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Dear Florida Tech Alumni and Friends,

Welcome to the commemorative 50th Anniversary edition of Florida Tech TODAY!

We are engaged in an exciting time in the history of the university, celebrating the completion of the first five decades of Florida Institute of Technology.

In this 50th Anniversary edition, you’ll learn about key turning points in the university’s history from Florida Tech’s resident historians, Dr. Gordon Patterson and Dr. Robert Taylor. The article provides fascinating insights into the people who molded the university we love today, and the important decisions they made.

In addition to this broad historical overview, you’ll learn more about the origins and direction of each of Florida Tech’s six colleges. At the heart of these stories is the untold tale of the academic development of Florida Tech. Our transformation from the “Night School for Missilemen” to an emerging world leader in a variety of fields is the result of hard work and wise decisions along the way.

Other features in this issue include an alumni profile of Florida Tech’s first alumnus, Reagan DuBose. Reagan will join us at homecoming in October as the parade’s grand marshal. Our faculty profile features Dr. Richard Turner, part of the biology faculty for more than three decades.

Our athletics section will feature the national championship teams, all to be honored at our 50th Anniversary Hall of Fame banquet this fall. Remarkably, the athletics department is nearly as old as the university itself and remains a key component of campus life.

Finally, you’ll learn what my vision is for the next 50 years and where Florida Tech might be when we celebrate our centennial in 2058. I won’t give too much away here, but suffice to say I believe our future is a bright one.

In the meantime, I hope to see you at a very special homecoming this October, details for which you can find inside. Until then, I remain

Sincerely yours,

A.J. Catanese, Ph.D., FAICP
President
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Building Human Capital
Florida Tech’s six colleges have arrived at the Golden Anniversary in very different ways, but all are committed to providing high technology with the human touch.

Looking Back on 50 Years
The world has changed a great deal since 1958, and so has Florida Institute of Technology.

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This issue’s cover offers a sneak peek of the fine details incorporated by Melbourne artist Derek Gores when he created a commemorative painting for Florida Tech’s Golden Anniversary. See page 26 for the full story and ordering information.
Reaching for the stars
The Remarkable Story of Florida Tech is One of Inspirational People Making Inspired Decisions

Every Panther by now knows the story. Florida Institute of Technology founder Jerome P. Keuper was working at Cape Canaveral for RCA, one of the many scientists and engineers at the forefront of America’s race for space.

One evening, at the Pelican Lounge in Indian Harbour Beach, Keuper complained long and loud about the lack of a higher education alternative for those working at the Cape. He worried that too few of his co-workers held graduate degrees and worried further that this lack would harm the American efforts.

Some time into the conversation, a friend of Keuper’s dug into his pockets, pulled out 37 cents and slapped it on the table. “There’s your first donation, Jerry. Now, go build that college.”

Or so the story goes.
No one knows for sure if the story is more reality than myth, but Florida Tech Professor Gordon Patterson does know when the Brevard Engineering College (BEC) went public.

“In June of 1958, Keuper hosted an engineering cotillion at the Trade Winds Hotel in Indialantic,” said Patterson. “It was the first fundraiser for the new college. From this funding, Keuper was able to place ads in local newspapers announcing classes that fall. And so a college was born.”

During its first three years of existence, the new college had a vagabond lifestyle, with classes moving from location to location. The need for a permanent home came to a head when the superintendent of schools in Brevard County threatened to close the college because it had enrolled an African-American student.

When Julius Montgomery, one of the African-American students, learned of the impending crisis, he agreed to withdraw from classes in order to save the fledgling college. Today, Florida Tech honors Montgomery each year with the presentation of the Julius Montgomery Pioneer Award, given to an important leader in the Space Coast’s African American community.

In 1961, Florida Tech moved into its permanent home thanks to a donation of 40 acres from the former University of Melbourne. In fact, 1961 was a pivotal year for a number of reasons, according to Patterson.

“In 1961 BEC landed at its current location and immediately began to build new buildings,” said Patterson. “But two other milestones that year went a long way toward establishing the college’s legitimacy. First, Reagan DuBose became BEC’s first graduate. Second, Eileen Hall was hired to be the college’s first librarian.”

Indeed, the establishment of the library was to be the cornerstone of the college’s successful first decade. It was because of the library, Patterson said, that the college was able to achieve accreditation in 1965, just seven years after its founding and a startling one year after beginning the accreditation process.

Another milestone in 1965 would forever change the role of the institution.

“In 1965 construction was completed on the first dormitory, Brownlie Hall,” said Patterson. “This was a seismic shift for the college. In 1958, the average age of a BEC student was 33. With the completion of this dormitory, Keuper and his colleagues were announcing that they were moving BEC into the domain of traditional colleges and universities.”

The reasons for this change were both personal and practical, according to Patterson.

“There were two factors behind the decision to become a residential institution,” he said. “First, Keuper and the founders were very much influenced by their own academic experiences. Our quad is homage to the quadrangle at M.I.T., for example. By the mid-60s, people at the cape were already wondering what would be next after Apollo. Additionally, in going traditional, the leadership were making their own preparations for a future without launches and the race to the moon.”

To further cement this shift to a traditional college, Keuper hired Andy Seminick in 1965 to be the college’s first athletics director. A year later, BEC had become Florida Institute of Technology.

Also arriving on campus in 1966 was the unassuming personage of John Miller. Every alumnus who holds a non-space sciences degree from Florida Tech owes a debt of gratitude to Miller.

“After 1966, Keuper handed off the building of academic programs to Miller,” said Patterson. “Miller created a community of scholars and in so doing built the academic programs that are the backbone of the university.”

Two decades later, Keuper would hand off the presidency itself to Miller. Miller served the university at a crucial time, presiding over difficult decisions to eliminate some the university’s more far-flung and expensive enterprises. He did this important work while a search committee looked for his successor.

“Miller’s presidency was essential because it came at a time when Florida Tech faced formidable challenges,” said Patterson. “But Miller was able to pass to Lynn Weaver a leaner university capable of soaring again. It is no accident that the presidential office building is named in his memory.”
During the first decade of his presidency, **Lynn Edward Weaver** built a new infrastructure for the university. This manifested itself in two ways—the physical infrastructure of new sidewalks, paved parking lots, street lights and the like—and the academic, with a new emphasis on research not seen before in the university’s history. And all the while, Weaver chased the golden ring. In 1997, he caught it, earning the largest donation in the university’s history from the F.W. Olin Foundation.

Head of the department of humanities and communication **Robert Taylor** said the process for Weaver and the university’s leadership to earn the initial $50 million pledge was a long one. “It took Weaver and the board several years to convince the F.W. Olin Foundation to support the university—it was quite the daunting task,” said Taylor. “What it came down to was the F.W. Olin leadership asking itself where they could make the most impact. In the end, they felt they could change the nature of Florida Tech, and they did.”

Weaver’s key ally during this time period was Florida Tech’s chairman of the board of trustees **John T. Hartley**. Hartley, the president and CEO of Harris Corp., was instrumental in the university’s efforts. “I don’t think anyone labored harder than Jack Hartley,” said Patterson. “He staked his reputation on the success of Florida Tech and its mission.”

Hartley’s efforts on behalf of the university cannot be overstated. “The 21st century for Florida Tech began in 1995 (with the F.W. Olin Foundation negotiations),” said Patterson. “We entered a new era in which dreams were to become reality. The door to today’s university was opened in those conversations with F.W. Olin in 1995.”

The original gift from the foundation also created the F.W. Olin Engineering Complex, the F.W. Olin Life Sciences Building and the F.W. Olin Sports Complex.

On the heels of the F.W. Olin gift came Florida Tech’s Campaign for a Rising Star. Focused primarily on increasing the university’s endowment, the campaign did so successfully, from just over $1 million to more than $34 million.

An equally impressive result of the campaign was the donation that led to the construction of the Charles and Ruth Clemente Center for Sports and Recreation.

“The Clemente Center has made a huge difference in the life of our student body,” said Taylor. “And, its impact on our athletics program has been immeasurable.”

The F.W. Olin Foundation made one final gift to the university, resulting in the construction of the F.W. Olin Physical Sciences Center, home of the state of Florida’s largest research telescope.

Today, the university is entering the seventh year of the presidency of **Anthony J. Catanese**. Under Dr. Catanese’s leadership, Florida Tech has launched an extremely successful Golden Anniversary Campaign and is in the process of undergoing construction valued at $75 million. As a result, the university’s physical footprint will grow by 20 percent in the next 18 months.

For Taylor, this growth is symbolic of the dawn of a new era at Florida Tech. “Florida Tech is once again in the process of reinventing itself with new buildings and new academic programs for these new buildings,” Taylor said. “As a result, we’re moving into a higher orbit in the life history of the university.”

The new buildings include the Scott Center for Autism Treatment; the Harris Center for Science and Engineering; the Ruth Funk Center for Textile Arts; Harris Village, including residence halls named in honor of Hartley and Board of Trustees Chairman Phillip W. Farmer; a new dining hall and a new Olympic-sized swimming pool and diving well.

