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Laforis Knowles helps UF Distinguished Alumnus Peter Barr Sr. to prepare for the commencement ceremony last month.

SPEAK EASY

Kaplan addresses university leaders from around the world

John Kaplan delivered the keynote address last month on “Education and Global Communication” at the International Presidents Forum in Seoul, Korea. He spoke to 25 university presidents and vice presidents from 11 nations.

As part of the event, Kaplan premiered his exhibition of 45 photographs, “Photo Vision,” at the Sangmyung University Gallery.



John Kaplan and his daughter, Carina, in Seoul, Korea.

NOT TAKEN FOR GRANTED

College receives \$275K State Department grant

The State Department’s Study of the United States Branch recently awarded its first grant for international journalism and media faculty education to the College.

The College used the \$275,000 grant to fund the newly created Study of the U.S. Institute on Journalism and Media, a six-week program that started earlier this month.



Chan-Olmsted

As part of “New Freedoms in Media: Teaching the Digital Journalism of Tomorrow,” 18 journalism educators from around the world are spending four weeks in Gainesville, a week in South Florida and a week in Washington, D.C., and New York.

Sylvia Chan-Olmsted is the grant’s principal investigator and Kurt Kent and Lauren Hertel are the institute’s co-directors.



Kent



Hertel

NEW HIRE

Graduate Division hires staff member

Sarah Lee recently joined the Division of Graduate Studies. She works with graduate recruiters and incoming students in all aspects of the admissions process.

Kim Holloway is now responsible for processing graduate student appointment forms, travel and other fiscal matters.



Cindy Hill, David Carlson and Churchill Roberts attend the May screening of the Documentary Institute's thesis projects at the Reitz Union.

TUNING IN WUFT/WJUF-FM raises \$140K

WUFT/WJUF-FM broke its record with its Spring Membership Campaign, raising \$140,184, 40 percent more than the \$100,000 pledge goal.

'Gardening' garners awards

"Gardening in a Minute," UF Extension's newest radio program, recently racked up five national awards.

The radio program and its companion Web site received recognition from the American Society for Horticultural Science, the Turf and Ornamental Communicators Association, the National Association for County Agricultural Agents, and the Association for Communication Excellence in Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Life and Human Sciences.

The program airs weekdays between 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. and at 6:18 p.m. on Classic 89 and Nature Coast 90.

PAPER TRAIL

Breaking barriers, donating blood

William McKeen's "American Idol: When



Elvis Presley broke through the barriers of race and class in 1956, he empowered a generation to defy authority" graced the cover of *American History* magazine's May issue. The story commemorates the 30th anniversary of Presley's death.



McKeen

Doctoral student and UF Alumni Fellow **Bumsub Gabriel Jin** will present "The Segmentation of Target Audience for Effective

Blood Donation Campaigns: Comparison of Donors and Non-Donors" to the American Public Health Association in Washington, D.C.



Eyun-Jung Ki, PhD 2006, and Hyoungkoo Khang, PhD 2005, recently were married in Seoul, Korea.

HEARST UPDATE**College captures third place nationally**

The College ranked third overall in the recent 47th annual Hearst competition. At the Hearst Journalism Awards in San Francisco earlier this summer, **John Freeman** collected three medallions on behalf of the College: second place in photojournalism, fifth in radio and TV news and third overall.

Photojournalism student **Morgan Petroski** joined five other students from around the country in the annual Hearst shootout. The recent grad is interning at *The Gainesville Sun*.



Morgan Petroski and John Freeman in San Francisco.

WELL DOCUMENTED**Alumni hit perfect pitch**

Two recent graduates from the College's Documentary Institute pitched their thesis films to Discovery, PBS and National Geographic at the Silverdocs documentary film festival in Maryland earlier this month.

Sarah Zaman, MAMC 2007, co-director of

Bismillah or In the Name of Allah, grabbed the attention of PBS producer **Yance Ford**. The film, co-directed by **Jolene Pinder**, MAMC 2007, follows a Muslim Girl Scout leader who runs for county commissioner in Minnesota. Ford requested a copy of the film.

Zaman's classmate **Tre Whitlow**, MAMC 2007, received encouraging words from the panel after pitching *Black to Our Roots*, co-directed by **Jacqueline Olive**, MAMC 2007. The film chronicles a group of urban teens from Atlanta on their journey to West Africa to learn more about their ancestry.

Whitlow elicited notice from another PBS exec sitting in the audience.

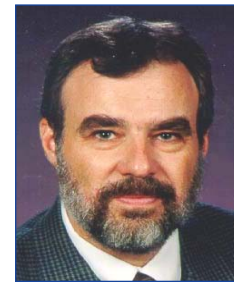


Sarah Zaman, MAMC 2007, hands a DVD of her thesis film, *Bismillah or In the Name of Allah*, to PBS producer Yance Ford.

FACULTY UPDATE**Kiousis, Krynski take on new roles**

Kiousis

Spiro Kiousis recently joined the editorial board of *The Journal of Public Relations Research*.



Krynski

Tom Krynski is the new host of WUFT's "North Florida Journal," which airs Thursdays at 8:30 p.m.

IMAGE MAKEOVER**Logo a go**

All departments must start using UF's new logo by Aug. 31.

If you need any assistance, please get in touch with **Boaz Dvir** at bdvir@jou.ufl.edu or 846-3013.

**CALENDAR**

June 29: Summer B registration

July 2: Summer B begins

July 4: Independence Day

Aug. 10: Summer B/C ends

Aug. 11: Summer Commencement

Aug. 15: Departmental Graduate Student Orientation

Aug. 15-17: Graduate School Orientation

Aug. 20: College "Kick-off" Faculty and Departmental meetings

Aug. 21: College New Faculty Orientation

Aug. 23: Fall classes begin

Aug. 23-29: Drop/Add

Sept. 3: Labor Day

STUDENT SUCCESS

Students, staff harvest SPJ awards

This year's National Society of Professional Journalists Mark of Excellence Awards recognized the College's students, staff and alumni.

- National winner, **Jordan Wall**, Television Sports Photography: "Gators Make BCS Championship Game."
- National winners, **Luanne Dietz**, **Tim Hussin**, **Jeremiah Wilson** and **Celia Tobin**, Breaking News Photography: "A Killer's End: Danny Rolling's Execution in Pictures."
- National finalists, **Natalie Caula** and **Megan Albright**, Television In-Depth Reporting: "Danny Rolling Execution."
- National finalist, **Alexander Koyler**, Photo Illustration: "Competitive Eating."
- National finalists, **WUFT Staff**, Television Newscast: "WUFT News."
- Former WUFT News Director **G. Stuart Smith** and videographer **Dennis Gaston** placed third in the Television Documentary category for the WUFT-TV documentary *Heritage or Hate?*
- WUFT-FM's **Claudia Hickey**, **Bill Beckett** and **Donna Green-Townsend** placed third in the Radio Documentary category for *The Long Road: From Poverty to Prosperity*.

Student named Top 10 journalist, wins \$10K

The Scripps Howard Foundation selected journalism senior **John Cox** as one of the Top 10 Student Journalists in the 2007 competition.

Cox receives \$10,000 for his outstanding academic achievement, impressive portfolio and essay submissions.



Cox

Workshop invites students, alumni

This fall's Eddie Adams Workshop invited students **Jarrett Baker**, **Kristin Nichols** and recent grads **Claudia Katz** and **Andrea Morales**.

During the four-day program, the students will meet with some of the industry's top professionals.

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 publication.

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

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