

NCAA grants athletics two-year waiver

On July 9, the National Collegiate Athletic Association granted a two-year waiver to the four-year NCAA provisional membership period that Florida Gulf Coast University was required to serve before becoming a full member of the NCAA.

FGCU began provisional membership in June 2002. The waiver allows FGCU to compete for NCAA II national championships beginning fall 2004.

The ruling to grant FGCU's appeal came from the NCAA Division II Membership Committee during its three-day meeting in Indianapolis after it reviewed over 1,000 pages of documentation in support of the waiver. Uniqueness, compliance, staff experience and student-athlete welfare were the themes that supported the request.

"We are thrilled with the NCAA Membership Committee's decision," director of Athletics **Carl**



Carl McAloose responds to WINK-TV sports director Brian Simon's questions during a live interview in Alico Arena's VIP Room following the press conference announcing the NCAA's decision to waive two years from FGCU's provisional status. The announcement generated much interest among sports fans and the general community of Southwest Florida.

McAloose said.

"I am pleased for our student-athletes, coaches, the FGCU community and all the fans of collegiate athletics in Southwest Florida. We have been fortunate to put together an outstanding staff and program that have brought in, and will con-

tinue to bring in, a quality group of student-athletes. I am confident we will be outstanding members of the NCAA."

If FGCU completes requirements for a fourth year of provisional membership, it will gain full NCAA

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Bartel represents FGCU on historic estates board

Provost and vice president for Academic Affairs **Brad Bartel** was appointed to serve on the 21-member board of trustees that governs the Edison-Ford Winter Estates. The recently established board took over the management of the historic estates June 30.



Bartel brings a wealth of relevant experience to this appointment. In his position as chief academic officer at FGCU, Bartel leads the academic area, which accounts for more than 80 percent of the University. In addition to many years as a senior administrator, Bartel is an archaeologist with over 30 years experience in excavating historical sites in Yugoslavia, California and North Carolina.

An anthropologist with a specialty in historical archaeology, who also served as a consultant to the Smithsonian Institution and National Endowment

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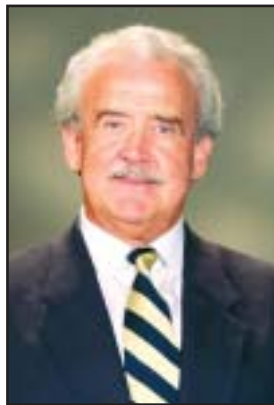
FGCU meets budget challenges

Florida Gulf Coast University is able to dissolve the wait list for freshman applicants for this fall and is expecting a banner year and increased enrollment after facing what could have been multimillion-dollar cuts from the Florida legislature in the regular session.

In special session, the legislature pared down proposed cuts to \$40 million for all state universities. FGCU's share of the cut is nearly \$682,000.

Enrollment growth money was not provided even though in the current budget FGCU is under-funded by 300 students.

In the past, the state mandated FGCU to bolster recruitment, which created double-digit enrollment increases the last three years. Another 300 students are expected to apply for fall entry, bringing total enrollment for 2003-04 to about 3,300 full-time equivalent students. With the cut, the legislature's budget for FGCU funds enough slots for only 2,621.



President William C. Merwin

"For FGCU, these unfunded FTEs will mean larger class sizes, and more part-time faculty," **President William C. Merwin** told faculty and staff in a memo.

The cuts would have been especially detrimental to the people and economy of Southwest Florida because the children of families in the immediate five-county region mostly comprise enrollment at FGCU, Merwin said.

Parents in the region reeled because the legislature's proposed cuts forced FGCU to brace for the worst. The names of nearly 130 would-be entering freshmen sat on a waiting list until the budget issue was resolved. More names were added daily.

Several key professions where Southwest Florida needs graduates the most would have been hit hard, such as nurses and teachers.

"A cap on enrollment now, equates to fewer graduates in four years," Merwin

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Pegnetter named to Leadership Florida Board

Florida Gulf Coast University dean of the College of Business **Richard Pegnetter** was named to the Leadership Florida Board of Regents at the annual meeting in June at the Ritz in Sarasota. Leadership Florida says it was created in 1982 by the Florida Chamber of Commerce to build leadership and a sense of state community, by identifying and training individuals with the passion and commitment to help make great things happen in Florida.

