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Colbourn announces retirement

UCF President Trevor Colbourn announced on Monday, Oct. 18, plans to resign as head of the 18,000-student institution after more than a decade of service. Colbourn, who was named enrolling president by more than 90 percent and the 2002 degree programs offered to meet the needs of Florida's regional and national needs of Mid-Florida and the State.

In announcing his plans to relinquish the post which he officially assumed on July 1, 1978, Colbourn said his resignation will take effect next August and his plans then to resume a full-time faculty role. In the meantime, a national search for a new president will be conducted with the objective of having UCF's third president selected prior to Colbourn's departure from office.

"The celebration of the University's 25th anniversary this year afforded the perfect backdrop for my decision," Colbourn said. "The Silver Anniversary of the University's founding provided a window on a very satisfying view of the 10 years I have been privileged to lead UCF. That satisfaction, together with my continuing interest in teaching and research, convinced me that this was a particularly appropriate time for me to step aside for new leadership to take UCF into its third decade of classes.

Colbourn, who has been described by Chancellor Charlie Reed as the "State University System Scholar-President," has usually managed to teach at least one course a year. "I want the opportunity to return to the research and writing activities which have necessarily been put on hold due to my administrative responsibilities," Colbourn, 61, said. A published historian, Colbourn is an authority on early American history. As an author and editor, he is perhaps best known for such books as The Lamp of Experience, Fame and the Founding Fathers, The Colonial Experience, The American Past in Perspective and The American's A Brief History, a co-authored text published by HU in a fourth edition in 1994.

Colbourn, who earned a PhD from The Johns Hopkins University, came to Florida from San Diego State University, where he served as vice president for academic affairs before becoming acting president. His first administrative post was as dean of the graduate school.

Colbourn's tenure at UCF led to the construction of some three dozen separate campus facilities, including a major library expansion, multi-story dormitories, buildings to house the Colleges of Business Administration and Engineering, a sports center, the Brevard Lifelong Center at UCF's Brevard campus and the Daytona Beach Joint Use Facility. In addition, a fine arts building has been authorized, while planning proceeds for a 6,000-seat arena and student union.

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From FTU to UCF—The Colbourn Years

- Enrollments grew from 11,548 in the Fall of 1976 to 18,023 in the Fall of 1986.
- The institution's name was changed from Florida Technological University to the University of Central Florida to reflect a diversifying curricula required by a region whose development failed to proceed along just technological lines.
- The average Scholastic Aptitude Test scores of incoming UCF freshmen rose 36 points, to 1022 (118 points above the national average), while the national SAT average rose 7 points.
- The University was designated a National Merit Scholar host institution on the basis of its record in attracting National Merit and Achievement Scholars.
- Campus facilities were enlarged with construction of some three dozen separate campus facilities, including a major library expansion, multi-story dormitories, buildings to house the Colleges of Business Administration and Engineering, a sports center, the Brevard Lifelong Center at UCF's Brevard campus and the Daytona Beach Joint Use Facility. In addition, a fine arts building has been authorized, while planning proceeds for a 6,000-seat arena and student union.
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Questions before the faculty—what Senate chairs anticipate

The chairs of six Faculty Senate committees were asked to list the issues they expect to come before their committees during the 1988-89 school year. The following lists reflect those concerns as of today. Where duplications occur, committees have some overlapping jurisdictions.

Admissions and Standards-Beth Crocolla, chair:
1. Add/ drop for the summer term.
2. Dropping students who do not attend the first class meeting to open the space to other students.
3. Review the policy of re-admission to a major, or the University after a student has failing grades.
4. Consider raising the GPA required for admission to the University.

Budget-Joe Dixon, chair:
"Our function is to represent faculty as to the budget and to be able to answer questions. But it is hard to get into the loop and find out what is going on, even though everyone is very cooperative about answering our questions." "Until we know more about the process we don't know what questions to ask to get the right answers. Every year our committee starts over from scratch. There is no historical reference."

Instruction-Nannette McLaren, chair:
1. Timing add/drop for summer school.
2. Dropping students who do not attend the first class meeting and opening the space to other students.
3. Timing of orientation and advisement of new students in the summer.

Personal—Gordon Paul, chair:
1. Tenure and promotion procedure for interdisciplinary faculty.
2. Procedure and use of annual faculty evaluations of chairpersons.
3. Threat to the safety of, or physical harm to faculty.
4. Proposed administrative procedures act rule changes that pertain to promotion.
5. Procedure and evaluation committee composition for administrator's review.
6. Process to be followed when one of new academic units or realignments of existing units.

