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- Feb. '10 FAMU Black History Month (See Schedule Inside)
- Feb. 16 Chapter General Membership Meeting, FAMU Faculty Clubhouse, 6:30 pm
- Feb. 19 FAMU College of Law Golf Tournament, Disney's Osprey Golf Course, Orlando, FL
- Feb. 20 FAMU College of Law Gala Celebration, Disney's Coronado Springs Resort, Orlando, FL
- Feb. 20 FAMU BB DH vs. Howard, Lawson Center, 5:30 pm
- Feb. 22 FAMU BB DH vs. Hampton, Lawson Center, 5:30 pm
- Mar. 4 FAMU BB DH vs. Bethune Cookman, Lawson Center, 5:30 pm
- Mar. 12 FAMU NAA LCC Roast & Toast, Civic Center, 7:00 pm

Please Support Our Scholarship Effort and Purchase Your Tickets/Ad TODAY!

Leon County Chapter FAMU National Alumni Association
6th Annual Roast & Toast

Honoree: Elder Ernest Ferrell



President/CEO,
Tallahassee Urban League
President,
National Primitive Baptist Convention
Pastor,
St. Mary P. B. Church

**Friday, March 12, 2010
Dinner 7:00 pm**

Tallahassee-Leon County Civic Center
Tickets: \$75 per person or \$600 (Table of 8)

To purchase tickets or ads contact one of the following:

Curtis Taylor (850)251-3025
John Haugabrook (850)668-8930
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NAA PAST PRESIDENT DR. ALVIN BRYANT HAS PASSED

from Tommy Mitchell, FAMU NAA President

I am saddened to announce to the Rattler Nation that Dr. Alvin Bryant has passed. Dr. Bryant, a native of Miami, Florida, was the immediate past President of the Florida A&M University National Alumni Association. Dr. Bryant, a retired Major General in the US Army also was a noted surgeon in Hampton, Virginia. Dr. Bryant has provided leadership to the Association over the past six years as President and was a former Chapter President. During his tenure he led a successful program of fundraising and was an outspoken advocate in support of the University



Please keep Mrs. Sandra R. Bryant and the entire Bryant in your prayers. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that contributions be made to the Alvin Bryant Endowed Scholarship Fund. Contributions and checks should be made payable to the FAMU Foundation and mailed or sent c/o of Mrs. Carmen Cummings, Executive Director, Office of Alumni Affairs, Florida A&M University, Tallahassee, Florida 32307.

A wake and memorial service will be held on Friday, February 12, 2010, at 6:00 p.m. at the Second Baptist Church East End, 3307 Chestnut Avenue, Newport News, Virginia and a military funeral service is scheduled for Saturday, February 13, 2010 in Hampton, VA. Additional information will be provided as it becomes available.

FAMU COLLEGE OF LAW GOLF & GALA

from the FAMU Foundation

On July 31, 2009, Florida A&M University College of Law was granted full accreditation from the American Bar Association. To celebrate this milestone, the University and Walt Disney World® Resort, our title sponsor, will hold a golf tournament and gala celebration in Orlando, Florida, on February 19 and 20, 2010. Our goal is to raise 1 million dollars to establish the Joseph W. Hatchett Endowed Professorship and to support other key priorities at the College of Law.

The Accreditation Celebration Golf Tournament will be held on Friday, February 19, at Disney's Osprey Ridge Golf Course, 3451 Golf View Drive, Lake Buena Vista, FL 32830. Registration will begin at 7 a.m. with a shotgun start at 8 a.m. A continental breakfast will be served from 7:00 - 7:45

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Rattlers,

This newsletter represents most of the information that I would like to share with you this month concerning the Association. Additional information will be presented at the General Membership meeting on February 16, 2010. Please come out and socialize with us.



I would like to continue to encourage you to renew your membership, encourage others to join, and support our Annual Scholarship Funds. Specifically, we need your support of our Annual Roast & Toast honoring Elder Ernest Ferrell which funds scholarships for local students attending FAMU.

