

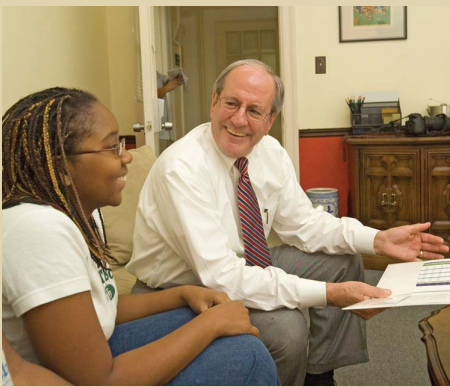
STETSON UNIVERSITY



A record year
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LET'S TALK

with the President



“Stetson has positioned itself to be an outstanding university poised to become an absolutely great institution.”

– President Doug Lee

By virtually all measures, 2005-06 was an outstanding academic year.

The university is constructing the first new residence halls since seven sorority houses were completed in 1987. Totalling 335 bed spaces, the project will provide suite-bath arrangements and five additional buildings for apartment-style dwellings, including a clubhouse area. The university's commitment to environmental responsibility was enhanced by using native plant material around the new residence halls. Through a major commitment by the Marshall and Vera Lea Rinker Foundation, an environmental learning center and native plant garden areas will be located throughout campus.

This has also been a record year for commemorating historic milestones. The Women's Basketball Program celebrated its 100-year anniversary. Stover Theatre's 75th anniversary and the centennial of theater production at Stetson were honored at Homecoming 2006. A special program in April marked the 10th anniversary of the university's Howard Thurman Program.

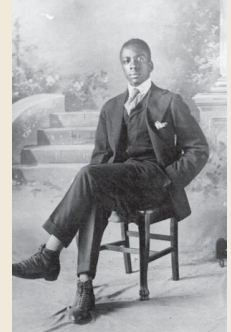
Numerous students won major recognitions of both national and international acclaim. Many are featured in this issue. Donovan Singletary '06 won the Metropolitan Opera National Council Grand Finals in March; Greg Nolan '07 was named a 2006 Truman Scholar; and the research on the detection of gravitational waves by Sarah Caudill '06 was selected for the “Posters on the Hill” program in Washington, D.C. For the sixth straight year, our Roland and Sarah George Investments Program took a top honor at the University of Dayton's annual Redefining Investment Strategy Education (RISE) Symposium. In the six-year history of the national competition, Stetson has placed first five times and second once.

One of the most important developments this year was the completion of the university's brand study. The brand of the university is defined by our students, faculty, support staff, alumni and friends. It is determined by a survey instrument that collects data and then sorts the data in various brand categories. In Stetson's case, the overall brand was articulated as a shared commitment to educate students to lead great lives. The university's promise is to develop and guide the whole person. The brand differentiators include deep engagement and transformation. The brand personality focuses on a profound commitment to teaching, and the brand presentation is a welcoming and conversational tone that conveys our passion for teaching.

And add to all the positive news of this year the fact that alumni, parents and friends have not only reached the university's fundraising goal, but surpassed it with record-breaking amounts.

As we look forward to the university's 125th anniversary, it is appropriate that we celebrate who we are and what is right about Stetson. Much has been accomplished during our first 122 years, and we will surely attain other milestones by our 125th. But the real test of our spirit is what we will achieve over the next generation. Stetson has positioned itself to be an outstanding university poised to become an absolutely great institution.

Thank you for all you have done to move us forward and all that you will do in the future to help us achieve the greatness Stetson so richly deserves.



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Cobb sisters earned first of

By Cindi Brownfield



Alba Cobb Chance '49, left, visits sister Ruth Cobb Arnold '47 at Stetson in 1943, the year Ruth was a freshman.

Charles Arnold, left, marries Ruth Cobb Arnold '47 and Fred Chance '49, right, marries Alba Cobb Chance '49 in a double wedding ceremony in 1949.



When they were teenagers in the late 1930s and early 1940s, Ruth and Alba Cobb spent summer vacations attending the Florida Baptist Assembly on the Stetson University campus. The Cobb sisters, whose family life centered around church, often were winners in “sword drills” – where participants race to look up Bible verses. Both young women planned to become teachers and they picked Stetson early on.

“I always wanted to be a teacher,” said Dr. Ruth Cobb Arnold '47. “I used to teach all of the little children in our neighborhood.”

Ruth graduated from Stetson in 1947, followed by Alba Cobb Chance in 1949 – starting a family tradition that has spanned three generations.

Alba’s late husband, Fred Chance, also earned his Stetson degree in 1949. All four of Ruth’s children and both of Alba’s daughters graduated from Stetson in the 1970s and '80s. In December 2005, Ruth’s granddaughter, Shannon Kelly Kemp, earned a master’s degree in counselor education – the 14th degree earned by the family.

“My mom went to Stetson for her undergrad and master’s. My grandmother taught there, and I went to her classes when I was little. So it had always been a goal for me,” said Kemp, a substance abuse counselor at Stewart-Marchman Center for Chemical Independence. Several of Shannon’s relatives on the Kelly side of her family have graduated from Stetson, too, including both grandparents.

Caring professors and lifelong friendships were the hallmarks of Stetson when Ruth and Alba were students in the 1940s – characteristics that current students still celebrate today, some 60 years later. Back then, it took some 24 hours to travel home to Pensacola, so the Cobb sisters went only twice a year. They shared a room in Conrad Hall.

“We formed beautiful friendships. The men were coming back from World War II. It was a glorious time,” said Ruth, an honor student who was a member of the Debate Team.

One of those young men fresh out of the U.S. Navy was “the love of Alba’s life,” Fred Chance '49, who followed Alba to Stetson. A classmate often played their song, “Love’s Old Sweet Song,” on the Eloise Chimes of Hulley Tower, Alba remembers fondly.

Alba married Fred and Ruth married Charles Arnold in a double wedding ceremony in 1949. Both men attended Southern Baptist Seminary, with Charles becoming a Navy chaplain and Fred becoming a pastor.

“Stetson helped mold our lives – our future,” said Alba, who is now retired in Pensacola.

The Arnolds

For the two decades after Ruth’s graduation, she and Charles traveled the world with the Navy. Charles served in places such as Guantanamo Bay, Cuba; Okinawa,

family's 14 Stetson degrees

Japan; Parris Island, S.C.; and Cherry Point, N.C., while Ruth focused on their four children, worked as a school psychologist, counselor and teacher, and continued her education. She earned a master's degree at Texas College of Arts & Industries and a doctorate at the University of Florida.

Ruth joined the faculty in Stetson's Education Department in 1969 and taught 34 different courses, mainly about special education. She retired in 1993 and now has an education consulting business, Brain Works. She was known to students as "Dr. Ruth." The Arnolds invited students to their lakefront DeLand home for parties at the end of every semester.

"I loved my students," she said. "I still remember most of the students I taught and keep in touch with many of them."

All four of the Arnolds' children graduated from Stetson and became educators. Lynn Arnold Ward earned her undergraduate degree in 1972 and her master's in 1977 and just recently retired as a special education teacher at Starke High School in Bradford County.

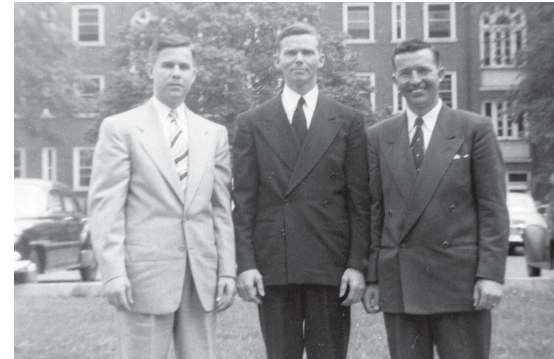
Barrett Arnold, who died at age 30, graduated from Stetson in 1983 and taught Chemistry in Altamonte Springs before his death. Adria Arnold Brand, who died in February 2005, earned her bachelor's from Stetson in 1981 and taught for a time.

The youngest, Meredith Arnold Kelly, earned a bachelor's in 1984 and a master's in 1987 and is a special education teacher at Blue Lake Elementary School in DeLand. Recently, a first-year elementary education student at Stetson was observing in Meredith's classroom and they discovered the young woman is the recipient of the Ruth Cobb Arnold Endowed Education Scholarship.

Meredith is the mother of the family's newest alumna, Shannon, and Meredith's youngest son, Rock, is hoping to attend Stetson, too. Meredith and her sister Lynn are both involved in their mother's consulting business.



The headshots are of Barrett Arnold '83 and Adria Arnold Brand '81. Both were taken when they were Stetson students.



From left, Fred Chance '49, Wallace Register '49 and Bryan Brassington '49 graduate from Southern Baptist Seminary in 1952.



Shannon Kelly Kemp MS '05, center, celebrates her Stetson degree with grandmother Ruth Cobb Arnold '47 and grandfather William Kelly Sr. '05, who also graduated in December.

The Chances

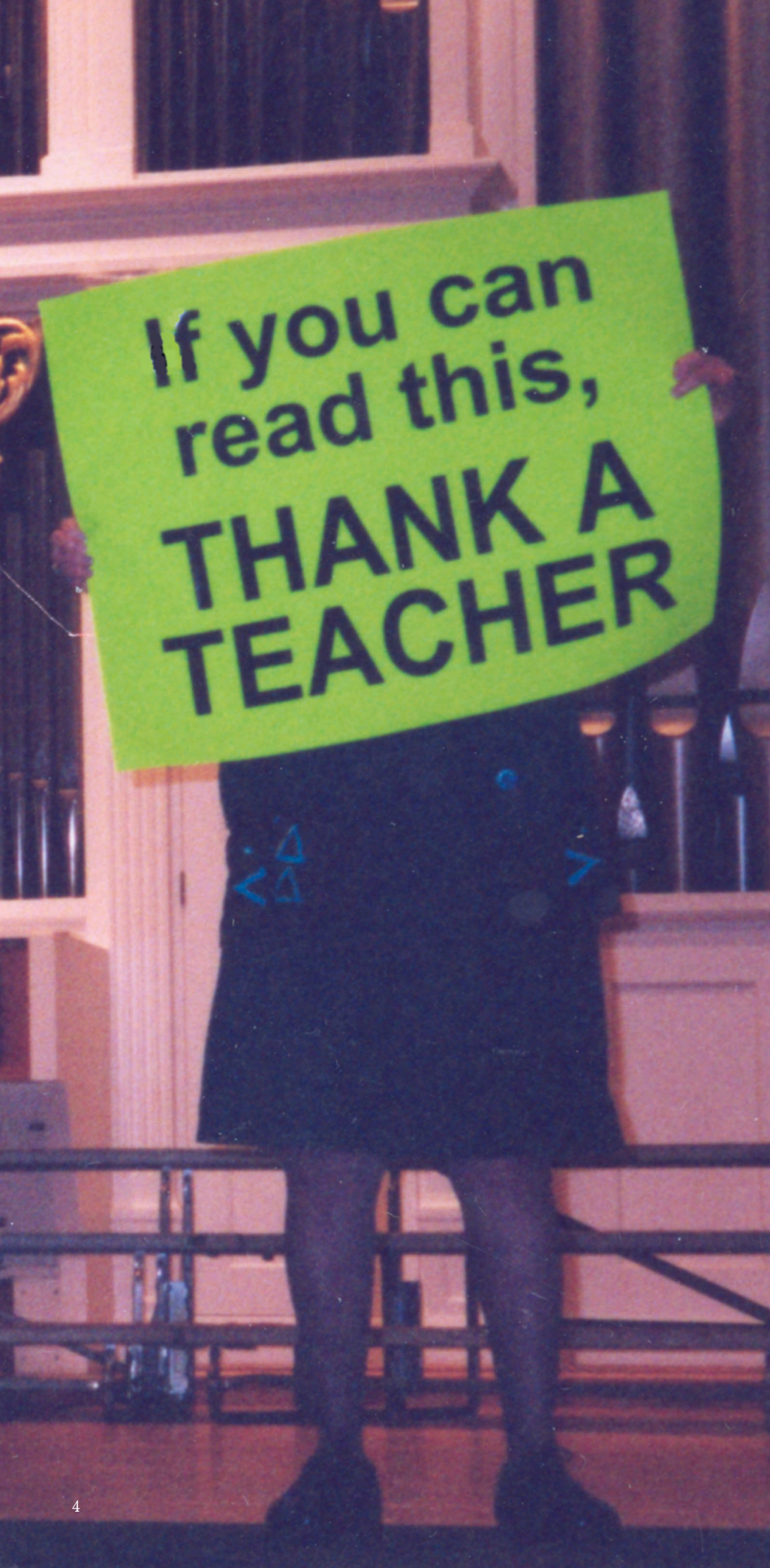
Alba and Fred Chance moved to Sanford in 1962 and often attended Homecoming and other Stetson activities while they raised their family. Fred was chairman of the Stetson/Florida Baptist Convention Relations Committee at the time of his death in 1971.

Fred's untimely death prompted Alba, a pastor's wife and stay-at-home mom, to re-enroll at Stetson to update her teaching certificate. She became a school librarian in Volusia schools in 1972, then earned a master's degree from Stetson in 1976.

Fred's service to the Baptist Church and Stetson prompted then-President John Johns to offer scholarships to both



In May 1993, Rene' Chance Garrett '76, holding Nathan Garrett, celebrates the retirement of Ruth Cobb Arnold '47, center, with her mother, Alba Cobb Chance '49, right.



Layla Arnold, daughter of Barrett Arnold, recently started as a school psychologist in Volusia County Schools.

of the Chances' daughters. In keeping with family tradition, both young women pursued degrees in education.

Melodie Chance Palmer, who earned a bachelor's from Stetson in 1979 and a master's in 1982, is now a school counselor in Sautee, Ga. She worked as an Admissions counselor for the university while attending grad school. Melodie named her son Stetson.

"I felt this was like naming him in honor of many of my family members, as so many family members spent parts of their lives at Stetson," she said.

Dr. René Chance Garrett of northern Virginia skipped her senior year of high school, entered Stetson early and graduated in 1976. She later earned a doctorate from UF like her Aunt Ruth Arnold, becoming a coach and physical education and science teacher. One of René's Stetson professors, the late Sara Staff Jernigan '35, MA '37, helped her get involved as a leader in the U.S. Olympic movement.



Melodie Chance Palmer '79, MEd '82 with son Stetson Lusk

Today, Ruth and Alba and their children remain involved with Stetson. Ruth marched in the faculty procession at Shannon's graduation in December. She and Alba host teas and receptions at Homecoming and for the Summit Club (for retirees). Ruth is planning to move soon to a new home in DeLand with daughter Meredith, and they are looking forward to entertaining their Stetson friends there, too.

"We love Stetson," Ruth said. "Stetson is my heart."

Dr. Arnold carried this sign on stage at the 55th reunion of the Class of 1947 in 2002.

Alumna raises awareness for Angelman Syndrome

By Wendy Anne Sauer King '88

When I walked onto the campus of Stetson University in the fall of 1984, my goals were to graduate and to decide what I would do with the rest of my life. My four college years were full of activities: classes in the School of Business, working as a student assistant for Dr. Nick Maddox, eating meals in the Commons, birthday fountain runs, meeting wonderful friends and experiencing times that would turn out to be four of the best years of my life.

After graduating in 1988, I moved back home to Baltimore and in the coming years, earned a master's degree in Business Administration from the University of Baltimore, started a business career, married James King, bought our first home and started our family. Only then did I realize that my true purpose in life was just beginning.

In September 2002, James and I had our second daughter, Riley. Although she appeared to be physically healthy and was a very happy little girl, we grew concerned when Riley was not meeting cognitive or functional development milestones. After endless appointments with pediatricians, neurologists and other developmental specialists, at 2^{1/2} years, Riley was diagnosed with a rare genetic disorder called Angelman Syndrome.

According to The Angelman Syndrome Foundation, www.angelman.org, there are fewer than 2,000 cases known in the United States. AS is a spectrum disorder. Consistent features include cognitive and developmental delays, absent speech, movement and balance disorders and a happy demeanor. Many children also suffer from severe seizures and sleep disturbance. In our daughter's case, it has become apparent that her expressive language is affected the greatest. Riley understands what we say to her but has difficulty with the simplest expressive language skills, such as handing an object to another person. She is just beginning to conquer it at the age of 3. We have been very fortunate in that Riley has continued to be physically healthy and has not suffered from seizures or sleep disturbances, so we can concentrate on helping her with cognitive and physical development.

Now, my life is about rearing our three daughters, Rebecca, 9; Riley, 3; and Mackenzie, 1. I am a stay-at-home mom, spending most of my day working with Riley and helping her reach the next milestone in her development. I spend most of my time with physical, occupational, special education and speech therapy sessions, helping Riley accomplish what comes so easily to other children. Recently she started attending a special needs preschool. Although she has

come a long way and is even walking independently, saying the simple word "Mama" has yet to come.

I try to raise awareness of AS in the community and I am a member of The Angelman Syndrome Foundation. My husband Jimmy, who is vice president of finance for Phillips Foods Inc., and I have successfully raised money for this very small foundation. Last year we participated in our first walk-a-thon, which takes place each May, raising \$15,000 from personal donations. I wrote articles for the local paper, have spoken at Rebecca's school on "Special Awareness Day" and am actively involved in Riley's school as well.

Phillips Foods had a local crab feast to raise money for ASF. In addition to raising money, we composed and handed out fliers. I was available to help local families, even if it was just to lend an ear. It is such a rare disorder that when a family is affected and they can find someone local to reach out to, it goes a long way. Phillips held a golf tournament with ASF to raise donations through corporate sponsors and personal donations. They also had a "casual Friday" jeans day at work, when individuals gave a donation to wear jeans. All the money raised went to the foundation. My husband and I were personally involved in each of these events: providing information; creating banners and fliers; making ourselves available to answer questions; and working with the ASF staff.

Because AS is so rare, I find it fascinating that even when we visit hospitals such as Kennedy Krieger, Johns Hopkins and the University of Maryland for routine visits, I am always asked to explain what I am doing for Riley and what changes I see in her condition. Every time I have asked a question about Riley's future, the answer is that they just don't know; time will tell. They encourage me to continue to do what I am doing.

Now I know my life's goal is to increase awareness and funding for AS research. I never thought during my carefree college journey that I would enjoy the blessings of parenting a special needs child. My family and I now experience life's passage one day at a time, continue to learn life's lessons and work so that our best years are yet to come.

Editor's note:
This year the ASF National Walk-A-Thon was held Saturday, May 20. Interested in volunteering for the next walk? Please email info@angelman.org or call 1-800-432-6435 for information about local walk sites including Atlanta; Chicago; Birmingham, Denver; Grand Rapids, Mich.; Houston; Jacksonville; Orange County, Calif.; Philadelphia; Pittsburgh; St. Louis and Washington, D.C.

Wendy King '88, left, with her three daughters, Mackenzie, 1; Rebecca, 9; and Riley, 3.



Stetson alumni: Peace Corps changed our lives

By Gerri Bauer

AFGHANISTAN

WHO: William Shelton '65, Boonsboro, Md., and Sebring, Fla.; Bachelor of Science in Accounting; now retired

PEACE CORPS SERVICE: Afghanistan, 1965-1967

SPECIALTY: The U.S. Agency for International Development (part of the U.S. State Department) had a contract with a Chicago company to design accounting systems for the government of Afghanistan. Peace Corps volunteers implemented the systems and taught the Afghans how to use them.

WHY SERVE? I joined through a series of what I now consider fortunate accidents, after applying without taking it seriously. Instead of accepting a direct commission to the Air Force, I went to Afghanistan and ended up staying longer than expected.

HIGHLIGHTS: When I was there, Afghanistan was a peaceful place. Yes, there was tribal feuding, but when you are a guest of the Afghan people, they are responsible for you, your care and your well-being. I never feared for my safety. Americans were treated wonderfully. I went all over the country, went out at night and never had a concern. The Taliban wasn't in power when I was there. Women were not wearing burkas. I saw a lot of Afghan women working in offices in the major cities.

During my service, I also got to travel around Asia a lot, to India and Sri Lanka, for example. I liked serving in the Peace Corps so much that, after my two-year term, I extended for another three months and then planned a yearlong extension. But the Agency for International Development needed me in the States, and I went to work for the State Department. By the time I retired, I was deputy assistant secretary for the Department of Veterans Affairs.

THE STETSON CONNECTION: A professor once told me that everything about you as an

individual comes through a screen. It's as though you hold up a screen in front of your life experiences, and certain things filter through and stick with you, are absorbed into you. My Stetson and the Peace Corps experiences are part of me.

REFLECTIONS: The Peace Corps is the best experience for personal development that I can imagine. I was very much an introvert. I came back totally changed. The experience of living in another culture was fabulous. I learned that not everybody lives by our standards, they have their own cultural standards. Living in another culture, you learn to become accepting of other people. Once your eyes are open, you get a whole different view.

GHANA



Scott '70 and Susan Jones Cooper '71 are pictured in Ghana in 1974, at a fortification at Dick's Cove overlooking Elmina, which had been a major slave port. (Photos courtesy Scott and Susan Cooper)

WHO: Susan Jones Cooper '71, LaBelle, Fla.; Bachelor of Science in Chemistry, and R. Scott Cooper '70, Bachelor of Science in Biology

The following questions were answered by Dr. Susan J. Cooper. She is a science teacher at LaBelle High School and a consultant for ChemMatters, a publication of the American Chemical Society. R. Scott Cooper is assistant superintendent at LaBelle Area Schools-Hendry County and an adjunct professor for Edison College.

PEACE CORPS SERVICE: Nkonya, Ghana (1972-1974) and Winneba, Ghana (1974-1975)

We asked Stetson alumni who served in the Peace Corps to share their stories.

Those who responded said they had joined because they wanted to help others, to see the world and to give something back because they, themselves, had been so privileged.

None said they entered the Corps because they expected to undergo a life-altering experience.

Yet, in reply after reply, alumni said that being a part of the Peace Corps left an important, indelible mark on their lives.

These are their stories:



This 1972 photo is of the fishing village near Nkonya-Ahenkro on Lake Volta. Scott and Susan Jones Cooper served in Nkonya and Winneba, Ghana.

SPECIALTY: We were accepted into a joint Teacher Corps/Peace Corps program that existed in the early 1970s. Two weeks after my graduation from Stetson, we moved to Tampa, where we taught at inner-city schools for a year while we attended classes at the University of South Florida to earn our master's degrees in science education. Then we left for Ghana, where we taught science at a remote secondary school for two years, followed by a year teaching middle-school teachers at a teacher-training college on the coast.

WHY SERVE? We wanted to make a difference in the world and we wanted adventure. It was a wonderful, rewarding experience. We would have stayed for the five years that Peace Corps volunteers are allowed to serve, but our daughter was born during our third year of service so we came home.



