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Captain Planet and the Green Issue



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Laura Turner Seydel, Green Activist and Chair of the Captain Planet Foundation, and the daughter of CNN's founder Ted Turner addresses the 300 guest attending the Second National Green Business Conference, hosted by FSU at the Holiday Inn Bordeaux on March 30.

BUILDING A GREEN PLANET IS A LIFE-LONG CRUSADE

By John Caldwell
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"It went back to when I was a child, my father is Captain Planet. I don't know how many of you watched an episode of the cartoon, but he is a real life Captain Planet. You know him as Ted Turner. I know him as Dad," is how Laura Turner Seydel began her conversation with the Fayetteville community on her life-long involvement with green issues.

"As a national environmental activist and eco-living expert, Laura believes that the path to a sustainable future can be made possible through a collective effort. She aims to

inspire families, youths and individuals alike to do their part by educating them on the benefits and opportunities of earth-friendly living," states the Captain Planet Foundation website.

Mrs. Seydel was a keynote speaker at the Second National Green Business Conference, hosted by FSU at the Holiday Inn Bordeaux on March 30. The Green Activist and Chair of the Captain Planet Foundation said her father's early lessons formed the basis for her dedication to environmental causes and community involvement.

Mrs. Seydel's dad, Ted Turner, is the one and the same, billionaire businessman who founded CNN in 1980. The environmental-

themed cartoon was the idea of Mr. Turner, and was first seen on cable from September 15, 1990 until December 5, 1992.

It featured five young people from around the globe, each possessing one of five magic rings to control an element of nature and one controlling an element called heart. The five people, called "Planeteers," worked to solve environmental problems that Gaia, the spirit of the earth, sent them. When the problem was too much for the Planeteers, they combined their rings to summon Captain Planet to save the day.

FSU Junior, Christopher Darden, says he

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Founders Day:

The legacy continues

By Charnell Harris
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"The founders of FSU left a legacy, what will yours be?" said special guest speaker Command Sergeant Major for the US Army Reserve retiree, Michele S. Jones.

The 144th Founders Day Convocation was held on Sunday, April 10 at the J.W. Seabrook Auditorium. Members of the board of trustees, faculty, staff, administration, students and members from the community alike were in attendance.

The annual ceremony is held in remembrance and in honor of Fayetteville State Universities, seven distinguished founders, David A. Bryant, Nelson Carter, Andrew J. Chestnut, George Grainger, Matthew N. Leary, Bishop Thomas Lomax and Reverend Robert Simmons who founded the Howard School in 1867. The schools first president, Dr. Ezekiel Ezra Smith was also recognized.

The ceremony opened up with special greetings from the County of Cumberland representative, Kenneth S. Edge, the city of Fayetteville representative, mayor pro temp D.J. Haire, chair of the board of trustees, Terrence Murchison, student body president, Jermaine Pittman and president of FSU's National Alumni Association, Veda Neal.

The key message of the event was for students to take advantage of all the opportunities available to them, start building and working on their legacies and to give back whenever and however possible.

Chancellor James A. Anderson, who served as the events host, commented that all it took to start the legacy of FSU was \$134. He then charged all students and alumni that if they are able to, that they should at the very least give \$134 back to the university.

Several representatives and alumni from classes ranging as far back as 1948 were present and each donated money towards scholarships to the school averaging around \$66,000.

"The legacy continues. Think about where we started and think about where we are now," said chair of the board of trustees, Terrence Murchison.

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