

# THE NEWSLETTER

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**JANUARY 4, 2008**

## IMPORTANT EVENTS

Sunday, January 13	Residence Halls open at noon for all students
Monday, January 14	New Student Registration
Tuesday, January 15	Activation of Registration by New and Returning Students
	<b>CLASSES BEGIN</b>
Monday, January 21	Martin Luther King Day (University Holiday—no classes)
Tuesday, January 22	Applications for Hand Grants due to Department Chairs
	Last day to Add Course for Credit
	Last day to Drop Course without Financial Penalty
	Deadline to apply for May 2008 graduation
	Last Day to Change Meal Plan Selection

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**NEW BUILDING UPDATE.** A special campus meeting for interested faculty and students is scheduled for Friday, February 1 at 12:00 noon, in the Private Dining Room. Dr. Jim Beasley, Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, and faculty design advisors will present an update on McMahan Hall, Marshall and Vera Lea Rinker Environmental Learning Center, Sage Hall Science Center, and Homer and Dolly Hand Art Center projects. Attendees are invited to bring their lunch. Beverages and desserts will be provided.

From: Jim Beasley

**THE UNIVERSITY ACADEMIC HONORS CONVOCATION** is scheduled for Friday, April 25, 2008, at noon in Elizabeth Hall Auditorium. Please mark your calendars and watch for further announcements.

From: Judy Ward

**APPLICATIONS FOR HAND GRANTS.** Faculty are encouraged to apply for 2008 Hand Grants. Applications for Professional Development Projects and Hand Grants for Course Enhancement are due to Department Chairs on January 22, 2008. The application can be found in the "Faculty Professional Development Opportunities" handbook that is available in hard copy from the Office of Academic Affairs or electronically at <http://helmet.stetson.edu/administration/academicaffairs/media/profdev.rtf>.

Traditionally, a total of six grants of \$2,000 each are awarded.

From: Judy Ward

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Dear Stetson Community:

I want to thank everyone at Stetson University for all their kind words, flowers, cards, and support during my husband's illness and after his passing on December 8. Stetson certainly is a "family" and I don't think I could ever begin to explain how much all of the kindness and concern from the Stetson community has meant to me during this trying time.

Thank you all so very, very much.

Jeanne Bosco

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## MISCELLANEOUS

**QUAINT BUNGALOW FOR RENT.** 201 E. Stetson Street. 2 bedrooms/1 bath; closed-in Florida room; large walk-up attic for storage; laundry room w/ washer & dryer; roofed & screened front porch; detached garage; fireplace; central air & heat; walking distance to Stetson. \$800/month. Rent includes utilities (electric; water; trash disposal; sewer). Maximum 2 persons, no pets, no students please. Available immediately. Call John Wilton, 386-956-2737 or email: [jwilton@stetson.edu](mailto:jwilton@stetson.edu).

From: Nancy Wilton

**HOUSE SITTERS AVAILABLE.** Young responsible professional teaching couple with no children looking for "house-sitting" from January or later until June in Deland. Highest references provided. Please contact Dr. Fred Butler at 7293 in the Modern Language Department or call Ms. Anne Butler at 813-679-7284.

From: Fred Butler

**HELP AROUND THE HOUSE,** LLC home repair services. Licensed & insured. Contact Don Roske 985-6556, [droske@earthlink.net](mailto:droske@earthlink.net).

From: Linda Roske

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## FACULTY AND STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following information has been received from the college/schools/departments:

**Dr. K. C. Ma**, Roland and Sarah George Visiting Professor of Applied Investments, received high rankings based on an article, "Prolific Authors in the Finance Literature: A Half Century Contributions," by Philip Cooley and Jean Heck, Journal of Financial Literature, Winter 2005: During the period 1953-2002, from 11,475 authors in 16 core refereed finance journals, Dr. Ma was ranked No. 59. Over the same time period, from 18,073 authors in 70 refereed finance journal, Dr. Ma was ranked No. 64.