Scott Cooper gazes at daughter Nan Cooper at the Winneba Advanced Teacher Training College in Ghana in 1975.

HIGHLIGHTS: The birth of our daughter Nan (who earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Stetson in 1997) was the highlight. The Ghanaians are a warm, gentle people. Having a baby brought us even closer to them.

THE STETSON CONNECTION: Scott and I met at Stetson, learned our science skills at Stetson and developed an appreciation for other cultures at Stetson through having classes with students from around the world.

REFLECTIONS: Serving truly was “the toughest job you’ll ever love,” as the Peace Corps 1980s ads said, but we received so much more than we gave.

When we returned to the United States in 1975, the only place in Florida where we could find teaching jobs was in LaBelle. We decided to stay for a year and make contacts so we could move to a more populous area with more amenities and a better social scene. However, it soon became apparent that we no longer enjoyed the impersonal nature and hectic pace of the large cities where we grew up (Jacksonville and Miami). So, we have remained here in LaBelle for the past 31 years. I am still teaching and my students know that I spent three years teaching science to students very much like them in Africa. I often use examples from Ghana in my teaching because that is part of who I am. Both Scott and I have a more global perspective on current events because of our Peace Corps experience.

GUATEMALA

WHO: Robert McIntosh and the Honorable Donna Surratt McIntosh, both '77, Longwood, Fla.; Bachelor's degrees in Accounting (Donna, a Circuit Court judge in the 18th Judicial Circuit) and History (Robert, an attorney who is on the board of directors of AIR – the Alliance for International Reforestation – the Stetson-based organization that works in Guatemala and Nicaragua). The following questions were answered by Robert.

PEACE CORPS SERVICE: San Luis Jilotepeque, Jalapa, Guatemala, 1978-1980

SPECIALTY: We worked for the Guatemalan Department of Agriculture in 4-H Clubs and Community Development. Also, I played a lot of soccer. We worked in communities comprised primarily of individuals of Maya descent, in outlying villages with small groups of either women and girls or men and boys. We were involved in small agricultural and home economics projects along with small development work such as helping construct a rural school and build desks.

WHY SERVE? We wanted to see the world, be part of a foreign culture and community, learn

Donna Surratt McIntosh '77, third from left, is pictured with some of the women she worked with in Guatemala in the late 1970s. (Photos courtesy Robert and Donna Surratt McIntosh)



The Peace Corps was established in 1961 as a federal agency during the presidency of John F. Kennedy. A year earlier, while still a senator, Kennedy had challenged college students to “serve their country in the cause of peace by living and working in developing countries,” according to the agency’s Web site, www.peacecorps.gov.

Since its founding, the Peace Corps has placed more than 182,000 volunteers in 138 host countries. The agency’s emphasis is on peaceful, educational-based service and interaction. The mission of world peace and friendship is achieved through pairing interested host countries with trained men and women willing to share their time, energy and skills.

An equally important stated goal is the fostering of mutual understanding between the Americans who help in other countries and the people with whom they temporarily share lives.

MOROCCO



Robert McIntosh '77, pictured at bottom left during service in Guatemala, said that playing soccer at Stetson was an important preparation for the Peace Corps. He discovered that soccer was a great way to break barriers between cultures.

another language, begin to learn the needs that exist in poor communities in the world and how they can be addressed, and make friends with individuals different from us.

HIGHLIGHTS: Waking up to a volcanic eruption with ash in the air and later in the day standing at the base of a lava flow; spending the night in the crater of a volcano (inactive, of course); being invited to be part of family and community celebrations such as Christmas plays, funerals, school excursions, the town soccer team as it traveled to other communities; and 10 years worth of living and experiences packed into two years.

STETSON CONNECTION: Our interest in seeing the world was sparked by classes such as Spanish and Anthropology, a mini-mester in Mexico and exchange students at Stetson who had become good friends. Playing Stetson soccer was an important preparation for service for me. Other than our work, there was not much else for a guy to do — no libraries, no television, no movies, only a telegraph for communication. A soccer ball in hand provided an open door to any community.

REFLECTIONS: We realized just how well off North Americans are from a material standpoint, and that the poor of the world can be just as happy or unhappy as the wealthy. Some of the friendliest and most open people we have ever met have been some of the poorest. We gained a unique insight into another culture, which would have been impossible to obtain in any other way.

WHO: Kathlene (Katie) Butler Martini '97, Washington, D.C.; Bachelor of Science in Environmental Sciences; currently Inspector General program evaluator for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

PEACE CORPS SERVICE: Azrou, Morocco, 2000-2002

SPECIALTY: I learned to speak the Moroccan Arabic dialect and worked with the Moroccan Ministry of Waters and Forests to develop a monitoring and evaluation plan for an internationally protected wetland site.

WHY SERVE? I always wanted to serve my country, but in a peaceful way. I felt privileged growing up in the United States, and was afraid I took things for granted by not knowing how others lived.

HIGHLIGHTS: I made long-lasting friendships with Moroccans and other volunteers (including my now-husband), and shared my experience with family members who came to visit me there.

STETSON CONNECTION: In the Religious Studies Department at Stetson I learned to keep an open mind about the world — to not rely on my own interpretations or background for the “right” answers. Mentoring in the Geography Department from Dr. Bruce Bradford encouraged me to take on challenges and to get overseas. He had spent time in Russia and that experience was precious to him.

REFLECTIONS: Although the Peace Corps bills itself as a service organization, most returned volunteers I know do not value their experiences for their accomplishments in alleviating poverty, environmental conservation or whatever their “job” says. They (and I) overwhelmingly value their experiences for the perspective changes they provide.



Katie Butler Martini '97 said Thanksgiving is just another day in Morocco. Above, she dines on Thanksgiving dinner (turkey and mashed potatoes) out of a bottle on a train in Morocco in 2000. (Photo courtesy Katie Butler Martini)



Emily Eisenhauer '99, second from right, is pictured on an outing to a historical site in China with new friends she made while serving in the country. (Photo courtesy Emily Eisenhauer)

My service overlapped with the start of the second Intifada in Palestine (Fall 2000), the U.S. presidential election of 2000, the events of Sept. 11, 2001, and the start of the war in Afghanistan (2001) — all major events in the Arab world as well as in the United States. The warmth of spirit, breadth of opinions and openness to controversial discussion in my community delighted me. I discussed all of these events with my friends in my community and at times with random people on the street. I changed some of my views and they changed some of theirs.

In the end, I did not accomplish much for the environmental future of Morocco, but I learned that there are many, many more than two sides to every story — my perspective changed.

CHINA

WHO: Emily Eisenhauer '99, Miami; Bachelor of Arts with Honors, Humanities and German; Master of Arts in Comparative Sociology at Florida International University in Miami; currently research associate at the FIU Research Institute for Social and Economic Policy

PEACE CORPS SERVICE: China, 2000-2002

SPECIALTY: I taught English to English majors at a three-year teacher's college. The students were from farming villages near the town of Xifeng in northern China. It was the students' only chance at higher education. After their three years, they were expected to go back to their villages and become high school teachers. To have native English speakers for teachers was very special to them, and they constantly showed us their appreciation.

WHY SERVE? I wanted to see for myself what life is like in another part of the world, and to understand the human aspect that you don't always see in the news. Also, I have been privileged and wanted to do something that would make a contribution to improving the lives of others.

HIGHLIGHTS: Being accepted with open arms by the students and teachers at the school was priceless. They offered me friendship and invited me to their homes. Even when international incidents cropped up, I never felt blame or criticism from them. I was always treated very well.

THE STETSON CONNECTION: At Stetson, I lived in the Foreign Language House and also studied abroad in Germany. I loved getting to know people from different countries and it made me want to see more of the world.

REFLECTION: The Peace Corps experience was as valuable as any job I could have had, and I learned a lot of life skills I don't think I would have learned here, like being flexible when things change in ways you don't expect. Serving in the Peace Corps really does affect your outlook on life — you can't look at things like poverty and geopolitics the same way again. It has really made me feel a need to continue to be involved in the community, and that's why I chose to study sociology.

The Peace Corps' emphasis on helpfulness, service, friendship and understanding is also an integral element of Stetson University's values and goals.

Students at Stetson are challenged to pursue learning opportunities while also delving into the meaning and purpose of life and learning the importance of social responsibility.

Did You Know?

Stetson's director of Student Activities and Community Service is known on campus as Rina Tovar, a self-described Nebraska farm girl.

But Rina is a nickname, and her Nebraska upbringing embraced more than Midwestern culture.

Rina's given name is Cristina Carmen, in honor of two women her parents met while serving in the Peace Corps in Uruguay, South America.

"After the Peace Corps, my father got his master's degree in Agriculture Journalism, and (my parents) decided to move back to Nebraska and farm," Rina said.

"My parents always raised me with the love of Latin culture. I'll never forget how they would encourage us kids to go out and play with the migrant worker kids when they came around each summer to hoe our bean fields. Many folks in my hometown treated the workers from Mexico as outsiders, but not my parents. I was raised with the belief that everyone should be treated with love, respect and kindness, and I am sure it was due to my parents' experience in the Peace Corps."



Alumnus finds international business success with a hot cup of coffee

By Cindi Brownfield

Jaime Polit '84 samples a half dozen kinds of coffee every morning at 11 at his office in Switzerland. But it's hardly a coffee break.

As an executive with the ECOM Agroindustrial Corp., a multi-national commodities trading company with roots in Spain, a major part of Polit's job is selecting coffee beans to buy and sell on the world market.

The decision is based on a process, called "cupping," that is akin to wine-tasting. Ten grams of roasted and ground green coffee beans are placed in tiny cups and covered with boiling water. Polit and his co-workers use a deep spoon to slurp each sample, then jettison it to the back of the palate before spitting it out.

"The value of the coffee is based on the selective decision of the cupping," Polit

explained during a recent visit to the Stetson campus, where he spoke to business classes. The 44-year-old father of three is a big coffee drinker himself, with his favorite being espresso from a bean produced in El Salvador.

Polit is one of dozens of Stetson alumni who have successful careers with international companies. Countries with Hatters at work include China, Sri Lanka, Uzbekistan, England, Tanzania, Peru, Norway, Spain, Brazil, Germany, the Cayman Islands, Mexico and France.

Some of the alumni came to Stetson as international students. Polit, son of Ecuadoran immigrants, was raised in Iowa but moved to Ecuador when he was 16. He enrolled at Stetson with plans to study Biology and Chemistry and a goal of opening a shrimp farm off the coast of Ecuador.

Polit's interests changed, and he ended up graduating in 1984 with a double-major in Marketing and French. He spent his senior year studying in Dijon, France.

Despite a demanding career that has Polit traveling extensively, he keeps in touch with his alma mater and his Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity brothers. Stetson's greatest strengths, he believes, are the accessibility of professors and strong academic programs.

Photo by Cindi Brownfield



Jaime Polit '84 speaks at Dr. Stephen Barnett's Marketing class last November.

"The value system, the opportunities and the focus I had here allowed me to develop and flourish and gain the confidence I needed to go on in international business," he said.

Polit earned a master's in international business administration from "Thunderbird," the American Graduate School of International Management in Phoenix, before launching a career in commodities trading. He worked for companies in the United States and Mexico before joining ECOM Agroindustrial in November 1993. In one year, Polit tripled his company's exports from Mexico. In 1997, he transferred to Switzerland to develop the trading operation for ECOM's sales in Europe and export operations in Africa and southern Asia.

ECOM is now the second- or third-largest coffee trading company in the world, selling to companies such as Starbucks, Nestle, Folgers, Millstone and Kraft General Foods.

As managing director of the office in Lausanne, Switzerland, Polit follows coffee prices on the world financial markets and coordinates between buyers and sellers in different countries. He travels to eight offices around the world for one week each year.

Based on cupping decisions, ECOM buys from producers and sells to roasters. The financial markets are used as risk management tools. The object is to buy low and sell high, Polit told students when he visited campus last fall. "Coffee, after oil, is the most volatile commodity," he said, because it's affected by weather, currency movements and government subsidies.

Polit's advice for students who want to get into international business is to learn as many languages as possible – especially English, Spanish and French – and the lingo of trading. Students must be willing to travel and must be open to learning about a variety of cultures, he said.

"You become a citizen of the world," Polit said.

His last piece of advice for current students was admittedly self-serving:

"I always suggest drinking coffee before you come to class!"

Stetson develops global business programs based on Renaissance

By Cindi Brownfield

Like it or not, the business world is truly becoming more global every day, said Professor Stephen Barnett, chairman of Stetson's Marketing Department. "We have opened the bottle and the Genie is out," Barnett said. "It's not a question of whether you want to be involved in international business. You are going to be in international business."

What's important is making sure globalization in business benefits the world, said Barnett, the Dennis McNamara Chair in Marketing and director of the School of Business Administration's study abroad programs in Austria and Italy. Business people have an opportunity and responsibility to help find solutions to world problems affecting families and the environment, he said.

To prepare future business leaders, Stetson is developing a series of business programs focused on the Renaissance. The Renaissance International Business minor, a semester abroad in Italy, is tentatively scheduled to begin this fall. A Renaissance Business Honors Program for freshmen is slated to start in fall 2007.

It's important for business students to understand the history and cultures of the countries where they will be doing business, Barnett said. But, first, they need to understand the history and culture of the United States and how its economic, political and religious systems evolved. That's the basis of the new Renaissance programs.

"Current cultures are defined by where they have come from," Barnett said.

On a purely practical side, Barnett said, learning foreign languages is critical for students and alumni planning careers with an international dimension. "You can't be in international business without language skills – and the more, the better," he said.

For more information on the Renaissance International Business minor, visit www.stetson.edu/business/international/studyabroad.

Here are some words of advice from Stetson alumni involved in international business:

Shiran Samarawickrama, Class of 1999, B.B.A. – Finance

Job: Chief operations officer, Penguin Sportswear (apparel exports from Sri Lanka to the United States and the European Union), Colombo, Sri Lanka

About careers in international business: In today's global economy, every business will be

Shiran Samarawickrama '99 and his wife, Jayanga



"international" in the years to come. Anyone who chooses the field should be ready to embrace all cultures and communities. The best part of international business, to me, is the opportunity to meet people from various cultural backgrounds.

Advice: You have to be able to get along with many people and be willing to travel and experience different cultures. You must be able to tackle problems quickly and efficiently. The nature of international business is such that problems may crop up regularly, and answers are needed quickly.



In Doha, Qatar, Karen Clark '77, third from left, is the only woman in the picture. She is posing with an executive team from Qatar Telecom, NavLink and AT&T.

Karen A. Clark, Class of 1977, B.A. – French

Job: Director of international ventures, AT&T (telecommunications), Bernardsville, N.J., and Waterloo, Belgium.

About careers in international business: Business today is increasingly global in focus, creating interesting career opportunities. I travel quite often, primarily in Europe and the Middle East, and very much enjoy the chance to work in different locations and with local partners.

Advice: Seek out opportunities to live, work and study abroad. Also, learn a second or third language.

Fredrik Lie, Class of 2004, B.B.A. – Finance

Currently: Attending graduate school at Cass Business School, London, England.

Previous Position: Consultant for Acta Asset Management (everything from real estate to shipping), Oslo, Norway.

Best thing about international business: Diversity – people from various places and the cultures.

Advice: Learn how to organize your life. Don't get disappointed if things do not go your way. Never give up. For current Stetson students, take Dr. Betty Thorne's classes in business statistics. They'll be very useful later.

Stetson University to offer international business minor in Bolzano, Italy

By Carlos Herrera '02

Continuing a commitment to global business education, Stetson University's School of Business Administration, in partnership with the William M. and Nina B. Hollis Foundation, Mark and Lynn Hollis and the University of Bolzano, will begin offering college students a new study abroad program called the Renaissance International Business Minor in Bolzano, Italy.

To be eligible for the Renaissance International Business Minor, which is set to begin this fall, applicants must be juniors or seniors who are non-business majors, have completed a macro economics course and are enrolled at a four-year accredited college or university. The minor is also open to recent non-business college graduates who attended an accredited four-year institution. The goal of the program is to provide non-business majors an opportunity to obtain certification of a basic level of

knowledge in business practices and principles while still pursuing their interests in liberal arts and other disciplines.

"Liberal arts are an excellent foundation for young people entering career fields in organizations, but we also know that all organizations have a business dimension that requires knowledge and comprehension of basic business concepts and principles," said Dr. Stephen Barnett, who helped



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– Dr. Stephen Barnett, professor and chair of Marketing

establish the program and is the program’s director. “This will be a marvelous opportunity for students to major in their passion and gain basic business knowledge that is critical for success in most careers today.”

The one-semester, five-course international business minor will be offered three times each year, with semesters 11 to 12 weeks long. Students will study accounting, finance, management and marketing. The minor will also explore the foundations of business concepts as they evolved from the Renaissance and shaped the Western cultural and global economic system. All courses will be taught in English by Stetson professors or distinguished visiting European faculty in state-of-the-art classrooms at the University of Bolzano. All courses are transferable from Stetson University and accredited by AACSB International—The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business. Students will need to check with the registrar’s office at their college or university for information about procedures to transfer credit.

Stetson’s School of Business Administration has offered continuous European study since 1969 and has international study partnerships in Central America, South America and China, as well as the summer school program in Innsbruck, Austria, which will celebrate its ninth year in 2006.

“Stetson University is fortunate to have a major endowment to foster Renaissance academic programs throughout the university, funded by the William M. and Nina B. Hollis Foundation and Mark and Lynn Hollis,” said President Doug Lee. “Stetson and the Hollis Renaissance Fund are proud to have such an ideal partner as the University of Bolzano. Their facilities are exceptional, and their faculty and administration will be wonderful resources as our students explore the lessons to be learned from the Renaissance. Bolzano is in the heart of the Italian Renaissance region, and it will give us easy access for field trips to Florence, Venice and parts of Austria and Germany.”

For more information about the Renaissance International Business Minor, visit www.stetson.edu/business/international/studyabroad or contact Linda Glover, special assistant to the vice president for Enrollment Management – Renaissance Business Programs, at RenBusiness@stetson.edu or 386-822-7429.



Metropolitan opera competition award winner Donovan Singletary finds passion in music

Photo by Robert Rich



By Danielle Laprime MA '95

As a little boy, Donovan Christian Singletary had many dreams. He mused about many vocations – doctor, lawyer, astronaut. When a relative heard him sing at a family reunion and suggested he should audition at the Apollo, his ambitions turned toward music.

“Music has always been a passion of mine. I really can’t imagine my life without it,” Singletary said. “I don’t remember when I didn’t sing. I was always trying to find some way to perform.”

At the age of 10 he joined his church choir. “My church choir gave me the first opportunity to perform solo.”

Today the 22-year-old senior Voice Performance major in Stetson University’s School of Music is one of five winners of the 2006 National Council Grand Finals of the New York City Metropolitan Opera. There the bass-baritone competed with eight other finalists, having risen through state and regional levels—against winners from all over the United States, most of whom were older and more experienced.

The first Stetson student or graduate to win the Met competition, Singletary is also the first Stetson student to make the finals as an undergraduate. He studies with Stetson University Associate Professor Craig Maddox who flew to New York to watch him perform. He had doubts about competing, but once he decided to

Donovan Singletary '06 performed a principal role in the Stetson Opera Theatre’s March 2006 production of *The Merry Wives of Windsor*.

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participate, Maddox helped prepare him and overcome his nervousness.

“Donovan was worried about entering the competition at the district level (in Orlando),” Maddox said. “I simply told him that he should go for the experience and not expect to win. I actually playfully forbade him to win, because I thought he was a year or two too young. After the competition he called me and said, ‘I’m sorry Dr. Maddox, I won.’ To which I replied, ‘Now Donovan...you disobeyed me. I told you not to win!’ Then we laughed and started planning for Atlanta.

“We approached the regional auditions in the same way. Again I advised him not to count on winning. When the results were announced, Donovan text-messaged my cell phone, ‘Dr. M, I’m going to NYC’...to which I replied back, ‘YES!’

Maddox also worked with Singletary to prepare him for nationals.

“It meant a great deal to me that, when he learned he’d made the finals, he wanted me there to share the experience with him,” Maddox said. “Each finals contestant is given two complimentary tickets. Donovan wanted his mom and me to have them. When he came on stage and I could tell he was in control, I relaxed and enjoyed his performance. After his second piece, I turned to Stetson alumnus Thomas Combs, who was sitting near me, and said, ‘He just might win.’ I can’t really express what I felt when his name was announced as a winner.

“Donovan called me to the stage to stand beside him for pictures. I would have been content to watch his success, but it says a lot about him, the type of young man he is, that he wanted to share his success with those who helped him achieve it.”

Many of the people who worked with Singletary during his 10 days at the Met came to Maddox after the competition to tell him how much they enjoyed working with him, not just because of his singing voice, but because of his personality, Maddox said.

“They talked about how easy he was to instruct, how eager he was to learn and how supportive he was of the other contestants. I’m just as proud, perhaps even more so, of that kind of response, as I am of his winning performance.”

A member of Pi Mu Alpha, Singletary has won the National Association of Teachers of Singing Regional Auditions the past two years. He was chosen to perform as a soloist with the Stetson University Orchestra in its annual Concerto Competition and won the “Stetson Idol” talent competition in 2005. He has appeared often as a soloist with the Concert Choir and performed a principal role in the Stetson Opera Theatre’s March 2006 production of *The Merry Wives of Windsor*. In April, Singletary played Porgy in the Stetson Opera Theatre’s abridged production of George Gershwin’s *Porgy and Bess*.

He grew up in the Florida Panhandle listening to R&B in a home where his mother, Paige, worked two jobs to provide for him, his older brother and his younger sister. Singletary also

Photo by Robert Rich



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– Donovan Singletary

enjoys singing pop music and dancing, and first had planned to turn that into a career. "I performed for years in show choir," he said. "I love doing musical theater because it is so much fun to pretend you are somebody else."

When he auditioned as a prospective student, he planned to stay for a couple of years and learn techniques that he could use to launch a pop career.

"I couldn't afford voice lessons at home so I thought the university would be a great place to get training to be a pop singer," Singletary said. "I never thought my future plans would change but they did in my sophomore year and I began to lean more toward opera.

"Stetson was the only school I auditioned for," Singletary said. "I didn't have the money to come but Dr. (Duncan) Couch encouraged me to stay. Then I started winning competitions."

Even though he was happy at Stetson, Singletary thought about leaving three times for either personal or financial reasons. Singletary said Couch gave him a solo with the choir and talked him out of leaving school. "He told me not to worry about the money," Singletary said, "just to work hard and the money would be there."

That proved to be true. In the recent Met competition, Singletary won more than \$15,000, including the general manager's prize, a special award named for longtime General Manager Joseph Volpe of the Metropolitan Opera.

