often lead to creative solutions.

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