Ad Hoc Student Life Committee-Ida Cook, chair:
1. Consider a Student Government request for access to and right to publish student evaluations of faculty.
2. Proposed administrative procedures act rule changes that pertain to promotion.

Preparation
Creative School teacher Susan Hips impressed her class during National Fire Prevention Week, Oct. 9-15, by showing them the latest in firefighting gear, brought to campus by Tim Brooks (background) and other Orange County firemen.

The visit sponsored by the Department of Environmental Health & Safety included lessons for the children on how to look for fire hazards...
Communication's offering promises to be a smash hit

Six times as many students want to get into UCF's bachelor in film program as there will be spaces—nearly a year before the first classes are offered.

"One father flew from London to talk to me about enrolling his son," James Welke, chair of the School of Communication, said.

"I got another call from Amsterdam. Fortunately, the caller could speak English." Welke has lost track of how many inquiries have come to his office. "More than 200, I'm sure."

Pending legislative funding in the spring, the program will start up with 30 to 40 upper level students in the fall of 1989, and be a part of what is now the School of Communication. Space for it will be carved out on the fourth floor of the Humanities and Fine Arts Building.

The schedule anticipates offering eight courses or sections the first semester, 12 the second year and 21 the third.

By the third year the program would have five new faculty and two support staff.

The University is especially well equipped to develop a first-rate film program, Welke believes.

"The nucleus of a motion picture major currently exists—students, faculty, equipment and space, along with the close proximity of the motion picture industry. The opening of the Walt Disney World Film School will be an invaluable asset to the film program," Welke said.

Welke was chair of the University of Wyoming's Department of Journalism and Telecommunication, when UCF hired him in August of 1986 to head the Department of Communication (supported this year by School of Communication). The possibility of a film degree program at UCF was not a high priority.

A couple months after his arrival two Communication faculty members, Gles Hoglin and Mike Sullivan, pointed out to him that Florida State University was currently existing-students, faculty, and industry. The opening of the Walt Disney Studio currently exists.

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The planning report states: "Through cooperative arrangements allowing access to film industry, UCF does not need to spend astronomical amounts for certain kinds of laboratory space—professional, working studio becomes the laboratory. This factor alone reduces the total cost of the proposed program package to manageable levels. In fact, no amount of money would be able to buy this kind of add-on laboratory benefit."

"At the rate the industry is going, the local industry provides a pool of talented and experienced individuals who can assist with the academic program as adjunct professors from time to time."

New faculty will be hired and professionals working in the field will be brought in as adjuncts to support four of the present faculty who are expected to teach in the discipline part of the time. Those four are: Smith, with specialty in film history, theory and theater; Hoglin, documentary film and broadcasting; Sullivan, production, editing and broadcasting; and Chavda, art, graphics and animation.

A theater in the future Arts Complex, equipped to show movies, is a likely asset to the film program.

In long-range planning, Welke foresaw a need for building a Communication Complex for all the high visibility academic programs in the School of Communication. An outside review team, appraising the inplant film program, put the facility in first priority.

Students admitted will have to have a 3.0 overall grade point average. A maximum of 40 credits in department courses may be counted toward the 120 hour requirement for graduation.

The program is to provide a fully-rounded and educated student capable of adapting to a variety of career positions in all communication or non-communication professions.

Although the Hollywood glitter attracts students the committee expects only 7.5 percent of graduates will work in the theatrical film area while 42.5 percent will be in some other aspect of the film industry and 50 percent will go on to non-film pursuits.

Combining a well-rounded liberal arts education with specialized courses limited to one third of the total credits is designed to help the graduate go out prepared for the real world as well as the "real world."
UCF celebrates
HOMECOMING 1988
25th ANNIVERSARY
provides a theme
CAROL LARSON
associate registrar

National search finds top talent already in office

Carol Larson, who joined UCF as a staff assistant to the Daytona Beach campus director less than five years ago, has been chosen to fill the now-partial position of associate registrar, selected over 100 applicants in a national search.

Registrar John Bush pointed to her previous experience as registrar of Jackson Community College, Jackson, Michigan, as well as her rising career in UCF's Registration Office and to her earning a master's degree in counselor education at UCF last May.

In June 1988 Larson transferred to the main campus and worked as an Admissions Counselor I. In February 1987 she became an Admissions Officer I, and in October 1987 she was promoted again to deputy registrar.

