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PICTURE PERFECT



In this award-winning photo, John Kaplan raises his cap to his Florida FlyIns students on the first day of class. He had just told them of his diagnosis of Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma.

Kaplan wins international award for his cancer-fight photo in FlyIns class

The international Moments of Intimacy, Laughter and Kinship (MILK) photography competition recently named **John Kaplan** one of 150 winners. It received 30,500 entries from 112 countries. Kaplan also won an award in the 1999 MILK competition.

The winning photo, which Kaplan shot using an infrared remote control, was taken in Weimer Hall on the first day of the Florida FlyIns class in the fall semester. He had just told his students about his diagnosis of Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma. Kaplan is now in full remission.

COLLEGE CONSTITUTION

Forty-eight vote yes

All 48 faculty members who voted on the College's new constitution voted yes.

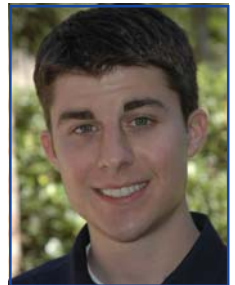
The Constitution Committee members were Robyn Goodman, chair, **Cory Armstrong**, **Mindy McAdams**, **Charles Harris**, **Linda Hon**, **Janis Page** and **Justin Brown**.

HEARST UPDATE

College finishes second, fifth in competitions

The College recently finished second in the nation in the William Randolph Hearst Foundation's photo contest, earning \$5,000. **Casey Lawson, JM 2008**, tied for 11th place and photojournalism senior **Jason Henry** came in 13th. Both entered work from the Florida FlyIns course.

Telecommunication junior **Miles Doran** won first place out of 51 entries in the TV News category. He'll receive a \$2,000 scholarship and a chance to submit



additional entries for the **Doran** National Broadcast News Championships. His entry included a Florida FlyIns piece on malnutrition in Guatemala. Overall, the College placed fifth in the nation.

TAKING THE BATEMAN

Team receives honorable mention

The College's Bateman team recently received one of 15 national honorable mention awards for the 2008-2009 Bateman National Case Study Competition.

Seventy-seven universities participated in the contest.

FOLEY DISCLOSURE



Mike Foley, Paul Tash, host Kathy Fountain and Denise Palmer on the set of *Your Turn*.

Former *St. Pete Times* executive editor discusses future of newspapers on TV

Mike Foley recently appeared on Tampa Bay FOX affiliate WTVT's *Your Turn*, a program in which a panel of experts holds a discussion on a daily topic. Foley appeared on the program with Paul Tash, editor and CEO of the *St. Petersburg Times*, and Denise Palmer, publisher of *The Tampa Tribune*, to discuss the future of newspapers. It aired April 3.

GLOBAL GATORS

Leslie speaks in Mozambique, Angola

Michael Leslie recently gave a series of lectures on "The Obama Phenomenon: Contributions of the Civil Rights Movement, Journalism and American Society," in Portuguese, for the U.S. State Department.

The series, which Leslie presented in various cities in Mozambique and Angola, attracted more than 2,000 students, journalists and government officials from major universities, professional groups and civic organizations. It received wide coverage in the print and broadcast media.



Michael Leslie with students in Beira, Mozambique.

PAPER TRAIL

Rodgers, Cleary publish

Ron Rodgers' "Goodness Isn't News: The Sheldon Edition and the National Conversation Defining Journalism's Responsibility to Society," appeared in *Journalism History's* Winter 2009 edition.

The Fall 2008 edition of *American Journalism* featured Rodgers' "Collier's Criticism of the Newspaper Press During the Norman Hapgood Years, 1902-1913."

The International Journal on Media Management recently accepted Johanna Cleary's "Staking A Claim for Social Responsibility: An Argument for the Dual Responsibility Model." She co-authored the paper with Terry Adams-Bloom of the University of Miami.