The organization's mission is to build a strong, diverse statewide network of leaders with a shared commitment to connect communities and to make Florida a better place to live and prosper. It's vision is to inspire Florida's leaders to unite in their loyalty and commitment to the state. ▀



Richard Pegnetter

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for the Humanities for Museum Planning and Operations, Bartel led the first-ever archaeological excavation at the Edison-Ford Winter Estates in February and March. The purpose of the excavation was to uncover material culture debris that may provide useful information to the larger project of restoring the historic seawall at the estates. The project offered not only a valuable experience for FGCU students, but also benefited the preservation efforts of the estates.

In addition, Bartel was the chair of the Greensboro, North Carolina, Historic Preservation Commission for six years. The experience gave him an additional critical area related to architecture and national standards for historical preservation.

Of his appointment to the board, Bartel said, "I look forward to serving on the board and offering my expertise in the areas of archaeology, historic preservation and museum operations. This Southwest Florida gem must be preserved for future generations." ▀

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Shepard named vice president for Administrative Services

Joseph Shepard of Estero has been named vice president for Administrative Services at Florida Gulf Coast University effective Aug. 1.

"I am pleased to name Dr. Shepard to this important position for the University," **President William C. Merwin** said.

"He will bring to Administrative Services the same dynamic leadership he has provided to Student Affairs operations and services through the years at FGCU."

Shepard served as dean for Student Affairs since May 2002 and as interim dean for five months prior. He was associate dean for Student Services from 1997 to 2001, assistant dean from 1995 to 1997 and has been adjunct faculty in



Joseph Shepard

the colleges of Business, Professional Studies, and Arts and Sciences since 1998.

As vice president for Administrative Services, Shepard will oversee Administrative Computing, Budget, Campus Police and Safety, Controller, Environmental Health and Safety, Facilities Planning and Management, Housing, Human Resources, Operations Analysis, Plant Operations and Maintenance, and Purchasing.

"This is an exciting time to be part of the leadership team of such a transformational university," Shepard said.

"With Florida Gulf Coast University's strong growth and solid academic qualities this position is

critical for the University's continued success. I believe my leadership style will assist with FGCU's positive direction in its regional commitment as a comprehensive university."

Previously, Shepard was assistant director of Housing at the University of North Texas in Denton.

Shepard earned his doctorate in public administration with a concentration in public finance from Florida International University in 2001. He received a Master of Business Administration in finance and banking from the University of North Texas in 1992 and a Bachelor of Science in math education from Northern Arizona University in 1987.

Shepard replaces retiring vice president for Administrative Affairs **Curtis Bullock**. ▀

June becomes new dean of Student Affairs

In July, Florida Gulf Coast University selected **Vincent G. June** of Fort Myers to the position of dean of Student Affairs

June came to FGCU in 1997 and previously held the titles of assistant dean of Student Affairs, director of Student Support Services, interim director of New Student Orientation, coordinator of Multi-Access Services and adjunct instructor.

"As the new dean of student affairs, I look forward to further guiding a dynamic division committed to providing the best institutional resources, services,

and programs to our students at Florida Gulf Coast University," June said.

June is responsible for matters related to services, programs, policies and activities that affect the general welfare of students.

He also supervises administrative, budgetary and accountability functions of the division and coordinates development of student

involvement. He is a liaison for students in student matters and is responsible for



Vincent G. June

ensuring programs are designed to enhance student self-development.

June earned a Ph.D. in higher education-student affairs and a Master of Business Administration from Washington State University, and a Bachelor of Science in economics from Florida A&M University.

June replaces **Joseph Shepard** who was named vice president for Administrative Services. ▀

New executive director for FGCU Charlotte Center named

In June, Florida Gulf Coast University named **Robert L. Burns** of Charlotte County's Deep Creek community executive director of the FGCU Charlotte Center as part of his continuing relationship with FGCU's academic initiatives.

Burns served as the founding executive director of The Alliance of Educational Leaders and he recently assisted in developing the state-funded Bachelor of Science in Applied Science joint program between FGCU and Edison Community College.

As FGCU Charlotte Center executive director, Burns is responsible for operating the Charlotte office, scheduling and promoting courses and programs, and serving as the communication link between Charlotte County

and FGCU.

"Bringing together the resources and talents of Charlotte County and Florida Gulf Coast University offers special challenges and opportunities," Burns said. "I intend to build dynamic partnerships involving the county and the University. Both are rich in potential and talent. Together we can make life even better in this part of our state."

Burns' roots in the Charlotte community date back to the 1960s when he and wife Pat visited the Englewood and Placida areas while he earned his master's degree from the University of Florida. They later bought a house in Port Charlotte.

His long list of academic accomplishments includes professorships and administrative positions in Wisconsin

and Kentucky, including the titles of interim president, vice president for Academic Affairs and deputy to the president, dean of Arts and Sciences, and dean of Graduate Studies.

