

STUDENT SUCCESS

PRSSA named outstanding chapter

UF's PRSSA chapter won the 2005 Teahan Outstanding Chapter Award at the rescheduled (due to Katrina) PRSSA National Conference in Miami in December.

"This is a very prestigious award as the chapter was selected from amongst the several hundred chapters nationwide," said **Jennifer A. Robinson**, the chapter's faculty advisor. Public relations

senior **Kara Czerniak** won second place in the Betsy Plank/PRSSA Scholarship competition and **Ashley Zandy, PR 2005**, received a National President's Citation and National Gold Key Award. Czerniak and public relations seniors **Reynaldo Delgado, Susan Medina** and **Daniel de Paz** were recognized for organizing the conference.

Also, Alpha PRoductions, PRSSA's student-run firm, earned national affiliation status for meeting professional standards.

Twenty-seven UF students and three College faculty members volunteered at the conference.

Ghitis fourth in Hearst

Photojournalism senior **Danny Ghitis** recently placed fourth in the portrait/feature round of the Hearst photojournalism competition. He won \$750. The Department of Journalism receives a match.

In the next round, his full portfolio competes with 11 others for six spots in the San Francisco shoot-out.



Jennifer Robinson congratulates public relations senior **Kara Czerniak** on winning second place in the Betsy Plank/PRSSA Scholarship competition.

FACULTY FOCUS

Chan-Olmsted a Provost Fellow

Sylvia Chan-Olmsted is a 2006 Provost Fellow.

She will pursue special assignments in graduate education administration, according to

Debra Walker King, associate provost for Faculty Development.



Chan-Olmsted

SABBATICAL SUMMARY

Babanikos, Weigold call timeouts

James Babanikos and **Mike Weigold** recently earned sabbaticals.



Babanikos

Babanikos plans to take his in the fall, and **Weigold** next spring.

"These faculty were recommended for these sabbaticals by their department

chairs and by the College Sabbatical Committee," Dean **Terry Hynes** said. "I was pleased to support these recommendations and am delighted the associate provost concurred."



Weigold

FREEDOM OF SPEECH

South Dakota paper Wins Brechner award

Sandra Chance presented the 2005 Joseph L Brechner Center for Freedom of Information Award to *Argus Leader* Assistant Managing Editor **Patrick Lalley** in December.

The South Dakota newspaper won the prestigious award, which includes \$3,000, for exposing former Gov. **Bill Janklow's** abuse of power.



Chance

TROPHY CASE

Professors, staff members win STAR, TOP awards

James Babanikos, Chang-Hoan Cho and **Spiro Kiouis** recently won the 2005 Al and Effie Flanagan STAR Performance Awards for Service, Teaching and Research. And **Rob Carr, Harry Guscott** and **Kerry Luke** won the 2005 Al and Effie Flanagan TOP Awards for Total Outstanding Performance. Each receives \$3,000.

"The STAR Awards recognize full-time faculty members' outstanding performance in all three areas [teaching, research and service] for the past three years," Dean **Terry Hynes** said. "All permanent USPS and TEAMS employees in the College working at least .75 FTE are eligible ... for a TOP Award once every three years."

Sandra Chance, Sylvia Chan-Olmsted, Sandra Dickson, Juan-Carlos Molleda, Ted Spiker, and Debbie Treise won STAR awards in recent years.

Marlene Beaulieu-Dishman, Olivia Jeffries, Tom Krynski, Steve Russell, Manis Samons, Sue Wagner, Susan White, and Helga Williams won STAR awards in recent years.

"We are very fortunate to have a very high number of high-achieving, hard-working faculty and staff," Hynes said, "and it is a difficult task to choose among the nominees for these awards each year."



Babanikos



Cho



Kiouis



Carr



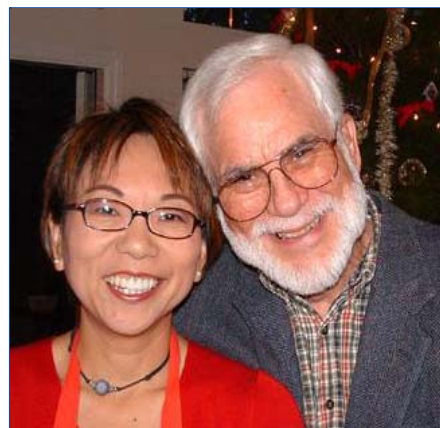
Guscott



Luke



The Department of Journalism holds a retirement lunch for Leonard Tipton and Judy Tipton.



Sylvia Chan-Olmsted hosts the retirement party for Les Smith.