Public Relations Journal is running "Two Sides to Every Story: Using Coorientation to Measure Direct and Meta-Perspectives of Both Parties in Organization-Public Relationships" by Trent Seltzer and Mike Mitrook.

Journal of Sports Media is running "The Role of Expert Opinion in Framing Media Coverage of the Heisman Trophy Race" by Mitrook and Seltzer.

TROPHY CASE

Sorel wins awards for short documentary

Tim Sorel recently won two awards for his short documentary about literacy issues in Alachua County. The "Reading Safari" won a Gold AVA Award from the Association of Marketing Professionals and a Davey Award from the International Academy of the Visual Arts.

Sorel chronicled third grade children in the county's Extended Day Enrichment Program (EDEP) at Lake Forest Elementary School.



Sorel

STUDENT SUCCESS

Documentary Institute alumni win Student Emmy

Christopher Brannan, MAMC 2008, and **David Randag, MAMC 2008** recently won the Documentary category at the Academy of Television Arts & Sciences Foundation's 30th College Television Awards, also known as the Student Emmy, for their documentary film, *Standard Deviation*.

This is the second consecutive year a Documentary Institute thesis film has won the top honor.

WUFT-TV scores nods in AP contest

The Florida Associated Press Broadcasters contest recently named 15 WUFT-TV pieces as winners, including all six entries submitted to the Pro TV contest. Students beat out WMBB, WCTV and WJHG. The winners are:

AP Pro TV Contest:

First Place, Spot News: *Tropical Storm Fay*, **Miles Doran, Patrick Fleming**

First Place, Short Light Feature: *Underwear Dash*, Doran, Fleming, **Robert Bradfield**

Second Place, Short Hard News Feature: *Sand Wars*, **Kristin Giannas**, Fleming

First Place, Long Hard News Feature: *Hope of Life*, Doran, **Rikki Klaus**

First Place, Public Affairs: *Challenging Childhood*, **Erica Rodriguez**

First Place, Individual Achievement: Doran

AP College Contest:

First Place, Spot News: *Tropical Storm Fay*, Doran, Fleming

Second Place, Spot News: *School Bus Crash*, **Kristin Giannas**

First Place, Spot News Video: *Tropical Storm Fay*, Fleming

Second Place, Photo Essay: *Medieval Faire*, Fleming

First Place, Sports Feature: *Soccer Takes Heart*, **Merissa Richmond**

First Place, Long Hard TV News Feature: *Hope of Life*, Doran, Klaus

First Place, Short Hard TV News Feature: *Autism*, **Lauren Granado**

First Place, Short Light TV Feature: *Ashes*, Doran

Second Place, Short Light TV Feature: *Mr. 2-Bits*, Bradfield

Students win numerous SPJ Awards

The College took home awards at the Society of Professional Journalists (SPJ) Region 3 Mark of

Excellence Awards competition earlier this month.

The winners are:

Third Place, In-Depth Reporting: *City Beneath The Radar*, **Hailey Mac Arthur**

Third Place, Radio News Reporting: *Tropical Storm Fay*, **Miles Doran**

First Place, Radio Sports Reporting: *Olympic Legends*, **Brittney Krause**

First Place, Television Breaking News Reporting: *Tropical Storm Fay*, Doran, **Patrick Fleming**

Second Place, Television General News Reporting: *Sand Wars*, **Kristin Giannas**, Fleming

First Place, Television Feature: *Underwear Dash*, Doran, Fleming, **Robert Bradfield**

First Place, Television In-Depth Reporting: *Hope of Life*, Doran, **Rikki Klaus**

Second Place, Television Sports Reporting: *Soccer Takes Heart*, **Merissa Richmond**

First Place, Television News Photography: *Tropical Storm Fay*, Fleming

Second Place, Television Feature Photography: *Ashes*, Doran

First Place, Television Newscast: WUFT Newscasts, WUFT Staff

Third Place, Online News Reporting: *College Grads Get Creative in Job Search*, **Dominick Tao**

Second Place, Online Feature Reporting: *Mr. 2-Bits*, Bradfield

Second Place, Online In-Depth Reporting: *Technology Makes Cheating Far More Tempting*, Tao.