In true Rattler spirit,



Andrew Lawyer, II, Chapter President

HOLIDAY SOCIAL THANKS!!!

from Johnathan Peterson, Vice President

The Chapter would like to thank the following businesses and individuals that contributed/donated items for our door prize giveaways at last year's Holiday Social, December 15, 2009: FAMU Athletics Marketing Department, Ujamaa's, Venom Orange, LLC, Golden Corral Restaurant, Hawaiian Nails, Katina Hinson, Colinthia Walker, and Sharon Walker

Also, we would like to thank B-Sharp's Jazz Café for hosting a very successful event. FAMU professor Dr. Seay's Café has a very intimate atmosphere. It is located at 648 W. Brevard Street, Tallahassee, FL. If you have a chance, go by, visit and patronize this business as well as the rest of our contributors.

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am. Individual participation is \$150.00 and a foursome is \$500.00.

The Accreditation Celebration Gala will be held on Saturday, February 20, at Disney's Coronado Springs Resort, 1000 W. Buena Vista Drive, Lake Buena Vista, FL 32830. The VIP Reception at 6 p.m.

will be followed by the Accreditation Celebration Gala at 7 p.m. Individual tickets for the gala are \$150.00 and a table of ten (10) is \$1,250.00.

To register and learn more about the event, please visit <http://www.famu.edu/index.cfm?famudisney&AbouttheEvent> or contact the FAMU Foundation at P.O. BOX 6562, Florida AM University, Tallahassee, Florida 32314, 850-599-3491.

FAMU STUDENTS WIN 1ST PLACE

from FAMU Public Relations

Students in Florida A&M University's (FAMU) School of Business and Industry (SBI) won first place at the 13th Annual National Black MBA Association (NMBBAA) Case Competition defeating teams from Columbia, University of Chicago, New York University, Penn State and Purdue. This is the first time FAMU has entered the NMBBAA case competition. FAMU is the only university in the state of Florida that competed in the national competition. Each member received \$5,000 and a crystal award. FAMU team members included Dominique Drake, Davida Jones, and Mitch Brooks. The team advisors were Drs. Joycelyn Finley-Hervey and Shawnta Friday-Stroud.

Dean McKinley-Floyd was just as excited as the students. "This is just the latest in a winning tradition of excellence in case competition for the School of Business and Industry," said McKinley-Floyd. "I am very proud of the team members."

FAMU UPWARD BOUND PROGRAM

June 2010 marks the 45th Anniversary of the Upward Bound Program at Florida A&M University. In an effort to organize a celebration, we are attempting to contact former alumni of the FAMU Upward Bound Program, especially those from Summer 1965. These members can either contact us or leave a post at our website: www.famuub45.ning.com. Please contact Justin Donald, Planning Committee, at justindon85@hotmail.com, famuub45@yahoo.com, (850) 412-7110 - Office, or (850) 508-4870 - Cell.

RATTLER STRIKES

• Let's congratulate FAMU's own - Duane Brooks. He is the Assistant Athletic Trainer for the 2010 Super Bowl XLIV Champion New Orleans Saints. Brooks, a early 90s graduate of FAMU, brings nearly two decades of experience to the Saints in the field of treating and rehabilitating players throughout the year.

• FAMU's College of Law Associate Dean and Professor of Law Darryl K. Jones appeared on CNBC's Power Lunch on Friday, January 8, 2010. Jones talked about taxing carried interest. Enter this link into your Internet browser to view video clip: http://taxprof.typepad.com/taxprof_blog/2010/01/jones-war.html.

• President Barack Obama announced Friday his intent to nominate FAMU Vice President for Research, Larry Robinson, to serve as Assistant Secretary of Commerce (Conservation and Management), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce. The U.S. Senate must confirm Robinson's appointment. An administrator at FAMU since 1997, Robinson has served in various posts including Director of the NOAA Environmental Cooperative Science Center (ECSC) headquartered at FAMU since 2001.