Taylor knows that the first 50 years are only the beginning, but as a historian, he can’t help but marvel at all that has been accomplished. “The usual rules for growth don’t apply at Florida Tech,” he said. “We’ve done in 50 years things that have taken traditional universities 150 years.”

Jay Wilson
In 2008, spring was busting out all over at Florida Tech as golden shovels full of dirt flew and earth-moving machines rolled onto campus. Thanks to many generous donations to the Golden Anniversary Campaign for Florida Tech, three groundbreakings celebrated new buildings in April and May and the biggest research telescope in the state received a champagne dedication in April.

Area businessman, co-founder of the Center for Global Development in Washington, D.C., and Florida Tech Trustee Ed Scott made a major donation to fund what will become the Scott Center for Autism Treatment. To this, the Health Resources and Services Administration chipped in with $2.4 million in federal funding, bringing together the necessary $5 million to complete the center.

The two-story south campus building, encompassing about 18,000 square feet, will provide services for individuals with autism spectrum disorders. It will also offer training for parents, teachers and other professionals and research on effective treatments for autism.

The much-anticipated groundbreaking for the Ruth Funk Center for Textile Arts occurred. To become the only textile museum in the state of Florida, the facility is going up in the heart of campus, between Evans Library and the Botanical Garden.

A $1.25 million campaign gift from Trustee Ruth Funk, artist, teacher, collector and philanthropist, makes the two-story center possible. The museum will feature 3,000 square feet of exhibition space, 2,500 square feet of storage and work space, and 700 square feet for a mezzanine library, lobby and grand stairway.

Construction has also begun on the Harris Center for Science and Engineering, located just south of the F.W. Olin Physical Sciences Center. Funding of $5 million for the project came from the Harris Corp. Charitable Fund, held by the Community Foundation of Brevard. The university’s already substantial reputation in information assurance served as a catalyst for the gift.

The third floor of the building will house the Harris Institute for Assured Information, which includes office space, computer laboratories and a multiuse media presentation area. The second floor will be divided between computer science and biology laboratories and offices. The first floor, containing offices, classrooms and laboratories, allows room for marine biology program expansion.

It doesn’t alter the landscape as will the new buildings, but the 32-inch diameter (0.8-meter) Ortega reflecting telescope will deepen our view of space. A new point of pride on campus, it is the largest research telescope in Florida.

Sarah and Jim Ortega’s $150,000 donation enhanced what would have been a 0.6-meter telescope, funded by the National Science Foundation, to a 0.8-meter instrument. The Ortegas also established a fund to benefit students in the department of physics and space sciences for many years to come.
For 50 years Florida Tech has benefited from the generosity and sage counsel of the leaders of Harris Corp. and its predecessor, Radiation Inc. Harris founders Homer Denius and George Shaw, and executives throughout the years, Joe Boyd, Jack Hartley, Phil Farmer, and, most recently, Howard Lance, have given generously to the university, both professionally and personally. Their gifts exemplify individual and corporate civic responsibility.

In 1960, Denius told Florida Tech founder Jerry Keuper that when Keuper found a permanent home for the university, he and Shaw would build the college’s first building. When Keuper secured the land that was to become Florida Tech’s core, Homer Denius dispatched an architect to design the first of the buildings. Florida Tech has been under construction ever since.

Joe Boyd, then Harris CEO and Florida Tech trustee, donated his private yacht to the campus in the mid-1960s. Renamed “Miss Fit,” this vessel launched the university’s research effort in marine and oceanographic studies. In 1970, Boyd helped Keuper to complete the seven-story Crawford Building.

In the 1980s and 1990s, no single individual contributed more to advancing the university than Jack Hartley. Just as he guided Harris into the ranks of one of the nation’s premier technology corporations, Hartley tirelessly devoted himself, as chairman of the Florida Tech board of trustees and head of a university capital campaign, to making Florida Tech one of the nation’s outstanding private universities. The culmination of Hartley’s and President Lynn Edward Weaver’s efforts came in 1997 with the F.W. Olin Foundation’s $50 million gift to the university.

In the last decade, Farmer and Lance provided valuable support to President Anthony J. Catanese’s efforts to broaden the university’s mission. They supported the president’s plans for new programs in music, international studies, fine arts, communication, aeronautics, business and psychology as well as the new textiles museum and autism treatment center while remaining true to Florida Tech’s commitment to excellence in science and engineering. The new Harris Center will seal the partnership in bricks and mortar.

The greatest gift of Radiation Inc. and Harris Corp. to the university is something that cannot be measured in dollars and cents. Since Florida Tech’s inception, the leaders of one of America’s great corporations have believed in the university. Fifty years ago when many doubted that the fledgling college would survive, Denius, Shaw and their successors stood behind it.

Florida Tech is indebted to Harris Corp. for its confidence in the university’s mission and sacrifices on the university’s behalf.

“So much activity heralding change and growth in such a short span of time is unprecedented in the university’s 50-year history. Each event has been a celebration of Florida Tech’s future.”

President Anthony J. Catanese

Gordon Patterson, Florida Tech Historian
Building Human

Commencement August 1979
Florida Institute of Technology's infrastructure has grown dramatically over the past 50 years and every generation has witnessed a bricks and mortar renaissance. But the central mission of the university, educating the next generation of scientists and engineers and engaging in life-changing research, has remained unchanged. Each college has followed this mission since its founding. These are the stories of what has changed, and what has remained the same, over the decades.

College of Aeronautics

Founded: Originating as the Aerospace Technical Institute (ATI), the college was founded in 1967 to train and educate individuals in aviation business and electronic technology.

First Dean: Jerry Lauderbaugh, recruited to begin and lead Florida Tech’s Aerospace Technical Institute, worked from an office in the basement of Grissom Hall. He oversaw the college’s acquisition of Campbell Aviation, which began the university’s flight school with headquarters at Melbourne Airport.

A lot has changed in 40 years: Enrollment grew rapidly. The university leased space in local motels to house students and, in 1969, purchased an Indialantic hotel to serve as a residence hall. In 1972 ATI became the School of Aeronautics and, in 1974, the university purchased the Southgate Apartment complex on Babcock Street for a School of Aeronautics business office and student housing. A 1990 grant from the Federal Aviation Administration helped fund the Skurla Airways Sciences Building to house classrooms, laboratories and offices. Now called the Skurla Building, it’s still in use today. To be completed by late 2008, the Emil Buehler Center for Aviation Training and Research is located on eight acres at Melbourne International Airport. It will become the university’s flight training center and site of its fixed-base operation as well as housing research centers in human factors and simulation research.

Some things remain the same: The college continues to attract students from all over the world, with a 2007–2008 enrollment of 355 students. Students are attracted to seven bachelor’s degree programs, some with flight training; and master’s degrees in human factors, airport development and management, and applied aviation safety.

College of Business

Founded: Beginning as Brevard Engineering College’s management program in the 1960s, the program became part of the School of Management and Humanities in 1980. Management school members moved into a new building in 1982, where they remain today.

First Dean: Jim Stoms was dean, 1980–1988, and Roger Manley succeeded him, 1988–1990. Stoms and Joan Bixby were the organizers of the management program in the 1960s.

A lot has changed in 40 years: Growing from just a program, the College of Business today offers bachelor’s degrees in accounting, business administration, business and environmental studies, eCommerce technology, information management and international business as well as a master’s in business administration (M.B.A.) and E.M.B.A. (executive).
**Some things remain the same:** The college’s mission continues to be to develop and expand a student’s skills and capabilities in preparation for successful leadership in today’s dynamic business environment. Access to high-tech programs on campus as well as proximity to the space industry’s top innovative firms create an atmosphere of dynamic change and adaptation important in the world’s rapidly changing economy.

“We pride ourselves on small class sizes, international flavor and a hands-on experience. Classes may be as small as five students and average less than 20. Our current undergraduate enrollment is composed of up to 30 percent international students, which provides for a rich classroom discussion involving today’s global business environment. And, for a hands-on education, all students are required to take an academically based internship, which involves working in a local company during their senior year.”—Robert E. Niebuhr, Ph.D., dean, College of Business

**College of Engineering**

**Founded:** Formation of the college coincided with the first classes offered by Brevard Engineering College on Sept. 22, 1958.

**First Dean:** The first dean of Brevard Engineering College was Harold Dibble.

“Reflective of our roots, aerospace engineering continues to be our largest program in the college. Our other large programs of mechanical, computer, electrical and ocean engineering as well as computer science continue to grow every year. Our smaller programs of civil and chemical engineering are currently growing at a rate even faster than our larger programs.” —Thomas D. Waite, Ph.D., dean, College of Engineering

**A lot has changed in 50 years:** “Harry Weber helped me start a microwave laboratory. Of course, we didn’t have room for it inside our building, so we put it together outside on tables in the parking lot. This was fine, until Dr. Keuper came by during a lab session. The lab quickly went back into an extremely crowded building.”—The late Professor Walter Nunn, reminiscing in a 2003 interview on the primitive conditions at the college in the late 1960s. Nunn joined Florida Tech in 1969 and taught at the university for more than three decades. A scholarship in electrical engineering is named in his honor.