Alpha PProductions wins four awards

The Alpha PProductions team made up of **Kelly Davis, Nicole Baker, Vianka McConville, Nicole Fineo, Bridget Brennan** and account executive **Heather Tran-Son-Tay** recently won four awards in the Jacksonville Florida Public Relations Association's Image Awards competition.

In the student projects category, they received an Award of Distinction, an Image Award, a Judge's Award, and the Grand Image Award.

Grad student wins \$4,900 fellowship

Documentary Institute student **Mike Nichols** recently received the \$4,900 Roland Wood Fellowship from Amherst College to continue working on his thesis film *The Man Behind the Curtain*.

FACULTY FOCUS

Babanikos, Sorel film wins BEA award, enters Florida film festival

Somewhere Beyond, directed by **James Babanikos** and shot by **Tim Sorel**, recently won Best of Competition in the Narrative category of the Broadcast Education Association (BEA) Festival of Media Arts' Faculty Video Production Competition. Babanikos traveled to BEA's Las Vegas convention this month to receive the honor.

Somewhere Beyond is an official entry in the 4th Annual Central Florida Film Festival, which runs over Labor Day weekend. Official screening times will be announced at least six weeks before the festival and will take place at the West Orange 5 Theater in Ocoee.

Treise becomes secretary for national advertising organization

The American Academy of Advertising recently named **Debbie Treise** as secretary.

Reakes participates in leadership program

The Association of Research Libraries (ARL) recently selected **Pat Reakes** as one of 21 people to participate in the 2009-2010 ARL Leadership Fellows Program.

The program is designed to meet the increasing demands for succession planning in research libraries and begins with an orientation session May 18-19 in Houston.

Armstrong receives \$5,000 award

The Provost's Office recently awarded **Cory Armstrong** a \$5,000 Jack Wessel Excellence Award for Assistant Professors. The funds can be used for research support.



Babanikos



Sorel



Treise



Reakes



Armstrong

SPEAK EASY

Hinson presents with BU colleague

Don Wright of Boston University and **Michelle Hinson** recently presented "An Analysis of the Increasing Impact of Social and Other New Media on Public Relations Practice" at the 12th Annual International Public Relations Research Conference in Miami. *PRSA Issues and Trends* recently mentioned their research.

Rodgers literary panelist

Ron Rodgers will serve as a panelist at the 2009 annual conference of the International Association for Literary Journalism Studies at Northwestern University next month. The panel is titled Telling Tales: The Future of Narrative Journalism in a Multi-Media Environment.

TEAM BUILDING

Documentary Institute partners with Center for African Studies on film

The Documentary Institute recently partnered with the Center for African Studies, which received a \$50,000 grant to produce a documentary on Muslim societies in Africa.

Through this partnership, the center's faculty will work with institute student filmmakers to develop a documentary to increase public understanding of Muslims in Africa. **Cindy Hill** and **Cara Pilson**, who collaborated with the center on the grant application, will serve as advisers for the project.

CALENDAR

April 25-May 1: Final Exams

May 1: Documentary Institute's
Annual Student Film Screening,
5:30 pm, Reitz Union Auditorium

May 1-3: WUFT/WJUF-FM Spring
Membership Campaign

May 2: Advanced Degree Ceremony,
10 am, O'Connell Center

May 2: College Commencement,
6:30 pm, O'Connell Center

May 11: Summer classes begin

May 16: Reading Rainbow Awards
Ceremony, 2 pm, Location TBA

May 25: Memorial Day Holiday

June 19: Summer A classes end

June 29: Summer B classes begin

Aug. 7: Summer B/C classes end

Aug. 24: Fall classes begin

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