Where does Singletary see himself in 15 years?

He would love to meet his heroine, Leontyne Price; his favorite singer, baritone Dmitri Hvorostovsky and other idol bass-baritone Simon Estes.

"After graduation in December I plan on going to New York and entering the young artist program at the Metropolitan Opera.

"I hope one day to have a successful career in opera. I also see myself as an entrepreneur and investor, designing a young, hip but sophisticated, line of clothing—a cross between Diddy and Oprah. But most of all I dream of helping people of my generation love opera."



Photo by Christina Katsolis

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– Dr. Craig Maddox

Stetson's Truman Scholar committed to 'making a difference'

By Cheryl Downs '79

Gregory Nolan's resumé would be impressive for someone decades older than he.

And now the student activist, 21, can add: Recipient of the Harry S. Truman Scholarship, 2006. He joins an elite group populated by Arizona Governor Janet Napolitano; ABC News chief Washington correspondent George Stephanopoulos; and Jeffery Toobin, senior legal analyst for CNN and staff writer at *The New Yorker* magazine. And there are many other former Truman Scholars – educators, elected officials, attorneys general, clergy and judges – trying to make the planet a better place.

The Harry S. Truman Foundation awards \$30,000 each to Truman Scholars for graduate school studies. Selection is based on applicants' leadership potential, intellectual ability and likelihood of "making a difference." Just 75 American college students each year receive the award.

Nolan, a Political Science and Philosophy dual major, with a double minor in Religious Studies and Humanities, is a member of the Class of 2007. He also holds a J. Ollie Edmunds Distinguished Merit Scholarship from Stetson's highest competitive academic scholarship program. As an Edmunds Scholar, he will spend the fall semester at Oxford University in England, where he'll study Political Philosophy and Theology.

Veteran Political Science Professor T. Wayne Bailey calls the senior from Pensacola a Renaissance man.

"Greg is a true Renaissance scholar because he has strong interests in multiple academic areas," Bailey said. "At the end of the day, however, his strongest passions are politics and community service, which are areas most applicable to the Truman Scholarships."

Bailey is Stetson's Truman faculty representative. He identified Nolan as a good fit for the prestigious national honor, then advised and supported him throughout the arduous application process.

For Stetson's faculty, Nolan has high praise: "Dr. Bailey nominated me for the Truman Scholarship and dedicated his time to guiding me through the complicated process," Nolan said. "Dr. (Gary) Maris and Dr. (Ron) Hall wrote letters of recommendation with only a day's notice so that I could do a summer-long Congressional internship."

He said other professors influenced and inspired him as well: "I wanted to come to Stetson because it was an unprecedented opportunity to learn first-hand from distinguished faculty. The professors at Stetson have only exceeded my expectations."

Nolan is the third Stetson student to be named a Truman Scholar since 1986, when John Moore was chosen; Michael Sabine followed in 1993.

Among Nolan's many accomplishments, most are tied to community service and political action. He organized and led a campaign for Stetson to switch to fair trade coffee; co-sponsored with Dean Grady Ballenger of the College of Arts and Sciences a campus lecture by Eli Pariser of Moveon.org; co-sponsored with the University Values Council a lecture by Alfredo Bahena and Tirso Moreno of the Farmworkers' Association of Florida; and organized a "Sleep-Out for the Homeless" on campus – a fund-raiser for the Neighborhood Center, a DeLand-based homeless shelter.

Nolan is co-founder of Stetson's Model United Nations and an active College Democrats member. He volunteers at a DeLand area soup kitchen and was a volunteer intern for

Florida State Rep. Joyce Cusack (D-Dist. 27).

A fund-raiser for the Democratic National Convention one summer, Nolan attended the packed Democratic National Convention in spring 2004 as a special guest of former U.S. Sen. Max Cleland, a Stetson graduate. He met U.S. Sen. Ted Kennedy of Massachusetts there for the first time, but maybe not for the last.

During quiet times, Nolan sometimes walks around campus with a friend or two in the early hours of the morning. They talk about philosophy, politics and the importance of understanding diverse people and cultures – all among his many passions.

"Some of the best conversations of my life," he called them.



Photo by Christina Katsolis

2006 graduate Sarah Caudill's research featured in 'Posters on the Hill'

By Cindi Brownfield

"I love physics because I believe it can eventually explain all the mysteries of the universe."

– Sarah Caudill

At 22, new Stetson University graduate Sarah Caudill is already a physics scientist and researcher working on problems way over the heads of average human beings.

Caudill, who earned a degree in Physics with minors in Math and Chemistry in May, spent the summer of 2005 working on a research project at the Laser Interferometer Gravitational-Wave Observatory (LIGO) at the California Institute of Technology in Pasadena.

This spring, the research completed during her summer internship at Caltech was selected for the "Posters on the Hill" program in Washington, D.C. This intense, nationally competitive event, sponsored by Congress and the National Conference on Undergraduate Research, is a prestigious recognition of academic talent.

LIGO is dedicated to the detection of gravitational waves, which are ripples in

space-time. Albert Einstein predicted their existence in his general theory of relativity, but gravitational waves have yet to be detected by scientists. LIGO is now building interferometers in the hopes that scientists will "discover" gravitational waves within perhaps 10 years.

Caudill's research focused on testing data to determine the efficiency of the currently used computer "templates" that may eventually be used to detect gravitational waves.

"I love physics because I believe it can eventually explain all the mysteries of the universe," said Caudill, who now plans to attend graduate school.



Sarah Caudill '06 points to Albert Einstein's first equation on this statue outside the National Academy of Science in Washington, D.C.

CAUSE – Service with a smile



Members of Stetson University's CAUSE (Campaign for Adolescent and University Student Empowerment) honored community youth April 8 at the second annual Youth Empowerment Awareness Day (YEAD). The students teamed with the Spring Hill Boys & Girls Club, Rotary Club of Downtown DeLand and the city of DeLand to celebrate everything that's right about youth. Community youth and their parents were invited to enjoy games, music, food and fellowship at the event. YEAD also included motivational talks by speakers such as Spring Hill Boys & Girls Club Director Althea Chavers, top left, and DeLand Mayor Bob Apgar, pictured at top right with several 2005-2006 Stetson CAUSE members. Pictured, from left, are Jessica Walton, Mathias Haugner, Danielle Prior, Mayor Apgar, Jessica Simons, Jessily Ramirez, Casey Wagner and CAUSE founder Matt Morton '06, who will serve in 2006-2007 as coordinator of Bonner Leadership and Community Outreach Initiatives at Stetson. Students who make up the 2006-2007 Stetson CAUSE team are pictured at center left. From left, they are Mathias Haugner, Derek Stottlemeyer, Darius McPhall, Melissa Fontaine, John Tinnell and Satra Ahmadzadeh. (Photos by Gerri Bauer)

Fulbright Scholars: Teaching



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– Yahya Al Raqqad

languages, bridging cultures

By Betty Brady

Teachers from Africa and the Middle East shared their languages and cultures with Stetson University students this year as Fulbright Exchange Scholars. Klara Mtei of Tanzania taught Swahili and Yahya Al Raqqad of Jordan taught Arabic, two languages not regularly taught at Stetson.

Both experienced culture shock as they lived and worked among Americans. But they found the students very receptive, and much more likely to question and discuss issues during class than students in their home countries.

Their personal goals included improving their English and experiencing American culture, as well as helping Americans understand what life is like in Tanzania and Jordan. Neither had lived abroad before and the year spent away from their families was difficult.

Mtei said she was 24 hours by air from her home – a long way from the fiancé she will marry this summer. Al Raqqad left a wife and son at home, and his second son was born while he was here. His wife could not come with him. Nevertheless, both said their year here was worthwhile.

Al Raqqad – a high school teacher in Jordan – taught Arabic to about 20 Stetson students, and enjoyed the independence of thought they showed. “In Jordan, students have more respect for teachers,” he said. “Here they are much freer. They have a lot of self-confidence and give their opinions and participate. They contribute to the class. In Jordan, students are more likely to just depend on the information they are given.”

Arabic is a difficult language for Americans, he said. “We read and write from right to left, and there are letters

and sounds that don’t even exist in English.”

The ease of male-female relationships in the United States was a shock to him. “In my culture,” he said, “all relationships between the sexes are prohibited until you’re married.” Women can work, drive cars, even enter politics – but the sexes don’t mix socially. “I met my wife through the family,” he said.

His goal of broadening Americans’ understanding of Arab culture was made more difficult by the current world situation. “There are misunderstandings between our cultures. I try to give a good picture of what Arabs and Islam are like,” he said. “I tell the students, ‘I’m here, I’m Arab, I’m Muslim.’”

He enjoyed the friendliness he found in Americans, but feels that friendships in Jordan are deeper. “Arab hospitality is real. People care for one another,” he said. “Here, people aren’t so close. In Jordan there are strong relationships between families and friends. A friend is more like your brother. But it was a good experience for me to be here,” he said.

Mtei, an elementary school teacher at home, taught Swahili and Tanzanian culture to about 10 Stetson students, but also took courses herself. She hopes eventually to visit many other countries – and she wants to learn as many languages as she can. “I think I will always study as well as teach,” she said.

At Stetson, she took Spanish, Methods of Teaching Foreign Languages and an American Studies course called Women in the United States. She is particularly interested in understanding how different systems of education help students develop intellectually and socially.

“I’m glad I came,” she said, adding that there were many surprises, from the food to the informal greetings between people. “It was difficult at first to get used to the different environment. But Americans are friendly,” she said. “If you ask, they will help you. And the streets and roads are well marked. It

“Americans are friendly. If you ask, they will help you.”

– Klara Mtei

makes it easier to get around in a strange place.”

She said her students did well, but had difficulty learning several sounds in Swahili that don’t exist in English. “I had to teach them to start the sound for *ng’ombe* (Swahili for cow) in the base of the throat, for example.”

But she found Stetson students responsible and inquisitive. “They always question ‘why,’ but that’s always a good question,” she said.

Klara Mtei of Tanzania, left, and Yahya Al Raqqad of Jordan shared their cultures, including their countries’ dress, with Stetson students.



Yahya Al Raqqad, left, taught Arabic and Klara Mtei taught Swahili as Stetson University Fulbright Scholars in 2005-06.

New beginnings merge with tradition at campus landmark

By Gerri Bauer

Native Florida flora and new walkways at Hulley Tower are paving fresh paths of unity on Stetson University's campus.

The landscaping links one of the university's newer traditions, the Native Plant Initiative, with one of its most enduring campus monuments, the Hulley Tower.

The specific plants, recently installed, signal efforts to foster landscape continuity, said landscape architect Dave Rigsby, Facilities Department manager for Streets and Grounds. Stetson several years ago made a pledge to use only native plants in campus landscaping. Rigsby currently is designing landscaping for several areas on campus, including around the new

residence halls now under construction. He said he plans to incorporate some of the same plant species now beautifying the Hulley Tower grounds into other landscape vignettes.

"We're trying to give some continuity to the landscape and introduce interest (in the plants)," Rigsby said. The native flora at Hulley Tower includes Fakahatchee grass,

Landscape architect David Rigsby, manager for Streets and Grounds, shows off the flowers of a newly planted Walter's viburnum shrub.

Walter's viburnum (a hedge), coontie fern (low-growing hedge attributes), live oak and sabal palm, which is Florida's state tree.

The sabal palms, for example, visually reinforce the Palm Court around Holler Fountain, Rigsby explained. Walter's viburnum already is in use elsewhere on campus. "It'll bloom two or three times a year," he said. "The coontie fern is a beautiful evergreen and also unifies areas of campus."

Existing native plants already on site include cedar trees and longleaf pine trees that were already growing when the university was founded.

The new paving around Hulley Tower is the physical connection linking the landscaping as well as providing pedestrians with paths to and from different areas on campus, such as DeLand Hall, the Commons, Chaudoin Hall and northward along Woodland Boulevard.

The Hulley makeover was prompted by the dismantling of the 116-foot tower last year, after the structure was found to be weakened and unsafe. The tower, completed in 1934, was built by Stetson's second president, Dr. Lincoln Hulley, to house the Eloise Chimes, 11 heavy bells that originally were in Elizabeth Hall. The bells were renamed in honor of Hulley's wife.

Dr. Hulley and his wife are interred on the first floor of the tower, and the mausoleum remains intact. University



One of the bells is displayed in a place of honor on the east side of Hulley Tower.



Why native plants?

www.stetson.edu/plants/index.php

officials are considering ways to build a redesigned tower that would include an improved carillon. A true carillon has 23 bells. A new Carillon Fund has been established. Learn more about it at www.stetson.edu/belltower/answers.php

Interim plans for the tower included stabilizing the site and installing a protective roof to safeguard the mausoleum. After the tower was dismantled, the site stabilized and a new roof in place, the landscaping work began.

Damaged trees were removed and the tree canopy was opened up. “We located existing irrigation heads and regraded the entire site,” Rigsby said. “We brought in 93 yards of topsoil.” Trees and plants were set in place after irrigation was installed and walkway work completed. The flora is mulched with pine straw, “my native mulch of preference,” Rigsby said.

The modified tree canopy provides more light for Chaudoin Hall and for the lawn area, particularly around the patio-like, terrace area on the tower’s east side, Rigsby said.

The result is an outdoor room ideal for gatherings such as the Yule Log lighting and other university events, he said.

The plants selected for Hulley Tower are part of the Stetson University Plant Palette, which includes more than 100 plants. They are featured on the university’s new Native Plant Web site. Learn more about the plants and Web site in the related article on this page.

A campus landscape of native Florida plant species reinforces Stetson’s commitment to environmental responsibility, which is one of the university’s core values.

Stetson’s Native Plant Initiative requires use of only native plants in new-construction landscaping and in other areas on campus as they are redeveloped or re-landscaped. Re-introducing native species promotes biological diversity, raises ecological awareness and sets a positive example about environmental stewardship. Native plants require less water, fertilizers and pesticides than do many conventionally used landscape plants.

Learn more about the Native Plant Initiative at Stetson’s Florida Native Plant Web site, www.stetson.edu/plants/index.php. Pictured on this page, right, are examples of some of the plant profiles you’ll find in the segment of the Web site labeled “Native Plant Palette.”

The examples shown here focus on native species recently planted on the grounds around Hulley Tower.



Zamia pumila L.



Common Name Coontie Fern
Botanical Name *Zamia pumila*
Family Zamiaceae
Form Shrub
Growth Habit Coontie is an evergreen perennial that grows from 2'-4' tall and forms clumps 5'-6' wide. It appears fern-like or palm-like, but is actually a cycad - an ancient plant type.
Bark Coontie is a trunkless plant.
Leaves The leaves of this species are dark green and glossy, arising from the center of the plant and arching outwards. They are pinnately

Viburnum obovatum Walt.



Common Name Walter Viburnum
Botanical Name *Viburnum obovatum*
Family Caprifoliaceae
Form Shrub
Growth Habit Walter Viburnum is a large shrub that grows from 12'-20' tall and may reach the proportions of a small tree. In the southern region of Florida it may be evergreen, while in North Florida it is briefly deciduous. It has a dense growth habit and may be thicker-forming. The bark is reddish-brown in color and roughly textured, becoming cracked with age.
Bark
Leaves The oval-shaped leaves have rounded tips and smooth edges. They are present oppositely on branches and are from 1"-1 1/2" long. They are shiny and dark green in color on top, paler and heavily spotted with brown dots underneath.
Flowers When this plant flowers in early spring, it does so with a profusion of small, white flowers. They appear in flat clusters about 1 1/2'-2' across and make a showy display.

Sabal palmetto (Walt.) Lodd. ex J.A. and J.H. Schultes



Common Name Sabal Palm or Cabbage Palm
Botanical Name *Sabal palmetto*
Family Araceae or Palmae
Form Palm
Growth Habit Palm tree with a single, upright, branchless trunk 1'-1 1/2' in diameter and 35'-70' in overall height. Single crown or head 8'-10' in spread.
Bark A light grayish-brown, smooth to lightly textured surface on mature trees.

Would I Do It Again?

By Rik Scarce '81



Rik Scarce Photo by Gary Gold, Courtesy of Skidmore College

Most every time my jailing comes up in conversation, after I've told my tale and the shock wears off in listeners' minds that I was in jail, someone asks, "Would you do it again?" My answer is always the same.

"Yeah," I say reluctantly yet proudly. "I had no choice." Folks can be forgiven for insisting that I *did* have a choice. After all, I never committed a crime. I was never charged with a crime. I was never arrested, never was read my Miranda rights. Nor was I tried or convicted. But still, here, in the United States of America, I was locked away for five months...because I allowed myself to be.

You see, I was "held," held in contempt of court, the bizarre third rail of American crime types. With felonies and misdemeanors, one is charged with wrongdoing and enjoys the Constitution's protections. But not contempt of court: cross a judge and go to jail indefinitely, until you testify or the judge throws in the towel.

It was 1993, and I refused to answer some of a prosecutor's questions before a federal grand jury. Grand juries are mandated in the Constitution as a check on rogue prosecutors, but defense attorneys wryly quip, "A prosecutor could convince a grand jury to indict a ham sandwich for murder."

Or convince a judge to toss an innocent person in jail for five months. The grand jury was investigating a break-in at a research laboratory at Washington State University, where I was a Ph.D. student. My own research was on the radical environmental movement, and it was radical environmentalists who claimed credit for destroying \$100,000 of experiments involving mink, mice, and coyotes at the WSU lab.

When the government served me with a subpoena one otherwise perfect May day, I was certain I was heading for jail. From the start I had no choice. I had promised the environmental activists whom I had interviewed that I would not divulge their identities to the authorities, no matter what.

Why go to jail to protect those promises? First, because I was defending the Constitution. The First Amendment leaves no doubt about the importance of an unfettered "press," and because we conduct research with the intention of publishing our results, scholars are the same as journalists in the eyes of the law. I had no choice but to stand up for the Constitution.

Moreover, social science ethics demand that scholars assure research participants that whatever they say will be safeguarded to protect them from harm. Indeed, the American Sociological Association's *Code of Ethics* demanded in 1993 that scholars go to jail rather than betray promises of confidentiality. Morally, ethically, I had to go to jail.

It was another beautiful May day more than a year after I was subpoenaed when I was actually locked away: a year to reconsider my stance—a year to come to my senses, many would say. But I only grew stronger over those 368 days. Wiser, too. I came to understand that there are times when lawmakers, judges, and prosecutors fail to uphold the law—the spirit of the law. At those sobering moments, citizens must sacrifice their liberty to do what is right.

We have no choice.

Rik Scarce '81, earned his Ph.D. in 1995 and went on to teach at Montana State University and Michigan State University. He is now an assistant professor of Sociology at Skidmore College. He tells the story of his jailing in *Contempt of Court: A Scholar's Battle for Free Speech From Behind Bars* (AltaMira Press, 2005). His other books include *Eco-Warriors: Understanding the Radical Environmental Movement* (Left Coast Press, 2006) and *Fishy Business: Salmon, Biology, and the Social Construction of Nature* (Temple University Press, 2000).



Stetson University celebrates 10th anniversary of its Howard Thurman Program

By Cindi Brownfield

Stetson President Doug Lee experienced an “aha moment” while reading a book by law professor Derrick Bell.

In the book, the fictional heroine Geneva Crenshaw is asked a hypothetical question:

“Geneva, suppose Thomas Jefferson stepped out of history and suddenly appeared before me, and it was my task to bring him up to date on the technological developments of the last two centuries. Where should I start: with airplanes, computers, television?”

The wise Crenshaw gently responds, “First, you would have to explain to Jefferson how you, a black man, had gotten free of your chains and gained the audacity to try and teach a white man anything.”

In reading that passage, it occurred to Lee how much he – a white man – has learned from African-Americans through the Howard Thurman Program at Stetson University.

For the first time, Lee said, he understands why slavery is still a big deal in the year 2006. He realizes the social, economic and political effects of decades of white privilege.

“I didn’t have any idea I was involved with this dreadful establishment that had oppressed blacks for so long,” he said. “You’ve got to understand you are part of the problem before you can be part of the solution.”

Lee credits Stetson’s Howard Thurman Program and its annual lecture series with a transformation of thinking – not only his own, but for many in the university family and the surrounding community.

Before the program began, Stetson had considered itself a leader in social justice

and civil rights issues, Lee said. Stetson was the first private university in Florida to integrate, in 1960.

But hearing the stories of Bell and other Thurman Series speakers – including Angela Davis, the late Stokely Carmichael (who changed his name to Kwame Ture), Fred Shuttlesworth, Andrea Young, John Lewis and Taylor Branch – really opened the eyes of administrators, faculty, staff and students, he said. The transformation has inspired grassroots outreach in DeLand’s Spring Hill community and the nearby town of Pierson.

Baritone vocalist Everett Greene performs with Marvin Chandler on keyboard, Frank Smith on bass, and Kenny Phelps on drums at the April 18 anniversary program.



The university celebrated the 10th anniversary of its Howard Thurman Program in April at a two-day event featuring performances of Thurman meditations and jazz music, a sneak-peek at a film project on Thurman and Stetson's program, reflections on the program's community impact, and a tribute to the Rev. Jefferson P. Rogers's vision for the program. The celebration was titled, "Transformations – the Power of Howard Thurman."

The Thurman Program was launched in April 1996 after Rogers, president of New Birth Inc., met Dixon Sutherland, director of Stetson's Institute for Christian Ethics, at a conference. New Birth is dedicated to perpetuating the teachings of the great theologian Howard Thurman (1900-1981), and Rogers dreamed of partnering with a university for a scholarly program to extend Thurman's legacy.

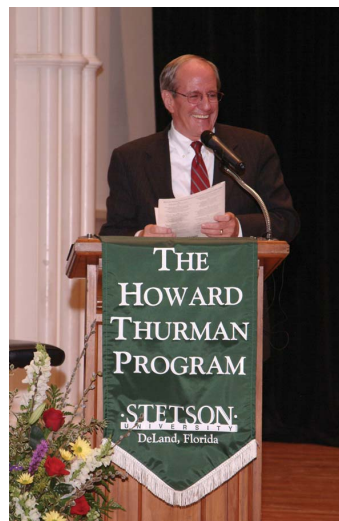
The goal of the Howard Thurman Program at Stetson is to unite people in a search for solutions to social, religious and ethnic problems. Rogers, a pastor who worked with Thurman and Martin Luther King Jr., has been director since its inception.

Rogers has become a mentor to many people on campus over the past 10 years, and his wife, Mary Grace, has played an important role in the program's success, as well, Lee said. Rogers's meaningful introductions of the Thurman lecturers are legendary.