Today, the college is headquartered in the F.W. Olin Engineering Complex, and more square footage is on the way with the upcoming construction of the Harris Center for Science and Engineering.

**Some things remain the same:** The college remains the largest at the university, with more than 1,800 students on the Melbourne campus. As in the days when laboratories were moved outdoors, much of the learning in the college is done by doing, not listening to lectures. Engineering capstone projects, largely the province of seniors at most universities, are undertaken at Florida Tech by freshmen and sophomores. These projects culminate in a showcase every spring in the Clemente Center, with more than 100 group efforts on display.

**College of Psychology and Liberal Arts**

**Founded:** The School of Psychology was founded in 1980. The department of humanities and communication was also established on campus that year.

**First Dean:** The first dean of the School of Psychology was Charles Corman.
“The College of Psychology and Liberal Arts has, for nearly three decades, brought the human touch to the high technology at Florida Institute of Technology. The college's emphasis on preparing scholars and practitioners to enhance the human condition and on conducting applied research on complex challenges of human behavior has brought it national recognition and top faculty and students from all over the globe.” —Mary Beth Kenkel, Ph.D., dean, College of Psychology and Liberal Arts

A lot has changed over the years: “I think we added a different way of viewing the world from what was here previously,” Professor Bill Gabrenya told Florida Tech TODAY during the college’s 20th anniversary celebration. “Not only our students, but also our faculty have a different way of looking at things than most Florida Tech faculty.”

The college has added degree programs over the years, complementing the core doctor of psychology (Psy.D.) program with master’s and doctoral degree programs in industrial/organizational psychology and a master’s degree program in applied behavior analysis. In recent years the college has built a national reputation in autism treatment and research and broke ground on the Scott Center for Autism Treatment last spring.

The college expanded in 2007 with the addition of the department of humanities and communication.

Some things remain the same: The Psy.D. program remains one of the nation’s finest and has produced top psychologists who have made a difference in the field.
A lot has changed in 50 years: The College of Science has grown to include departments of biological sciences, chemistry, mathematical sciences, physics and space sciences, and science and mathematics education, all producing nationally known alumni and creating internationally regarded research breakthroughs. For example, Professor Ravi Agarwal is the third most cited mathematician in the world, based on both citations and number of publications. Today, the college is leading the university in external funding. As of June 1, 2008, the COS’s total research award is $17.3M (55 percent of the university’s total external funding). This sum spreads over 74 grants and contracts among 43 of our faculty (65 percent of COS faculty). The average funding per active research faculty for our college is about $400,000—a respectable figure for a top research university.

Some things remain the same: Student achievement is at the heart of the work in the College of Science. Today we are, as we were decades ago, committed to (1) producing engaged graduates, prepared for life, work and leadership in a constantly changing world, (2) advancing excellent educational and research programs in the natural sciences, mathematics and education and (3) transforming ideas into actions that directly benefit the personal, economic, social and cultural lives of the citizens of the world. Over decades, our college’s distinction has been based on our faculty’s excellence in teaching, service and research, through scholarly publications and external funding. We recognize that “science is not something you study, but something you do.” For our faculty, the ultimate role is “to teach science, to create science, to apply science, to make scientists.” We’re all in this business because of our students.

University College

Founded: The first off-campus program began in 1972, in Maryland, by special request of the United States Navy.

First Dean: General Ed Gudgel

“University College has always broken ground in both its programs and in the way it delivers them. This fall, this legacy continues with a new concentration in humanitarian disaster relief logistics for our master’s degree in logistics management. This new concentration combines the best of high technology and the human touch by providing students with a real understanding of how technology can be used to ease human suffering in the worst of circumstances.” —Clifford Bragdon, Ph.D., dean, University College

A lot has changed in 36 years: The name of the college has changed several times, from Off-Campus Programs to School for Extended Graduate Studies to the current, University College. The methodology for delivering academic programs has changed too, transitioning from site-based traditional learning methods to a mixture of online and traditional programs.

Some things remain the same: University College alumni have always been remarkable for their diversity and level of professional achievement. An outstanding collection of flag-rank officers, corporate CEOs and astronauts have all earned Florida Institute of Technology degrees through University College. Last spring, alumna astronaut Sunita Williams spoke at the Melbourne campus, but she too earned a degree through University College.
Wham-O began selling the Hula Hoop

Intel develops the microchip

First successful American satellite, Explorer 1, launched into orbit; space race begins

The word “aerospace” is coined, from the words aircraft (aero) and spacecraft (space)

President Dwight D. Eisenhower signs the Alaska statehood bill

National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) formally created

First color video recording on magnetic tape presented

First transatlantic passenger jet service begins

The American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) is founded

The aluminum can is introduced as a food container

Ford Motor builds the prototype “car of the future” called the Nucleon—powered by a nuclear reactor

McDonald’s hits the 100 million mark

Toy Legos introduced with eight-stud bricks that can be combined 24 ways

Mercedes-Benz brings first diesel auto to the U.S.

Japan’s Tokyo Telecommunications changes its name to Sony Corp.

Elvis Presley joins the Army

U.S. nuclear sub the USS Nautilus passes under the North Pole

First radio broadcast from space (President Eisenhower: “To all mankind, America’s wish for peace on Earth and good will to men everywhere”)

Peace symbol designed

The year 2008 marks the start of Florida Tech’s second 50 years. A lot can happen in a half a century. In the case of Florida Tech, it went from a “night school for missile men” to a doctoral-degree-granting university with research grants and contracts of $30 million in 2006 and the largest research telescope in Florida.

Turn the page to see our timeline
1958 – Florida Institute of Technology (originally named Brevard Engineering College) is founded by Jerome P. Keuper, who remained president until 1986.

1961 – The college moves to its current Melbourne, Fla., campus after being housed in facilities that included rented junior high school classrooms, an old church and a World War II Navy Barracks at Melbourne International Airport.

1965 – The university is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

1966 – The university’s name is changed to Florida Institute of Technology.

The oceanography department is established to offer scientific courses in this largely unexplored frontier.

1967 – The School of Aeronautics, originally called Aerospace Technical Institute, is created to train and educate individuals in aviation business and electronic technology. A student center building and the Gleason Auditorium are built. The botanical garden area is created.

1970 – First million dollar building (Crawford)

1971 – The department of biological sciences is created. A master’s degree program is started in science education, with options in biology, chemistry, environmental science, physics, general science, mathematics and aviation.

1972 – The first off-campus program is launched in Maryland at the request of the U.S. Navy.

1975 – WFIT, a student-operated radio station, begins broadcasting. It was Brevard’s first noncommercial, educational FM radio station.

1979 – The School of Psychology and the School of Management and Humanities are created.

1982 – A new undergraduate program leading to a bachelor’s degree in business communication is announced.

1983 – The School of Psychology opens its Psychological Services facility.


1986 – John E. Miller serves as president of Florida Tech from 1986–87. Miller was vice president for academic affairs from 1966–75.

1987 – Lynn Edward Weaver is named president of Florida Tech. The university announces a $25-million, five-year capital campaign.

1990 – Florida Tech opens the Spaceport Graduate Center in Titusville, serving the Kennedy Space Center and Patrick Air Force Base.

Florida Tech becomes a member of the Oak Ridge Associated Universities, a 57-member university consortium that explores opportunities and solves problems in science and technology.

1991 – Florida Tech Panther men’s soccer team captures the NCAA Division II national championship (see story on page 38).

1993 – Florida Tech’s capital campaign surpasses the $25-million mark in June. The $25,804,408 is the most money ever raised by the university in a single fundraising program.
1997 – F.W. Olin Foundation gives $50 million—half to fund construction of new engineering and life sciences buildings and half to be matched by capital campaign donations.

1999 – Charles and Ruth Clemente donate $3.3 million for a sports and recreation center.

F.W. Olin Engineering Complex and F.W. Olin Life Sciences Building are completed.

2000 – The Florida Tech extended campus was established, providing electronic delivery of degree and professional development programs worldwide.

2001 – Charles and Ruth Clemente Center for Sports and Recreation is completed.

2002 – Anthony J. Catanese is named the fourth president of Florida Tech.

Jerome P. Keuper, founder and president emeritus, passes away in March.

2003 – Panther athletics announces plans for five new intercollegiate teams—women’s soccer, men’s and women’s tennis, and men’s and women’s golf.

Columbia Village residence halls are completed.

2004 – University launches Panther Pride Florida Tech license plate.


2006 – Buehler Trust donates $1.5 million to fund a training and research center at Melbourne International Airport.

Ruth Funk donates $1.25 million to create a textiles museum.