Before retiring in 1999, he was president and professor of English for nine years at Peru State College in Peru, Neb.

"We are extremely fortunate to have Bob Burns as Executive Director of the FGCU Charlotte Center," dean of Graduate Studies and Continual Learning **Jack Crocker** said. "He is an experienced and creative academic leader. He has been directly involved in FGCU initiatives. And as a resident himself, he is deeply committed to making the Center a vital educational resource for Charlotte County citizens." ▀

President appoints Magiera to lead Advancement

Steve Magiera is interim vice president for University Advancement and executive director of the Florida Gulf Coast University Foundation, effective June 12, 2003. **President Merwin's** appointment of Magiera was made at the June Foundation Board meeting.

Magiera comes to the post with a wealth of experience, having served the University in several capacities including chief financial officer of the FGCU Foundation and assistant vice president of Administrative Services. During his eight-year tenure, Magiera was also the Foundation's director of finance and the University's assistant

controller. Prior to joining FGCU, Magiera was Auditor-In-Charge for the Indiana State Board of Accounts in Indianapolis.

Magiera is pleased to serve the University as vice president for University Advancement. "I am both honored and excited to have been selected by Dr. Merwin to serve the University in this capacity. I am very fortunate to be working with such an outstanding group of individuals in the Advancement Division, and I am con-



Steve Magiera

fident that we will enjoy a smooth transition," says Magiera.

Magiera earned a Bachelor of Science in accounting at Indiana University and a Master of Science in accounting and taxation at FGCU. Magiera is also a graduate of Harvard University's Endowment Institute.

Magiera follows Bob Quatroche who resigned in June from the vice president's position for health and family reasons. ▣

COE trains 90 new teachers for fall

Up to 90 new teachers will be able to immediately enter Southwest Florida's K-12 classrooms this fall as a result of an intensive four-week preparation program that began July 7 at Florida Gulf Coast University.

FGCU's Teacher Immersion Program Summer Academy aims to prepare qualified and quality K-12 teachers who will assume full-time classroom responsibilities in fall 2003 in Southwest Florida counties.

Participants take three courses required for professional certification

and earn nine graduate credit hours. Successful completers of the Summer Academy are invited to participate in follow-up services and awarded a \$1,000 scholarship for six graduate credit hours toward the completion of professional certification requirements.

By the end of the first year of teaching, participants will have completed all requirements for professional certification and will have had on-the-job mentoring by a university-paid mentor for one year. ▣



Professors Patricia Wachholz and Marci Greene administer the Teacher Immersion Program which attracted over 200 applicants for only 90 slots. Plans are already underway to offer the program again next summer.

FGCU launches unique Resort & Hospitality Management Program

The Resort & Hospitality Management Program debuts in August with two classes: Introduction to Resort and Hospitality Management and Strategic Issues in Resort Management.

"The program will be the best in the nation," program director **Sherie Brezina** said. "The curriculum design meets this challenge by marrying traditional hotel, food and lodging education with recreation management. It also includes activities, amenities programming and marketing to prepare students for the complex management and operations of a resort property. Other schools offer one or two courses. Our curriculum foundation is based on resort management."

The curriculum includes a core 48 credit hours of resort management classes. Specialized tracks that highlight specific resort management needs will be added: Golf Management, Club Management, Culinary Arts, and Resort/Timeshare Management. These tracks offer particularly appealing career opportunities. According to local industry leaders, a typical manager for these types of facilities will command salaries from \$75,000 to well over \$200,000 a year.



Sherie Brezina

The specialized degree program is a culmination of resort industry leaders Ed Staros of the Ritz Carlton, Jerry Thirion of Laplaya Beach Resort, Jerry Starkey of WCI Communities Inc. and others lobbying **President William C. Merwin**, Provost and vice president for Academic Affairs **Brad Bartel**, and dean of the College of Professional Studies **Johnny McGaha** to offer a degree program tailored to address the dynamic and complex needs of resort management in Southwest Florida.

Last year, philanthropists Herbert J. and Margaret S. Sugden donated \$5 million to fund a Resort & Hospitality Management facility. The facility will be a virtual learning laboratory for students who will manage and operate the 45,000 square foot mini resort property as part of their education experience. The facility will consist of guest accommodations, dining facilities, meeting rooms and classrooms.

Area resorts and clubs need skilled, educated employees to fill key positions in their organizations. "The resort and hospitality properties are eager to employ our students as interns and have the opportunity to keep them on as full-time employees after graduation," Brezina said.