"He is such an intellectual and spiritual giant that his perspective always brings you to the heart of the matter," Lee said. "My wife Margaret and I have been privileged to provide the venue and support for a man whose vision deserved to be shared."

Rogers personally recruits the world-class speakers for the lecture series, which is the cornerstone of the program. The lecturers are typically well-known people who were leaders in the civil rights movement or are activists, authors or scholars working on similar issues today. Seventy-two lectures have been given over the past 10 years.

Inspired by those lectures and following Thurman's model for social justice, Stetson committed to outreach in two nearby



Stetson President Doug Lee introduces musician and pastor Marvin Chandler at the April 18 program.

communities where many residents are financially disadvantaged. Students, faculty and staff are involved in tutoring, neighborhood improvement projects, business and money-management workshops, and a micro-credit loan program for fledgling businesses. Some of the projects are done through student organizations such as CAUSE (Campaign for Adolescent and University Student Empowerment), while others are done through university classes.

"We know we still have much to learn from the great Howard Thurman and more work to do for social justice and civil rights causes in our community and beyond." – President Doug Lee



Mary Grace Rogers, center, attended the April 17 event with friends, Sara Roberson, left, and Rose McKee, right.



Anthropologist John Jackson, second from left, and students Eric Russell '06 and Traci Blake '06 talk with alumna Gwen Azama-Edwards '71, MA '83, at the April 17 presentation.

A community member looks at historic photos from Howard Thurman's life.





Marvin Chandler talks with students Traci Blake '06, center, and Beatrice Simon '06 after his performance.



Anthropologist John Jackson, right, talks with President Doug Lee and First Lady Margaret Lee at the program.



Sara Roberson, left, greets Anita Howard at the April 18 banquet.



An inspirational mix of meditations penned by Howard Thurman and music performed by jazz musicians, from left, Frank Smith, Everett Greene, Marvin Chandler and Kenny Phelps was the centerpiece of the April 18 celebration.

“Stetson has so made a difference in this community,” said Gina Gilleslie Hickman, an artist who attended Stetson’s business workshop in Spring Hill in 2004 and now coordinates the workshops. “The residents bond with Stetson students and vice versa. It breaks down stereotypes.”

Years ago, students from Stetson rarely went to Spring Hill, and residents of Spring Hill rarely set foot on campus – even though they’re only a couple miles apart, said Donna Banks, who administers a federal Weed & Seed grant at the Spring Hill Community Resource Center.

“It’s bringing down the walls,” Banks said. “It’s letting everyone know it’s OK to cross that line.”

Both Hickman and Banks are regulars at Thurman Lectures. Banks said she enjoys hearing the speakers’ different perspectives and always buys their books.

“I’ve learned reading still takes you places you will never go,” Banks said.

At the kickoff event for the 10th anniversary celebration April 17 and 18, Stetson seniors Traci Blake and Eric Russell gave testimonies about the impact of the Thurman Program on their lives.

Blake, a Sociology and American Studies double-major from Orlando, has missed very few Thurman Lectures in her four years at Stetson. She keeps a journal specifically for the program, reflecting on the life lessons she’s learned from each speaker. The lectures helped Blake shape her own views, which she then shared in class and through the student newspaper.

“What the Howard Thurman lectures provided me was a way to channel some of my frustrations,” she said.

Dean of First Year Studies Leonard Nance, who is also the university’s adviser on diversity issues, talked about the faculty and staff of Stetson being genuinely interested in diversity and caring for all people.

“That atmosphere allowed the Howard Thurman Program to thrive at Stetson,” Nance said.

The opening night also featured a presentation by anthropologist and filmmaker John L. Jackson Jr., who is working on a research project about Thurman, Rogers and Stetson’s Thurman Program.

The 10th anniversary celebration continued April 18 with an inspirational mix of meditations penned by Thurman and music performed by Indiana jazz musicians Marvin Chandler (vocalist and keyboard), Everett Greene (baritone vocalist), Frank Smith (bass) and Kenny Phelps (drums). “Marvin Chandler Plays Howard Thurman” included tributes to Rogers by both Chandler and Lee.

University leaders look forward to continuing the Howard Thurman Program at Stetson long into the future, Lee said. Students, faculty and staff become more inspired each semester as the Thurman lecturers share their knowledge and personal experiences, he said.

“We know we still have much to learn from the great Howard Thurman,” Lee said, “and more work to do for social justice and civil rights causes in our community and beyond.”

TRANSFORMATIONS: THE POWER OF HOWARD THURMAN



“When the storms blew, the branches of the large oak tree in our backyard would snap and fall. But the topmost branches of the oak tree would sway, giving way just enough to save themselves from snapping loose.

I needed the strength of that tree, and, like it, I wanted to hold my ground.

Eventually, I discovered that the oak tree and I had a unique relationship. I could sit, my back against its trunk, and feel the same peace that would come to me in my bed at night. I could reach down in the quiet places of my spirit, take out the bruises and my joys, unfold them, and talk about them.

I could talk aloud to the oak tree and know that I was understood. It, too, was a part of my reality, like the woods, the night, and the pounding surf, my earliest companions, giving me space.”

— Howard Thurman, from *“With Head and Heart: The Autobiography of Howard Thurman”*



1. Theologian Howard Thurman talks with wife Sue Bailey and daughters Olive and Anne.

2. Rev. Thurman as dean of Marsh Chapel at Boston University

3. Former First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt greets theologian Howard Thurman.

4. Howard Thurman as high school valedictorian

5. Mary Grace and Jefferson Rogers with daughter Anita Howard in 1996, when the Stetson program began

6. Rev. Rogers, left, and President Doug Lee, right, honor former Daytona Beach City Commissioner Charles Cherry, now deceased, at a Thurman Lecture.

7. Jefferson and Mary Grace Rogers talk with Religious Studies Professor Dixon Sutherland at Thurman's boyhood home in Daytona Beach.

Anthropologist doing research for film, book about Stetson's Thurman Program

By Cindi Brownfield

As an anthropologist, filmmaker and university professor, Dr. John L. Jackson Jr. has become an expert at listening. Jackson was intrigued by what he heard about the Howard Thurman Program on his first visit to Stetson three years ago when he was a speaker in the program's lecture series. He was drawn to the stories about Thurman Program Director Jefferson P. Rogers, how the program is changing Stetson's ties with its neighboring community, and the transformation of thinking inspired by Howard Thurman and the program's lecturers.

"From the first day I was here, I got a sense that something was going on here," said Jackson, who was recently appointed to a professorship at the University of Pennsylvania after spending four years at Duke University.

Jackson, author of the award-winning "Harlemworld: Doing Race and Class in Contemporary America," began formal research last fall on Thurman, Rogers and the Howard Thurman Program at Stetson. He visits DeLand often to film interviews with people at the university and in the surrounding area.

Jackson plans to create a documentary screenplay, an anthology of the Thurman lectures, and a nonfiction book about Rogers and the Thurman Program and its impact on the community. He showed a video trailer previewing some of the interviews and footage he's shot for the project in April, at the opening night of the program's 10th anniversary celebration.

In telling Stetson and DeLand's story from the cultural anthropology standpoint, Jackson hopes to bring understanding to the struggles of a small southern community re-inventing

itself, in terms of race relations, in the 21st century. It's a story that has ramifications for small towns across America, he said.

Jackson, who did his undergraduate work at Howard University and earned his master's degree and doctorate at Columbia University, finds inspiration in the vision for what the Howard Thurman Program at Stetson can become.

"It might inspire some people to do what they've dreamed," he said.



John Jackson and wife Deborah Thomas



President Doug Lee, left, and Dean of First Year Studies Leonard Nance, center, talk with anthropologist John Jackson at the April 17 event.

STETSON UNIVERSITY Cupola

ALUMNI NEWS ~ SPRING/SUMMER 2006

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

As president of the Alumni Association, I have the privilege of serving on the Stetson University Board of Trustees. As you would expect, Stetson alumni comprise the university's largest constituency, and we are vitally important to the continued growth and development of our alma mater. I'm pleased to report that one of several trustee priorities is a focus on alumni engagement. Your alumni representatives – the Alumni Association Board of Directors – and staff in Stetson's University Relations Division are actively working on building alumni loyalty, primarily through increased events and communications.



Luis Prats '78, JD '81, and Katy Pelzer Prats, JD '83

During the 2005-2006 academic year, the Alumni and Development offices hosted 35 events, both within the state and in cities outside Florida. Hopefully, you've had an opportunity to attend one of these to mingle with other Hatters and to hear the latest news from campus. Our Alumni Board members have worked hard to encourage attendance at events in their area.

Homecoming 2006 was the Alumni Association's signature event, and it was a huge success! We are pleased to share with you in this issue of the magazine photos from the various events. If you didn't make it to campus this year for the festivities, I hope you'll make plans to attend next year. **The dates for Homecoming 2007 have already been set: March 23-25.** Mark your calendar now and begin to make plans to return to your home away from home.

The number of communications with alumni was also expanded during this academic year, with several first-rate publications geared to keep alumni and friends informed about all the exciting things happening at Stetson.

- ◆ Two comprehensive issues of the *Stetson University* magazine are sent annually.
- ◆ A new bi-annual newsletter, *Gift Matter\$*, highlights development and fundraising activities.
- ◆ *H@tMail*, Stetson's electronic newsletter, is sent six times per year to Stetson alumni, featuring news about alumni, Stetson stories, athletics, campus events, and alumni opportunities.

I hope you'll agree with me that Stetson is re-engaging alumni more than ever. These expanded efforts are paying off through increased attendance at events and through increased financial support of the university. This is our university, and our relationship with our alma mater is a lifelong one.

As a favorite English professor of mine, Dr. Mike Raymond '68, once wrote, "Stetson University is home. It is a place from which you came. It may be where you, or something in you were born, where you discovered or developed a vocation, or where you found someone or something to love for the rest of your life. It is a place to which you always can go back. Whatever your history, whatever your accomplishments, or whatever your roles in society, you belong to and are welcome at Stetson."

Lu Prats '78, JD '81

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Ann Stine Hughes-Johnson, Waukegan, Ill., was formerly the president of the Waukegan Woman's Club, the Exchange Club of Waukegan, WELCA (Women of Trinity United Lutheran Church), Presbyterian Women, the Lakeview Girl Scout Council, and the Lake County Council for Exceptional Children. She has recently returned from singing seven concerts in Sweden.

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Jeanne VanDorn Mauk, DeLand, is the owner/publisher/editor of a quarterly mini-magazine, "Jeanne's Journal," now in its fifth year at her retirement community. In February 2005, she won an engraved trophy from the International Library of Poets for a sonnet titled "Crossroads," and subsequently had it and another poem published in two volumes of verse. In December 2004, she was one of four featured poets in *The International Who's Who in Poetry*.

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James T. Diffin, Charlottesville, Va., was recently honored with a plaque from his Winter Park High School class for his work in compiling and publishing a collection of 36 class member autobiographies under the title *Book of Remembrance*.

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Joy Vian Kirschner, Sherman, Texas, is development director with Living Water International, a Christian missionary organization providing water to global communities without access to clean, safe water.

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James W. Geiger, Fort Lauderdale, has published a new book titled *The Gospel According to Relativity: Constant Value in a Changing World*. **Bill Watson**, Jacksonville,

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ALUMNI EVENTS

Throughout the year, the Stetson University Alumni Association hosts events for alumni, parents and friends in various geographic areas. In addition to providing an opportunity for mingling and networking, attendees also receive the latest news about the many exciting things happening at the university. Thirty-five events were held this year. If you did not have an opportunity to attend one in your area, plan to join us next time.

Sarasota

Alumni Board District Co-Chair for Sarasota and Manatee Counties Susan Holjes Kral '87, M.Acc. '88; Steve Parker '02, Cameron Erb Parker '00



Fort Lauderdale

The McLean Family- with Tom surrounded by his 3 daughters and their husbands starting on the left are: Bill Stadelmeyer, Jennifer McLean Stadelmeyer '92, Courtney McLean '00, Julie McLean Bennett '94 and Todd Bennett '94.



New York City

President Doug Lee, Robin Marino '76, Marc Schappell '76, and Vice President for University Relations Linda Parson Davis '73 at the Whitney Museum of American Art



Laura Bernal '93, Leslie Adams Bell '74, Lisa Herron '91



Lighthouse Point

Mary Lichtenwalter Wright '75 (who hosted the event with husband Peter '75), Bonnie Chaplin '76, and Alumni Board Regional Co-Chair Erin Carmichel Hodge '94



Monica Castellanos '95 and Dennis Simmons '97



Atlanta

Mickey Desai '92, Dan Byrne '87, Alumni Board District Co-Chair for Georgia Patti Peach '93



Jacksonville

Alumni Board member LeeAnn Inman '76, Clifford Johnson '81, Ciara Johnson, Alonzo Williams '88, Josie Armstrong and Tom Wilkinson

was honored by the *Jacksonville Business Journal* as one of the top 20 powerful people in the city. Watson founded Watson Realty Corp. in 1965; it now has 40 residential sales offices and more than 1,400 real estate sales associates throughout Northeast Florida.

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Gordon H. Richardson, Jonesboro, Ga., has retired from his position as an international security representative with the Federal Aviation Administration.

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Hope Huska Byrnes, Sarasota, performed in an unrehearsed musical presentation of the Mozart Requiem in remembrance of 9/11. The Sarasota Sister Cities Association at the First United Methodist Church sponsored the event. She has performed as a soprano soloist for the Ritz Carlton High Tea Fine Art Series as well as for numerous nursing homes, retirement homes, churches, and volunteer groups.

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Beryl Faith Ferguson, Daytona Beach, is vice president of the Geological Museum and Lapidary Arts Learning Center.

'63

Robert J. McCloskey, West Jefferson, N.C., has retired to the mountains after working as a seasonal priest associate at historic Tewkesbury Abbey in Gloucester, England, and as an ongoing associate at the Church of the Incarnation in Miami. **Diane Futch Trotter**, Temple Terrace, is the director of pharmacy services at the Shriner's Hospital for Children.

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Verna Prouty Brown, St. Augustine, is a resource development manager with Habitat for Humanity. **Carol Marie Butler**, St. Petersburg, is assistant to the curator of the Salvador Dali Museum. Former U.S. Sen. **Max Cleland**, Washington, D.C., spoke at a Constitution Week celebration in Daytona Beach.

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Florence Morrow Beebe, DeLand, was named an Outstanding Teacher of the Year nominee by Volusia County schools for her work with the fifth grade at George Marks Elementary. **Frederick A. De Armas**, Chicago, is chair of the

SPRING/SUMMER 2006

Alumni Board Selects Bill Gray '89 as President-Elect

At its Jan. 27-28 meeting, the Stetson University Alumni Board of Directors elected William A. "Bill" Gray of Atlanta president-elect of the Alumni Association. Bill earned a degree in Finance in 1989, and is now a partner with Accenture, a global management consulting, technology services and outsourcing company. He and wife Sarah have four children: Mary Stuart, 8; Julia, 6; Jackson, 4; and Millicent, 8 months. Bill will take the helm from current Alumni Association President Luis Prats '78, JD '81, at Homecoming 2008.



Department of Romance Languages and Literatures and the Andrew W. Mellon Professor in Humanities at the University of Chicago.

'66

B. Virginia Fishpaw Comella, DeLand, is the author of the recently published tome *Weight Motivations and Strategies, Daily Inspiration for Weight Control, Getting Started, Book 1*. She also writes articles on healthy living and seniors for the *DeLand Beacon*. **Dave Rosselle**, Snellville, Ga., is executive director with the Gwinnett Place Community Improvement District. **Linda Priddy Waddell**, Flintstone, Ga., and husband Tom have returned from Cochabamba, Bolivia, where they served as missionaries with the South American Missionary Society for the past three years. They will continue their work at the Chalmers Center for Economic

Development at Covenant College in Lookout Mountain, Ga.

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John T. Heald Jr., Delray Beach, has been added as a new independent member to the Carastar Industries board of directors to serve on the Compensation and Employee Benefits Committee. **Stanley Gryskiewicz**, Alexandria, Va., retired from the Center for Creative Leadership after 35 years. His last position was vice president of global initiatives wherein he established the CCL's Singapore office. Now a consultant, his books include *Practical Creativity* and *Positive Turbulence*. **Annemarie Krumholz Smith**, Jay, is the choir director at Pineview United Methodist Church. **Ronald E. Smith**, Jay, is the pastor of Pineview United Methodist Church.

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Jakay Jarvis, Holly Hill, is a copy editor with the Daytona Beach News-Journal. **William E. Partington II**, Ormond Beach, is the president of Granada Ormond Inc. and is actively involved in raising funds for the renovation of the Ormond Yacht Club and its placement on the National Register of Historic Places. **David E. Sumner**, Anderson, Ind., is a professor of Journalism and head of the magazine program at Ball State University, Muncie, Ind. **Joel Thayer**, Florence, S.C., has been named chairman of the Francis Marion University Department of Sociology.

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STETSON NEWS FOR ALUMNI AND FRIENDS

Find out what's happening on and off campus in H@tMail, Stetson's e-newsletter for alumni and friends of the university. Sent every other month, H@tMail contains schedules of events, updates on opportunities, and stories of Stetson alumni that will keep you abreast of the latest happenings while providing for some fond reminiscing of your college days! To receive the newsletter, send your name and e-mail address to alumni@stetson.edu.

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James M. Farley III, Barboursville, W.Va., is an electrician with CSX Transportation.

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Tibby DeJulio, Atlanta, has been elected to the Sandy Springs City Council, District 5. **Timothy Oyebode Olagbemiro**, Iwo, Nigeria, is president, (vice chancellor) of Bowen University, the only Baptist University in Africa. **Mary**

Anne Chorpeneing Payne, Fort Meade, Md., is the owner of Lex Design. **Linda Lee Hay**, Sebring, is a teacher at Heartland Christian School.

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Michael I. Klarer, Lodi, Calif., is a teacher with the Lodi Unified School District. **Patricia Salyer Palmateer**, Clearwater, received the state Department of Education's Outstanding Assistant Principal of the Year award for her work at Largo High School in Pinellas County.

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Karen Southwick LaRose, Port Orange, is a teacher at Spruce Creek Elementary. **Barbara Barnes Plourde**, New Smyrna Beach, completed her Master of Science in Education degree with environmental emphasis from Nova Southeastern University in 2004. **Rosemarie Ambrosch Wilder**, Maitland, is Wish Program Director with New Hope for Kids, a group that brings aid to Central Florida children with life-threatening illnesses.

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Leslie Adams Bell, Plantation, is a Curatorial and Education Assistant at the Museum of Art/Fort Lauderdale. **Jeffrey D'Amelio**, Gainesville, completed his 31st high school football season as a game official with an assignment to the Florida 5A championship at Dolphins Stadium: No. 1 Lakeland versus No. 4 St. Thomas Aquinas. **John H. Hewett**, Philadelphia, is the director of development for the National Endowment for the Arts in Washington, D.C. **Ann Buchanan Jenkins**, DeLand, is the assistant director of Alumni Relations at Stetson University. **Bonnie Bessler Litteral**, Winter Garden, is a music teacher for Orange County Public Schools. **Katherine D'Amico Mathis**, Concord, N.C., retired from Volusia County Public Schools in June 2004, and is now teaching at Cannon School, in Concord, where she is chair of the Upper School Mathematics Department. **Mark Wayne Nye**, Concord, N.C., is executive vice president with Technicon Industries Inc.

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Joseph Lane, Orlando, completed his board certification by The Florida Bar as a specialist in Construction Law. **Deborah M. McGinn-Tytler**, Orlando, has opened a

Former Stetson organ student receives special Christmas gift

Brenda Jones Brown '62 attended Stetson for just one year, due to illness, but that short time studying organ under Professor Paul Jenkins had a big impact on her life.

About 15 years ago, Brown got reacquainted with the School of Music – and she's been "family" ever since. She now serves on the School of Music Board of Advisors and visits often from her home in Atlanta.

Brown's fondness for Jenkins and the Music School inspired her husband, Charlie Brown, to give her an unusual Christmas gift this past year. As she opened packages on Christmas morning with her two sons, two daughters-in-law and five grandchildren, Brown discovered a framed certificate.

Everything in the room got quiet as she read the proclamation announcing the creation of the "Brenda Carole Jones Brown Endowed Organ

Scholarship, in honor of Paul R. Jenkins Jr., her organ teacher, mentor and friend."

"I was absolutely stunned. I started crying. I don't even remember any of the other Christmas gifts I got," she said. "I was only at Stetson one year, but it had such a big influence on my life."

The scholarship was established with a \$100,000 gift to Stetson by Charlie Brown, a commercial real estate developer.

Brenda met Charlie through his cousin, who was a classmate of Brenda's at Stetson in the late-1950s. She finished her college education at Georgia State University after marrying Charlie, a graduate of Georgia Tech. The Browns stayed with Jenkins, who retired in 1993 and is now professor of music emeritus, and his



Brenda Jones Brown '62 celebrates the scholarship with Professor of Music Emeritus Paul Jenkins, left, and husband Charlie Brown.

wife, Janice, when they visited DeLand in March for a meeting of the School of Music Board of Advisors.

– Cindi Brownfield

dancewear and fitness store named "Stretch." **Meg Greenfield Newsome**, Bradenton, is a library media specialist at Bayshore High School. **Richard Perry**, Winter Park, has been appointed the CFO of CAPRI Engineering LLC, a rapidly growing, three-year old engineering firm headquartered in Sunrise. **Edward "Ned" Skiff**, Fort Lauderdale, is a senior project manager with McDonald Construction and Development. **Carol Griffis West**, Daytona Beach, was named an Outstanding Teacher of the Year nominee by Flagler County schools for her work with the kindergarten students at Bunnell Elementary School.

'76

Richard D. Koethe III, Fayetteville, Ga., has retired from military service as an army colonel and accepted a position as vice president for support services with Eagle Support Services Corp. in Atlanta. **Linda Robinson**, New Smyrna Beach, is a commercial Realtor with Charles Wayne Properties.

'77

Pamela Weatherly Barnette, New Smyrna Beach, was named an Outstanding Teacher of the Year nominee by Volusia County schools for her work with the first grade at Friendship Elementary. **David Alan Hughes**, Dunedin, has retired from his career as a children's counselor and house parent for abused children. He is now sculpting and drawing with the intention of opening a ceramic studio in 2007.

'78

John Conrad, Valrico, was appointed County Judge for Hillsborough County by Gov. Jeb Bush in March 2006. **Craig Crawford**, Washington, D.C., authored the recently published book *Attack the Messenger: How Politicians Turn You Against the Press*. He is a columnist with *Congressional Quarterly*.