Hosted the 25th Anniversary Indian River Lagoon Symposium.

2007 – Kicked off $50 million capital campaign.

Hosted International Sustainability Conference.


Students will begin calling the Harris Village home in the fall. The Ortega reflecting telescope, the largest research telescope in Florida, is installed.

While the college’s first degree in 1961 was given to Reagan DuBose, it wasn’t until June of 1962 that BEC held its first commencement. It honored a graduating class of 38. Included among the graduates were the first two honorary doctorates given to Florida Secretary of State Tom Adams and Astronaut Virgil “Gus” Grissom. Grissom was the first NASA astronaut to receive an honorary degree.

That same year, the Melbourne Chamber of Commerce presented Keuper with what appeared to be a financial panacea—a merger with the Disciples of Christ Church. The merger would have transformed BEC into Florida Christian University, similar to the church’s Texas Christian University (TCU). While negotiations lasted for nearly a year, the merger ultimately failed for two reasons. First, the church did not bring the financial backing Keuper had been promised by the chamber. Second, the church planned to replace the university’s leadership, including Keuper!

Those concerned by the failed merger need not have worried. By 1964, the enrollment at the college had more than tripled, Keuper had committed to building a residential college with the dedication of the first dormitory, Brownlie Hall, and construction was under way on an 11,000-square-foot two-story library. That same year, the college was accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

BEC had truly arrived. It would soon vanish.

By 1966, BEC was no more, the name had permanently changed to Florida Institute of Technology. The new university began to branch out its academic offerings, expanding past the rocket science and engineering curriculums envisioned at the Pelican Bar.

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Turn to page 37 for more details.
There can be no argument that Florida Institute of Technology has made extraordinary progress in its first five decades. No matter what the measure—students, alumni, bricks and mortar, curriculum growth, research funding or endowment—the trend of the university has been on a steep upward curve.

Just as today’s university would have been hard to imagine for Jerry Keuper and the team of pioneers who built the university from a fabled first donation of 37 cents, Florida Tech at its centennial is a fleeting vision for those who love the university today. President Anthony J. Catanese’s long-term vision for Florida Tech is concentrated around a core belief.

“We’ll be one of the top 10 technological universities in the world,” said Catanese. “People will talk about M.I.T., Cal Tech, Georgia Tech and Florida Institute of Technology in the same breath.”

Catanese believes that in order for the university to reach this lofty position in the honor roll of the academy; Florida Tech will need to build upon present-day strengths.

“We will be world leaders in computer security and in new applications of computing not even thought of today,” said Catanese. “True to our roots, we’ll be working with NASA and perhaps its successors on a new Mars colony, fresh off the successful colonization of the moon. Back on Earth, our long-standing tradition of alternative fuels research will have made us a world leader in the movement toward hydrogen as an everyday alternative to fossil fuels.”
Other academic areas of excellence Catanese envisions for 2058 have only the seeds of genesis on campus today. Included among these are treatments for autism and other mental and physical conditions that come to the fore in the 21st century. Catanese specifically cites the research of biologists Alan Leonard and Julia Grimwade, who are looking for the “on” switch in cancer cell growth, as an underlying building block of this new cornerstone of research.

“I think we will combine the best of our College of Engineering and College of Science in whole new arenas of bio-engineering, genetics research and human-machine robotics,” he said.

In addition to an expansion of Florida Tech’s academic and research mission, Catanese believes the university will be a key player in other parts of the world. He cites partnerships with universities in emergent Asia, including China and India, as well as new relationships with established universities in Europe.

Beyond these partnerships, he said Florida Tech students, alumni and faculty will be making a difference in the third world as well.

“The Florida Tech community will be using technology to solve many of the problems of the developing world,” said Catanese.

Of course, Catanese maintains a soft spot in his heart for athletics. He sees great accomplishments for Panther generations to come.

“Our rowing teams will have won the Dad Vail, the Head of the Charles and even the Henley Regatta. We will have achieved national championships once again in soccer, and for the first time in baseball and basketball,” he said.

“And as for a football team …”

Finally, Catanese believes the mission of Florida Tech, in spite of, or perhaps because of, all of the other changes through time, will remain largely unchanged.

“With all this, Florida Tech will remain dedicated to providing a high-tech education with a human touch. We will never pull back from this core principle.”

Jay Wilson
The Campaign Continues: Where Your Dollars May Go

Funding opportunities remaining in the Golden Anniversary Campaign for Florida Tech are of all descriptions, shapes and sizes—from an entire building to athletics field lighting.

All colleges seek named professorships and chairs of excellence. Also welcome are endowed fellowships for undergraduate and graduate studies.

Below are several other possibilities. For more information, contact Beverly Sanders, senior director of development, at (321) 674-6155 or sandersb@fit.edu.

**College of Business**
Funding for a new building and naming opportunity

Gifts for the “Fund for Excellence” to support non-operating needs

**College of Psychology and Liberal Arts**
Funding for a new building and naming opportunity

**College of Aeronautics**
Emil Buehler Center for Aviation Training and Research

Naming opportunities for rooms, or “name a wing”

Naming opportunities for new aircraft

**College of Science**
Funding and naming a biomedical building

**College of Engineering**
Naming opportunities for Harris Center for Science and Engineering

Naming opportunities for conference rooms, laboratories

**Ruth Funk Center for Textile Arts**
Naming opportunities for rooms, or “name a wing”

**Scott Center for Autism Treatment**
Naming opportunities for rooms, or “name a wing”

**Athletics**
New boathouse at the Florida Tech anchorage

For athletics fields:
Lighting, lockers, concession area, restrooms

Endowment for coaches’ and assistant coaches’ salaries

Naming opportunity for swimming pool and diving well

**General Campus**
Naming opportunities for two covered bridges
Alumni Giving: A Statistical Look

What class years are doing the most for the Golden Anniversary Campaign for Florida Tech? Rebecca Caldwell, assistant director of advancement services, crunched some numbers and came up with a list of the top classes of alumni givers.

Counting surviving class members, the top 10 giving years (number of alumni donors, not dollar amounts) between 2004 and 2008, are shown at right.

Caldwell also found that of all campaign donors, 40.5 percent are alumni, or 4,477 alumni out of a total 11,065 donors.

If you’re a curious alumnus and want to know how your class is doing, here is the entire list, 1962–2008:

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As we approach our Golden Anniversary Homecoming, I encourage you to reach out to former classmates and invite them to rendezvous with you and others Oct. 10–19. The relationships we built through membership in fraternities, sororities or clubs created life-long memories and friendships that remain with us to this day. In addition to all athletic teams, more than 200 clubs and organizations have formed over our 50 years. See if this list below doesn’t remind you of a memory and a friend with whom you’ve lost contact. Invite them to join you at homecoming!

American Institute of American Engineers
American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE)
American Society of Mechanical Engineers
Amnesty International
Aquaculture Society
Arab Student Association
Association for Computer Machinery (ACM)
Astronomy Society
ATARI Computer Enthusiasts
Baha’i Club
Ballroom Dancing and Theta Tau
Band Program and Drill Club
Baptist Campus Ministry
The Belletrist Literary Magazine
Beta Nu Pi
Beta Omega Xi
Beta Phi Delta
Beta Tau Alpha
Bicycle Club
Black Student Association
Bleacher Bums
Blue Key National Honor Fraternity
Blue Water Dive Club
Boardsailing Club
Bowling Club
Campus Activities Board (CAB)
Caribbean Students Association
Chess Club
Chi Epsilon (Civil Engineering Honor Society)
Chi Phi
Chinese Student Association
Chinese Students and Scholars
Friendship Association (CSSA)
American Institute of Chemical Engineers (AICHE)
Civil Engineering Honor Society
Club Med
College Players
Collegiate Exchange Club
Crane Creek Shotokan Karate
The Crimson
Dance Association
Delta Delta Tau
Delta Mu Delta
Delta Sigma Pi
Dorm Council
Electrical and Computer Engineering Coordinating Committee (EC3)
Environmental Science and Engineering
Epsilon Kappa Delta
Eta Kappa Nu (Engineering Honor Society)
Eta Sigma
Fact
Falcons Precision Flight Team
Fencing Club
Florida Future Educators of America
Florida Tech Television Club (FITV)
Forensic Society
Frisbee Club
Gamma Phi Beta
Gay and Lesbian Alliance for Student Support (GLASS)
Golden Z
Graduate School of Psychology
Student Senate
Ham Radio Club
Hit and Run Rock Band
Indian Educational and Cultural Association
Industrial Psychology Association
Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE)
Instrument Society
InterClub Council
Inter-Fraternity Council
Inter-Hall Dorm Council
International Choir
International Student Services Organization (ISSO)
Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship (IVCF)
Japanese Student Organization
Jazz Band
Kappa Alpha Phi
Kappa Alpha Psi
Korean Association
L5
LaCrosse Club

Reach out + Rendezvous
Reach out + Rendezvous @ Homecoming 2008

Register soon for all the events at www.merchantamerica.com/fit/echopay.