• GET YOURS!!! The Florida Division of Motor Vehicles recently announced that it sold 21,594 FAMU specialty license plates in 2009. FAMU's sales figure beat out a number of notable competitors that included: the Miami Heat, USF, UCF, Orlando Magic, FIU, and Florida Marlins. FAMU ranked #24 overall in tag sales. UF claimed the top spot, with 120,858 tags sold. Leon County residents bought the largest number of FAMU tags, purchasing 4,547. Duval residents bought the second highest number with 1,949. Miami-Dade was the third top-selling county with 1,725. FAMU tag sales have steadily risen over recent years. A FAMU tag costs \$25.00 (plus registration fees). The money from tag sales goes to "academic enhancement" at the university. According to the most recent report available from the DMV's website, FAMU received \$515,450.00 in 2006-2007 when motorists bought 20,616 of its tags. FAMU has participated in the specialty license plate program since 1987.

THE 2010 MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN IS UNDERWAY

by Andrew Lawyer, II, President

The 2010 Leon County Chapter Membership Campaign has begun.

Your membership dues help the Association support Florida A&M University (FAMU) and its mission through many programs, from student recruitment to alumni relations. However, we cannot do it alone, we need your help. Part of our membership campaign will be "each one bring one." We will also work to keep recent graduates connected to the University and continue targeted membership recruitment at the three college campuses; city, county, and state government; Leon County school teachers and administrators; and churches, civic groups, fraternities, sororities, retirees, etc.

Your membership renewal notices should have been received by now. Please return the completed forms with your checks payable to the Leon County Chapter NAA as soon as possible. It is imperative that you renew your membership by the end of February so as to not miss out on any Chapter benefits including your monthly issue of the *Rattler Times*.

Those of you that are FAMU employees will be able to make your payments via payroll deduction. Additional information will be forthcoming. Make sure that your name is among those individuals who are committed to sustained giving and support of the University and Dr. James Ammons.

Thanks to all alumni who have already renewed or joined the Alumni Association for 2010. We look forward to serving the University with you. Through January 19, 2010, eleven (11) membership dues and/or renewals had been received!!! Namely, the newest paid members are: **Barbara Black, Johnnie Davis, Adeline Evans, Virden Evans, Theodore James, Masekela Mandela, Juanita Moore, Ann O'Neal, Irene Perry, Curtis Taylor, and Alzora Smith.**

Over the past several years, Dr. Lisa Lang has done an exceptional job as our Membership Chair and we would like to thank her for her years of service and dedication. However, Dr. Lang's professional responsibilities have predicated that she step away as chair of the Membership

Committee. Therefore, I am soliciting from the membership anyone that is willing to chair this committee and continue and enhance the work that Dr. Lang has done. Please contact me directly at chapterpresident@myfamuc.com or 850-591-0805.

C. BETTE WIMBISH MEMORIAL SERVICE

from Dr. Ada Puryear Burnette

A Memorial Service is being held for the late Honorable C. Bette Wimbish at the Bethel A.M. E. Church on Saturday, February 20, 2010 at 3 P.M.

Attorney C. Bette Wimbish, who passed recently, was a graduate of the FAMU Law School. She was a great leader whose home was burned to the ground just before she and her husband were to have moved in at a Tampa location. She was a native Floridian and a civil rights leader who contributed immensely to Tallahassee, Tampa, and the State of Florida. This Black History Event is open to the public and is being spearheaded by the Tallahassee Drifters.

Additional information is available from Dr. Ada Puryear Burnette, Tallahassee Drifter President, (850) 445-7260.

MARCHING "100" SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER

from Mickey Clayton, FAMU Booster Director



We are advertising and promoting a limited-edition framed collage poster commemorating the appearance of the "100" in the greatest football game of the year. There will be 1,000 copies of the framed limited-edition poster that will feature a collage of pictures from the "100's" appearance in Miami. The Marching "100" appeared in Super Bowl III in 1969, Super Bowls XVII (1983), XXXIX (2005), XLI (2007) and now XLIV (2010).

The limited-edition framed collage poster will sell for \$125 plus shipping and handling. There is also a \$25 (plus shipping and handling) pictures-only version available. All proceeds from this effort will go towards the Marching "100" Scholarship Fund.