Larson earned an AA degree with honors at Jackson Community College in 1975 and in June of that year became a recorded clerk in that school's registration office and 49 months later was named director of registration and records.

She left the registrar's post in June 1982 so that she and her husband could move to Florida to accept a promotion from his employer, Sprint Electronics, at Delco Spalding. They live at Deltona.

Their move from Michigan was delayed until August 1982 for her to receive her BS in social science (with honors) from Eastern Michigan University.

BOR initiates code of ethics teaching study

Should values be learned at home or in the classroom? Based on a survey of Floridians taken by the Board of Regents, which recommended that the State University System teach "a positive value system," each of the nine member universities has established a task force to explore the question.

Regents Chairman John Ruffler has indicated the UISU must "identify those moral values we wish our academic community to reflect." This task force generated by the statewide request in turn have been mandated to determine means to assure that each student entering a state university will be aware of the institution's values and behavior expected.

UCF Chairman Dr. Jeff Butler said, "We are trying to come up with a framework of ethical standards which express how we should treat each other."

The 20-member faculty and student group selected by UCF President Trevor Coburn has until Dec. 1 to submit their recommendations to the BOR.
Class preview

Dean Clifford Eubanks last week conducted his first faculty inspection of CEBAIV, the College of Business Administration's new building that college staff may occupy as much as two months earlier than the scheduled March 16 completion date because construction has been that much ahead of schedule on the $8.7 million building. The room being viewed here will be used for professional seminars.

Phonathon pledges increase over '87

College Phonathon '88 ended last Thursday night with total pledges from five weeks of calling about $6,600 higher than the year before. Tom Watkins, director of the annual fund, said that when the faculty, staff and students of the five colleges ended their calls to alumni the pledges came to a total of $37,054. The 1987 phonathon garnered $31,448. The money returned from pledges will go directly to the colleges and departments to be used in whatever ways the donors specified, Watkins said.

Walkers take off ambling comfortably anywhere they want

A dozen UCF employees showed up for the first meeting of the Knight Walkers, a "not too organized" group Recreation Services wants to pull together for the healthful pursuit of daily walks. Chris English, assistant Recreation director, gave those who attended campus maps, designating possible walking routes and the distances for each. Some sights go into the Orlando area; most maps will be prepared, he said, as those who join the club contribute ideas for new walks by their favorite routes.

English also gave out charts so regular walkers can keep track of mileage they cover when the object is to increase endurance. For those who did not attend the first meeting but would like to join other walkers English invites them to call x5446, or the Health Resource Center x5811. No date has been set for another meeting.

IST open house—occasion to cite national goal

Two Central Florida legislators were guest speakers at the open house and board meeting of the Institute for Simulation and Training late in September. Representative Samuel P. Bell, Ormond Beach, spoke at a banquet in the President's Dining Room on the relationship of the legislature, industry and the University and how they can better work together.

At a meeting the next day, Representative Richard T. Grotty, Orlando, a UCF graduate, held a question and answer session dealing with the legislative process and how it relates to industry and academia.

Also in attendance at the open house and meetings were faculty and administrators from UCF. It was stressed throughout the two-day meeting on Sept. 27-28 that the demonstrated commitment of the University, Industry and the legislators is what will be required for IST to continue toward its goal of becoming the national center for research and education in simulation and training.

IST's Industrial Advisory Board toured the new laboratory and office facilities and visited the staff and faculty projects at the institute.

IST holds semi-annual meetings to update the board on the status of the institute and to solicit advice regarding future needs and trends of the simulation and training industry. Membership on the board is by invitation and represents leading companies in the simulation and training field throughout the U.S.

"Be civil to all; sociable to many; familiar with few; friend to one; enemy to none."

—Benjamin Franklin

Museum collections on disks is goal of UCF art researchers

Sometime in the not too distant future art museum directors and curators in California, New York or Hawaii will be able to switch on a laser disk player and a color monitor to view any desired examples of Florida collections.

Such is the world of computerized art cataloging, a fairly recent development that permits users to view the objects of their interest without having to trek to a museum or gallery for a look.

A giant step into computer cataloging of art collections is underway at UCF through a $100,000 grant from Florida's Division of Cultural Affairs. Maclay Wahlman, Art Department chair and project director, received support for the program from area legislators, state and local officials, and the directors of three area art museums.

"One of our objectives is to enhance the quality of life for students and others in Florida, as part of our community arts program," said Wahlman. "This is an example of our strong ties to the community and our commitment to strengthening local resources.

