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Hunt for new president well under way

By Jeffery Seay
Editor in Chief

At the Sept. 17 meeting of the Florida State University Board of Trustees, a favorable report about the university's prospects for finding a new, strong leader was given by John Hicks, senior consultant with Academic Search Inc., the firm charged with coordinating the search for a new university president.

After conducting interviews with undergraduate and graduate students, faculty members and other constituent groups, Hicks said he has many positive things to tell presidential candidates about Florida State, including how it has risen to 48th among the nation's public research institutions, according to *U.S. News & World Report*.

Simply put, Florida State is looking for candidates who can guide an elite research university to the next levels of national and international prominence in teaching, research and service, according to Hicks.

"A lot of people I've

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YOUR DOCTOR could be a Florida State grad

By Ron Hartung
College of Medicine

Dr. Christie Sain, Class of 2005, during her residency at Tallahassee Memorial Hospital.

On a rainy night in August, when faculty helped the College of Medicine's Class of 2013 slip into their symbolic white coats for the first time, another first was taking place: Standing among the faculty was someone who, only eight years earlier, had been a first-year student at the College of Medicine.

Like the 26 other members of the Class of 2005, Christie Sain took a chance on a brand-new medical school with a patient-centered approach. Now Dr.

Sain is one of the school's success stories. For such a young school, the College of Medicine has a load of those stories.

Once medical students graduate, they usually need at least three years to complete their residencies. So let's look at the numbers from the first two classes, '05 and '06:

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Alumni can find a lifetime of support from Florida State

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Thinking about changing careers? Looking for professional contacts? Need advice about your small business? Alumni of The Florida State University can rely upon their alma mater in a number of ways long after commencement. Whether they graduated in the 1960s or six months ago, opportunities abound through the Career Center, the Alumni Association's Seminole Clubs, and the Jim Moran Institute for Global Entrepreneurship.

The Career Center

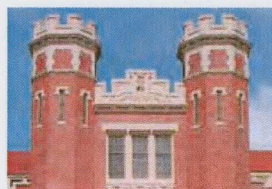
Earlier this year, after alumnus Ben Todd (B.S. '05, Psychology) earned a master's degree in marriage and family therapy from the Reformed Theological Seminary of Jackson, Miss., he wanted to come back to the Tallahassee area. He and his wife, alumna Kelly Hill Todd (B.S. '04, Early Childhood Education), decided to make the move even though neither had a job lined up.

"I was looking around — online and in various other places — for jobs within the counseling field," said Ben Todd, 28. "It was very difficult to find any openings, let alone get interviews. So I went to the Career Center and spoke with its career counselors. I realized that what I was doing myself was really sort of going nowhere."

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Traditional values

There is a new emphasis on the university's 'Strength, Skill, Character'

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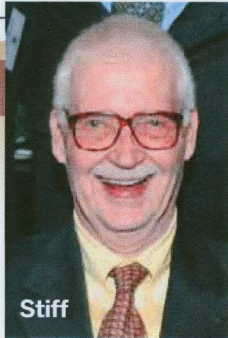
OBITUARIES

Ashby Stiff

Ashby G. Stiff Jr., a renowned former Florida State University associate professor of hospitality administration and popular Tallahassee-area restaurant reviewer, died Sept. 21. He was 78.

Stiff, who worked for Florida State from 1957 to 2001, retired from full-time teaching in 1983. In 1958, he created the hospitality department's Little Dinner Series, which now is named for him. It allows hospitality students to plan, cook and serve a themed dinner to the public. In 1972, Stiff founded the hospitality department's student program in Switzerland. A scholarship fund at the university's Dedman School of Hospitality is named for him.

Beginning in 1984, Stiff became a food critic for the *Tallahassee Democrat*, giving local restaurants between one and five chef's hats to rate their food, service and ambiance.



Stiff

Buddy Strauss

Florida State University alumnus Theodore Beroud "Buddy" Strauss (B.S. '50, Business), who Head Football Coach Bobby Bowden dubbed "FSU's first football hero" and who helped to found the Seminole Boosters, died Aug. 23 at the age of 84.

Strauss was elected into the FSU Sports Hall of Fame in 1980. His best season playing for Florida State was in 1949, when he rushed for 747 yards, including a single-game high of 161 yards against Mississippi College. Strauss capped the season by rushing for 132 yards and leading Florida State in tackles while playing defensive end in the Seminoles' 19-6 victory over Wofford College in the Cigar Bowl. While on the team, Strauss helped Florida State achieve records of 7-1 and 9-1.

After graduation, Strauss went on to a successful business career. He co-founded Tallahassee's Southern Electric appliance store, operated one of Tallahassee's first liquor stores and sold the first home sites in Tallahassee's Killbuck Estates.



Strauss

Capt. John Tinsley

Florida State University alumnus John Tinsley, a captain in the U.S. Army, was killed in combat on Aug. 11. He started at Florida State in 1998, and graduated in 2002 with a Bachelor of Science degree in criminology. As a student, he joined Florida State's Army ROTC program. At the time of his death, he was serving in Afghanistan as a part of the B Company of the 2nd Battalion, 7th Special Forces Group.