Ad Astra and Go Panthers!
It’s a homecoming like those in the past yet like no other. It will have all that you would expect in October: Florida sunshine and balmy evenings. But because this year marks the university’s Golden Anniversary, Homecoming 2008, Oct. 10–19, offers some added glitter. Look for your favorite old events and lots of new ones, too!

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10–SUNDAY OCTOBER 12
Physics and Space Science Reunion
All day
Evans Library Exhibit–50th anniversary
All day
Alumni House Exhibit–50th anniversary
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17
All day
Evans Library Exhibit–50th anniversary
All day
Alumni House Exhibit–50th anniversary
* 8 a.m.
Tin Cup Golf Tournament
Duran Golf Club
11 a.m.—2 p.m.
College of Business Open House
11 a.m.—1 p.m.
Caribbean Alumni Luncheon
Southgate Field
1—6 p.m.
Caribbean Alumni Reception
Southgate Field and basketball court
6 p.m.
Campus Activities Board (CAB) Night
* 6 p.m.
50th Anniversary Sports Hall of Fame Banquet
Clemente Center
8:30 p.m.
Hockey Game
Rockledge
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16
All day
Evans Library Exhibit–50th anniversary
All day
Alumni House Exhibit–50th anniversary
* 8 a.m.
Tin Cup Golf Tournament
Duran Golf Club
11 a.m.—2 p.m.
College of Business Open House
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8:30 p.m.
Hockey Game
Rockledge
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15
All day
Evans Library Exhibit–50th anniversary
All day
Alumni House Exhibit–50th anniversary
4 p.m.
Department of Marine and Environmental Systems Speaker and Topic TBA, Room P-133
4–7 p.m.
Alumni Networking Session
Hartley Room
7:30 p.m.
Wacky Wars
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14
All day
Evans Library Exhibit–50th anniversary
All day
Alumni House Exhibit–50th anniversary
Doors open at 10:30 p.m.
Basketball’s Midnight Madness
Clemente Center
MONDAY, OCTOBER 13
(Columbus Day—Holiday)
All day
Evans Library Exhibit–50th anniversary
All day
Alumni House Exhibit–50th anniversary

Register online at www.merchantamerica.com/fit/echopay
or fill out the form and mail to Alumni Affairs
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18

All day
Evans Library Exhibit–50th anniversary

All day
Alumni House Exhibit–50th anniversary

All day
College of Aeronautics Aviation Day
F.I.T. Aviation

7:30 a.m.
Alumni Homecoming 5K Race/Walk
Athletics Department

9 a.m.
Alumni Rowing Races
Anchorage

10 a.m.
Alumni Baseball
Seminick-Hall Baseball Field

10 a.m.
Homecoming Parade

All Campus and Community Barbeque
following parade
Panther Plaza
Alumni Bands
Panthereum
Alumni Soccer–Men and Women
Stottler Soccer Field

2 p.m.
IFC and Panhellenic 50th Anniversary
Gift Dedication

3–5 p.m.
GOLD Alumni Reception
Alumni House

5:30–6:15 p.m.
Alumni Association Hospitality
Clemente Center

* 6:45–10 p.m.
50th Anniversary Celebration Banquet
Clemente Center–cocktail attire

10 p.m.–2 a.m.
Homecoming Dance

For complete information on activities and information for college, department and other groups, please contact the following:

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Hazel Rosskamp (321) 674-7190 or hrosskamp@fit.edu

Athletics
(321) 674-8032

Caribbean Alumni
Weyni Clacken ’01 weyni_@hotmail.com

Delta Delta Tau Fraternity
George Poidomani ’73 VoiceTypeG@aol.com

Student Affairs
Judy Thompson (321) 674-8080 or thompson@fit.edu

* Payment required for these events.
Go to www.merchantamerica.com/fit/echopay to register online.

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All Campus and Community Barbeque
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Panther Plaza
Alumni Bands
Panthereum
Alumni Soccer–Men and Women
Stottler Soccer Field

10 a.m.–Noon
Brunch
Alumni House

11 a.m.
Alumni Mass
All Faiths Center

Homecoming Banquet in the Clemente Center–dinner at 7 p.m. (Cocktail Attire)
# Attendees __ @ $65 individual / $100 couple = $ ___________

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The Amazing Kreskin, who has appeared on CNN-TV, ABC, NBC, FOX News, and FOX and Friends, will entertain at the Saturday night banquet.

Homecoming 2008 Registration Form

To register by credit card or check (payable to Florida Tech Alumni Association), fill out this form and send to:
Florida Institute of Technology, Office of Alumni Affairs, 150 West University Boulevard, Melbourne, FL 32901-6975

You may also register online at www.merchantamerica.com/fit/echopay

Name ________________________________________________________________
Address _____________________________________________________________________________________
City __________________________________________ State  __________  ZIP ______________________
Phone _________________________ E-mail _____________________________________________________

Saturday, Oct. 18

Banquet Reception in the Clemente Center–starting at 5:30 p.m.
# Attendees __ @ no charge

Homecoming Banquet in the Clemente Center–dinner at 7 p.m. (Cocktail Attire)
# Attendees __ @ $65 individual / $100 couple = $ ___________

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Melbourne artist Derek Gores accomplished a difficult feat when he created a commemorative painting for Florida Tech’s Golden Anniversary. His creativity and talent was put to the test and, according to the committee who selected him, he passed with flying colors—crimson and gold to be exact.

Gores competed against area artists for the honor of creating the commissioned painting depicting 50 years at Florida Tech. The Brevard Cultural Alliance solicited artists’ proposals, and Gores was selected by a committee of staff, alumni and friends of the university.

In his painting Gores used the school’s crimson color and a golden sunrise to symbolize Florida Tech’s Golden Anniversary. “The montage format let me incorporate many of the iconic landmarks and historic moments,” Gores explained. The exhaust of the space shuttle forms the clouds in the sky, where he integrated images reflecting the vision and aspirations of the founders. He added the university emblem with the sun rising to meet it.

The university’s motto Ad Astra Per Scientiam, which means “to the stars through learning,” runs along the bottom of the art. “Just as in the real university, I hope all the pieces of the painting add up to something bigger,” he said.

Gores, a graduate of the Rhode Island School of Design, wanted to create Florida Tech’s Golden Anniversary art because he supports the decision to expand fine arts at the university. “It’s a logical complement to engineering,” he said. “I hope to continue to be a part of Florida Tech’s development in this area.”

Gores recently returned to Brevard County and said he is glad to be back. He graduated from Satellite High School and his wife, Jamie, graduated from Eau Gallie High School. They returned to Melbourne to raise their three daughters in “a great small town atmosphere.”

Gores designs for top brands like ESPN, Lucasfilm and Harley-Davidson, as well as for the entertainment industry for artists such as Madonna, Chris Rock and the Eagles. Locally, Gores enjoys commissions for corporate and private collectors in both design and painting. Some of his paintings can be seen at Silken Galleria in downtown Melbourne. He also occasionally teaches art classes at the Brevard Art Museum in Melbourne. For more information about the classes, go to www.artandscience.org/classes.html or call (321) 242-0737. For more information about Gores, go to www.customartnow.com and www.derekgores.com.

Melinda Milhsap

Local Artist Creates 50th Anniversary Commemorative Painting for Florida Tech

Decorate your home or office with this beautiful 24” x 36” gallery wrapped canvas limited edition giclée.

The alumni association’s art committee chaired by board member Milo Zonka ’95 selected this piece to commemorate the university’s 50th anniversary. Only 50 of these commemorative pieces are available—each signed and embellished by artist Derek Gores.

Place your order today! Please allow two weeks for delivery.

Order online at www.merchantamerica.com/fit/echopay.

Price: $500

For more information, contact Ken Droscher at gopanthers@fit.edu or (866) FLA-TECH.
We continue to celebrate the Golden Anniversary of Florida Tech. Some events have passed, but good memories linger, most recently from July activities.

We won’t soon forget, for example, when 1993 National Teacher of the Year Tracey Bailey ’88 was keynote speaker at the department of science and mathematics education’s 50th Anniversary Grand Reunion Celebration. Bailey is now director of education policy for the Association of American Educators in Washington, D.C.

We also recall how Richard Turner, associate professor of biological sciences, led the College of Sciences in presenting the Fifth North American Echinoderm Conference on campus. This conference of international marine biologists who study sea stars, sea urchins and other marine animals—echinoderms—drew nearly 100 people to campus.

V. Lakshmikantham, head of the department of mathematical sciences, once again held a prestigious Worldwide Linear Analysts Conference in Orlando. This year the event included a special reception to honor Dr. Lak and announce a scholarship in his name.

As you can see from this calendar, we’re still kicking up our heels and will continue festivities well into 2009. We invite you to join us at one of these outstanding events.