For information about the program, contact Brezina at (239) 590-7710 or sbrezina@fgcu.edu.

To enroll in fall classes, contact the Office of Admissions at (239) 590-7878 or in person 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. ▣

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status in summer 2004 and be eligible for NCAA championships in the fall in men's and women's cross country and women's volleyball, which FGCU is adding that semester.

Men's and women's basketball, men's and women's golf, men's and women's tennis, baseball and softball will be eligible to compete in NCAA championships in spring 2005.

"We are delighted with today's decision by the NCAA Membership Committee to grant FGCU a two-year waiver of our provisional membership period," **President William C. Merwin** said.

"This is a tremendous endorsement by the NCAA that our young athletics program is already operating in a manner consistent with the NCAA's mission and philosophy, and it is a triumph for our student-athletes who will be able to compete for national championships during the 2004-05 year."

In the 2004-05, student-athletes will be eligible for academic and athletic awards, FGCU will gain NCAA voting privileges, staff and student-athletes will be eligible to serve on NCAA committees and FGCU will be eligible for NCAA funding opportunities.

FGCU planned to apply for NCAA II membership in spring 2000 but the NCAA placed a two-year moratorium on new memberships. It later denied an FGCU appeal.

The NCAA lifted the moratorium in April 2002 and instated a one-year exploratory period and a four-year provisional membership period for schools seeking membership. The NCAA granted FGCU a waiver of the one-year exploratory period.

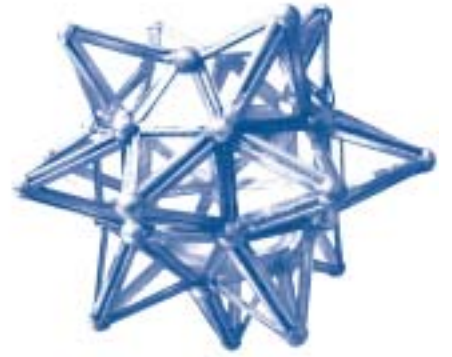
"Getting through this provisional period will be great for FGCU and the community," basketball player and student-athlete advisory councilman **Brett Fritz** said. "I'm sure all of the student-athletes and coaches are excited to compete for a national championship in 2004-05." ▣

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said. "It will not fill the need of a growing region and economy, and we will feel the effect for a long time."

FGCU was also ready to review current plans for summer classes and postpone filling faculty and staff positions, which would have further compounded the effect on the local economy.

The approved budget did not include \$4.2 million in matching funds from the state for the construction of the Sugden Resort and Hospitality Management classroom building. A financial gift from a private donor last year nearly halved the cost to the state for constructing the building. ▣



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On February 22, 2003, Florida Gulf Coast University hosted the President's Celebration under a magical sky in FGCU's Alico Arena.

More than 700 guests were transported by magic to a time when extraordinary advances were made in the sciences, philosophy, music, art and literature. Spectrums of light, bubbling potions, astronomical wonders, fun and excitement filled the air.

Florida Gulf Coast University thanks the numerous supporters from our community who helped make FGCU's signature event a memorable fundraising success. The unrestricted funds raised through the President's Celebration are critical to this growing institution and are being used to enhance the University's ability to serve the region.

Special appreciation is extended to the Majestic Benefactor Wachovia, to Courtly Patron Colonial Bank, and our Noble Council comprised of Kraft Construction Company Inc.; Miromar; Northern Trust; Robin and Duane Stranahan, Jr.; SunTrust & Trusco Capitol Management; and WCI Companies, Inc.

With community support, Florida Gulf Coast University continues to grow.
The fresh perspectives and innovative approaches at FGCU have brought a Renaissance in Education to Southwest Florida.

For advance information about the 2004 President's Celebration,
Please contact Florida Gulf Coast University Foundation at (239) 590-1067.





Porter Goss Congressional Art Exhibit opened May 17

U.S. Rep. Porter Goss and associate professor of art Morgan T. Paine shake hands during the 14th Congressional District Art Exhibition "Artistic Discovery" opening reception May 17 at the FGCU Arts Complex art gallery. The exhibit ran through May 24. The yearly show honors the best high school artists in Southwest Florida and is part of a national contest that recognizes the creative talents of high school students. Every public and private high school in Southwest Florida was invited to submit one piece to compete for the Grand Award. The chosen entry hangs in the U.S. Capitol for one year alongside other winning pieces from around the country.



