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49 Earn Service Awards

Congratulations to 49 staff members who celebrated special service anniversaries in 2001. Everyone is invited to join them for festivities and refreshments on Feb. 15, from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Gleason Performing Arts Center.

25 Years

Kenneth Anchor

20 Years

Patricia Balya, Irene Nash

15 Years

Karin Almasi, Daniel Connors, Regine Diehl, Karen Curl, Janet McCutcheon, Gerald Nichols, Margaret Richardson, Joseph Straniti, James Williams

10 Years

Laure Bennett, Tolly Bryan, Carmen Carvalho,

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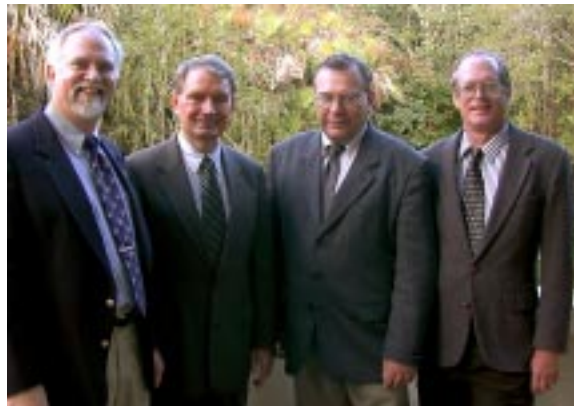
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Scholar Visits

Dr. Imre Hronszky, of the Budapest University of Technology and Economics (BUTE), is on campus now through late February lecturing and meeting with

faculty. The head of the BUTE Department of Innovation Studies and



At the Denius Student Center recently, (L to R) Terry Oswalt, President Weaver, Imre Hronszky and Gordon Nelson.

History of Technology, Hronszky is the principal investigator from BUTE

and **Gordon Nelson**, dean of the College of Science and Liberal Arts, is the Florida Tech principal investigator of an exchange program between the two universities.

The program, "Addressing Environmental Obstacles to Developing a

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Come Celebrate Our Heroes

The theme of Homecoming 2002, Feb. 21-24, is "Celebrating Our Heroes, Past and Present." Faculty and staff are invited to celebrate with students and alumni in a variety of entertaining activities. Some highlights are below. For more information, call **Ken Droscher**, alumni affairs, at ext. 7191.

Thursday, Feb. 21—A Talent Show, 7:30-9 p.m., in the Gleason Performing Arts Center, may be just the chance you've needed to showcase your gifts of performance. Sponsored by Caribbean Students Association (CSA), the show is a fundraiser for a yet-to-be-determined charity.

Friday, Feb. 22—It's judging day for office and residence hall decorating. Remember the theme, "Celebrating Our Heroes, Past and Present."

The **Aviation Symposium Luncheon** is 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. For more information, call **Lynn Bubb**, School of Aeronautics, at ext. 7369.



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Campus Calendar

Panthers Basketball

Women

Feb. 9, vs. Rollins College,
5:30 p.m.

Feb. 16, vs. Lynn University,
5:30 p.m.

Men

Feb. 9, vs. Rollins College,
7:30 p.m.

Feb. 16, vs. Lynn University,
7:30 p.m.

Feb. 7

Alumni Lecture Series

How to Speak a Foreign

Language Like a Native

Randy Alford, College of

Science and Liberal Arts

6-7 p.m., Alumni House

For more information, call

Diane Deaton at ext. 7198

Feb. 7

Humanities Lecture Series

Our Secret War in

Scandinavia: The Story of

Swedish Military Cooperation

with the United States

Carl Gustav Finstrom, Ret. Col.,

U.S. Army, and historical

researcher

7:30 p.m., F.W. Olin Life

Sciences Auditorium

For more information, call

ext. 8073

Feb. 10

Southern Sprints Indoor

Rowing Championships

Featuring 1,000 competitors

from all over Florida and

elsewhere in the Southeast

8:30 a.m.-5:40 p.m.,

Clemente Center

For more information, call

Casey Baker at ext. 8291

Feb. 21-23

Homecoming 2002

See partial schedule beginning

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Faculty and Staff News

In marine and environmental systems, **George Maul** published

"Ocean currents: Intra-Americas Sea" in the *Encyclopedia of Ocean Sciences*. He also published, with **Andi Davis** '01 and graduate student

Jeffrey Simmons, "Seawater temperature trends at U.S.A. tide gauge sites" in *Geophysical Research Letters*...

