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## **ICUF Report**

**House, Senate support FRAG increase** – With both houses of the Legislature supporting Florida Resident Access Grant increases in their budgets, the outlook for the first FRAG increase in four years is rosy. Under the leadership of Rep. Joe Negron and Rep. Joe Pickens, the House passed a budget calling for a whopping \$19.1 million increase in total FRAG funding. That would raise the grants to \$3,000 a year – **ICUF's** goal for a number of years. The Senate budget calls for an increase of \$5.8 million due to the leadership of Senator JD Alexander, which would increase the FRAG from the current \$2,369 to \$2,597 a year. With less than two weeks remaining in the session it is likely **ICUF** students may receive larger grants next year and **ICUF** schools will be able to count on a greater commitment by the state to assist us in creating additional capacity for Florida students. Leaders of the House and Senate budget committees are meeting to resolve the differences between their budgets.

**Flagler makes list of America's Best Value Colleges** – **Flagler College** is one of just 81 colleges and universities – one of two in Florida – to make the Princeton Review's list of "America's Best College Values." "I am very pleased that our college is listed in this publication and that we are regarded as one of the 81 best values in the country," said **Flagler President Dr. William T. Abare, Jr.** "I like the word 'value' because it connotes quality as well as competitive cost. We have worked hard to keep our costs low and affordable, but we have also worked diligently to ensure that our students receive a quality education." The ratings are based on academics, costs, financial aid and student borrowing. Tuition and room and board at **Flagler** comes to \$12,760 a year.

**Yes Teach! Math and Science offers free courses to teachers** – Yes Teach! Math and Science, a program operated by the **Florida Independent College Fund**, is offering all Florida teachers the opportunity to upgrade their skills in math and science and earn Inservice Points or Continuing Education Units through free online courses in collaboration with the Florida Space Research Institutes' Advanced Learning Environment. "This is a great collaboration putting our resources to work to benefit Florida by improving the training of teachers," said **ICUF Executive Director Ed H. Moore**. "We are thrilled to partner with the Florida Space Research Institute and the Florida Department of Education to provide teachers in all school districts free access into the Advanced Learning Environment," said **FICF Director Kathy L. Burley**. The Advanced Learning Environment eLibrary houses the 1st Class Tutorial, a 10-hour

online course designed to provide an overview of the 12 Accomplished Practices for teachers. In addition, the eLibrary contains materials designed to help with lesson plans for math and science, math and science for special populations, reading with math and science, mentoring, and much more. To learn more about the Yes Teach! program, visit the website at [www.yesteach.org](http://www.yesteach.org).

**Embry-Riddle forms partnership with DBCC** – Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University has formed a unique partnership with Daytona Beach Community College that will allow DBCC students to earn an ERAU degree at about half the usual price. DBCC students would earn a two-year degree there and then transfer to Embry-Riddle to complete four-year degree programs. Embry-Riddle will award \$4,000 grants to transfer students from DBCC. Students would be allowed to enroll in any degree program offered by Embry-Riddle.

**Board approves four-year UM medical school at FAU** – The Board of Governors has approved a plan to expand the University of Miami's medical school program at Florida Atlantic University to a four-year program. If funding is approved by the Legislature, the program would graduate 64 students a year who would receive degrees from the UM. FAU President Frank Brogan has persuaded Boca Raton Community Hospital to build a new facility on his campus that will serve as a teaching hospital.

**Embry-Riddle senior named top student in state** -- Matthew Collier, a 21-year-old senior at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, has been named Florida College Student of the Year by *Florida Leader* magazine. As Student Government Association president for the past two years, Collier led a push for a new student union building by supporting a \$150 student-activities fee to cover construction and maintenance costs. "A student union is the living room of a campus community," Collier said in a written statement. "It's not only a building, but also a program designed to enrich campus life and further the university's mission statement." Collier will spend the fall semester in Southern California, interning with Boeing Co., before returning to Embry-Riddle next spring to complete his studies. He plans to pursue an advanced degree in business or economics, concentrating on a career in management or leadership. Chosen from a field of 78 applicants, Collier won a \$2,000 scholarship plus more than \$1,000 in other gifts.

**Rollins endowment ranks near top nationally** – Rollins College ranked in the top two percent in the National Association of College and University Business Officers (NACUBO) Endowment Study for the year ending June 30, 2004. With a one-year return of 22.6 percent, Rollins beat out more than 700 colleges and universities. Several years ago Rollins engaged Hammond Associates to serve as the College's independent investment advisor. The firm led College staff and trustees through a process to clarify and quantify the long-term objective of the endowment, and to evaluate the existing traditional asset allocation. Rollins recently received a \$93.3 million bequest from the estate of philanthropist George D. Cornell. As of December 31, 2004, the College's long term investment portfolio was valued at \$281 million of which \$265 million represented endowment funds not including \$10 million in endowment yet to be received from the Cornell Estate.