This official limited-edition framed poster will have a special image of Florida A&M University's tenth President, Dr. James H. Ammons and Dr. Julian E. White, with signatures from both. Look for your Marching "100" Commemorative Poster to be available for mailing February 21.

Contact the Rattler Booster office at 1338 South Bronough Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32301 or (850) 224-6093 to order your poster.

FAMU CELEBRATES BLACK HISTORY MONTH

from FAMU Public Relations Office

Florida A&M University (FAMU) has scheduled a series of activities and events in observance of Black History Month. Some of the programs include seminars on wealth building, HIV/AIDS, climate change, the African-American male and the foot soldiers of the Civil Rights Movement. The Department of History and Political Science will sponsored a special forum titled "President Barack Obama: A One Year Assessment."

The College of Education will host a special exhibit of lunar and meteorite samples from NASA beginning February 9 through February 22. Edith G. Davis, an assistant professor in the College of Education, will give lectures and host public viewings of the samples. Individuals or groups/organization interested in viewing the exhibit can contact Davis at (850) 599-3038 to schedule an appointment. Davis, who is certified to handle the lunar rocks, also is the first African-American female in the country to become a geophysicist. She received a B.S. in geology/mathematics from the University of Miami, a M.S. in geophysics from Stanford University, and an MBA from the University of Texas.

Wednesday, February 17: WHO WANTS TO BE A MILLIONAIRE? - A workshop on realizing economic empowerment through money management,

wealth building, and financial sustainability. 2:00 pm - 5 pm Workshop and 6:30 p.m. Panel/Lecture. For more information, contact Gina Kinchlow at (850) 412-5389 or at gina.kinchlow@famuedu.

Thursday, February 18: "I am a Man: Focusing on the Edification of the Black Man" An interactive forum for black men. 7:00 pm to 9:30 pm, Jake Gaither Gymnasium. For more information, contact Kianta Key at (678) 361-2770 or visit www.famumanrising.com.

Friday, February 19: Black & Green - A discussion panel on African Americans and the environmental era of climate change. 11:00 am, FSH Science Research Building, Room 214. For more information, contact Kwasi Densu at (850) 412-5548 or kwasi.densu@famuedu.

"Revisiting the Battlefield: Mobilizing the Foot Soldiers of the Civil Rights Era Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Student Sit and Jail-Ins Movements" 11:15 am - 11:30 am - Historical Re-

Enactment (Quadrangle); 11:30 am - 12:30 pm - Panel Discussion: Highlighting the Foot Soldiers (Grand Ballroom); 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm Book Signing (Grand Ballroom). For more information, contact Murell Dawson at (850) 599-3020.

Tuesday, February 23: Forum Sponsored by the Department of History and Political Science: "President Barack Obama: A One Year Assessment" 6:00 pm, Perry-Paige Auditorium. For more information, contact David Jackson at (850) 599-3447.

Friday, February 26: Department of Children and Families and Florida A&M University Host - "Real Fathers, Real Sons, and Real Men Continuing the Dream." Honoring local citizens. 10:00 a.m., Lee Hall Auditorium. For more information, contact Pat Smith at (850) 413-0775.

February 26 - February 28: Lyceum Series Essential Theatre: "Crowns" Friday (2/26) and Saturday (2/27) 7:30 p.m. and Saturday (2/27) and Sunday (2/28)

at 2 p.m. Lee Hall Auditorium. For more information, contact Kim Harding at (850) 561-2425.

February 28: Closing Reception for Florida Highwaymen/ "Crowns" 4:30 p.m., Foster-Tanner Fine Arts Gallery For more information, contact the Office of Communications at (850) 599-3413.

For information regarding any Black History Month, contact the Office of Communications at (850) 599-3413 or 412-5211 or visit www.famuedu.

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I have learned that success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles which he has had to overcome while trying to succeed.

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

March 16, 2010
FAMU Faculty Clubhouse
6:00 pm - Reception
6:30 pm - Meeting

General Membership Meeting

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