Kevin Johnson authored three chapters in the recent book, *An Identification Guide to the Larval Marine Invertebrates of the Pacific Northwest*.

Each chapter was on a specific kind of worm.

Dan Wolfe, facilities management, was appointed to the City of Melbourne Building and Construction Advisory Committee.

In the School of Psychology, **Monique Levermore**, has been recognized by the Girl Scouts of Citrus Council in Orlando as a "Woman of Distinction." She has also earned the status, "Fellow of the American College of Forensic Examiners." This is the highest honor the organization can bestow on a member ... **Radhika Krishnamurthy** co-authored the book,

Essentials of MMPI-A Assessment.

Lazslo Baksay, physics and space sciences, published "Standard model Higgs boson with the L3 experiment at LEP" in *Physics Letters B*.

Terry Oswald, College of Science and Liberal Arts, presented a research colloquium at Florida International University in Miami. It was titled "White dwarf stars: fossils of the solar neighborhood." He also gave a public talk for the Southern Cross Astronomical Society at the university. The talk was titled "Living in the asteroids' shadow: impacts and public risk."

In biological sciences, **Arvind Dhople** was appointed to the Special Emphasis Panel of National Institute for Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), the National Institutes of Health. The panel reviews contracts to be awarded by the NIAID... **Alan Leonard** and **Julia Grimwade** presented their research on control of DNA replication in *E.coli* at the Keystone Symposium on the Mechanisms of DNA Replication and Recombination at Snowbird, Utah

...Shanghai Fisheries University appointed **Junda Lin** adjunct research professor. He also presented "Aquaculture of marine ornamental shrimp" at the Third Oceanographic Institution in Xiamen, China, and "Ecology and management of mangrove marsh in the Indian River Lagoon, Florida" at the Chinese Third Mangrove Conference, also in Xiamen... **Ralph Turingan** gave an invited seminar at the University of Mississippi, Oxford's, Department of Biology. The title was "Form and function in fishes: evolutionary and ecomorphological perspectives."

Andrew Cudmore, School of Management, presented three papers at the Academy of Business Disciplines Conference in Fort Myers Beach, Fla. They were: "The importance of consistent customer impressions of a salesperson in a retail encounter;" "When bad is good: the resilience of consumer brand evaluations to negative information about their celebrity endorsers;" and "Healthcare medical center partnerships: a dilution of brand equity?"

Trustee Named Champion of Higher Education

Bjornar K.

Hermansen, Florida Tech trustee and former president and CEO of Premier Cruise Lines, has received the Independent Colleges and Universities of Florida (ICUF) highest honor for his support of higher education. President **Lynn Edward Weaver**



President Weaver (R) presents Bjornar Hermansen with the C.H.I.E.F. Award.

presented Hermansen with the statewide honor at the Eau Gallie Yacht Club in late January.

ICUF is a 38-year-old organization composed of 27 four-year, degree granting, fully accredited independent colleges and universities in Florida. Criteria for the C.H.I.E.F. award include outstanding accomplishment as a supporter of postsecondary education, community service and achievement as a

benefactor and role model to fellow citizens.

A native of Norway and resident of Merritt Island, Hermansen has been a Florida Tech trustee for 13 years. "Bjornar and his wife Bjorg have given very generously of their time, talent and resources to help bring Florida Tech

to where it is today. For that I am personally extremely grateful," said President Weaver.

Hermansen, who sold his interest in Premier Cruise Lines in 1991, had also been active in Norwegian Cruises and established the firm's European cruise operation in 1980. He is currently president and CEO of the Hermansen Group, Inc.

Alumni Association Goes to Provence and Sorrento

The Alumni Association has formed a partnership with Alumni Holidays International, a division of AHI International Corporation, to offer a travel program to alumni, faculty, staff and community members. Just scheduled are seven-day excursions to Provence, France, and Sorrento, Italy, in August 2002.

The price for the trips is \$2,395 each for double occupancy. This includes travel from a gateway city, such as Atlanta in the south; hotel accommodations; three meals a day; educational programs and opportunities to experience the local culture firsthand.

For more information, call ext. 7198, or send E-mail to **Diane Deaton** at ddeaton@fit.edu.