From: K.C. Ma

**Dr. Terry Farrell**, Professor of Biology, **Dr. Melissa Gibbs**, Associate Professor of Biology, and three students (**Donny Lock**, **Jon Shields**, and **Kristyn Talmadge**) had their paper, "Reproduction in an invasive exotic catfish in Volusia Blue Springs, Florida," accepted for publication in the Journal of Fish Biology. Donny and Jon worked on the project for their Senior Research projects, and Kristyn worked on the project for an Independent Study.

From: Missy Gibbs

**Mr. Terry Grieb**, Associate Professor and Instructional Media Specialist, spotlighted activities of Stetson's Phi Beta Kappa chapter in the latest edition of the Phi Beta Kappa Key Reporter. His article recounts how the expertise of Visiting Scholar Roger Bagnall was put to double-duty in a College of Arts and Sciences "Deliberations about Things That Matter" seminar sponsored by a Teagle Foundation-Phi Beta Kappa grant. The article is available at [www.pbk.org](http://www.pbk.org) as a PDF. Roll over "The Key Reporter," then click "TKR Archives" and choose "TKR Winter 2007." Go to page 7. Grieb is Stetson's Phi Beta Kappa chapter secretary.

From: Terry Grieb

**Mr. Sims Kline**, Associate Professor and Reference/Outreach Services Librarian, assisted with several musical presentations during the fall at Woodland Towers and Woodland Terrace, DeLand. He also helped with arrangements for several patients from the Terrace to attend the Christmas Candlelight Concert.

From: Sims Kline

**Dr. Nick Maddox**, Professor of Management, and **Dr. Peter Heine**, Associate Professor of Management, have had two papers accepted for presentation in the Management Education track at the 2008 American Society of Business and Behavioral Sciences conference to be held in Las Vegas in late February. Both papers will be published in the Proceedings for the conference. Maddox is lead author on the pedagogical paper, "Overcoming Subjectivity in Grading: Assessment Methods for Evaluating Class Contribution, Journals, Discussion Board Contributions and Homework Assignments." Heine is lead author on the research paper, "Student Perceptions of the Faculty Class Evaluation Process: An Exploratory Examination." Dr. Heine will participate in the conference and present both pieces.

Dr. Maddox has also been notified that three of his collaborative submissions have been accepted for the 2008 Association for Business Simulation and Experiential Learning conference to be held in Charleston, S.C. in early March. Maddox is panel coordinator on a panel discussion, "Creating and Managing Positive Learning Climate: An Experiential Learning Panel Dialogue." He will address the topic, "The Dimensions and Dynamics of Positive Learning Climate: A Conceptual Framework." Participating panelists include **Dr. Bob Boozer**, Professor of Management, who will address, "Best Positive Learning Climate Practices in the Undergraduate and Graduate OB Class;" **Dr. Monique Forte**, Associate Professor of Management, who will address, "Best Positive Learning Climate Practices in the Freshman Orientation and Principles of Management Courses;" and **Ms. Peggy Stahl**, Lecturer in Management and International Business, who will focus on "Best Positive Learning Climate Practices in the Business Communication Course."

A research paper by Maddox and **Dr. Carolyn Nicholson**, Associate Professor of Marketing, entitled, "The Business Student Satisfaction Inventory (BSSI): Development and Validation of a Global Measure of Student Satisfaction," has been accepted for presentation at the conference and publication in the 2008 ABSEL Proceedings.

Maddox will present a third piece, "The 'Big Picture Question Project': Explorations in Teaching Creativity within a Force-Field Research Framework," at the conference and the paper will be published in the Proceedings for the conference. Maddox also served on the peer-review board of the Experiential Learning Track for the Conference.

During the 2007 Fall semester, Maddox presented seven personal and professional development workshops to various student groups and **remains available** to provide personal and professional development workshops to student groups desiring innovating, interesting programming. If interested in a potential program, contact him at Ext. 7435 or email him at [nmaddox@cfl.rr.com](mailto:nmaddox@cfl.rr.com).

From: Nick Maddox