**SEPTEMBER**

Sept. 18  
7 p.m., Hartley Room, Denius Student Center  
**Humanities Lecture Series:**  
“Countdown College: Launching America’s First Space University”  
Panel Discussion by Professors Emeriti Tom Bowman, Andy Revay, Tom Stevens and Harry Weber  
Sept. 20  
4–9 p.m.  
**50th Anniversary Faculty, Staff and Student Celebration**  
Panther Plaza

**OCTOBER**

Oct. 10–19  
**Golden Anniversary Homecoming 2008 Blowout**  
See pages 24–25 for schedule.  
Oct. 31  
7:30 p.m.  
Fall Music Showcase “Thriller”  
Gleason Performing Arts Center

**NOVEMBER**

Nov. 15  
9 a.m.–11 p.m.  
**Evans Library Day at Barnes & Noble Booksellers**  
Book signings by local authors. Percentage of sales donated to Evans Library.  
Nov. 18  
3:30–5 p.m.  
**College of Business Industry Education Forum**  
Nov. 19  
**LASER Day (Liberal Arts, Science and Engineering Resource)**  
College of Science, College of Engineering, College of Psychology and Liberal Arts

**DECEMBER**

Dec. 7  
**University College Jazz Cruise**  
on the Indian River Queen  
Dec. 8–9  
**University College Conference on National Preparedness**

Dec. 15  
College of Aeronautics  
Emil Buehler Aviation Training and Research Center Grand Opening

**2009**

**FEBRUARY**

Feb. 19–20  
College of Aeronautics Aviation Symposium  
Feb. 21  
6 p.m.  
College of Business Casino Royale Night  
Feb. 22–March 2  
**Galapagos Alumni Tour**, Department of Biological Sciences  
**Sold Out!**

**MARCH**

March 3–4  
**International Sustainability Forum**,  
College of Science

**APRIL**

April 4  
6–10 p.m.  
**School of Psychology fundraiser for the Scott Center for Autism Treatment**  
Cocktails and hors d’oeuvres  
Call (321) 674-6076 or csmith01@fit.edu  
April 14  
9 a.m.–3 p.m.  
**College of Business Ethics Conference**  
at Harris Customer Briefing Center  
April 24  
**College of Business Awards Banquet**

**Ongoing until December 2009**

Evans Library  
50th Anniversary Exhibit

For more information on these events e-mail gopanthers@fit.edu
Enjoying the comraderie at Boston’s Seaport Hotel are from left: Luis Arvelo ’99 and guest, Mike Loftus ’82 and Peter Velikin ’97

Boston

Oxford

President Anthony J. Catanese chats with Florida Tech students Mark Moyou and Shannon Quinn. They are among 34 students experiencing the University of Oxford 2008 Study Abroad program. Students earn six credits in the five-week course, which offers the rich experience of the 13th century University of Oxford in England.

Learning about the program are trustees, from left: Phillip W. Farmer; Dale Dettmer ’71 M.S.; Chuck Clemente; Florida Tech President Anthony J. Catanese; Ken Reway ’82; and Florida Tech Provost T. Dwayne McCay. The group is posing in the Old Bursary of Corpus Christi College where finances for the original college were handled. The portrait is of Queen Elizabeth I.

Taiwan

In Taipei, Mike Lin ’96 M.B.A., left, visits with Pei-feng Hsu, professor and department head, mechanical and aerospace engineering. Lin is the customer service and coordination manager of L.Seatex Co., Ltd. and Lin-Seatex Trading Corp.

Atlanta

Right: Jarin Horton ’06 with wife Lauren joins in the alumni reception at the Atlanta Airport Hilton.

Far right: Senior Vice President for Advancement Ken Stackpoole (center) visits with, Miguel Estremera ’98 and Ruth Ladd Dudley ’97.

Enjoying the comraderie at Boston’s Seaport Hotel are from left: Luis Arvelo ’99 and guest, Mike Loftus ’82 and Peter Velikin ’97

Pausing to pose at the reception are from left: Senior Vice President for Advancement Ken Stackpoole and wife Susan, Ernie Smith ’83 and wife Anne, and President Anthony J. Catanese with wife Sara.
As alumni and trustees, we share your past and look to your future.

Congratulations on 50 years of outstanding education.

Ad Astra Per Scientiam!

Bino P. Campanini, B.S. Business Communication ’90, M.B.A. ’92, NCAA National Champion (Soccer) ’88 and ’91

Joseph Caruso, B.S. Management Science ’73, Pi Kappa Alpha

Dale Dettmer, M.S. Electrical Engineering ’71

Henry Heflich, B.S. Electrical Engineering ’73, Pi Kappa Alpha

James Pruitt, M.S. Systems Management ’72

Ken Revay, B.S. Mechanical Engineering ’82, Past President Florida Tech Alumni Association ’00

Jim Thomas, B.S. Math ’74, Pi Kappa Alpha
Fraternally Speaking

At the conclusion of each year, the fraternities and sororities are recognized for excellence in their chapters and as individuals. A committee of faculty and staff selects the recipients based on the information and nominations received. Each year at the Student Leader Awards Banquet, those awards are presented. We would like to congratulate the following individuals and chapters.

Chapter Adviser of the Year: Kimberly Musselman, Alpha Phi
New Member of the Year: Eric Aronchick, Pi Kappa Alpha
Living the Ritual Award: Margot Zaccardi, Alpha Phi
Fraternity Man of the Year: Joseph Noel, Pi Kappa Alpha
Sorority Woman of the Year: Aubrey Heath, Alpha Phi
President’s Cup: Daniel Schlegel, Alpha Tau Omega

Chapter Awards
House Corporation Board of the Year: Pi Kappa Alpha
Advisory Board of the Year: Tau Kappa Epsilon
Recruitment and Retention Award: Scholarship Awards:
New Member Class Scholarship Award: Pi Kappa Alpha
Academic Progress Award: Alpha Phi
Community Service Award: Pi Kappa Alpha
Phi Alpha Award: gamma Phi Beta
Scholarship Awards: Pi Kappa Alpha
Educational Programming Award: Lambda Chi Alpha
Educational Program of the Year Award: Alpha Phi
Campus Service Award: Pi Kappa Alpha
Alumni Relations Award: None Awarded
Campus Involvement Award: Pi Kappa Alpha
Chapter of the Year: Pi Kappa Alpha

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Dad Vail

Florida Tech was among the defending champions when rowing teams returned to Philadelphia in May for the 70th Dad Vail Regatta. The event drew 3,000 rowers from 115 colleges and universities for two days of competitive rowing on the Schuylkill River.

The men’s varsity eight did well enough in the semifinals to race again and finished sixth in the second finals.

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Reagan DuBose ‘61: 
BEC's First Graduate

In 1958, Jerry Keuper’s dream of bringing higher education to the Space Coast was realized. That fall, 154 students began classes at Brevard Engineering College (BEC), the school that would grow to become Florida Institute of Technology in 1966. Keuper himself had recruited 75 fellow RCA workers, and Reagan DuBose ’61, ’63 was one of them.

At that time, DuBose worked for RCA’s Missile Test Project, where the opening of BEC was announced to all employees. He was eager to take advantage of the opportunity—taking classes toward his bachelor’s degree in electrical engineering in the evening, while still working days at RCA to support his wife and four children.

DuBose took two or three subjects at a time in a variety of classroom spaces, wherever the fledgling college could secure a room. And the college’s founders sometimes served as his professors.

"I recall having Dr. Keuper for physics and Eugene Fetner for engineering," says DuBose.

Because he had previous credits from two years at Rice Institute (now Rice University) in Houston, Texas, he completed the remaining credits for the associate degree in electrical engineering at BEC before any other student.

"I really didn’t seek the associate degree," recalls DuBose, "but Dr. Keuper thought it would be good publicity for BEC and recommended it to me."

So in 1961, DuBose received his associate degree and became the first graduate of Brevard Engineering College. In 1963, Pomp and Circumstance played again as he accepted his bachelor’s degree.

At the time of the 1961 graduation, DuBose was a program manager with Pan American, the missile range contractor, at Patrick Air Force Base. Later, he went on to work for AVCO at Cape Canaveral and Wilmington, Mass. In 1967, DuBose co-founded Hycor Inc., where he was a director and vice president of engineering. Hycor was acquired by Loral Inc. in 1985. From 1985 until retirement in 1991, DuBose was a consultant with Loral Hycor in Woburn, Mass.

DuBose credits the knowledge he acquired at BEC in helping him throughout his career and specifically in helping him secure his position with AVCO.

Post-1985, DuBose has embarked on a variety of adventures. For three to four months each year, he cruised the Caribbean aboard his 43-foot sailboat Tinikling, a Spindrift pilothouse cutter, visiting the Bahamas, Virgin Islands, Belize, Mexico and Guatemala. In 1991, he acquired his private pilot license with instrument rating and over the next 10 years logged more than 1,200 hours flying East Coast to West Coast, Massachusetts to Florida, Alaska, Dominican Republic, Bahamas and more.