'79

Roberta Albrecht, Bronx, N.Y., has published a book-length study, *The Virgin Mary as Alchemical and Lullian Reference in Donne*. She has previously published numerous articles in such academic journals as *English Language Notes*, *The University of Dayton Review*, *The Explicator*, and *Studies in English Literature 1500-1900*. **Richard Cheston**, Cary, N.C., is executive director and master inventor with Lenovo International, a Chinese computer company to which IBM recently sold its PC group. **Armando "Mandy" Lopez Jr.**, Radford, Va., has retired from the U.S. Army as a full colonel after more than 26 years, and is

now the vice president of government programs with Tex-Shield Inc. **Donald McCullough**, Washington, D.C., is celebrating his 10th anniversary as the



Marc Miller '79

Master Chorale of Washington's musical director. Concerts in the program include *Durufle and Brubeck*, *Christmas Candlelight Concerts*, *Spiritus! A Choral Celebration of the Spirit*, and *Copland and Hailstork*. **Marc J. Miller**, Asheville, N.C., has been promoted to president and chief executive officer of MedOasis Inc., a \$70 million medical practice management corporation. He is also a national speaker and expert on the business of anesthesia, operating room utilization, revenue cycle management, and the pay for performance reimbursement model. **Garry L. Potts**, Clearwater, just opened a solo law practice, The Law Office of Garry L. Potts, P.A., focusing on criminal and personal injury trial work. He has previously worked as an assistant state attorney with the Office of the State Attorney, 6th Judicial Circuit, and as an insurance defense lawyer with the firm of Brasfield, Fuller, Freeman & O'Hern.

'80

Pamela P. Sawallis, Tuscaloosa, Ala., has been appointed assistant professor of Library Science at Birmingham-Southern College. **Susan Mae Sproul**, West Palm Beach, was recently named vice president, senior commercial underwriter, with Riverside Bank. **Darlene Bushdid Warren**, Glenmore, Pa., is a financial operations specialist with De Lage Landen Financial Services.

'81

Pamela Gibson Buchanan, West Palm Beach, has been named principal of New Englewood Elementary. **Beth Chronis Butler**, Tampa, is the creator and owner of Boca Beth LLC, a company that produces DVDs, CDs and language cards to teach young children to learn both Spanish and English simultaneously. **Joyce Kenfield**, Palm Harbor, received her Master of Science in Management degree in Human Resources and Change Management from the University of Central Florida in December 2004 and began a year of service with Americorps in November 2005. **Cyndi Ward Stevenson**, Fruit Cove, was elected

to the St. Johns County Commission in November 2004.

'82

Scott Fortes, Talking Rock, Ga., earned a doctorate in Education from the University of West Georgia in December 2005. He currently teaches physical education at Woodstock Elementary School.

'83

Christine Stephan Austin, Cape Coral, received her Master's degree in Special Education from Florida Gulf Coast University in April 2005. She has been teaching in Lee County since 1996. **Mary Pat Campbell**, DeLand, was featured as Daytona Beach News-Journal's West Volusia Sportsperson of the Month in August 2005, for her efforts as a tennis instructor at the DeLand Country Club. **Lauren Dunn**, Fort Lauderdale, is the Minister to Children and Families at Christ Church. **Ann Stump Martorano**, Ormond Beach, has been named administrator of Halifax Hospital - Port Orange. **Donna Hensley Roguska**, Port Charlotte, was promoted to captain, logistics, assistant bureau commander at the Charlotte County Sheriff's Office.

Randell H. Rowe III has been sworn in as the newest Circuit Court Judge in the 7th



Judicial Circuit encompassing Volusia and Flagler counties. Before his appointment, Rowe was an assistant county attorney for Volusia County.

Circuit Judge Kim C. Hammond swears in Circuit Judge Randell H. Rowe III '83. On stage with Judge Rowe are his parents, Randell H. Rowe Jr. and Carolyn Rowe.

Judicial Circuit encompassing Volusia and Flagler counties. Before his appointment, Rowe was an assistant county attorney for Volusia County.

'84

Monty Laycox, Savannah, Ga., received his Ph.D. in French from the University of Georgia in December 2004. He is currently visiting assistant professor of French at Armstrong Atlantic State University in Savannah.

'85

Lewis McMullen, Holiday, has been appointed deputy wing chaplain of the Florida Wing, Civil Air Patrol, and U.S. Air Force Auxiliary. He has been awarded three

commendations for his service with the Civil Air Patrol Search and Rescue team in Mississippi during Hurricane Katrina relief efforts and was named 2006 Group 8 Senior Chaplain of the Year. **Robert J. Miller**, DeLand, has been promoted to senior vice president in investments for Wachovia Securities.

'87

Sonia Herndon Cohen, DeBary, was named an Outstanding Teacher of the Year nominee by Volusia County schools for her work with the third grade at Sunrise Elementary. **John Ivo Putnick**, Hickory, N.C., is the chief security officer and director of information systems at the Catawba Valley Medical Center.

'88

Kirk Eppenstein, High Springs, was successfully re-elected to a second term on the High Springs City Commission in November 2005. **Lisa Sue Leonard**, Orlando, sang for the Orlando Opera Company this year, as well as with the Dickens Carolers at Christmastime. **Clarence E. "Tres" Mullis**, Clarksville, Tenn., has been chosen to serve as Washington & Lee University's executive director of University Development.

'89

Michael B. Harris, Crystal River, is a partner with Florida Realty & Auction, Inc. **Tracy Lee Lewis**, Hudson, Ohio, has accepted the position of national sales director for P4 Healthcare. **V. Darleen Opfer**, Cambridge, England, is a senior lecturer at the University of Cambridge.

'90

Ed Cooney, Marietta, Ga., is on the board of directors of the Atlanta Business Bank. **William Elizey**, Port Orange, is a sales branch manager with Hughes Supply. **Cynthia Garen Freed**, Queensbury, N.Y., earned National Board Certification in English in November 2005, and is now an English teacher at Queensbury Middle School. She also holds certification in social sciences in the states of New York and Georgia. **Susan Bowman Moor**, DeLand, is the vice president of gift planning

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with Easter Seals, Volusia & Flagler Counties. **Kayla Liechty Paulk**, Portales, N.M., is director of accompanying and vocal coach at Eastern New Mexico University. **Jan Johnson Sargent**, Tallahassee, is an administrator with the Florida Sterling Council.

'91

Rebecca Palmer, Orlando, was named in *United Who's Who Among Executives and Professionals 2005*, was recognized in the *Orlando Business Journal's* 2005 Best of the Bar, and has recently been accepted to American Inns of Court - Central Florida Family Law. **Stacey R. Poston**, Durham, N.C., received her Master of Public Administration, summa cum laude, from North Carolina Central University in December 2005. She is a project manager for the City of Durham. **Kara Berard Rockenbach**, West Palm Beach, has been appointed to the 4th District Court of Appeal Judicial Nominating Commission. **Cassandra Lynn Salmond**, Eustis, is an administrator with Hurricane Companies. **Sumner J. Waring III**, North Hollywood, Calif., has been promoted to senior vice president, major market operations for Service Corporation International. **Jarrod**

Weaver, Georgetown, Texas, is a real estate broker with RE/MAX.

'92

Bruce Lee Fisher, New Smyrna Beach, is a mortgage broker with America's Mortgage Resource. **Laura Ann Schmid**, Arcadia, is an editor with the *DeSoto Sun*.

'93

Laura Lucia Bernal, Tamarac, is a group tour coordinator with Sunshine

Educational Tours Inc. She is currently training and fundraising for her second marathon benefiting the American Stroke Association. **Christopher John Ferguson**, Laredo, Texas, is an assistant professor at Texas A&M International University in the Department of Behavioral, Applied Sciences and Criminal Justice. **Heidi Hoffman Harne**, Kissimmee, is a professor of Biology at Valencia Community College. **Greg Hetherington**, New Albany, Ind., is the NPI coordinator and document control manager of Beach Mold & Tool Inc. He was also the Kentucky Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Coach of the Year and one of 12 finalists for NAIA Coach of the Year for his work with Indiana University Southeast's volleyball team, the Grenadiers, who finished their season 33-8, ranked No. 23 in the NAIA. **Jody Michelle McCarty**, Naples, received her National Board Certification as an early childhood generalist in 2000, and was presented with a Golden Apple Award from the Collier County Education Foundation in 2004. She is a technology specialist instructor with Collier County Public Schools. **John Sanchez**, Highland, Mich., is an assistant controller with Moceri Companies. **Julie Tompkins**, Stuart, is with the Orlando Opera for her third consecutive season as the Heinz Rehfuss Resident Artist Director. Previously she has worked as a coach and accompanist at Florida Atlantic University, the New England Conservatory Opera Workshop, the Boston Conservatory of Music, and was the Stephen Keller Young Artist Studio Coach at Florida Grand Opera in Miami. She works seasonally as a "Repetitor" at the American Institute for Musical Studies in Graz, Austria.

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Weddings, Unions and Anniversaries

Russell C. Carter '48 and wife Barbara, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on July 19, 2005.
 Evelyn Mayerhoff Purtz '50 and husband Walter Lee '48 celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Feb. 15, 2006.



Mary Anne Chorpening '71 to Allan D. Payne, Jan. 1, 2001.
 Mary Beth Cover Bennett '76 to Mark Bowersox, April 26, 2003.
 Susan E. Galasso '77 to Rev. Dale Andrews, June 11, 2005.
 Beth Chornis '81 to Dennis Butler, Oct. 23, 1999.
 Faith Juba Feiler '84 to Daniel Albert Eriksen, July 24, 2004.
 Monica Leigh Price '86 to Mark Joseph Schmid, July 3, 2005.
 James L. Robinette '87 to Patricia K. Hoyle, May 1, 2005.
 Susan Bowman '90 to Mark L. Moor, June 15, 2002.
 Bruce Lee Fisher '92 to Rena Marie McMillin, Aug. 11, 2001.
 Stephanie Jo Francis '92 to Douglas Boutwell '92, Oct. 22, 2005.
 Ian M. Ireland '92 to Julie Clark, Nov. 20, 2004.
 Deborah Phelps '92 to Clayton Kremer, April 17, 2004.
 Heidi Powell Hoffman '93 to Christopher M. Harne, June 1, 2002.
 Jody Michelle McCarty '93 to Craig Fisher, May 11, 2002.
 Ashley Dale Perry '93 to Jarrod Saltalamacchia, July 12, 2005.
 Cindy Lovell '94 to Jim Oliver, Feb. 2, 2005.
 Anastasia Maria Gionis '95 to John Lagoutaris, Feb. 2, 2002.
 Jennifer Lawrence '95 to Andrew W. Katko, May 10, 2003.
 Melodee Summer Lynn '95 to Juan Devevo, Oct. 9, 1999.
 Melanie Parthree '95 to Nathan Prior, Feb. 19, 2000.
 Cristi Peterson '95 to Warren Skeels, June 11, 2005.
 Dana Mier '96 to Jeremy Dalidowitz, July 23, 2005.
 Wesley David Crowder '97 to Anna Evtimova Dobрева, Aug. 10, 2002.
 Heather-Gail Raymond '97 to E. Kevin Belfon, Oct. 23, 1999.
 April Farson '98 to David Bailey, June 5, 2004.
 Katharine Schofield '98 to Brian Yallaly, Oct. 15, 2005.



Stacy Coffman '04 and Ben Collins '04

Matthew Mark Shaw '98 to Louissette Cardona Villatoro, Dec. 18, 2004.
 Chandra DeAnne Whetstone '98 to Jerome Ruffing, June 22, 2002.
 Laura Marie Cazella '99 to Mark Siviter '99, Sept. 9, 2000.
 Katherine Gill '99 to Jeff Gilmore, Dec. 10, 2005.
 Elizabeth Shettler '99 to Frank P. McCormack, Oct. 23, 2004.
 Felicia Noelle Altenburger '00 to Andre Visser, May 29, 2005.
 Amy Brenner '00 to Seth Ryan, March 8, 2003.
 Marilla Alexandra Stoelzel '00 to Matthias Czerny, April 15, 2005.
 Michelle Renee Cross '01 to Burks Alden Smith III '02, JD '05, Aug. 27, 2005.

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'94

Kristen Kane Atwood, Pompano Beach, is a senior accountant with John Schouten Inc.
J. Todd Bennett, Miami, is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in Communication at the University of Miami.
Nicholas Ealy, Macon, Ga., recently received his Ph.D. in Comparative Literature from Emory University and is currently employed as an assistant professor of Modern Languages at Wesleyan College.
Stacey Papadeas Ellis, New Smyrna Beach, has opened the Smart Start Tutoring enrichment center in Port Orange which handles all subjects from pre-kindergarten through adult, as well as computer classes for senior citizens and

Jessica Catherine Roberge '01 to Kristopher B. Buonauro, Dec. 17, 2005.
 Katherine Baker Schnauss '01 to Paul Cameron Naugle II, December 2005.
 Kathryn Ann Vicchiullo '01 to Shawn Christopher Seufert, Nov. 11, 2005.
 Primrose Cameron MS '02 to Daphie Hall, Nov. 15, 2003.
 Samantha E. Castellano '02 to Nicholas Stephen Dzembo '02, Oct. 10, 2004.
 Patricia Susan McTaggart '02 to George Richard Slater '02, Feb. 19, 2005.
 Jaclyn Nesheiwat '02 to Scott Stapp, Feb. 10, 2006.
 Jessica Ann Pease '02 to Brian Patrick Campbell '03, Oct. 9, 2005.
 Joshua Gammon Sheridan '02 to Dina Mayling Busciglio, July 3, 2005.
 Jessica Anne Stineman '02 to Craig Smith, May 14, 2005.
 Amy L. Cyrier '03 to Sidney Howard Taylor II, '99, Nov. 22, 2003.
 Erika Delaney '03 to Nathan Hargrave, Feb. 21, 2004
 Jessica Leigh Randolph '03 to Benjamin Burbank '04, Dec. 3, 2004.
 Jenny Rossa '03 to Andrew O'Brien Vogel '03, June 11, 2005.
 Halie Ann Sowards '03 to Jason Joseph Alosky '02, Oct. 8, 2005.
 Heather Lynn Brown '04 to Jonathan David Gosnell '04, July 16, 2005
 Stacy Michelle Coffman '04 to Benjamin Conrad Collins '04, June 3, 2005.
 Jennifer Lynn Martin '04 to Timothy Miller, Nov. 11, 2005.
 Kimberly Dawn Wetmiller '04 to John Patrick Anderson '02, Oct. 9, 2005.
 Zahra Hussain Esmail '05 to Robert Kent '05, July 10, 2004.
 Jessica Rose Gleason '05 to Matthew Ian Leonard, June 5, 2004.

field-trips for home-schooled students.
Brandy N. Hare, Arlington, Va., is a market surveillance specialist with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.
David Lee Hill, Valdosta, Ga., authored the recently published book *American Voter Turnout: An Institutional Approach*. He is an assistant professor of Political Science at Bridgewater College.
Christy Freeman Layton, Los Gatos, Calif., completed her Master of Arts in Education from the University of San Francisco in December 2003, where she was named "Most Outstanding Student" in the Teacher Education program.
Robert Kevin Lucas, Vero Beach, is the president of Lucas Construction and Development Inc.
Amy Eileen Miller, Tampa, is an eighth grade

history teacher and was recently hired by the Teachers' Curriculum Institute, the producer of *History Alive!*, as a national trainer. **Cindy Lovell Oliver**, DeLand, recently published her first children's book, *Rachel Mason Hears the Sound*. She is an assistant professor of Teacher Education at Stetson University. **Ryan K. Smith**, Richmond, Va., is a History professor at Virginia Commonwealth University and has published a new book, *Gothic Arches, Latin Crosses: Anti-Catholicism and American Church Designs in the Nineteenth Century*.

'95

Tammy Ellis Affatato, Mount Dora, is the director of music ministries at St. Edward's Episcopal Church. **Jane Erin Fleming**, Washington, D.C., is now an anchor for the Internet TV station, politicstv.com, in addition to her full-time job as executive director of Young Democrats of America. **Brian C. Hains**, New Haven, Conn., was recently promoted to assistant professor of Neurology at Yale University. **Gregory Hemming**, Apopka, is a managing partner with Certified Insurance Services LLC. **Kimberly Enos Oropeza**, Casselberry, has opened a personal chef's catering business, "A Taste of Thyme," in the Orlando area. **Cristi Peterson**, Jacksonville, is teaching Spanish and coaching crew at Episcopal High School. **Amy Lynn McCaslin Rodenburg**, Columbus, Ohio, is a senior financial analyst with Mac Tools. **Michael C. Rodenburg**, Columbus, Ohio, is a regional supervisory officer with J.P. Morgan Chase.

'96

Steven Costa, DeLand, is an associate with Charles Wayne Properties. **Dana Mier Dalidowitz**, Dorchester, Mass., is director of annual giving with the Old Colony YMCA.

'97

Darrin Bigwarfe, Winter Springs, is a human resources manager with Harcourt School Publishers. **Nicole Mendez Chancy**, Atlanta, is an investment assistant with the State of Georgia's Division of Investment Services, working primarily with both defined benefit and deferred compensation plans. **Stephanie J. Clark**, Moline, Ill., is a chiropractor with Andalusia Family Chiropractic. **Jason Deran Paulk**, Portales, N.M., has recently completed his Doctor of Music Arts degree at the

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University of Oklahoma in Norman, where he was a three-year University Fellowship recipient. Since August, he has served as assistant professor of Music and director of choral activities at Eastern New Mexico University. **Jonathan Pearce**, Orange City, was named an Outstanding Teacher of the Year nominee by the Schools of Volusia County for his work teaching history at DeLand Middle School.

'98

Rosalie Scaturro Carpenter, DeLand, is the associate director of Student Activities at Stetson University. **Stacie Carpenter McElroy**, Port St. Lucie, has joined the Fort Pierce law office of Dean, Mead, Minton & Zwemer. She practices in the areas of commercial real estate, transactional law, commercial lending, and land use and zoning. **Katherine Lynn Rohrer**, Deltona, was featured last January as a mezzo-soprano in the annual recital, *Americans in Paris*, part of Carnegie Hall's 2006 *The Song Continues* celebration in conjunction with the *Marilyn Horne Foundation*. **Chandra DeAnne Whetstone Ruffing**, St. Petersburg, received her master's degree in Educational Leadership from the University of South Florida in August 2004. **Jennifer Scott**, Washington, D.C., was chosen as a Presidential Management Fellow in 2005. **Leah Zammit**, Marietta, Ga., was sworn in as a magistrate judge in Cobb County on December 22, 2005. The position is part-time which allows her to concentrate on her family law practice.

'99

Emily Elizabeth Cox, St. Petersburg, received her Master of Science degree in Educational Leadership in October 2004, from Nova Southeastern University. **Russell Kelton**, DeLand, has become a partner with his firm, which is now Shierling & Kelton CPA. **Elizabeth Shettler McCormack**, Atlanta, is a

strategic finance officer for affordable housing with SunTrust.

'00

Sarah Canatsey, Casselberry, is a coordinator and administrative assistant at Lake Highland Preparatory School where she also coaches Junior Varsity Girls Soccer. She is currently enrolled in the Master of Liberal Studies program at Rollins College. **Corey Colman**, Atlanta, is an account manager with Paramount Staffing. **Lisa Marie Gonzalez**,

Herndon, Va., has been accepted to Tufts University School of Dental Medicine's D.M.D. program (in Boston) as part of the Class of 2010. **Kristi Hare Machado**, Las Vegas, Nev., is the first female photographer for the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds Aerial Demonstration Squadron. She is assigned to a three-year tour that began in December 2005. The position is hand-picked and represents the top 1 percent of the USAF enlisted corps. **Hans Meijer**, Brooklyn Park, Minn., is director of gift card development with Target. **Tracey Robinson**, Pembroke Pines, is a marketing manager with Bio-Tissue Inc. **Amy Brenner Ryan**, Wake Forest, N.C., is a technician with the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. **William M. Stainton**, Tampa, is a practitioner of business and corporate law, commercial litigation and tax and estate planning with Macfarlane Ferguson & McMullen. He has been appointed to the recently formed federal Judicial Nominating Commission for Florida.

'01

Amy M. Barton, Gainesville, is a personal lines underwriter with Nationwide Insurance. **William Thomas Bouziane**, Holmes Beach, works in Sales & Investments with Duncan Real Estate Inc. **Jessica Roberge Buonauro**, Winter Park, graduated from Barry University School of Law with her Juris Doctorate degree in May 2006. **Amanda McCallister**, Winter Haven, is a teacher, English department chair, and Small Learning Community Coordinator at Ridge Community High School. She received the school's first "Teacher of the Year" award for the 2005/2006 school year. **Nathan Chase**, Winter Garden, is a Web and graphic designer for the American Safety Council. **Ashlee Brooke Davis**, Altamonte Springs, received an M.B.A. from the University of Central Florida in August 2005, and is now vice president of secondary marketing at Ivanhoe Financial Inc. **Samantha**

Castellano Dzembo, Palmetto, is an exercise physiologist and medical representative at Integrity Home Medical. She and husband **Nick '02** are expecting their first child in September 2006. **Charles Sano**, Miami Beach, is a special events coordinator with the Florida Marlins. **Jen Sears**, Nashville, Tenn., is an Americorps VISTA/Development Associate with Better Tomorrows Adult Education Center. **Natalie Wlodarczyk**, Tallahassee, received her Master's degree in Music Therapy from Florida State University in 2003, and is currently director of the Music Therapy Program at Big Bend Hospice.