ON THE RADIO

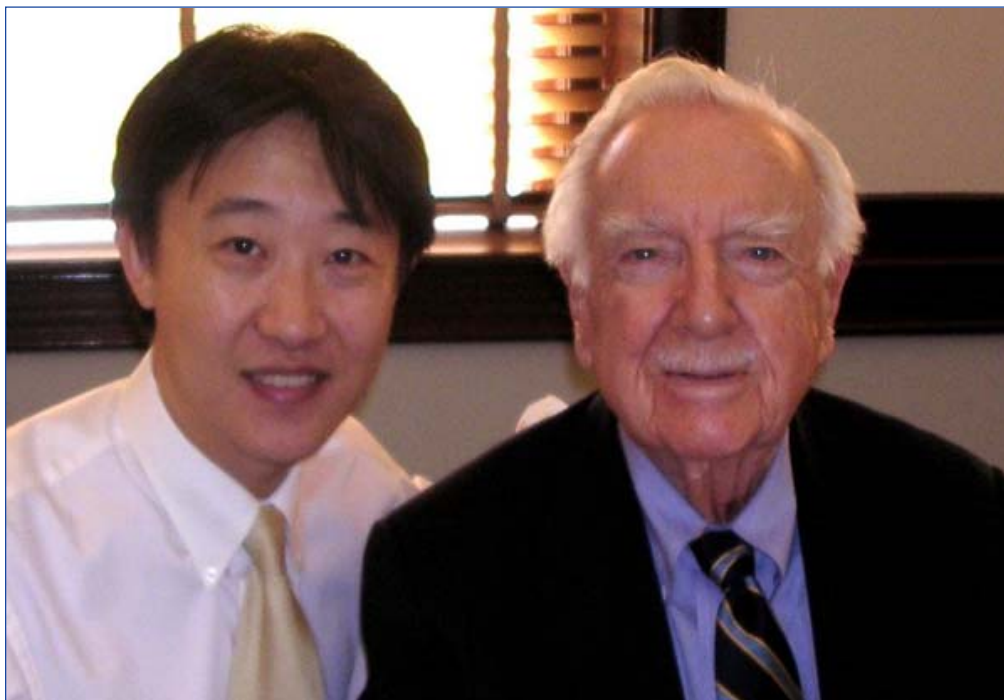
Classic 89 adds HD

WUFT-FM started broadcasting in high definition Friday.

HD allows it to broadcast the Classic 89 signal and one or more additional signals featuring different programs, said **Sue Wagner**. "Plans call for a second stream of programming to start in February."

The second channel will feature public radio programs such as *Marketplace* and *The Diane Rehm Show*.

PAPER TRAIL



Xu Wu, PhD 2005, an assistant professor in the Walter Cronkite School of Journalism & Mass Communication at Arizona State University, celebrates Cronkite's 89th birthday with the man himself.

Team examines 2002 Florida elections

Spiro Kiouisis, Mike Mitrook, Xu Wu, PhD 2005, and doctoral student Trent Seltzer are publishing "First- & Second-Level Agenda-Building & Agenda-Setting Effects: Exploring the Linkages among Candidate News Releases, Media Coverage, & Public Opinion during the 2002 Florida Gubernatorial Election" in the *Journal of Public Relations Research*.

Master's student Michael Fitzgerald's "Calvin and Katrina" ran last month in *Free Inquiry* magazine. It was his fifth national story in 2005. The other publications include *The Humanist*, *Left Curve* and *Utne Reader*.

GET IN LINE

the open line seeks submissions

the open line is usually published on the Monday following a payday, except during summer and holidays. It can be accessed on the Web at www.jou.ufl.edu/pubs/openline/.

Deadline for submitting news is the Wednesday before the Monday of publication.

Boaz Dvir serves as editor, and Olivia Jeffries coordinates production.

Please send all news items to bdvir@jou.ufl.edu. Thank you.

GROUP ACTIVITIES

Hinson presides over fundraising organization

Michelle Hinson serves as president of the Arredondo Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) this year.



Hinson

Representing 26,000 members in 172 chapters in the U.S., Canada, Mexico, and China, "AFP works to advance philanthropy through advocacy, research, education, and certification programs," Hinson said.

CALENDAR

Jan. 9: Classes begin

Jan. 9-12: Drop/add

Feb. 1: Deadline for Undergraduates to apply for College-awarded scholarships

Feb. 26: "A Celebration of Wine"

March 21: Spring Internship & Job Fair

March 23-24: Public Relations Advisory Council

April 26: Classes end

May 6: Commencement, 2 pm

May 11: Alumni Reception