While DuBose has returned to campus over the years for homecoming celebrations, he says he is very pleased to be invited to the celebration of the 50th anniversary of his first day of classes and happy that he is healthy enough to participate. He will serve as the grand marshal during the homecoming parade in October.

"It is very satisfying to see the success of BEC and its growth into Florida Institute of Technology," says DuBose.

DuBose and Resty, his wife of 55 years, spend summers in Walnut Creek, Calif., and winters in Pompano Beach, Fla. The couple has four children, 10 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Christena Callahan
It took a remarkable man like Jerome P. Keuper to recognize the need for a space-age era university and then make it happen. He did it on a shoestring, too, employing a gift for surrounding himself with talented high achievers who were more interested in the challenge than in personal glory.

The names of many selfless folks come to my mind who truly loved this university. As I look back at our growth, it becomes clear to me that the dedication of a select group of individuals had most to do with propelling Florida Institute of Technology forward.

Keuper led the list. I’ve never known anyone who generated as many ideas as rapidly as he did. A brilliant man, he was an idea machine. He seemed to hold no prejudices toward any willing worker and his expectations were high. Maybe that was part of his secret.

When I talk about “selfless individuals,” I kid you not. It’s hard to believe the amount of devotion and loyalty that were displayed by members of Keuper’s troops, the Florida Tech family.

Here are just a few heroic contributions that were made early on:

- **Denton Clark**, RCA vice president, encouraged a key manager of his staff, Jerome P. Keuper, to resign and take over full-time management of the college he had founded.
- **George Shaw** personally secured a $200,000 loan to build the college’s first library after a donor reneged on a pledge.
- **Athletic Director Bill Jurgens** served his first year as Florida Tech’s rowing coach without compensation. At one point, he served as rowing coach and athletic director, chalking up as many as 90 hours on the job during the week.
- **Harry Weber** whipped the electrical engineering department into shape despite the fact that he took over the department when there were 325 students and only two full-time faculty members.

**Air Force officer Roger Manley** drove from the Cape to serve as adjunct department head of the largest graduate department soon after it was initiated. Offices were so crowded that his chair was an overturned wastepaper basket and his desk a typing table.

Money was always scarce and Keuper learned early to proffer titles, praise or privileges in lieu of salary increases. For example, when he held the reins, only his crackerjack executive secretary Anna Galvin and I enjoyed the title, “Administrative Assistant.”

During the past 50 years, Florida Tech has evolved into a mature institution. It has made far more headway than some educational institutions have in twice as many years. I’m proud to be associated with the university today.

More than that, though, I’m delighted that I was here in the old days to work side-by-side with some of the most competent, dedicated and exciting people one could ever know in one’s lifetime.

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Richard Turner, associate professor of biological sciences, came to Florida Tech in 1976. At that time, the 18-year-old university was still coming of age, and the marine biologist from Maine knew little of its existence.

The biology department had only begun five short years earlier. Turner was completing his doctoral work at the University of South Florida. He met Kerry Clark, one of the founders of Florida Tech’s biology program, at a conference in Oregon and subsequently learned of an opening on the faculty.

Thirty-two years later, Turner is the only remaining member of that early group of faculty. So what has inspired him to build his career at Florida Tech? A lot of things, he says.

“I’ve really had the freedom to pursue what I wanted to in research and teaching,” says Turner, whose research focuses on echinoderms, a group of animals that include sea stars, sea urchins, sand dollars and brittle stars. He has also conducted extensive research on the Florida Applesnail. Turner studies anatomy, life history and reproduction of his target organisms as well as physiological ecology.

“We’re interested in environmental factors and how organisms adapt to them,” Turner explains. “An important aspect of physiological ecology is looking at the tolerances of organisms. What are their limits and what is the significance.”

Florida Tech’s location has been prime territory for conducting just this type of research.

“The Indian River Lagoon and other coastal habitats are great for teaching and research,” says Turner. “It’s a lot better than trying to snorkel among chunks of ice in Maine!”

Over the years, Turner has taught invertebrate biology, marine ecology, freshmen biology and several graduate courses. He co-authored the second edition of the textbook Introduction to Marine Biology and is at work on the third edition.

Since 1999, Turner has also served as director of undergraduate biological sciences programs. He interviews prospective students, helps develop undergraduate curriculum, handles student requests on a variety of topics and administers exit questionnaires. This role has offered many opportunities to interact with the undergraduate students—some of whom he may never have met. And working with the students is one component that has made his career very worthwhile, he says.

A final aspect of Turner’s longevity is his service work. He has held a number of posts within the Florida Academy of Sciences and will serve his second two-year term as president beginning in March 2009.

“I feel as though I’m recognized for my professional service. Value is placed on it, and I’m encouraged because I enjoy serving as well as teaching and research,” says Turner.

So what does the future hold?

“I’ve just got zillions of ideas,” says Turner. “I’m just going to continue to work on what I can between now and after retirement.”

Right now, Turner is looking forward to his second presidency with the Florida Academy of Sciences and picking up the course Biology of Marine Mammals. And he has no plans to slow down even after retirement.

“I don’t plan to stop researching,” he says. “I especially hope someday that I can write two books—Natural History of the Indian River Lagoon and A Field Guide to the Fauna and Flora of the Indian River Lagoon.”

Until then, Turner will continue his commitment to the department he has helped grow from infancy to the present day.

“I’m looking forward to working with our new department head Rich Aronson who comes on board in January and learning how my involvement may continue in taking the department forward toward the goals he sets.”

Christena Callahan
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Decades of Success for Florida Tech Panthers

This year marks the 50th at Florida Tech and has been cause for celebration throughout all of 2008. In October, the university plans to continue celebrating with an induction into Florida Tech's Athletic Hall of Fame unlike any to date.

Patrons at the ceremony won't see a former student-athlete recognized, nor will they see a successful coach enter the hall. Instead, four of the greatest teams ever to compete at Florida Tech enter the Florida Tech Athletic Hall of Fame.

The Panthers choose to recognize the 1982 Varsity Eight rowing team, 1988 Varsity Eight rowing team, 1988 men's soccer team and the 1991 men's soccer team. Both boats won Varsity Eight Championships at the famed Dad Vail Regatta while the soccer teams brought the first NCAA National Championships to Florida Tech.

Creative thinking and a unique attitude rings true for all these teams. Bill Jurgens '79 B.S., former rowing head coach and current director of athletics, asked rowers to carry tools out on the water for last-minute adjustments only to toss them in the water when finished. Head Coach Rick Stottler was one of the first coaches in the nation to recruit battle-tested international athletes who had already developed a winning mentality. It is clear that these Panthers marched to the beat of their own drummer.

While all four teams had similar traits, there are parallels between the '82 Varsity Eight and the '88 soccer team and a different likeness between the '88 Varsity Eight and '91 soccer team.

For the firsts, it was a matter of proving Florida Tech belonged at the top. It was a long, arduous journey up the mountain for each team. The Varsity Eight even had a student walk off the team. Not even a prophetic Jurgens promising the championship could keep the young man in the boat.

Soccer struggled early too. Since Florida Tech operated in quarters instead of semesters during 1988, Stottler's preseason was longer than most schools. In a Florida August, it was more brutal than most schools too. Not even a prophetic Jurgens promising the championship could keep the young man in the boat.

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Student-athletes full of desire and effort were the only survivors left on each team. Fitzgerald "Fidgi" Haig '92 B.S., a forward on the '88 soccer squad and current women's soccer coach at Florida Tech, said that it was the strong
leadership of captains Bino Campanini ’90 B.S. and Steve Freeman ’90 B.S., as well as the will of players like Robin Chan ’91 B.S., current men’s soccer coach at Florida Tech, and Dylan Lewis ’92 B.S., the only player to play for both the ’88 and ’91 teams, that galvanized a young squad to do what they did.

“Bino and Steve embody the ideals of a team captain. They cared for players and knew how hard to push. They led on and off the field. They were the team’s hardest workers and it was contagious,” said Haig. “Robin and Dylan would sacrifice their arms for the team. With those four guys, you could do anything. We felt like we could go through a brick wall and win.”

Both teams had a resolve that would not be broken. That teamed with quite a bit of talent and hard work achieved championships for the ’82 Varsity Eight and ’88 soccer team.

Once each program gained its first championships, even more talent began to come. Each team was now recognized as the best in the nation and that came with perks. All of a sudden, recruits knew about Florida Tech. For that reason, the ’88 Varsity Eight and ’91 soccer team were both a little more talented than their counterparts.

“Immediately, I thought the 1988 team was special,” said Jurgens. “I knew that if they lost, it would be my fault.”

He never had to worry as they once again owned the Dad Vails.

Even players on the ’88 soccer team concede the ’91 squad had more raw talent, although there was no backing down when it was time for the alumni game. That ’91 team’s talent showed the Panthers earned Florida Tech’s second NCAA National Championship.