Naples Financial Analysts award three scholarships

The Naples Financial Analysts Society awarded scholarships to Fort Myers finance seniors Nathan Chouinard, Susan Tomkiewicz and Sandra Whitmer during the NFAS monthly meeting May 13 at Florida Gulf Coast University. A written essay submitted by each applicant, a personal interview with NFAS members and scholastic achievement were the selection criteria used in judging the awards. The NFAS created the scholarships to help identify, assist and reward motivated and deserving finance majors who are planning careers in investment-related fields.

Summer institute sharpens area teachers writing, teaching techniques

Successful teachers of writing from all levels and disciplines - including three from Germany this year - participated in the annual four-week National Writing Project's Summer Institute through July 3 at Florida Gulf Coast University to demonstrate their best practices and share classroom triumphs. Area teachers note the effectiveness of the powerful program, which is gaining popularity.

"I have waited years to become a participant in the National Writing Project, knowing that my experiences would positively impact my teaching,"

impact my spirit - my continued growth and search for self. The National Writing Project has served as a battery-replacement and energized me to keep on keeping on with the goal of not only becoming the best teacher I can be but also a better seeker of personal truth and inner voice."

The Summer Institute is by invitation only and limited to 20 participants. It helps broaden teachers' grounds through examination of writing theory and research, in addition to giving teachers an opportunity to commit themselves to the writing process by practicing writing



Scholars Club honors high achievers

The Public Schools Enrichment Partnership's Scholars Club at Florida Gulf Coast University hosted the 14th Annual Academic Achievement Awards ceremony May 10 at the Naples Hilton and Towers to recognize the scholastic achievement, leadership and volunteer service of local minority and at-risk students in grades K-12. More than 400 educational excellence awards and 12 merit college scholarships were presented. Scholars Club is a community-backed partnership between public schools and FGCU to assist and motivate minority and multicultural students. Created in 1989, Scholars Club helps nearly 2,000 students in 50 school chapters throughout Southwest Florida.



Participants in FGCU's National Writing Project's Summer Institute visited the Edison and Ford Winter Estates June 27 to complete the technology component of the project. Participants designed a "WebQuest" for the Edison and Ford Web site.

Carol Smith of The Sanibel School said "I did not know, however, that those experiences would also profoundly

and using peer review so that they can effectively teach the concept to other teachers. Participants gain three hours of

graduate credit.

Associate professor in Educational Studies **Patricia Wachholz** stressed the importance of the program as a means of having teachers swap ideas and interests in efforts to excite their own students about learning.

"This is really important work that teachers are doing on our campus so they can become better teachers of writing and teaching leaders within their own school communities. Too many people think that teachers spend all their summer vacationing. I can tell you that these teachers are working very hard to be the best they can be for their students, their colleagues, and their schools."

The group visited the Edison and Ford Winter Estates June 27 to complete the technology component of the project. Participants designed a "WebQuest"

for the Edison and Ford Web site www.edison-ford-estate.com.

A WebQuest is an inquiry-oriented activity in which most or all of the information used by learners comes from resources on the Internet. The teachers involved in creating the WebQuest will use it to engage their students in research over the Internet connected to the achievements of Edison and Ford.

The FGCU National Writing Project, located in the College of Education, is a grant-funded partnership and cooperative effort between FGCU and the area schools of Southwest Florida. It is an affiliate of the National Writing Project, a collaborative university-school staff development program to improve the teaching and learning of writing in the nation's classrooms. ▀

Professional Briefs

Entries for Professional Briefs are generated from the FGCU Performance E-newsletter of Professional Accomplishments. Employees of FGCU are encouraged to submit their outstanding accomplishments at <http://litech.fgcu.edu/newsletter/form1.asp>

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Foundation raises \$30 million

The Florida Gulf Coast University Foundation Inc. raised over \$30 million from July 2001 through June 2003, outgoing Board Chairman F. Fred Pezeshkan said June 11 during the Board of Directors quarterly meeting.

"It has been a pleasure and honor for me to serve as chair of the Foundation Board for the past two years," Pezeshkan said before passing the gavel to Charles K. Idelson. Other officers are vice chairman Joseph Catti, treasurer Duane Stranahan and secretary Terri St. Cerny.

The total \$30,623,000 incorporates nearly \$4.5 million raised for scholarships and millions donated for several facilities including the Kleist Health Education Center, Margaret S. Sugden Welcome Center, Herbert J. Sugden Hall for Resort and Hospitality Management, WCI Demonstration and

Learning Center, Alico Arena and the Lee County/FGCU Aquatics Center. In addition, the Foundation dedicated the Evelyn L. Egan Observatory during Pezeshkan's tenure.