'02

John Patrick Anderson, Avondale Estates, Ga., is a marketing strategy consultant at Brand Venture. **Primrose Cameron-Hall**, DeLand, is an executive board member of the Volusia Teachers Organization. She is also the president and founder of the Woman2Woman Book Club in DeLand, and is currently working on an Education doctoral degree in Counseling Psychology. **Nicholas Stephen Dzembo**,

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Palmetto, is a personal banking manager with Suncoast Bank. **Tracey A. Kelley**, Daytona Beach, received her Master of Clinical Psychology from the University of Central Florida in August 2005. **Cheryl L. Preverte**, Ocala, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command in Great Lakes, Ill. **George R. Slater**, Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands, is the general manager of Uncle Bill's Home Improvement Centre. **Burks Alden Smith**, Gulfport, is an associate with Abbey, Adams, Byelick, Kiernan, Mueller & Lancaster, L.L.P.

while training local professional soccer players to become educators themselves. **Vincenzina Cullaro**, Ocala, is an executive manager at Walgreens. **Michael Flattery**, Orlando, is a mortgage broker with LMI Mortgage. **Shannon Fore**, Orlando, is an international marketing representative with Dynetech Corporation. **Gage Robert Gorman**, West Toluca Lake, Calif., is a derivatives specialist with Western Asset Management. **Nomalanga P. Grootboom**, East Lansing, Mich., is currently studying for a Ph.D. in Educational Administration (K-12) at Michigan State University, having been selected as the recipient of MSU's Nelson Mandela Fellowship. **Kevin**

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IN MEMORIAM

'20s

Mrya Curtis Chandley '20
Merceda Lloyd Layton '27
Dorothea Graham Foster '28, '32

'30s

Charles E. Booth '31
Sadye Langston Sullivan '31
Julia Parrish Burton-Jones '33
Allen R. Crow '33
Virginia W. Jinkinson '33
Charlene Scott Goodwin '34
William E. Roll '34
Ellen Gustafson Townsend '34
Sara Staff Jernigan '35
Vassar B. Carlton '37
Marjorie Andrews Long '37
Clifford Marten Ryerson '37
Bennett F. Hall '38

'40s

Marion Bolton Cullen '40
Joy Reese Shaw '41
William M. Girardeau '42
Leroy K. New '42
W. Clifford Wynns '42
Elizabeth Welden Stacey '43
Constance Bennett VanHook '43
Dorothy McWhorter Altman '44

Mary McLaughlin Carroll '44
Mildred Thomas Bower '46
Hazel Camp Carter '46
Patricia Rickman Colley '48
Jamie Whitaker Edge '48
Thomas Bruce Reese '48
Carol White Weech '48
Harry Reymer Gaventa '49
Everett L. Roberts '49

'50s

William W. Darden '50
Richard Allan Miller '50
Malcolm L. Kneale '51
Arthur Newth Morris Jr. '51
Connell G. Walters '51
Ann Pemble Golden '52
Ambrose C. Masters Jr. '52
Albert P. McIntosh Jr. '52
Thomas H. Gibson '53
Ira T. Youngblood Jr. '53
Adrian P. Rogers '54
James T. Russell '54
Anne Lane Alford '55
Shirley Sherman Frost '55
Bill R. Odom '56
John Theodore Stilianou '56
Peter Bohacyzk '58
Jack E. Andrews Sr. '59

Douglas W. Hampton '59
Sallie Yale Lycan '59

'60s

Joseph S. Grudzina '60
Arthur T. Stone '60
Barbara Dunlap Eriksson '61, '65
Shirley Drake Gibson '61
Helene Delhorbe Redfoot '61
Richard A. Beauchamp '63
Jo Ann Gault Reames '64
John A. Norden '65
John C. Perry '65
Harry R. Allen '66
Gary W. Hanson '66
Janet Lyon Judy '66
George R. Harper '69

'70s

Kathleen Dunn Gaylord '71
Linda Shelton Tonyan '73
Paul Wayne Rines '74
Richard L. Davis '75
Linda L. Harkness '78

'80s

Carole Taylor Sieg '80

'00s

Matthew Michael Oyler '05



Monica Price Schmid '86 and husband Mark, a daughter Sarah Price Schmid, Nov. 26, 2005.

Christopher Lee Johnson '87 and wife Michelle, a daughter Michaela Charlotte Johnson, May 27, 2005.

Amy Balfanz Leiter '88 and husband Matt, a son Grayson Charles Leiter, July 12, 2005.

Diane Zavatkay McGinn '88 and husband Matthew, a son Ryan Joseph McGinn, June 13, 2005.

Michelle DeLude Andres '89 and husband **Kevin '90**, twins Regan and Brooke Andres, April 21, 2005.

Glenn Kindred '89 and wife Susan, twin sons Charles Glenn and Andrew Thomas Kindred, Oct. 5, 2005.

Ed Cooney '90 and wife Kristin Kara, triplets Matthew Louis, Margaret Ann, and Erin Elinor Cooney, April 3, 2005.

James W. Lather '90 and wife Kerry, a daughter Amanda Reagan Lather, May 21, 2005.

Ursula Veronika Noeth '90 and husband Joaquin, a daughter Gabriela Martinez-Falero Noeth, July 7, 2004.

Kimberly Prudhomme de Lodder Reid '91 and husband **John '93**, a daughter Shannon Grace Reid, Aug. 31, 2005.

Anna Salvage '91, a daughter Molly Elizabeth Chen Salvage, Dec. 30, 2004.

Bruce Lee Fisher '92 and wife Rena, a son Ashton Lee Fisher, Dec. 27, 2002.

Ian M. Ireland '92 and wife Julie, a son Declan James Ireland, Jan. 19, 2005.

Deborah Phelps Kremer '92 and husband Clayton, a daughter Danielle Marie Kremer, Nov. 2, 2005.

James Kuebler '92 and wife Claudia, a daughter Alexandra Kuebler, Dec. 28, 2004.

Andrea Francis Morhack '92 and husband **Craig '93**, a daughter Elise Marie Morhack, Sept. 7, 2005.

Beth Parsons Dill '93 and husband Damon Scott, a daughter Annelise Delaney Dill, May 5, 2005.

Lora Finn Forrand '93 and husband **Adam '93**, a son Aidan Thomas Forrand, Jan. 9, 2006.

Heidi Hoffman Harne '93 and husband Christopher, a daughter Sofia Flannery Harne, Jan. 25, 2005.

Kathy Cartee Kauchak '93 and husband Jim, a son James Ray Kauchak, April 19, 2005.

Mary Warhop Tederstrom '93 and husband Benjamin, a daughter Tabitha Evelyn Tederstrom, Aug. 2, 2004.

David Alvin '94 and wife Martha, a daughter Sarah Elizabeth Alvin, Feb. 28, 2006.

Kristen Kane Atwood '94 and husband Matthew, a son Matthew Atwood, May 5, 2000.

Lisa Harris Glatfelter '94 and husband Jason, a daughter Allison Marie Glatfelter, May 5, 2005.

Yvette Mercado Mulhall '94 and husband **Harry '94**, a daughter Emma Grace Mulhall, March 2, 2005.

Michelle Littrell Scott '94 and husband **J. Wesley '94**, a son Chase Michael Scott, Oct. 12, 2005.

Katherine Zaner Williams '94 and husband James, a son Mason Edward Williams, Nov. 4, 2005.



Mason Williams

Evan L. English '95 and wife Kim, a daughter Mallory Grace English, Jan. 19, 2006.

Andrea Betts Flynn '95 and husband Mark, a son Andrew James Flynn, Nov. 2, 2005.

Sally Elias Hanna '95 and husband Ramy, a daughter Sophia Marie Hanna, Aug. 17, 2005.

Brendan Jenkins '95 and wife Susan, a son Campbell Wilson Jenkins, Nov. 1, 2004.

Jennifer Lawrence Katko '95 and husband Andrew, a daughter Caroline Grace Katko, Feb. 3, 2005.

Anastasia Gionis Lagoutaris '95 and husband John, a daughter Kyriaki Angelina Lagoutaris, Sept. 24, 2005.

Melanie Parthree Prior '95 and husband Nathan, a daughter Peyton Mary Prior, April 1, 2004.

Amy Lynn McCaslin Rodenburg '95 and husband **Michael '96**, a daughter Cooper Elle Rodenburg, Oct. 9, 2004.

Tricia Jeanne Forrand Schwan '95 and husband **Timothy Paul '95**, a daughter Caroline Dorothy Schwan, Dec. 12, 2005.



Demetra "Toula" Trakas

Peter Andrew Trakas II '95 and wife Donna, a daughter Artemis Demetra "Toula" Trakas, Oct. 14, 2005.

Shana Workman Kelley '96 and

husband Paul, a daughter Evelyn Jeanette Kelley, May 5, 2005.

Steven Costa '96 and wife Ali, a daughter Sydney Madia Costa, Aug. 11, 2004.

Shannon Gilchrist Tomchin '96 and husband Jason, a son Darren Lawrence Tomchin, Sept. 25, 2004.

Tiffany Smith Weakley '96 and husband **Jeffrey '95**, a daughter Amanda Katherine "Mandy-Kate" Weakley, June 20, 2005.

Anastasia Picras Bergen '97 and husband Jeffrey, a son Ryker Drew Bergen, Jan. 5, 2006.

Andrew Booth '97 and wife Amy, a daughter Caroline Rose Booth, Nov. 29, 2005.

Wesley David Crowder '97 and wife Anna, a daughter Irina David Crowder, Nov. 5, 2005.

Kristy Miller Forare '97 and husband **Joshua '94**, a son Aaron Joshua Forare, Nov. 2, 2005.

Meghan Alexis Konczewski Warrick '97 and husband **Chad Aaron '99**, a son Aiden Alexander Warrick, Sept. 30, 2005.

Vanessa Schneider-Christians Arndt '98 and husband **Craig '00**, a daughter Olivia Catherine Arndt, June 21, 2005.

Andres Gonzalez '98 and wife Katie, a son Diego Andres Gonzalez, June 18, 2005.



Ava Mackenzie and big sister Emma Hufford

Melissa This Hufford '98 and husband Matt, a daughter Ava Mackenzie Hufford, Jan. 24, 2006.

Lara Thompson Lee '98 and husband **Gregory '96**, a son Grayson Douglas Lee, Oct. 8, 2005.



Grayson Douglas Lee

Chandra DeAnne Whetstone

Ruffing '98 and husband Jerome, a son Ethan Charles Ruffing, Oct. 6, 2005.

Christine Markey-Clem '99 and husband Thomas, a son Jacob Ashton Clem, May 17, 2005.

Shelly Neill Miller '99 and husband **Nathan Michael '98**, a son Drew Adam James Miller, Dec. 11, 2005.

Maureen Modarres Rhoads '99 and husband **Cory '98**, a son Matthew William Rhoads, July 10, 2005.

Laura Cazella Siviter '99 and husband **Mark '99**, a daughter Brooke Marie Siviter, Aug. 22, 2003, and a son Blake Siviter, March 3, 2006.

Marilla Alexandra Czerny-Stoelzel '00 and husband Matthias Czerny, a daughter Sarah Katharina Czerny, Sept. 27, 2005.



Alberto Aguirre '01 and Jocelyn

Alberto Aguirre '01 and Thalia Ala Chavez, a daughter Jocelyn Yanelly Aguirre, Dec. 10, 2005.

Erin Medlin Brubach '01 and husband **Yuri '02**, a son Aleksander Nicholas Brubach, Nov. 21, 2005.



Aleksander Brubach

Michele Teresa Dure '01 and Jonathan Hacker, a daughter Summer Makayla Hacker, July 5, 2005.

Alicia Schaper Hobson '02 and husband Darryl, two sons David Max Hobson, March 1, 2004, and Hayden Douglas Hobson, Nov. 17, 2005.

Julie Grattan Nestle '02 and husband **Christopher '01**, a son Gavin James Nestle, Jan. 23, 2006.

Erika Delaney Hargrave '03 and husband Nathan, a daughter Delaney Jo Hargrave, May 11, 2005.

Kristi Garas Smith '03 and husband **Patrick '02**, a son William Patrick Smith, Oct. 26, 2005.

Grandchildren

Verna Prouty Brown '67 and husband Alan, a granddaughter Piper Montague Newson, Oct. 1, 2004.

Patricia Anne Hall '66, a grandson Michael Patrick McGinty, Dec. 10, 2001.

Annemarie Krumholz Smith '68 and husband **Ronald '70**, a grandson Gavin Lee Malcom, May 27, 2005.

Donald Collins Jr. '71 and wife Bettyanne, a granddaughter Chloe Collins, Feb. 2, 2003.

James Joseph Hall II '71 and wife Elizabeth, a grandson Jonah Bohannon Hatcher, Nov. 8, 2005.

Bonnie Bessler Litteral '74 and husband Jack, a grandson Anderson Charles Thies, Dec. 1, 2003.

Katherine D'Amico Mathis '74 and husband Mark, a granddaughter Mary Elizabeth Barnes, July 15, 2005.

Deborah M. McGinn-Tytler '75, a grandson Chase William Jenner, March 4, 2005.

Diane Hughes Plough '81 and husband Ronald, a granddaughter Riley Paige Shaw Plough, March 10, 2005.



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Alumna offers career advice for students seeking federal government jobs

Barbara Estock Mays '77 was the first woman to receive a military commission with Stetson's ROTC program and she's spent her entire career in public service – first as a U.S. Army officer and now as a civilian program manager with the Defense Intelligence Agency.

Through the experience, Mays has come to believe that a tour with the military or federal government is a great way to learn more about the world and politics and to develop leadership skills.

Now, Mays is sharing her knowledge about the federal government employment system with current students and fellow alumni who are interested in public service careers. She offers advice, reviews resumes and shares tips through the Alumni Career Network set up by Stetson's Office of Career Services and Office of Alumni Relations.

"Barbara has been a wonderful mentor and resource for Stetson students," said Kelly Cleary, director of Career Services. "She has an impressive career background, and since she has been on the hiring side for many years, she has a wealth of advice for our students who are preparing to enter the job market."

Mays attended Stetson on a scholarship in the 1970s, majoring in Political Science. She spent 22 years in the Army, mostly in intelligence, retiring as a lieutenant colonel in 1999. She is now with the Defense Intelligence Agency's Defense Intelligence Resource Management Office in Washington, D.C. The office plans and oversees budgets for the government's different intelligence organizations and works closely with the Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

Last fall, Mays visited Stetson to recruit students for a new Financial Management Leadership Program (FMLP) started by her agency. She did a presentation at the Lynn Business Center, met with some students individually and spoke in three classes. The leadership program hires a select number of graduating students for positions in the agency's Office of the Chief Financial

Executive. More information on the program is available at the DIA Web site, at www.diajobs.us/careers/html.

After her visit to Stetson, Mays volunteered to assist students with advice on career opportunities with the Defense Intelligence Agency or other federal government offices. Stetson's Office of Career Services has referred about two dozen interested students to Mays, including one who was trying to get a federal job at a military base in California and others who asked for a critique of their resumes.

"Barbara provided students with valuable insights into the government application process, one that is often viewed by candidates as daunting and at times confusing," Cleary said. "She offered extremely helpful tips on writing resumes and application essays, definitely impacting the quality of students' applications for these programs."

Mays' contribution is an example of the type of successful partnerships being developed through Stetson's Alumni Career Network.

"It is clear that Barbara loves and is proud of her work, and her enthusiasm and professionalism are contagious," Cleary said. "Students left the information session eager to follow her advice and begin their own internship and job searches."

Mays has hired hundreds of people during her career, and feels that offering career advice to fellow Hatters is one way she can give back to her alma mater.

"I feel like everything in my career started because of the opportunity given to me by the university," she said.

All alumni are encouraged to participate in the Alumni Career Network. The



Barbara Mays at the Cherry Blossom Festival in Washington, D.C.

network is a free, online database that matches students with alumni for mentoring, job-shadowing, internships, career advice and referrals to jobs.

It's easy to register at www.stetson.edu/careernetwork. Access is password protected and only available to Stetson students and alumni.

The university also has a new, free, online job posting and resume search system. Employers who are interested in hiring talented Stetson students and alumni can go to www.collegecentral.com/stetson and click on "Employers."

For more information about the Alumni Career Network or the Stetson College Central Network, contact Career Services at (386) 822-7315 or send an e-mail to career@stetson.edu.

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Raynard Hale, Tampa, is the co-founder of Particletree, Inc. **Cathrine Kinnecom**, Cambridge, Mass., is a clinical researcher at Massachusetts General Hospital. **Lupita Murphy McClenning**, Fernandina Beach, is a planner/project manager with Zev Cohen & Associates. **Jessica Wike Powers**, Gainesville, is working toward her Master's degree in Occupational Therapy at the University of Florida. **Chris Stiles**, Chicago, Ill., is a designer with Emmis Interactive.

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Julie Creech, Baltimore, Md., is a registered nurse at Johns Hopkins Hospital. **Jennifer Lynn Miller**, Sanford, is a seventh grade language arts teacher with Volusia County Schools. **April Letitia McCray**, Tallahassee, received her Master of Education in English Education in August 2005 from Florida A&M University. She is currently studying for her Ph.D. in English Literature at Florida State University, where she teaches two ENC 1101 classes in addition to an ENC 1101 class at Tallahassee Community College. **Mai Linh Nguyen**, New York, N.Y., is currently interning at ABC News for *20/20* and *Prime Time*. **Catherine Marie Oley**, Orange City, is a business education teacher with Volusia County Schools. **Joy Steel**, Naples, has been hired as staff accountant with James Moore & Co., P.L.

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August Brown, Los Angeles, Calif., is a staff writer with the *Los Angeles Times*. **Borislav Milan Djordjic**, Macvanska Mitrovica, Serbia, is a professional basketball player with the Solna Vikings. **Karl Nichols Fehr**, Chicago, is currently pursuing a Juris Doctorate/M.B.A. at DePaul University College while working at Ralph Lauren. **Steve Figliuolo**, St. Augustine, is a second claims examiner with Sedgwick CMS. **Chantele Hegi**, Twin Falls, Idaho, is a political director for the Idaho Republican Party. **Keriann McGarvey**, Beaufort, S.C., is an admissions/registration coordinator at the University of South Carolina Beaufort. **William J. Phillips**, DeLand, is an administrative specialist in the Office of Alumni Relations at Stetson University.

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Celebrating 100 years of Performing Arts, 75 years in Stover Theatre

Homecoming “By the Numbers”

Number of friends reunited: **637**

Number of alumni who exclaimed “Oh, no!” when they saw their senior class photo on their nametag: **17**

Number of balloons adding a festive atmosphere to Homecoming: **486**

Most well-attended meal: **the first ever Kickoff Seafood Boil at the President’s Home**

Number of free Stetson canvas tote bags given to pre-registrants: **195**

Number of registrants with the name “Bob”: **17**

Number of Stover family members who attended the Stover Theatre Centennial Celebration: **25**

Winners of the Greek Legacy Cup for highest sorority and fraternity gift participation: **Phi Mu and Sigma Nu**

The reunion class that took home all the honors (highest class gift participation, most class members returning, and most dollars raised): **Class of 1956**

Most well-attended event: **Mad Hatter Mainstreet Block Party**

Number of Block-Partiers who climbed the ROTC Rock Wall (**62**); had their pictures taken in the Photo Booth (**415**); and rode the trolley at least once (**130**)

Number of attendees for Chapel: **60**

Number of meals served during Homecoming: **1,073**

Number of alumni who got engaged as a result of planning their class’s reunion: **2**

Number of alumni who thought this was the best Homecoming ever: **Countless**





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1 - Tim Ballesteros '88 leans in to congratulate the Wes Berner Memorial Golf Tournament Senior Division first place winners: Chip Anderson, Steve Boros, Dave Wilson and James Cole.

2 - Golfers (L-R) Dave Ballesteros '92, Wes Weger '92, Ron Piccolo '93 and John Geraci '92 show off their new Stetson hats.

3 - Golf tournament first-place winners for the Men's Division were Kevin Hyatt, Mickey McKnight, Jim Wetherell, and Ed Cordova.

4 - Three new members were inducted into the Stetson University Sports Hall of Fame during the "S" Club Reception. Pictured here (L-R) are Jan Usher '81, senior women's administrator/academic coordinator for Stetson Athletics, with Brad Weston '82 (basketball), Karen Lynn, accepting for daughter Taryn Lynn Morgan '00 (tennis and volleyball), and Nick Yocca '91 (soccer).

5 and 7 - The Homecoming Kickoff Seafood Boil was a huge hit!

6 - Three alumnae from the Class of 1971 pose on the President's Porch at the Seafood Boil. Back row, (L-R), are Jennifer Courson Greenwell and Robin Overstreet Sheldon. Standing in front is Linda Murch Leiva.

8 - Alumni (L-R) Milt Jones '55, George Lux '56, Ralph Chandler '56 and George Shriver '53 greet each other at the Seafood Boil.

9 - The First Annual Reception for Kaleidoscope (Stetson's Gay/Straight Alliance) was held at the Meadows Alumni House with more than 30 attendees. Front row, (L-R), are Tara Holcomb '06, Luis Maldonado '01 and First Lady Margaret Lee. Back row, (L-R), are Ann Buchanan Jenkins '74, Rob Esparza '08 and President Doug Lee.

10 - President Doug Lee with Distinguished Alumni Award recipient Dave Marsh '75, center, and Alumni Association President Lu Prats '78, JD '81, at the Saturday morning Alumni Buffet Breakfast at the President's Home.

11 - President Doug Lee, right, and Lu Prats '78, JD '81, second from right, present the 2006 Doyle E. Carlton Award to, from left, Barbara and R. Grady Snowden Jr. '57, Patricia Snowden Lane '53, MA '75 and Fred Lane '52, MA '75.

12 - Matt Morton '06, the William Amory Underhill Award recipient, with President Doug Lee and College of Arts & Sciences Dean Grady Ballenger.

13 - Some 210 alumni, faculty, and friends attended the Alumni Buffet Breakfast.

14 and 16 - The Meadows Alumni House Lawn was the perfect setting for the Saturday Alumni Picnic.

15 - Bob Brown '43 is surrounded by family at the Alumni Picnic. Counter-clockwise from lower left are Leah McAskill, 3, Sarah Brown McAskill '88, Bob Brown, Emma McAskill, 9, Dot Brown and Jane McAskill, 7.



“Thank you for a great weekend. We had a wonderful time. There was so much to do, and we wanted to do it all, but couldn’t. The band was great at the Block Party. I will not miss Stetson Idol next year.”



“It was wonderful to spend the weekend at Stetson. My weekend exceeded my wildest dreams.”



“Homecoming was a fabulous success. The Block Party was great! I think this was the best yet! There was plenty to do. The trolley was a great idea (especially having current students riding it), the food was wonderful (especially the Seafood Boil), and the weather was spectacular.”

17 - From left, Megan Woodall '09, Nicolette Louzar '09 and Krystal Player '05 were among the more than 30 people who attended the Black Alumni Reception at the Cross Cultural Center.

18 - From left, President Doug Lee, Marcous Miller, April McCray '04, Gwen Azama-Edwards '71, MA '83 and First Lady Margaret Lee at the Black Alumni Reception.

19 - From left, Nancy Wheaton, granddaughter of the late Dr. Irving Stover, Ret Turner '50, Richard Mansur '47 and Janice Douglas Arinson '47 at the Stover Theatre Centennial Celebration Reception.

20 - Student performers Virginia Monte '08 and Bryan Molohon '07 in *Slipping Him the Tongue* by Mark Aloysius Kenneally '97.

21 - Twenty-five members of the Stover family attended the Stover Theatre Centennial Celebration for a family reunion.

22 - Roland George Investments Program graduates and current students met with School of Business Administration Dean Jim Scheiner, Finance Professor K.C. Ma, Finance Professor Stuart Michelson and Stetson Trustee Frank Gaylord '68 at the Lynn Business Center to mark 25 years of the program's success.