**Senior lawmaker relishes life as legislative freshman** – Rep. **Bill Proctor**, the former president of **Flagler College**, has been featured in a glowing profile in the *Florida Times-Union* newspaper. The article noted that the first-term legislator is one of three oldest lawmakers in Tallahassee. **Proctor**, who became a legislator at 72, is a Republican from St. Augustine who represents St. Johns, Clay and Flagler counties. **Proctor** was quoted in the article as saying, “As an elderly professor of law once told me, you change laws and the Constitution with great trepidation and concern because people build their lives on that, and abrupt changes disrupt things. While things should be evolutionary, in my view they should not be revolutionary.”

**UM constructing major biomedical center** – The biomedical research facilities under construction at the **University of Miami/Jackson Memorial Center** will rival the acclaimed Scripps Research Institute in Palm Beach County, the *Palm Beach Post* has reported. Unlike the Scripps project, which received a large infusion of state money, the **UM** center is actually under construction. The **Miami** project includes a research hospital, a medical school and new laboratories. Miami City Manager Joe Arriola says it will be a live-work-play research community with high-rise space for health and biotech businesses. **UM President Donna Shalala** noted that her university’s project will be bigger and open sooner than Scripps, which has been tied up by legal wrangling. “It’s amazing how much we’re getting done,” **Dr. Shalala** said. “Our community was a natural place to create a major biomedical center. Plus, it will include accessible housing for staff and scientists who will work there.

**Eckerd students garner awards** – **Junior Sarah Sieloff** is the first **Eckerd College** student to be selected as a Truman Scholar. “The **Eckerd College** community is tremendously proud of **Sarah**. She is an excellent student taking full advantage of every opportunity **Eckerd** affords her,” said **Eckerd President Donald R. Eastman**. “I am confident that she will make the most of this wonderful opportunity on her way to making our world a better place.” The Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation awards \$30,000 merit-based scholarships to college students who wish to attend graduate school in preparation for careers in government or elsewhere in public service. **Eckerd** students **Danielle Bray, Ryan Jones, Grace Gair, Quinn Gorman, and Scott Hale** finished second at the Eleventh National Intercollegiate Ethics Bowl Competition. The Ethics Bowl is an intercollegiate competition in ethical analysis for teams of undergraduates. The **Eckerd Students in Free Enterprise Team** recently earned first place at the Duel in the South, a regional personal financial case study competition held at the University of South Carolina.

**Florida Southern, Rollins inaugurate leaders** – **Florida Southern College** has inaugurated its 17<sup>th</sup> president, **Dr. Anne Broughton Kerr**, and **Rollins College** has inaugurated its 14<sup>th</sup> president, **Dr. Lewis Duncan**. **Dr. Kerr** was inaugurated during **FSC’s** Founders Day celebration, when Frances Mayes, gourmet cook and author of the best-seller “Under the Tuscan Sun,” was recognized as Honorary Chancellor for this year. Lt. Gov. Toni Jennings, attended **Dr. Duncan’s** inauguration, observing that “**Rollins** is one of the gems among the **Independent Colleges and Universities of Florida**.” **Dr. Duncan** concluded his inaugural address by saying, “Let us dream together of the art and science of life, and rise up to discover our futures shared.”

**Southeastern wins national basketball title** – **Joey Gunter** went 16-of-18 from the free-throw line and finished with 25 points, eight rebounds and seven assists to lead **Southeastern College** to the National Christian College Athletic Association Division II national championship. The **Crusaders** finished their season on a 21-game winning streak, and the 30 wins for the season was a school record.

**Noted producer heads Lynn Motion Picture Academy** – **Lynn University** has announced that feature film producer Jonathan Krane will serve as executive director of its new **Krane Academy of Motion Pictures**, where classes are scheduled to begin in September 2005. “Jonathan Krane is an icon of the film industry,” said **Lynn President Donald E. Ross**. “**Lynn University** has grown by offering major programs that truly prepare students for a career, and Jonathan, through the Krane Academy, shares that vision.” The **Krane Academy** curriculum will provide aspiring film professionals with hands-on experience in all stages of production. Upon graduation, students will be qualified to work as motion picture producers. “A compelling reason the **Krane Academy** differs from other film schools is that it teaches students as early as possible what every job and career entails, so that their decision to move to Hollywood and enter the industry is as informed as possible,” Krane said.

**NSU designated Center of Academic Excellence** – The National Security Agency and the Department of Homeland Security have designated **Nova Southeastern University** as an official National Center for Academic Excellence in Information Assurance Education. “We are extremely proud of this prestigious designation from the federal government,” said **Nova Southeastern President Ray Ferrero, Jr.** “Our university has been and continues to be dedicated to reducing vulnerability in our national information infrastructure by promoting higher education in IA, supporting important research in this field, and producing a growing number of professionals with IA expertise in various disciplines.”

**Southeastern set for name change** – As part of its spring graduation ceremony, **Southeastern College** will officially change its name to **Southeastern University**. “This marks the end of one era and the beginning of another,” said **Southeastern President Dr. Mark Rutland**, “as Lakeland’s newest university, dedicated to leadership and the development of the whole person, **Southeastern University** steps forward boldly into a bright new future.”

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