Charlotte County raised \$500,000 toward the FGCU Charlotte Center, a \$375,000 gift made the FGCU Naples Center possible, FGCU signed an agreement with the Naples Botanical Garden, Wachovia donated \$300,000 to establish a consortium for consumer and financial education, and Phases III and IV of student housing were completed.

The President's Renaissance Celebration raised \$1,132,000 to date and the Founder's Cup Golf Tournament raised \$120,000 total for the last two years.

Idelson, a native of Sarasota, is president and CEO of Investors' Security

Trust Company and is former chairman and CEO of SunTrust Bank of Southwest Florida. He has served on the boards of Habitat for Humanity, the Foundation for Lee County Public Schools, Hope Hospice, Southwest Florida Community Foundation, American Red Cross and Boys Scouts of America.

New board members through 2007 are: James Nathan of Fort Myers, CEO of Lee Memorial Health System. Nathan is a diplomat of the American College of Healthcare Executives, board member of the Florida Hospital Association, past president of the Southwest Florida Community Foundation, board member of the Foundation for Lee County Public Schools and founding board member of Lee County Pulling Together.

Juliet Sproul of Naples, general partner of Barron Collier Partnership, managing partner of The Halstatt Partnership, and partner with Noble House Resorts. Sproul is the 2003 Naples Daily News Citizen of the Year.

Michael Volpe of Naples, managing partner of the Naples office of Robins, Kaplan, Miller & Ciresi with principal offices in Minneapolis. Volpe is a former commissioner for Collier County, member of the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council and board member of the Meftah Scholarship Foundation.

Allen Weiss of Naples, president of Naples Community Hospital. Weiss graduated from the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Columbia University and is a member of several professional organizations. He holds an Executive MBA from FGCU. ■

Michele Yovanovich, Director



Office of Alumni Relations Opens

Florida Gulf Coast University is pleased to announce the opening of the Office of Alumni Relations! President Merwin and the entire leadership of the University demonstrated their commitment to building an alumni association with the opening of the office and the appointment of staff dedicated to working with alumni.

The Alumni Association is proud to offer the first official year free to all FGCU alumni. Currently, the Alumni Association is taking nominations for two-year

terms on the inaugural Alumni Association Board of Directors. We are seeking a diverse, energetic Board, representing all five of our colleges. With the formation of this Board, we hope to involve our alumni in all aspects of our institution. Nominations and self-nominations can be completed by accessing our website at www.fgcu.edu/alumni. We are asking that alumni complete this information card and tell us about your current career and other news. We want graduates to *stay connected* to FGCU! ■

Life-long learning is just what the doctor ordered

By Michele Yovanovich & Melissa White

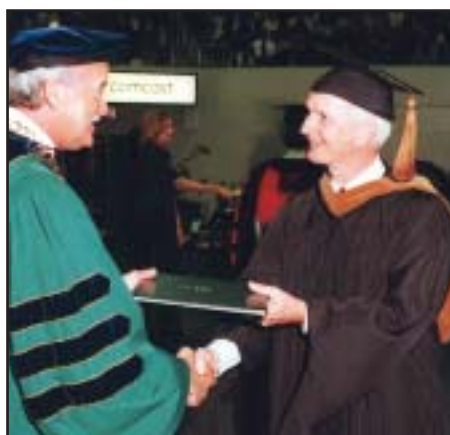
"I'm not used to people paying attention to me lately. They used to," Dr. John Little reflected.

We followed him into a bright room full of family pictures and collectibles from vast travels. He turned to us and said with a humble smile, "Hi, I'm John Little."

When you look at Dr. John Little's resume, you understand why he has gotten a lot of attention in his lifetime. You might also wonder what would motivate someone so credentialed to take the time to earn yet another degree. "I believe that once you stop learning and challenging yourself, you start to regress," he says.

An accomplished neurosurgeon, born in Saskatchewan, Canada, (now a Naples resident) Dr. John R. Little earned an Executive Master's of Business Administration from Florida Gulf Coast University this past May.

After completing his medical education at the University of Saskatchewan in 1970, he entered his neurosurgery residency at the Mayo Clinic Foundation. In 1974, Dr. Little received a Master of Science Degree in Neurosurgery from the University of Minnesota. Upon completion of his neurosurgery training, he joined the faculty of McGill University and the Montreal



President William C. Merwin and John Little

Neurological Institute. In 1979, he joined the faculty of the Cleveland Clinic Foundation, and in 1985 was appointed Director of the Neurosurgery Residency Training Program, then Chairman of the Department of Neurosurgery. Author of over 150 articles and book chapters, Dr. Little specialized in stroke and cerebrovascular aneurysms research. Little is married to Veora, herself an accomplished nurse anesthetist. Between them they have six children, one of which attends FGCU.