Each team had a moment to relish in the knowledge that they were no less than best. This year, they will be recognized as the four best Florida Tech teams ever.

For much more than a moment.

Joshua Flanagan
The History of Florida Tech Athletics

1965
Florida Tech begins intercollegiate athletics with inaugural baseball season.

1966–67
Men's basketball added to the athletics program.

1967
Men's rowing added to the athletics program.

1969
Florida Tech athletics moves into Florida Tech Gymnasium.

1970
Men's soccer added to the athletics program.

1971
Florida Tech men's rowing hosts the first annual Governor's Cup Regatta at the Indialantic Causeway.

1972
Florida Tech holds first annual homecoming events.

1973
As the women's population begins to grow on campus, women's rowing is added to the athletics program.

1977
With the continued population growth of women on campus, volleyball is added to the athletics program.

1979
Florida Tech joins the NCAA with Division II affiliation; slow pitch softball is added to the athletics program.

1981
Florida Tech becomes a member of the Sunshine State Conference (SSC).

1982
Men's rowing Varsity Eight wins first national championship.

1983
The Panther is adopted as Florida Tech's mascot. (See Did You Know.)

1984
Men's cross country wins first SSC Championship.

1985
Women's cross country wins first SSC Championship.
Jan. 7, 1986
Florida Tech Gymnasium is renamed Percy Hedgecock Gymnasium.

1986
Panther Athletic Association booster club is established to support the athletic scholarship fund; Florida Tech Sports Hall of Fame established; women’s basketball is added as a varsity sport; slow pitch softball converts to fast pitch; men’s rowing wins first overall Dad Vail Championship.

1987
Baseball field is upgraded and renamed Andy Seminick Field; men’s rowing wins second overall Dad Vail Championship.

1988
Men’s rowing wins third overall Dad Vail Championship and second Varsity Eight national championship; men’s soccer wins first SSC Championship and goes on to win first national championship.

1989–90
Men’s basketball wins first SSC Championship.

1991
Men’s soccer wins second national championship; men’s programs combine to win first SSC Mayor’s Cup.

1992
Women’s basketball wins first SSC Championship and advances to the Elite Eight; women’s rowing wins first Lightweight Varsity Eight championship at Dad Vail; baseball advances to first NCAA World Series.

1999
F.W. Olin Sports Complex completed including intramural fields, a softball field and a new baseball field to be named Andy Seminick-Les Hall Field.

Fall 2003
Men’s and women’s golf, men’s and women’s tennis and women’s soccer added to the athletics program.

Fall 2004
New soccer field is named Rick Stottler Field.

Oct. 14, 2006
Softball field renamed Nancy Bottge Field.

Did you know...
The Panther is not the original mascot of Florida Tech athletics. Still known as Brevard Engineering College at the time, all those wearing the crimson and gray were coined the Engineers. This was the simple choice as BEC was a scientific and technical school. Even when the university became Florida Institute of Technology in 1966, the nickname of the Engineers stayed for another 17 years.

As the program grew and expanded, baseball coach Les Hall, athletic secretary Marie Flanagan and athletic director Bill Jurgens got together to discuss changing the mascot. They all agreed they wanted something more aggressive than an Engineer, and Flanagan came up with the idea of the Panther. There were no other colleges in the area with that name and the panther also happened to be the state animal of Florida. Flanagan, Hall and Jurgens presented the idea to the Athletic Advisory Committee who later recommended the change to President Keuper.

The Panther was approved in 1983 and has been the Florida Tech mascot ever since.

Sept. 14, 2001
Dedication of Charles and Ruth Clemente Center for Sports and Recreation.

May 12, 2007
Women’s golfer Daniela Iacobelli wins Florida Tech’s first individual national championship.
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1970
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1972
Chris Campbell continues to cross items off his personal “bucket list” and this year experienced driving a high performance stock car at Daytona Speedway in May. He did eight laps, reaching 147 mph. Chris can be reached at mcacampbell@hotmail.com.

1973
Duane Futch was named as one of the 25 most influential executives of 2007 by Business Travel News. He is director of global travel services for Wal-Mart.

1979
Brian Kanagy, wife Yuko (Nitta) ’93 and son Kenjiro welcomed Tom born in May 2007. The family resides in Sunnyvale, Calif.

1980
Jon Elordi, M.S., was named interim general manager of the home robots unit of iRobot Corp. in Bedford, Mass.

1981
Paul Wentz, M.S., was promoted in May to Brigadier General in the U.S. Army. He is commanding general of the 13th sustainment command (expeditionary) in Ft. Hood, Texas. He has served overseas for nine years, including Germany, Panama and Iraq.

1982
Peter Hendrick and wife Diana announce the birth of Dylan in February. Proud dad is currently the sales manager for United Airlines in Pittsburgh, Pa.

1983
Catharina Haynes was approved by the Senate to serve on the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. She was nominated by President George Bush in July 2007. She is an attorney at Baker Botts in Dallas, Texas.

1984
James Lackey serves as the deputy assistant commander for acquisition in NAVAIR 1.0 at Patuxent River Naval Air Station, Md. He began his civil servant career there in 1987 as a flight test engineer. In 2007, Lackey was awarded the Meritorious Civilian Service Award for his work on the P-8A multi-mission maritime aircraft program.

1985
Doug Grandey and wife Amy are parents to Zachary Allen who celebrated his first birthday on July 10. Doug is a software engineer for United Launch Alliance at Cape Canaveral Air Force Station in Florida.

1986
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1987
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1988
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1997
James and Melissa (Harrell) Booth are parents to Evan Lafayette, born in February. The family is at home in Fort Irwin, Calif.

1998
Viviana (Ayala) and Jose Collazo welcomed Joaquin Gabriel in April. Viviana is a compensation consultant at Harrington & Associates, and Jose is a CAE engineer at Intersil. The family lives in Melbourne, Fla.

1999
Joy Kollhoff, M.S., a Lieutenant Colonel, recently joined the Armed Forces Inaugural Committee, which is preparing to support the 56th presidential inauguration on Jan. 20, 2009. The committee coordinates all military ceremonial support for the inaugural period.

Kristina (Ho) Ollis ’03 M.S. and Grady Ollis ’98 B.S., ’02 M.S., are parents to Alex James, born April 2008. Big brother Jayden Tyler also likes his Panther T-shirt. Kristina is taking time off from her teaching duties to be a stay-at-home mom, and Grady works at Harris Corp. The family lives in West Melbourne, Fla.

2005
Happy Anniversary, Florida Tech!
Alli (Manion) Taylor Space Science (Lockheed Martin, Chantilly, Va.) and Richard Taylor Aeronautical Science with Flight (AV-ED Flight School, Leesburg, Va.)

IN MEMORIAM
Ron Polillo ’72 passed away in May. He was a resident of Vineland, N.J., and is survived by his wife Marion.

Rusty Mason ’76 was the victim of a diving accident in March. He was a marine mechanic with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection in Key West, Fla.

Roger Paige ’78 passed away in Dallas, Texas, in May, after a long battle with leukemia. He is survived by his wife Susan and five brothers. Donations can be made in his name to Baylor Healthcare Systems Foundation, Bone Marrow Transplant, 3600 Gaston Ave., Dallas, Texas 75246.

Russell Curran ’82 M.S. of Fairfax, Va., passed away in May. He retired in 2004 as assistant deputy chief of staff for operations of the Army Department’s Space and Missile Defense Command. He is survived by his wife Karla Martin Curran.

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Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering, Dr. John Hadjilogiu, will be hosting an OPEN HOUSE from 6 p.m.–midnight on Friday, Oct. 17, at his home in celebration of the university’s 50th anniversary.

All alumni, family, friends, faculty and professors emeriti are invited to an evening of Greek food, Greek dancing and camaraderie!

For additional information and directions, please contact Dr. Hadjilogiu at jh@fit.edu.

No gifts please.

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Fill out our online form at: www.fit.edu/alumni/ftaaform.html or send this to: Florida Tech, Alumni Affairs, 150 W. University Blvd., Melbourne, FL 32901-6975

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**HOMECOMING 2008**

**October 10–19**

Registration and schedule on pages 24–25

2008

**October**

16—Fourth Annual Tin Cup Golf Tournament, Baytree National Golf Links, Suntree
27—Alumni Reception, Miami Beach

**November**

6—Alumni Reception, Orlando

**December**

8—Alumni Reception, San Antonio, Texas
8–9—2nd Annual Conference on National Preparedness, Hilton Melbourne Beach Oceanfront. For information contact hoier-ca@fit.edu or visit http://uc.fit.edu/cnp

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**January**

TBD—Alumni Reception, Vero Beach, Fla.

**February**

2—Alumni Reception, Washington D.C. area

**March**

18 or 19—Alumni Reception, Raleigh, N.C.
24—Orlando
31—New York City

Contact the Alumni Office for more information on alumni events.

Additional events can be found on page 27

**ONGOING EVENTS**

WFIT Concerts and Special Events—Visit www.wfit.org

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