23 - Golden Hatters join the Class of 1946's 60th Reunion Dinner. Seated, (L-R), are Ruth Cobb Arnold '47, Hilda Collier Goff '47, Janice Douglas Arinson '47 and Nalda Sadler Carlson '47. Standing, (L-R), are Lucille Clark Johnson '46 and Ret Turner '50. Missing from the photo are organizer Robert Clark '46 and Corky Tedder Dannals '46.

24 - From left, Carolyn McMullen Beekman '56, Harold McNeill '56, LLB '60 and Sheila McNeill, JD '90 gather at the home of Mel Ott '56, right, on Friday evening for their 50th Reunion.

25 - Class of 1956 officers present their class gift at their reunion dinner. From left, President Doug Lee accepts the gift from Martin Stephens, Caroline McInnis Bramley and Carolyn McMullen Beekman.

26 - The Class of 1956 posed for a class photo.

27 - The 1960s Decade Party at the Artisan included 1966 classmates, from left, Ralph Hampton, Chris Aaron Brewer, Nancy Wands Hastings and Larry Hastings.

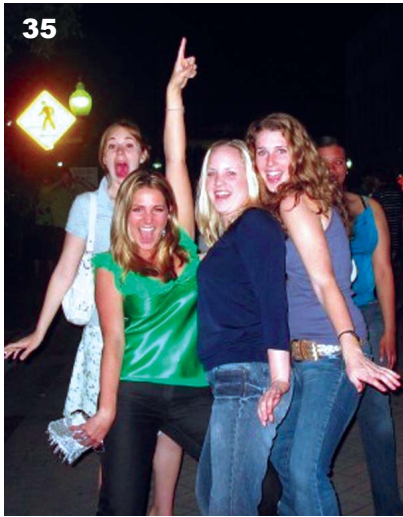
28 - On Friday night, Larry and Nancy Wands Hastings '66 hosted a 1960s Wine and Cheese Party at the home of Tom Wands.

29 - Some others at the 1960s Decade Party at the Artisan were Carol Rutan Smith '66, Bob Seymour '66, Caryl Giffin Heebner '66 and Sue Orrell '66.

30 - The 1970s Decade Party was held at Caffe Da Vinci, which is owned by Mark Shuttleworth '71.

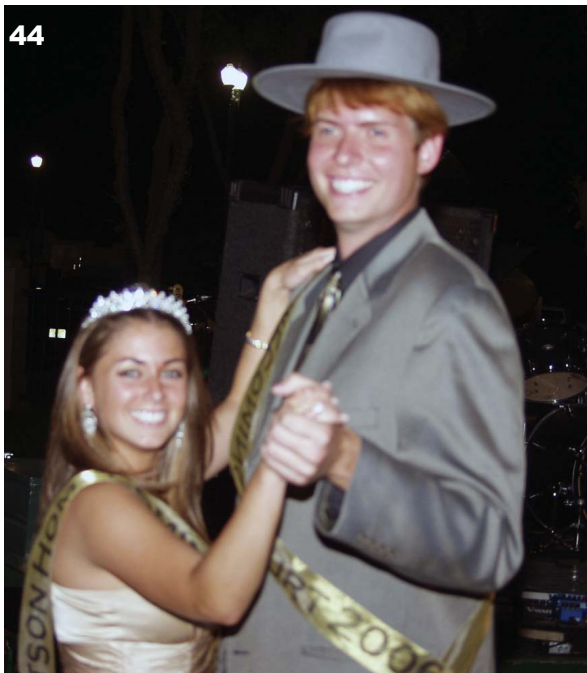
31 - Newly engaged couple Dan Feather '76 and Paula Slusher '71; their decade party planning brought them together.

32 - Kristen Hildreth Fincher '93, Keith Fincher '91, Ken Gerry '91 and Kathy Bloodworth Gerry '91 at the 15th Reunion Class Party at the Elusive Grape.



“The students (helping on the trolley) really enjoyed meeting some of the alumni and hearing how much Stetson has changed. So many alumni commented on how wonderful, exciting and organized the entire Homecoming event was!”





“All of the events I attended were excellent, and the Block Party was great. I’ve heard nothing but compliments. Everyone seems excited about coming back to next year’s Homecoming.”

– Alumni Association President Lu Prats '78, JD '81

33 - Kaitlin Mondello '05 with Kristen Worden Holland '96 and James Neil Holland at the Class of 1996 gathering at the Library Bar.

34 – Alpha Chi Omega sisters gather at the MainStreet Grill for the Class of 2001 dinner. From left, Diana Spalding, Krissy Josephson Chase, Amanda Betz and Kathleen Dunn Agnew, with Ryan Heacox '05.

35 - Sorority sisters from Zeta Tau Alpha, (L-R), Kelley Tanner '07, Kia Tsitsakis '06, Meghan McGee '05, Jill Anderson '05 and Suzanna Johnson '06, at the Mad Hatter Mainstreet Block Party.

36 - Student Alumni Association (SAA) member Lizzie Guenther '09 shows her Stetson spirit.

37 - Homecoming 2006 Chair Missy Curran '08 with the popular trolley.

38 - The sorority winning the Legacy Cup was Phi Mu. From left are Nancy Wands Hastings '66, Dale Oliver Grindle '76, Pam Keene '74, Diane O'Connor '86, Ann Buchanan Jenkins '74, Helena Dabrowski '85, Michele Skelton '84 and Christine Madden Viegas '86.

39 - The Homecoming Court was presented at the Friday night baseball game. From left are: Dyan Middleton '05 (last year's Homecoming Queen), with Brittany McHenry, Evan Alexander, Evie De La Vega, Jeff Cara, Mary Sheldon Boney, Nate Davis, Marie Villard, Ethan Martin, Kia Tsitsakis, Birger Soiland, Christina Schafer, and Kevin Winchell.

40 - Olivia Cuprill, 5, left, and Carolina Matta, 10, try on balloon hats at the Block Party. Standing behind the girls are Michelle Taylor, Hector Cuprill '92 and Alberto Matta.

41 - Alumni from the '70s enjoy the Block Party. From left are David Cornelius '70, Terry Wimberley '71, Linda Murch Leiva '71, Bob Fennell '71, Robin Overstreet Sheldon '71, Terry Rabun '70, Jennifer Courson Greenwell '71 and Hebb Greenwell.

42 - The Sigma Nus won this year's Legacy Cup. From left are Jeremy Papadinis '07, Ned Skiff '75, Stratton Kirton '07, Chris Harris '06, Anh Vu Dinh '04 and Michael Howard '01, MAAC '02.

43 - The photo booth at the Block Party was a popular attraction. Top row, (L-R), are Stephanie Brown '03 and Kerri Locascio '05. Front row, (L-R), are Elizabeth Scoville '06, Shanna Stark '06, Xaymara Morales '03 and Joe Ancona '02.

44 - 2006 Homecoming Queen Evie De La Vega '06, representing Pi Beta Phi, and Homecoming King Ethan Martin '06, representing Baptist Campus Ministries, were crowned at the Block Party.

45 - The Block Party was the most well-attended event during Homecoming Weekend.

46 - Dancers do the Electric Slide to the music of *Then2Now*.

47 - Leaders during the Sunday morning Chapel service were Dr. Boyd Jones '75, the Rev. LeeAnn Inman '76, Stetson Chaplain Michael Fronk '74, SGA President Peter Urscheler '06 and Donovan Singletary '06.

48 - Clay Griffis, 12, climbs the ROTC Rock Wall at the Block Party. Clay is the son of David Griffis, ME '90, and Jennifer Godwin Griffis, ME '90.





Stetson students continue tradition of Spring Break Community Service

More than 60 Stetson University students devoted their Spring Break to help hurricane-stricken areas in the United States and Guatemala.

Students who took part in alternative spring breaks shared photos, presentations and commentary about their experiences at a public forum and at the spring Quality of Service breakfast.

Participating student organizations included the Campaign for Adolescent and University Student Empowerment (CAUSE), the new organization Student Solidarity Network and Baptist Collegiate Ministries.

Instead of working on their tans, these students spent their vacation working to rebuild homes destroyed by hurricanes Katrina and Stan in 2005.

Beginning in October 2005, Stetson University accepted donations from area residents and the university community for delivery to a New Orleans grassroots organization named Common Ground.

“Common Ground’s mission is to provide short-term relief for victims of hurricane disasters in the Gulf Coast region, and long term support in rebuilding the communities affected in the New Orleans area,” according to the organization’s Web site, www.commongroundrelief.org.

In March 2006, Stetson University and the Bonner Foundation sponsored a group of 14 students, staff and faculty who spent their spring break working in conjunction with Common Ground. Students who participated are forming a new student organization, Student Solidarity Network, to continue supporting Common Ground and other relief efforts.

The university’s Baptist Collegiate Ministries sent about 50 Stetson students to the Mississippi Gulf Coast near

Pascagoula to help rebuild homes washed away by the storm surge. This group even included 14 volunteers who weren’t part of the organization.

Students and staff traveled as far as Guatemala through the Stetson CAUSE organization and the Bonner Foundation to help an impoverished area recover from devastating mudslides caused by Hurricane Stan.

The effort followed earlier university-assisted programs in Guatemala, including the establishment of the Guatemala Youth Empowerment Program, www.stetson.edu/org/gyep, and assistance to the Alliance for International Reforestation, www.stetson.edu/org/air.

Stetson students give a great deal of time and commitment to community service groups and organizations. One of the stated values of Stetson University is Community Service, www.stetson.edu/values/community.php. Services opportunities are not just found in the community, but in the classroom as well.

At Stetson, 34 faculty members are interested in integrating service learning into their coursework.

To learn more about Stetson’s alternative Spring Break, go to www.stetson.edu/communityservice/springbreak



Stetson volunteers who traveled to Guatemala (top three photos) helped an impoverished area struck by Hurricane Stan and then largely overlooked because the world’s attention was focused on Hurricane Katrina’s disastrous effects. • Baptist Collegiate Ministries sent almost 50 people to the Mississippi Gulf Coast (middle two photos), where the students helped rebuild houses for Hurricane Katrina victims. • A group of 14 Stetson volunteers, including those pictured in the bottom two photos, went to New Orleans. They helped prepare a community center for a grassroots organization called Common Ground in the poorest section of the flooded city.



During a reception before the game, president Doug Lee, right, honors former Stetson basketball players, from left, Lois Graessle '39, Maureen Talton '49 and Lutie Talton '49.

Women's Basketball celebrates its 100th season

Stetson celebrated the 100th anniversary season of the university's women's basketball program Feb. 8. Festivities took place before the start of the Florida Atlantic game, which the Hatters went on to win 64-63 in overtime.

The celebration started with a pre-game reception at the Lees' home. President Doug Lee read and presented a proclamation to Athletics Director Jeff Altier and to Women's Basketball Head Coach Dee Romine, Associate Head Coach Debbie Gadd and then Assistant Coach Bridgette Gordon.

Alumni honored for their years as Hatter players included Kristy Brown '04, Lois Graessle '39, Lutie Talton '49 and Maureen Talton '49.

Others who spoke at the reception included Assistant Coach Tracy Schmidt; Elizabeth Schumaker, retired chair of Stetson's Sport and Exercise Science Department; Jan Usher, senior woman's administrator and academic support coordinator for the Athletics

Department; and Gordon, who also was honored for being named as one of five members of the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball 25th Anniversary Team. This year, the NCAA is celebrating the 25th year of intercollegiate women's athletics.

Pre-game activities at the Edmunds Center included the viewing of poster displays featuring historic pictures of early Hatters teams, campus life and scenes of DeLand. Alumna Rabel Moremen Parson '48, dressed in period clothing, sang the national anthem.

Women's intercollegiate varsity basketball at Stetson was launched on Feb. 7, 1906, when the Hatterettes played Rollins at home. The Hatterettes won 39-16. The starting teams consisted of two forwards, a center and two guards.



Bridgette Gordon was a member of the gold medal-winning USA Olympic women's basketball team in Seoul, Korea, in 1988.



Alumna Rabel Moremen Parson '48, center, and special guests "Helen DeLand" (DeLand businesswoman Janet Bollum) and "Henry DeLand" (folk historian Bill Dreggors) show off their period attire at the game.

Earth Day celebration at Stetson University's Gillespie Museum

The Gillespie Museum at Stetson University hosted a special celebration in honor of Earth Day on April 22. The museum's Earth Day

Festival included activities for the whole family, including: live entertainment from student musicians Nicole Equerme, Wesley Bozeman, Joseph Delmond, John O'Keefe, Marques Toliver, and the group Buckets and Strings; children's activities; educational stations and interactive learning activities for all ages; a cookout, with hotdogs, hamburgers, side dishes, dessert and drinks from

Stetson University's catering services; a sneak preview of the new cave

exhibition sponsored in part by the Florida Department of State, Division of Cultural Affairs, Arts Council and National Endowment for the Arts; a silent auction of collections of minerals, jewelry and other items; and vendor exhibits featuring handmade jewelry, beads and minerals.

Visitors also toured the museum's Florida native plant landscape for ideas on how to incorporate easy-care native plants into a home landscape. Florida native plants require little water, fertilizer or pesticides.





U.S. News again ranks Stetson No. 1 in trial advocacy

U.S. News & World Report has again ranked Stetson University College of Law first for trial advocacy. Stetson has consistently ranked among the top law schools for trial advocacy since these rankings began in 1995. Stetson was also ranked fourth in legal writing this year.

U.S. News ranks law school specialties based on nominations by legal educators at peer institutions. Last year, Stetson was tied for first in advocacy by the 2006 rankings of the nation's best graduate schools.

"Stetson is again proud to be recognized as a national leader in training skilled lawyers," said Vice President and Dean Darby Dickerson, who also directed the legal writing program until 2004. "Being ranked highly in both advocacy and legal writing reflects our mission to prepare students for the profession."

Stetson's Center for Excellence in Advocacy strengthens the school's commitment to advocacy training, coordinating Stetson's championship advocacy teams, teaching skills courses, offering continuing legal education seminars for judges and attorneys, and hosting a national tournament for the American Mock Trial Association that brings more than 400 undergraduate student trial teams together from around the nation.

"The Advocacy Center provides students with hands-on experiences that teach them to represent their clients in and out of the courtroom," said Professor and Center Director Roberta Flowers. "Stetson is proud of its legacy of teaching students not only to think like lawyers, but also to act like lawyers."

Stetson University student leaders work to raise awareness of FRAG importance

Student governments at 21 of Florida's private colleges and universities led a grass-roots campaign this spring to educate state legislators on the importance of the state-funded Florida Resident Access Grant.



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"The Faces of FRAG" campaign told the personal stories of college students across the state and how those students rely on the grant to help pay their tuition.

Students from participating schools were featured on postcards mailed to Florida legislators. Student leaders also organized a letter-writing campaign and sent the lawmakers table displays, pillows and puzzle pieces bearing messages of support for the FRAG.

The goal was to build awareness of the importance of the grant program to thousands of Florida students and to convince lawmakers to fund an increase in the amount of each grant awarded in 2006-07, said Peter Urscheler '06, then president of the Student Government Association at Stetson University.

"We wanted to put a 'face' on the students who receive the FRAG so legislators would feel a personal attachment to them," Urscheler said. "If you see a student's face and understand their story, it's easier to connect with that student and truly understand the need for the FRAG grant."

The Florida Resident Access Grant is awarded annually to all undergraduate students who graduated from a Florida high school and attend a private college or university in the state. The grant provides an incentive for students to choose a private institution and, as a result, relieves overcrowding within the state university system.

"The Florida Resident Access Grant gives students a choice in education options," Urscheler said. "Because of the high cost of private education to the student, some students would not be able to afford a private university if they didn't receive the FRAG."

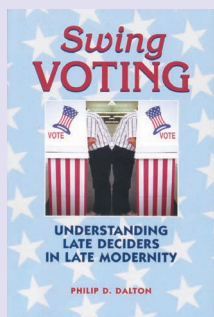
The FRAG was raised to \$3,000 per student for next school year – still far less than the more than \$12,000 in state funding allocated for each student in the state university systems. In fall 2005, there were 32,415 qualified recipients of the FRAG at private colleges and universities in Florida. It is expected that there will be more than 34,000 recipients in fall 2006.

"The Faces of FRAG" campaign was initiated by the Stetson University Student Government Association, and 21 student governments were involved. The project was endorsed by the presidents of the 28 private college and university members of the Independent Colleges & Universities of Florida, which represents the schools on legislative issues.



The two Stetson students featured in "The Faces of FRAG" campaign are Drew Glasnovich '09, left, of Titusville, and Quana Stone '08, of Orlando.

Books, etc.



Swing Voting: Understanding Late Deciders in Late Modernity by Dr. Philip D. Dalton, assistant professor of Communication Studies/Theatre Arts, offers a glimpse into the attitudes of swing

voters in the United States – those who are uncommitted but likely to vote. Defining swing voters as those who waited until the final weekend of the 2000 presidential campaign to make their decisions, Dalton sought a varied research sample from the Chicago area. The study is based on intensive interviews with 30 diverse persons who were chosen in order to give different attitudes and opinions an opportunity to emerge. African-American and Latino voters each constitute 8 percent of the sample and women make up 57 percent. Interviewees' ages range from 18 to 80, with 40 percent in the 35 to 44 age group; and their average income is \$56,764.

Among his conclusions are that swing voters have a sense of obligation, are politically unplugged, strive to be objective and often blend conservative and liberal suppositions. In the book's forward, Dr. Eric Mark Kramer, professor of Communication at The University of Oklahoma, calls the research "some of the first academically generated empirical data available on swing voter behavior, motives and attitudes," adding that it shows swing voters to be neither indifferent nor lazy, but instead "to be very conscientious and rational decision makers." The result gives the established political parties reason for concern, he adds, because more and more Americans claim to be independents. "Dalton is exploring the

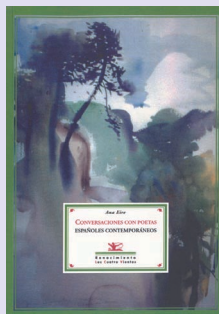
very marginal space where elections are increasingly fought and decided," he says. (Hampton Press, 2006)

Conversaciones con Poetas Españoles Contemporáneos (Conversations with Contemporary Spanish Poets) by Dr. Ana Eire, professor of Spanish in the Department of Modern Languages and Literature, contains interviews with the nine most important Spanish poets of the last 30 years.

Eire says that although the book would be considered academic in the United States, in Spain it is a more popular book because poetry has a larger audience there. In addition, she says that the poets she covers are well-known, and that even non-poetry readers in Spain would recognize half the names: one is involved in politics, for example; another is a famous novelist.

The conversations – with Miguel d'Ors, Luis García Montero, Luis Alberto de Cuenca, Andrés Trapiello, Eloy Sánchez Rosillo, Amalia Bautista, Julio Martínez Mesanza, Vicente Gallego and Carlos Marzal – are not journalistic profiles, but instead present the poets from a literary perspective. The conversations give an understanding of who they are as poets, examining how they became poets, their visions of life and how that comes out in their poetry. Other questions involve their poetic themes, evolution, images and techniques. Specific poems and books also come up for discussion.

The book is receiving attention in Spain because of who these poets are, she says. It was reviewed favorably by the Spanish news agency, Agencia EFE, which focused on the first question asked of each poet – how they became poets – and noted that every poet answered it by



pointing to some childhood circumstance. (Renacimiento, 2005)

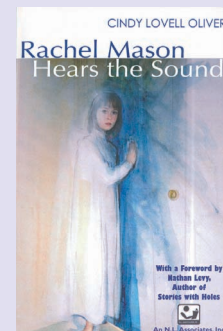
Rachel Mason Hears the Sound by Dr. Cindy Lovell Oliver '94, assistant professor of Teacher Education, is a novel for children, the first book in a series she is writing about how children deal with difficult issues. *Rachel* tackles alcoholism and domestic violence, which the fifth-grade heroine handles by keeping family secrets and focusing on her academic achievements.

She is nice, she is pretty, she is smart – so smart that she is able to hide destructive family secrets from her friends and teachers. "Rachel's dilemma is common to many children – she has a loving dad she adores, with just one catch: He sometimes drinks too much... and (can be) physically abusive to Rachel's mom," writes Oliver on the Web site, www.RachelMason.com. The book turns on Rachel's coping skills and how she keeps her footing in her difficult world.

The Web site is interactive, inviting comments on the book and its characters: "The goal of this site is to spotlight children's literature, understand resiliency and at-risk children, promote empathy and foster an

understanding of special circumstances of diversity. The goal is also to have fun, connect with other fans of Rachel, and share your unique ideas and opinions."

A specialist in educating gifted children, Oliver is now working on a second book, about a boy in Rachel's class whose father is incarcerated. Each book in the series will feature a student in the same class, taught by Mrs. Juarez, each with a different challenge, some visible, some invisible. The children are individuals, showing resiliency and diversity. (N.L. Associates Inc., 2005)





Carnal World by Dr. Terri Witek, professor of English and director of the Sullivan Creative Writing Program, contains suites of poems on painting, painters, color and the Sitwell family. She uses the technique of “ekphrasis” – a poetic examination of a work of art – for which she is well-known – and even chooses a detail from her own portrait by Stetson Art Professor Gary Bolding for the book’s cover.

“Terri Witek’s sensual, intelligent poems have the color intensity and the

rich feel of the finest cloth. As in her previous work, these poems often address surfaces – in painting and in fashion – and remind us, as Oscar Wilde wrote, that it is only shallow people who do not judge by



appearances,” writes fellow poet Mary Jo Salter, Emily Dickinson lecturer in the Humanities at Mount Holyoke College, calling the poems “wry, wise, and sad” and praising their “technical perfection.”

Another poet, David Kirby, professor of English at Florida State University, writes, “A year ago, only a handful of people used the word, but now it seems that ‘ekphrasis’ is popping up everywhere. What is it? A quick definition is ‘a poem about a painting.’ But an expanded definition suggests that ekphrastic writing is more a series of questions than a copy, and this is true of Terri Witek’s poems with their burnished, well-wrought surfaces... smart, funny, feeling, and above all, keenly observant. Ekphrasis – from now on out, why don’t we just say, ‘You, know, what Terri Witek does?’”

(**Story Line Press, 2006**)

This photo, from the Florida Supreme Court Archives, includes Stetson’s Dean Harold Sebring on the judicial panel for the medical/ doctors trials at Nuremberg. He is in the upper left-hand corner.



Florida Holocaust Museum displays Stetson Law artifacts in “Pursuing Justice: Nuremberg’s Legacy”

A special exhibition on the Nuremberg Trials, “Pursuing Justice: Nuremberg’s Legacy,” opened at the Florida Holocaust Museum in St. Petersburg on Dec. 19, 2005. The exhibit featured the papers and books of Harold L. “Tom” Sebring, former Florida Supreme Court justice and dean of Stetson University College of Law.