"Although I found great reward in my work, I missed developing relationships with and helping individual patients- I spent years teaching others how to do that," he said. It was time to take stock in his own life. "What I

found," says Little, "is that 100% of my life was my career, with the exclusion of most everything else. I made the decision not to continue on that same path," he said. So he moved to Naples and managed his own private practice for 10 years.

In 2000 he "retired" from the active neurosurgery practice and began another phase in his life. Currently Little is the Vice President of Temple Shalom and does work at a health clinic in Naples. "I'm also writing a business plan for a family member's car business," he said proudly. It's not surprising after a quick scan of the room full of books on varied topics, that Little believes life is a continual learning process.

"When I entered the business school at FGCU, I assumed it would be slightly impersonal and the professors would simply teach us how to administer. That was far from the case," he reported. "In fact, I have taken post graduate courses at Harvard and the quality of FGCU teachers in the EMBA program is superior. There is no weak link here," he said.

Several professors such as Dr. Howard Finch were standouts. "Finch is a gifted teacher-very sincere and a person that 'tells it like it is' but who is not afraid to share a great sense of

humor," Little smiled.

When asked about the transition from a medical background to a business degree, Little does admit there are differences. "The program was challenging. I learned a way of thinking that enhanced what I knew intuitively," said Little. "We were provided with a platform of distinct skills. The professors helped us personalize them making them relevant to everyday experiences. I will use what I learned for the rest of my life-such as securing financial investments," he said. "But probably one of the most rewarding benefits for me were the relationships I developed with my fellow bright, dynamic classmates," Little said.

"Understanding your own set of personal values is critical in business," Little reported. "In one class, a professor had us deliver a eulogy- our own!" Slowly nodding his head, but speaking without hesitation, Little said, "My eulogy stressed that the bottom line in life is the importance of family and close friends."

When asked what advice he would give to today's students, he imparted, "Learn to live in the present, not the future-enjoy and appreciate today." Well, John Little, I think it's safe to say that we *are still* paying attention. ■

WGCU-TV, Renaissance Academy launch new series

Florida Gulf Coast University's WGCU-TV PBS/3 and Renaissance Academy launched the WGCU Renaissance Academy Series this summer, funded in part by a \$12,000 Connector Grant from the National Center for Outreach.

The quarterly series selects national PBS and local programs to use as the intellectual foundation for area lectures, discussions and field trips, which are given a community angle utilizing demographics such as geography, age and personal history.

Selected topics focus on the area's increasing population of people in their 40s and older, and new residents who

relocate to the WGCU and Renaissance Academy markets every month.

"Residents frequently move to this area leaving their long-term resources and support groups behind," dean of Instructional Technology and Broadcast Services **Kathleen Davey** said.

"Offering sessions such as the *Health Sense* discussions helps them to locate local resources and meet people with similar concerns. The sessions based on *Journey to Planet Earth* and *A Sacred Balance* should appeal to



Kathleen Davey

both longtime residents and those new residents who frequently know little about the importance of the local environment."

Administrators at both WGCU and the Renaissance Academy are excited about the project and the outcome that can be achieved with their respective markets in Southwest Florida.

"The FGCU Renaissance Academy and WGCU both serve an audience that wants to learn and to think. I am very pleased to join WGCU in this outreach

grant to expand our offerings to the community and to bring such quality intellectual opportunities to them," dean of Graduate Studies and Continual Learning **Jack Crocker** said.

Davey said the success of the collaborative project can result in a national model for public television stations to improve their educational community outreach in concert with life-long programs.

The goal of the National Center for Outreach is to assist public television stations to provide meaningful outreach to local communities. ▀

School of Nursing expands to accommodate wait-listed students

President **William C. Merwin** announced June 10 that all 26 "wait list" applicants to the Florida Gulf Coast University School of Nursing have been admitted and will receive letters of admittance.

Internal funding from the Division of Academic Affairs and the College of Health Professions made it possible for the School to hire two new professors. The two positions were required before additional students, beyond the 55 already accepted, could

be admitted into the program.

Based on applicant ranking by School criteria and on available faculty resources before the state budget was approved, only 55 students could be admitted. The remaining 26 applicants met all requirements but were put on a "wait list" until the budget was resolved.