Transitions

Whos New: **William**

Andrea is a security officer, security; **Jean Marie Schram** is a senior administrative clerk, facilities management; **Michelle Brown** is assistant director of weight and fitness, Clemente Center; and **Lorraine Carpenter** is a grill cook, SUB Café and Deli.

Promotions: In alumni affairs, **Diane Deaton** is associate director and **Marjorie Beckett** is assistant director.

Good News for Film Lovers

The Florida Tech Film Society has posted its spring schedule, which includes notable films in most genres, including comedy, drama, thriller, sci-fi, fantasy and independent. There is no charge for the movies, which will be shown on Fridays at 8 p.m. in the F.W. Olin Engineering Complex Auditorium. Coming up:

Feb. 8

Seven Beauties (Italian, 1976)

Feb. 15

Magnolia (U.S., 1999)

Feb. 22

The Go Masters (Japanese, 1983)

March 15

Following (U.K., 1998).

For more information, visit www.fit.edu/CampusLife/clubs-org/ftfs.



\$250,000 Funds More DMES Fellowships

The Edward W. and Lee Hill Snowdon Administrative Fund of the Community Foundation for Palm Beach and Martin Counties has donated \$250,000 to the Department of Marine and

Environmental Systems (DMES) endowment. **Erik Edward Joh**, a Florida Tech board of trustees member, was key in making this donation possible.

The gift will be matched by the F.W. Olin Foundation, as was another \$250,000 gift from the Snowdon Fund made last year. The gifts with matches provide \$1 million to the endowment.

"Income from this new gift will allow us to offer approximately \$50,000 in Snowdon Fellowships in the coming year," said **George Maul**, DMES. "Our use of the funds will focus on attracting new graduate students into our programs in oceanography, ocean engineering, environmental science and meteorology."



Erik Edward Joh,
Florida Tech trustee

*Campaign
for a
Rising
Star*

Scholar Visits, continued from page 1

Market Economy through a Partnership Program in Environmental Studies," is funded by a \$120,000 grant from the U.S. Dept. of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs.

The program is designed to help Hungary confront urgent environmental problems and achieve a market economy within the

European Union. The partnership will reinforce United States interests in Central Europe by helping BUTE to educate a new generation of informed trading partners.

Hronszky will give a presentation in the Spring Humanities Lecture Series titled "Evolution of Risk Research" on Feb. 21 at 7:30 p.m. The lecture will

be in the F.W. Olin Engineering Complex.

The BUTE is the largest institution of technological research and education in Hungary and the oldest engineering university in Europe. Its mission is to better prepare Hungarians for leadership roles in science and technology through education.

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Michael Ducatte, Alex Lindsay, Jack Macris, Michael Perry, Lois Zabor
5 Years
Jason Ball, Robert Bernard, Michael Blankenhagen, Nancy Bottge, Karen Brown, Jay Capone, Dawn Durant,

Judith de la Rosa, Joseph Guerrero, Richard Greene, Thomas Haman, Chantelle Harris, Lorraine Hasa, Gregory Horn, Rebecca Hoyt, Kathryn Johnson, Vicky Knerly, Verna Layman, Heather Mathews, Kathleen Meyer, Mieke

Oiswang, Stanley Pimenta, Robert Rowe, Heather Samuels, Beata Smith, Cynthia Smith, Shelley Starling, Maureen Thornton, Pura Twyman

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Your opportunity to be wrapped in toilet paper and get grass stains on your jeans is **Wacky Wars**, 3-5 p.m. Put a team together and meet at Southgate Field.

Late night partygoers will enjoy **Poor Man's Mardi Gras**, 5:30 p.m.-midnight in the Clemente Center. Wear your dancing shoes and get ready to catch some beads. Lambda Chi will coordinate this event. The cost is TBA; proceeds will go toward a charitable cause.

Saturday, Feb. 23—

The **Homecoming Parade** starts on University Blvd. at 11 a.m., travels north on Babcock Street and returns to the Clemente Center in time for the **Alumni, Students and Community Barbecue** at 12:45 p.m. Work up an appetite cheering on your favorite parade floats then get in line for a hearty lunch. While you're at the Clemente Center, you can catch the Panther Women's basketball game at 1 p.m., or the Panther Men's basketball game at 3 p.m. Both teams play St. Leo College.

The **Alumni Banquet** at 7:30 p.m. features **Gordon Patterson** as emcee with **Bob Sullivan** speaking on the university's latest research. The cost is \$25.