Tinsley was the second graduate of the university's Army ROTC program to die in Iraq or Afghanistan. The first was Col. William Wood (B.S. '84), who was killed in action on Oct. 27, 2005.



Tinsley

Your doctor... *continued from page 1*

- In all, 63 students graduated.
- Twenty-nine of the 63 entered residencies in primary care. That's one of the medical school's top priorities.
- Thirteen of the 63 became chief residents, the ones who supervise the training and activities of other residents.
- Twenty-one of the 63 are now practicing physicians.
- Fourteen of those 21 are practicing in Florida, another high priority.
- Ten of those 14 are practicing primary care.
- And six of those 14 are practicing in a rural area, yet another high priority.

A number of garnet-and-gold physicians practice in the Tallahassee-Panhandle area.

These three are at Tallahassee Memorial Hospital:

- Alex Ho practices emergency medicine and sometimes teaches third- and fourth-year students who are doing clinical rotations at TMH.

- Lorna Stewart practices with the internal-medicine hospitalist group.
- And Sandra Brafford practices there as a staff physician, teaching family-medicine residents in the internal medicine service.

Elsewhere in the area, Natosha Canty practices family medicine at Capital Health Plan in Tallahassee. Shayla Gray practices family medicine at Madison County Memorial Hospital. Joda Lynn staffs emergency rooms in Perry,

Apalachicola and Madison, along with hospitals in southwest Georgia. Kara Brooks practices family medicine with Sacred Heart Hospital at its facility in Crestview.

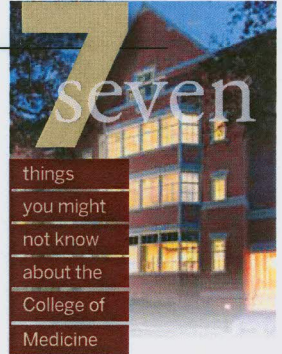
And then there's Christie Sain. She practices family medicine and is medical director at Patients First Raymond Diehl in Tallahassee. She's also on the College of Medicine faculty as a clinical assistant professor, with responsibility for teaching clinical skills to first- and second-year students.

"We really are focusing on developing the kinds of physicians that Florida needs the most," said Dr. John Fogarty, dean of the medical school. "Our community-based model — designed to identify students from rural and underserved areas, provide good role models for them, train them in community settings and encourage them to return to those communities one day — is working and working well. We are very proud of our initial graduates and enjoy telling the story of what a great program this is."

These days, the College of Medicine is closing in on its target enrollment of 480 students and already has peaked at 120 for the number of first-year students admitted annually. Each year, more and more FSU-trained physicians will be serving Florida's communities. So on your next visit to the doctor's office, take a close look at that white coat. You might see, embroidered at the top of the sleeve, a garnet-and-gold patch.



Uchenna Ikediobi, Class of 2010, gets one-on-one instruction from a physician/faculty member in Fort Pierce, Fla., site of a College of Medicine regional campus.



things
you might
not know
about the
College of
Medicine

1. It's not just in the Capital City. It has campuses in seven Florida cities: Daytona Beach, Immokalee, Fort Pierce, Orlando, Pensacola and Sarasota, as well as Tallahassee.

2. Instead of its own teaching hospital, the medical school has something it thinks is better: partnerships with 85 hospitals and other health care organizations around the state.

3. Some of its pretend patients aren't even human. They're mechanical, sort of superhuman. These so-called "manikins" (not to be confused with "mannequins") in the Charlotte E. Maguire, M.D. and Tallahassee Memorial HealthCare Center for Clinical Simulation allow professors to simulate, say, a collapsed lung and ask students how they should proceed.

4. Some of its pretend patients are human, and it's always looking for more. Don't let the earlier reference to the collapsed lung frighten you. You'd get a script to study, and then students would ask you questions to see whether they could diagnose the reasons for your listlessness, depression, hyperactivity or whatever the professors were trying to teach that day. It's fascinating. And you get paid about \$15 an hour. Visit med.fsu.edu/education/CLC/faq.asp.

5. The library has relatively few books — not because it's behind the times but because it's way ahead of them. It's one of the nation's top electronic libraries, which means the students and all those faculty members around the state can plug in from wherever they are and keep up with the latest medical knowledge.

6. The research building has about 50 labs, where biomedical sciences faculty and students explore neuroscience, embryology and the molecular basis of human disease. Elsewhere, faculty look into health policy, geriatrics, behavioral research, family medicine, rural health and much more. In the past year, the college's National Institutes of Health research grants included \$2.6 million to research how companies provide mental health care for employees and \$2.2 million to determine schools' effectiveness at screening for childhood obesity.

7. If you want to produce physicians who will serve Florida's underserved populations, then it makes sense to draw some of your students from exactly those populations. The College of Medicine goes to great lengths to give Florida's middle- and high-school students a peek at the world of medicine and groom those who show potential to become skilled, caring physicians. Interested? Visit www.med.fsu.edu/StudentAffairs/undergrad.asp.