"The healthcare industry is concerned and will be pleased," Nursing School director **Karen Miles** said. "All of them have contacted me about the wait list."

In addition to the 81 admitted students, the School has 26 other applicants who are not admitted, either because the application is incomplete or was received after the Feb. 15 deadline. The 26 applications will be reviewed.

Miles cautioned that not all of the 81 admitted students may accept the



Karen Miles

offer to enter the nursing program because they may have moved on to programs at other schools because of this year's budget situation that left admission into the School in limbo.

"I'm very pleased Academic Affairs has worked with me to provide me with additional resources so that we can admit these students," Miles said. ▀

Upcoming Events at FGCU

August 2003

Friday, Aug. 1

"Mind Mapping Strategies" Workshop
Sponsored by the Florida Institute of Government
8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Broadcast Building 111
Contact Joanne Hartke at (239) 590-7815

Monday, Aug. 4

"Writing Policies, Procedures, Manuals" Workshop
Sponsored by the Florida Institute of Government
8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Broadcast Building 111
Contact Joanne Hartke at (239) 590-7815

Friday, Aug. 8

"Writing Policies, Procedures, Manuals" Workshop
Sponsored by the Florida Institute of Government
8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Broadcast Building 111
Contact Joanne Hartke at (239) 590-7815

Tuesday, Aug. 19

Ringo Starr and His All-Star Band
Sponsored by FGCU
7:30 p.m., Alico Arena
Contact Alico Arena Box Office at (239) 590-7145

Wednesday, Aug. 20

Graduate Orientation
4:30-7:30 PM
Student Union ballroom
Contact Graduate Admission at (239) 590-7908

Wednesday, Aug. 27

FGCU Regional Outlook Radio Show
Sponsored by Community Relations and Marketing
6:30 p.m., WGCU-FM 90.1 and WMKO-FM 91.7
Contact Audrea Anderson at (239) 590-1083

September 2003

Sunday, Sept. 14

Freshman Convocation, Reception and Book Signing with Featured Speaker James McBride
Sponsored by FGCU First Year Experience
3 p.m. to 6 p.m., Alico Arena
Contact Jim Wohlpart at (239) 590-7181

Monday, Sept. 15

Reading, Question-and-Answer, and Book Signing with James McBride
Sponsored by FGCU First Year Experience
9 a.m. to 11 a.m., Student Union Ballroom
Contact Jim Wohlpart at (239) 590-7181

Tuesday, Sept. 16

FGCU Board of Trustees Meeting
Sponsored by FGCU
Time and Location TBA
Contact Susan Evans at (239) 590-1057

Wednesday, Sept. 17

FGCU Foundation Board Meeting
Sponsored by FGCU
10 a.m., Whitaker Hall Sprint Room
Contact Carol Deluccia at (239) 590-1067

Monday through Tuesday, Sept. 22-30

Tour Tuscany Study and Travel Excursion
Sponsored by the Renaissance Academy
Contact Renaissance Academy at (239) 590-1095

Wednesday, Sept. 24

FGCU Regional Outlook Radio Show
Sponsored by Community Relations and Marketing
6:30 p.m., WGCU-FM 90.1 and WMKO-FM 91.7
Contact Audrea Anderson at (239) 590-1083

October 2003

Saturday, Oct. 11

Third Annual Adaptive Sports Clinic
Sponsored by FGCU Office of Adaptive Services
10 a.m. to 3 p.m., FGCU Lakefront
Contact Rose McGahee at (239) 590-7956

Friday, Oct. 17

12th Annual FGCU Founder's Cup Golf Tournament
Sponsored by FGCU Office of Development
11:30 a.m. Lunch; 1:15 p.m. Shotgun Start
The Club at Mediterra
Contact Carol Deluccia at (239) 590-1067

Saturday, Oct. 18

Eagle Expo Open House for Freshmen
Sponsored by FGCU Office of Admissions
9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Student Services Plaza
Contact Tami Tassler at (239) 590-7989

Wednesday, Oct. 27

FGCU Regional Outlook Radio Show
Sponsored by Community Relations and Marketing
6:30 p.m., WGCU-FM 90.1 and WMKO-FM 91.7
Contact Audrea Anderson at (239) 590-1083

Athletic Events

Contact Kathleen Henrichsmeyer
(239) 590-7012

September 2003

Thursday through Sunday, Sept. 25-28

Men's Tennis ITA Regionals
8 a.m., Winter Haven

October 2003

Saturday, Oct. 4

Softball
St. Petersburg College Fall Tournament
Eddie C. Moore Complex, Clearwater