Dean Sebring was one of three American judges at the Medical Trial, commonly called the Doctors Trial, the first and most famous of the occupational trials at Nuremberg. The Doctors Trial prosecuted Nazi war criminals who conducted experiments at concentration camps and German hospitals. Their victims’ testimony led to the creation of the Nuremberg Code, which outlined 10 principles to guide the treatment of human subjects in medical experiments.

The Nuremberg Code formalized the doctrine of informed consent, which meant that a human subject must be fully informed of an experiment’s procedures, side effects, and expected outcome. The Code also stated that the experiment must end if the subject decides not to continue or if injury or death becomes possible. The Code is one of the most

influential pieces of Nuremberg’s legacy, and, according to his personal papers, Dean Sebring was responsible for its creation.

The exhibit at the Florida Holocaust Museum put on display for the first time Dean Sebring’s journals and notes from the Doctors’ Trial. His books were open, displaying the page on which he acknowledges forming the Code, based on the research and presentations of preeminent physicians.

His materials were placed alongside examples of the recording equipment used by the judges. The exhibit included an extensive poster series detailing the history and procedures of the trial and a gallery of photographs depicting some of the younger victims and survivors of the Holocaust. There were personal effects of the victims, including a letter from a young man to his bride and the white shirt he wore to their wedding, on loan from the National Holocaust Museum in Washington, D.C.

“Pursuing Justice: Nuremberg’s Legacy” closed on April 16, 2006, after hosting a Stetson continuing legal education seminar on the impact of the Nuremberg Trials on international law and professional ethics. – *By Lizz Angello*

Economics professors win national service-learning honor

Stetson Economics Professors Ranjini Thaver and Neal Long will be honored this fall by Campus Compact, a national coalition committed to service-learning – educating students for responsible citizenship in ways that both deepen their learning experiences and improve the quality of life in the surrounding community.

Thaver and Long will be recognized with nine other finalists for the 2006



Thaver

Thomas Ehrlich Faculty Award for Service-Learning during Campus Compact's 20th anniversary gala Oct. 16-17 in Chicago. Given for efforts to integrate community service into the

curriculum and for working to institutionalize service-learning, the top award went to William Oakes, an engineering professor at Purdue University.

Several years ago, the members of Stetson's Economics Department decided that in order to teach economics with a clear conscience they needed to weave theories and analyses of social responsibility and social justice into the curriculum. They began to transform their curriculum into "Humane Economics," where money is not the bottom line and volunteer service is important.

"Our focus (was) Spring Hill, a predominantly African-American neighborhood just two miles south of the university, yet invisible to the minds and hearts of our affluent students," wrote Thaver and Long in a position paper.

"Economics isn't just about money," states the Economics Department Web site. "It studies the ways decisions are

made by individuals, families, businesses, governments and nations," and it can help students develop critical thinking skills and the ability to make good choices. The department encourages students to gain practical experience and to work in the local community. As part of the practical community service commitment, faculty members and students offer economic development workshops and a microcredit program.

Called the Center for Holistic Microcredit or CHOMI – a South African word meaning "friend of the heart" – the program helps struggling entrepreneurs write business plans and qualify for small loans. Founded by Thaver and Long, it offers workshops, one-to-one advice and small loans to fledgling businesses, funded by an anonymous donor. "It gives opportunity to those without access to commercial banks," Thaver says, requiring social collateral instead of financial collateral.

In its four years of operation, CHOMI has provided workshops to about 60 people, only a few of whom have asked for loans. The training provided by the professors and students has helped several entrepreneurs develop successful business plans and open businesses in Spring Hill. The service-learning program behind CHOMI involves teaching, research and an internship where students apply what they've learned.

Students learn about poverty around the world, lead the workshops and meet regularly with entrepreneurial clients who seek help. The clients learn from the students and professors, who say they also learn from the clients. It has proved to be mutually beneficial, say Thaver and Long.

"Creating CHOMI has been an adventure," they write. "We have developed a university-based microcredit program as an application of Humane Economics. We accepted that if we failed, we would at least have tried. We have made mistakes along the way, but we

have learned from them, and we are fortunate that Stetson's president has helped us take microcredit to the streets of Spring Hill. We have now

received several small grants for a project coordinator and for faculty support. CHOMI is a fledgling program, but it does serve as a model for one way that universities can work toward social justice through a curriculum rooted in their communities."

Campus Compact agrees.



Long

Stetson librarian takes top honor

Stetson University Library Director Betty Drees Johnson '59, MA '62 received the first annual Florida Library Association's (FLA) Lifetime Achievement Award at the organization's April 2006 annual conference at Lake Buena Vista.

"I am really thrilled and humbled to be honored for doing something I have enjoyed so much over the years," Johnson said.

"Working with others in the state to promote libraries as agents for lifelong learning has taught me a great deal. I think that as a result of our collaborative work we have strengthened the position and effectiveness of libraries in Florida."

A Stetson faculty member for 45 years, Johnson was nominated by



Betty Johnson '59, MA '62



colleagues from Stetson and other institutions. She has been active in the FLA, serving on the Board several times and as president in 2001-02.

A member of Florida Library Network Council, she serves as fiscal agent for the Independent Colleges & Universities of Florida (ICUF) Libraries' cooperative purchasing of databases.

A prolific author, Johnson has received numerous awards, including the Stetson University Mentor of the Year Award. She was one of 10 librarian information specialists selected nationally to serve on the White House Conference on Library and Information Services in 1991.

Johnson earned a Master of Science degree in Library Science from Columbia University with honors and a Master of Arts in History and a Bachelor of Arts, also in History, with a minor in Spanish from Stetson.

The Florida award is presented to a librarian whose distinguished record of professional achievements and accomplishments has spanned decades and advanced the stature of libraries within the State of Florida. The winner's contributions must be considered so outstanding that their influence is of lasting importance to the entire spectrum of libraries and library service in Florida.

Stetson University's John Rasp wins McEniry Award for outstanding teaching

Dr. John Rasp, who teaches Statistics in the School of Business Administration, received the 2006 McEniry Award for Excellence in Teaching, the highest award given to a DeLand campus faculty member, during Stetson's Spring Commencement.

Integrative Health Science Chair Michele Skelton, the 2005 McEniry winner, announced the award, saying Rasp's teaching style was described in nominations as "dynamic, witty, enthusiastic, inspirational and contagious." She added that her personal favorite student quote about him said "this professor makes a miserably boring subject interesting," and that many students talked of the positive, open, non-threatening learning environment he creates, despite the difficulty of his subject.

A member of Stetson's School of Business Administration faculty since 1989, coming from a teaching position at the University of Alabama, Rasp won the university's Hand Award for outstanding research in 1991. He holds a doctorate in Statistics from Florida State University



Michele Skelton, the 2005 McEniry Award winner, left, presents the 2006 McEniry Award to John Rasp during spring Commencement.

and his research interests include issues involved in teaching statistics, business uses of statistics and statistics in baseball.

For the past several years he has also been a part-time student, pursuing a personal interest in theology, and in 2005 he received a master's degree in Theological Studies from the Reformed Theological Seminary in Orlando. "Being a student again taught me a lot about being a teacher," he said.

Beyond the classroom he serves as faculty sponsor for the Honor System Council, which oversees Stetson's honor code, and for Phi Sigma Kappa, a men's social fraternity. In their nominations, students he has advised called him "more than just an adviser, but also a motivator, creative and analytical thinker – and comedian."

McEniry Award winners are selected jointly by faculty and students and must be both outstanding scholars and teachers. They are known for sharing their knowledge in ways that excite and stimulate students to achieve their fullest potential. Former Stetson President J. Ollie Edmunds established the award in 1974 to honor William Hugh McEniry, dean of the university from the mid '40s to the mid '60s. The Gualala Foundation, established by the Edmunds family, continues to support the award.

SAA wins award

Stetson's Student Alumni Association (SAA) was presented the "Innovation Through Creativity Award" for the Homecoming 2006



Mainstreet Block Party from the Office of Student Activities. Four members of SAA holding the award and pictured from left to right are Lizzie Guenther '09, Rob Esparza '08, Taylor Anderson '09, and Christopher Graf '08.

Duncan Couch retires from Stetson after distinguished career in choral music

Dr. Duncan Couch, director of choral activities in Stetson's School of Music, who retired in May, has known he wanted to be a choir director since the eighth grade.

"I heard a large choir perform and it was the most beautiful music I had ever heard," he said. "My life was programmed after that."

He joined Stetson's faculty in 1989 as an experienced conductor and professor. His position involved directing the 72-voice Concert Choir and the 250-voice Choral Union, recruiting voice students and teaching all levels of conducting.

"He actively recruited the very best Florida high school vocal students," said Dean of Music Jim Woodward.

Bill Penney named associate vice president for Information Technology

Bill Penney has been named associate vice president for Information Technology and will serve as chief technology officer for Stetson's DeLand and Celebration campuses.

In his new role, Penney will lead and manage the Information Technology division, which includes academic and administrative computing, networking, client services, media services, programming services and telecommunications. He will report to Dr. Jim Beasley, senior vice president and chief operating officer.

"Bill is a knowledgeable, service-oriented information technology manager who has grown into this leadership role at Stetson," Beasley said. "He brings to this position a broad knowledge of the field, a vision for the enhancement of technology at Stetson and demonstrated loyalty to the university."

Penney's first introduction to information technology was in the Marine Corps, where he served from July 1986 to January 1992. "I had no idea what computers were all about when I joined

Couch has no firm plans after retirement, but said he has been approached by other schools who are seeking sabbatical replacements for choral directors, and he would probably be willing to do that for a few years.

"I will probably be a gypsy conductor for awhile," he said.

Couch came to Stetson after nine years as director of choral activities at the University of Missouri. He earned his doctorate from the University of Kansas and has also taught at Southwest Baptist University in Missouri.

A number of alumni from the two Missouri schools attended his last Stetson Concert Choir concert in April, as did many Stetson Concert Choir alumni.

the Marines," the Stetson alumnus said. "They gave me an aptitude test and told me I had a good aptitude for computers. Then I went into intensive training through the military and soon knew what career I wanted to pursue."

His Stetson career began in March 1997 as network administrator for the DeLand campus. He has also served as manager of telecommunications, manager of network services, director of technology services and director of technology and programming services.

The New Hampshire native moved to DeLand in 1980 and graduated from DeLand High School in 1986. He holds a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from Stetson and expects to complete a Master of Business Administration degree in December.

Couch invited them to the stage to join in the last two songs, *Gaelic Blessing* by John Rutter and Stetson's *Alma Mater*.

The program for that concert included many of his favorite pieces, beginning with Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's *Te Deum*. "It's Mozart's 250th birthday," he said. "We had to do Mozart." Calling Johannes Brahms his favorite composer, he asked the choir to sing his *Warum (Wherefore should our singing soar to highest heaven?)*. His daughter, Crista Couch DePinto, chose one song, *Somewhere It's Snowing*, arranged by Mark Hayes.

Couch has had a distinguished career. He has conducted or prepared choruses for performances with the Florida Symphony Orchestra, the New York Bach Aria Group, the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra, the Kansas City Symphony, the Florida Orchestra, the Sydney Australia Symphony, the Russian State Orchestra, the Orlando Philharmonic and the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra.

He served as president of both the Florida and Missouri branches of the American Choral Directors Association, as well as the Southwestern Division of the American Choral Directors Association; and has conducted all-state, honors, festival, and clinic choirs in 28 states. In 1998 he conducted a 200-voice choir with orchestra in a concert in New York City's Carnegie Hall. He has led choirs at professional music conferences around the nation and has twice taken the Stetson University Concert Choir to Europe for concert tours.



Couch

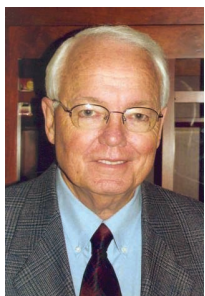


Penney '03



Retired Religious Studies professor wins top service award

Dr. Clyde E. Fant, Stetson University Religious Studies professor emeritus, has received one of Stetson's highest honors, the 2005 Doyle E. Carlton Award, given each year in memory of former Florida governor and Stetson alumnus and trustee Doyle E. Carlton. The award honors extraordinary contributions to the life and development of Stetson University, the City of DeLand and the State of Florida.



Fant

Fant came to Stetson in 1985 as Dean of Chapel and O.L. Walker Professor of Christian Studies. A former professor at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Duke University Divinity School and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, he had also served as president of the International Baptist Seminary in Switzerland and as a pastor in Texas and Louisiana.

He founded the Florida Winter Pastors' School at Stetson in 1985, and continues as its director, although he retired from teaching in 2000. Each year, the school attracts 250 pastors from various denominations from all over the United States and Canada, for discussions with well-known theologians, pastors and religious scholars.

In 1989, Fant developed Stetson's Institute for Christian Ethics, which brings speakers to campus for dialogue on the ecology, the Holocaust, human rights, medical ethics, racial justice, religion and culture. Building on the Institute, he helped establish Stetson's Stewart Lectures, through which internationally respected leaders, including Desmond Tutu, Jimmy Carter and Elie Wiesel, have shared their understanding of the role of religion in shaping modern ethics.

Matt Morton wins Stetson's top leadership honor for graduates

Stetson University graduate Matt Morton of St. Petersburg received the 2006 Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award, Stetson's top leadership honor for graduating seniors, presented jointly by the New York Southern Society of the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Foundation and Stetson University.

Each year the award goes to a graduating senior "whose personal example and influence throughout the campus best exemplify the noblest human qualities ... and the finest values that Stetson nurtures," said President H. Douglas Lee in making the annual award, which capped Stetson's Academic Honors Convocation in April.

"The 2006 recipient of the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award at Stetson University portrays the essence of scholarship, university involvement and community service," Lee said, adding that the award is given to recognize "fine spiritual qualities, practically applied to daily living."

A Political Science major with a minor in Spanish, Morton graduated with a 3.76 cumulative grade point average. In his four years at Stetson he turned a vision of community service and youth empowerment into reality as he worked tirelessly to share his goals, Lee said. "He led his peers, faculty, administrators and local community members in a movement that brought people together to accomplish more than they might have otherwise thought possible."

He founded the Campaign for Adolescent and University Student Empowerment (CAUSE) and the Youth as Resources programs at Stetson, and

engaged his peers and youth from the local community in initiatives to improve their neighborhoods and develop their personal leadership skills. "Empowering adolescents to share their voices and their visions, Matt applies the highest sense of values to all he does every day," Lee said.

Morton's academic work earned him membership in Phi Beta Kappa, the nation's oldest and most prestigious honorary society, and Phi Sigma Alpha, the Political Science honorary. He was also named to Omicron Delta Kappa, a leadership honorary. In March of 2006 he was featured by *Florida Trend* magazine as one of Florida's top nine college graduates. He was also chosen to speak to his fellow graduates during Stetson's May 6 Commencement.

Outside the classroom he was a member of Stetson's Cross Country team and of Phi Sigma Kappa, a men's social fraternity. He led Stetson's Bonner Scholars, volunteered regularly at the Boys and Girls Club of Spring Hill and



Matt Morton '06 spent last summer in Washington, D.C.

made several community development trips to Guatemala. He spent last summer as a Congressional Fellow in U.S. Sen. Bill Nelson's Washington, D.C. office.

Fort Myers student wins Stetson's Etter McTeer Turner Award

Stetson University senior Trevor Whitley earned the 2006 Etter McTeer Turner Award for outstanding academic performance, leadership and community service. The Turner Award, which honors Stetson's first woman dean of students, was established by the family of former Stetson President J. Ollie Edmunds through the Gualala Foundation.

Whitley, a graduate of Fort Myers High School, is the son of Steven "Rusty" and Melissa Whitley of Fort Myers. At Stetson he was a dual major studying Finance and Family Business and graduated summa cum laude May 6 with a 3.92 grade point average. He also was a member of the national award winning Roland George Investments Program and held the position of president of Stetson's Honor System Council, as well as his fraternity, Phi Sigma Kappa.

The Princeton Review lists Stetson's School of Business Administration and MBA program among the nation's best. With campuses in Celebration, Tampa and Gulfport/St. Petersburg, in addition to the historic DeLand campus, Stetson University is also consistently ranked among the South's top regional universities in *U.S. News & World Report's* annual special edition, "America's Best Colleges."



Left to right: Dilshod Saidov, Blake Simpson, Kelli Dreves and Dr. Larry Belcher

Stetson University students capture sixth win at national investments competition

For the sixth straight year, Stetson University's Roland George Investments Program took a top honor at the University of Dayton's annual Redefining Investment Strategy Education (RISE) Symposium. Stetson placed first in the undergraduate equity growth portfolio category, with a gross return of 15 percent.

Stetson teams now have placed first in every equity category they have entered as well as finishing first twice in the undergraduate fixed income category. The first repeat winner in RISE competition history, Stetson now has more first place finishes than any other school.

"This year was especially gratifying to us for two reasons," said Dr. Larry Belcher, director of Stetson's Roland and Sarah George Investments Institute. "First, this is arguably the most difficult category to win. Second, this was the only category in which we finished second in the past, so it was especially sweet when they called out our name."

Belcher, who also serves as chair of the Department of Finance, accompanied the Stetson team to the competition March 30-April 1 in Ohio. The team included recent graduates Kelli Dreves '06, Vero Beach; Blake Simpson '06, Pensacola; and current Stetson MBA student Dilshod Saidov, Tashkent, Uzbekistan. Universities with student-managed portfolios are invited to showcase their success in the areas of growth, value and blend equity styles, as well as alternative and fixed income styles of management.

"There were roughly 60 or so teams that submitted returns for the competition this year, which shows how tough it is," added Belcher. "It is much more difficult to come out on top now, which continues to show the quality of Stetson's Roland George Investments Program."

The fixed income portion of the George portfolio is valued at \$1.35 million and received a 1.27 percent return in 2005. The entire portfolio is valued at \$3 million and has investments in companies including Blackboard, an educational software provider, and WCI Communities, an upscale home builder.

The pioneering Roland George Investments Program began in 1980 with Sarah George's \$568,000 gift to Stetson. The Sarah George Investments Institute hosts the program and provides general support for investment research, local education and student contact with finance professionals.

Eau de DeLand

By Rik Scarce '81

My return to DeLand came with so many special moments, most wonderful, one or two disappointing, each moving in its own way.

President Lee extended an invitation for me to visit campus and present a lecture on civil liberties, and I leapt at the opportunity, not least because it would get me out of Upstate New York in February!

I was met at the Daytona airport by John Schorr, a sociologist whom I never had for a class at Stetson but who stepped forward as a de facto host for my visit. John radiated warmth and friendship to match the mild Florida afternoon, a reassuring start to a trip I had anticipated for months.

Driving a rental car, I followed John to New Smyrna Beach, where we were having supper with two of my favorite professors, Mike Raymond and Bruce Bradford. In my day, a quarter century before, New Smyrna was the subdued seaside step-sibling of its raucous, roaring neighbor to the north. I reminisced about the simple main street around the corner from the newspaper offices where I once worked, the lone causeway over the Intracoastal Canal, the Sea Harvest Restaurant—home of the famous grouper sandwich.

But John seemed lost. Where we should have veered left, he headed straight... and over a broad new bridge to a buzzing section of town that was completely new to me. To my delight, we ate a world class meal of sophisticated Mexican-inspired cuisine. Was I really in New Smyrna?

Then it was on to DeLand. Between my junior and senior years at Stetson, I had put hundreds of miles on my Ford Mustang commuting along Highway 44, the two lane track so quiet that sometimes late at night I turned off the headlights and drove by moonlight.

Not now. The road was four lane for about half the trip, and the construction diversions set up to allow crews to widen the road would have been tricky to negotiate even at noon.

The outskirts of DeLand seemed to go on longer than I recalled, and I remembered a bank being where the Business School now is located—and no twin pillars welcoming all to that side of campus. The place had changed.

Or had it? Waiting to cross Woodland Boulevard with the car windows down, I heard a rhythmic “thumpthumpthumpthump” of car tires striking pavement joints. Long forgotten, I would have recognized the source of that beat blindfolded; though I have heard others like it, none were quite the same. Stetson—or at least the road that passes its main gate—has a timeless meter all its own.

My biggest surprise, however, came when I opened the car door. I never knew DeLand had a scent. Not a smell, with the potential ickiness that word implies, but a *scent*, its own perfume: moist, leafy, sandy, mossy. Not Daytona or New Smyrna, but Eau de DeLand. A fresh nose of long ago moments: anxieties before exams, evening strolls, a kiss in the Forest of Arden. Un-bottleable, nor should it be captured. Only experienced and returned to.

Rik Scarce '81, assistant professor of sociology at Skidmore College. (See story p. 24)

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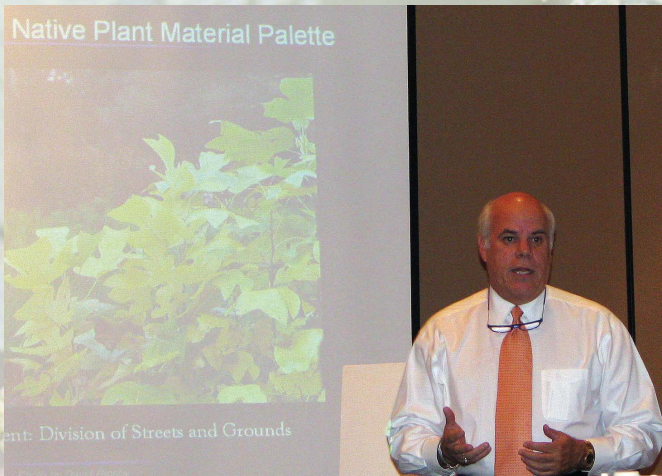
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Stetson and Florida Native Plant Society: natural companions



In keeping with its commitment to environmental responsibility, Stetson University served as a sponsor of the recent Florida Native Plant Society state conference, May 18-21 in Daytona Beach Shores. Stetson's display booth at the event offered information about the university, its academic programs, the Native Plant Initiative and Gillespie Museum. This visitor, left, stopped at the booth to take a look at Stetson's new, colorful, eight-page booklet titled, "It's Only Natural: Stetson University's Native Plant Initiative." (Photos by Gerri Bauer)



Landscape architect Dave Rigsby, above, manager of the Division of Streets and Grounds at Stetson, gave an entertaining talk at the conference. He spoke about his role in overseeing the massive and long-term project of transforming the DeLand campus into a native plant landscape.



Alumnus Don Spence '94, left, coordinated the FNPS conference; retired Stetson professor Dr. Eliane Norman led two conference field trips; and Stetson professor Dr. Cindy Bennington, far right, led a field trip and gave a program on how to identify plants. Don Zondervan set up a Watershed Action Volunteer Program display about the program he operates from an office in Gillespie Museum.