After completion of the system design and the actual cataloging of art works in four Central Florida collections, the project goal is to create a master optical disk containing visual images as well as descriptions and related information about each piece.

The first step will be initiated by Maggi Honda, a computer graphics instructor at the University, who will design a computerized catalog for UCF's own $900,000 collection, and eventually the three other area collections. Students will be trained to videotape and photograph art objects. Audio and visual information will be added, then imprinted into master laser disks, one for each collection. Meanwhile, catalog information will be collected and put into a computer to be integrated with the information on the laser disks. The computer program will tell the laser player which images to show on a color monitor. The next phase will be to duplicate the master disks which can then be marketed by each museum to other museums, art organizations, universities and individual art researchers, Wahlman explained. She also sees numerous spin-offs to the project. Aside from providing learning experiences for students and increasing interaction between UCF and area community arts organizations and individuals, it will aid ongoing efforts to restore, maintain, conserve and house unique and important area collections.

Collections at the Mose Museum of American Art in Winter Park, the Orlando Museum of Art, and the Maitland Art Center will be cataloged by the new system once it becomes operational. Few such catalog systems are available. The National Gallery in Washington sells a laser disk illustrating 1,645 works in that collection. That laser disk can be run by a Voyager Hypercard program or one developed by Dartmouth College. UCF's laser catalog will add more features, Wahlman noted.

The project was developed by Wahlman, Honda, and Mary Ann Johnston, of the UCF College of Engineering. The three researchers plan to document their efforts in a book.

Knight walkers

Assistant Recreation Director Chris English strides out in front of UCF staff who showed up for the organizational meeting of Knight Walkers, a do-it-yourself-at-your-own-speed club of people who work on campus and want to stay fit by daily walks at whatever pace feels right. English, who works out of the Education Building gym, will provide maps with distances and encouragement.
Nobel Prize Laureate Wiesel to be honored speaker at UCF

The man who has been called the Holocaust voice of conscience will be a 75th anniversary guest Oct. 24 at UCF.

Nobel Laureate Elie Wiesel will be honored for his humanitarian achievements at a banquet and by the awarding of an honorary doctorate by UCF. A free community lecture will follow.

The program is sponsored by UCF Judaic Studies, Friends of Judaic Studies, and UCF's Academic Affairs Division.

There will be a $60 per person charge for the banquet, with proceeds going to support of Judaic Studies activities.

The dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m.; the lecture at 8:30 p.m. in the Student Center auditorium. The topic: "Building a Moral Society."

Wiesel, who lost his family to the Holocaust, was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1986 in recognition of his continued efforts to bring harmony and understanding to international relations. To many of his readers, Elie Wiesel is much more than just a symbol, a banner and a beacon, perhaps the survivor of the Holocaust," said the Washington Post.

He has written more than 30 novels, plays, and collections of short stories and has a number of works in a memoir published in 1960, to "Twilight" this year. Says the Los Angeles Times: "Perhaps more than any other writer today, Wiesel forces us to remember. His work makes us confront our history and ourselves; his images bring tears to the eyes and gladness to our souls."

He calls himself a story-teller, but he is much more than that. He is a chronicler of madness and sanity, a sage of stories and silences that forces us to look at ourselves as Jews..."

For dinner reservations, contact Dr. Moshe Pell, director of Judaic Studies in UCF's Foreign Language Department, at 276-2466 or 281-5039.

UCF art students 'show' environment

UCF art students making up "The Temporary Contemporary Art Museum of Orlando" will present their first exhibit of paintings, installations, objects and sculptures at the French Market on Orange Avenue Street on Saturday night, Oct. 23, from 9 p.m. until midnight.

The theme of the show: "The Healing of the Planet Earth," will dramatize environmental issues.

Exhibitors will be Pam Carol, Laura Daniel, Craig Davis, Demacie, Carlos Durdie, Mike Flanagan, Eric Fors, Dorae Gomez, Valerie Harasz, David Hiner, Scott Honer, Eugene Marsh, Julie Martin, Eric Needle, Don's Stonebarber, and Tom Webster.

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Colburn

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As UCF president, Colburn has been deeply involved in civic activities as well as academic and non-academic programs with community needs. He serves on the board of directors of the United Way of Orange County, the Industrial Development Commission of Mid-Florida and the Greater Orlando Chamber of Commerce.

He has served on the boards of the Greater Orlando Crime Prevention Commission and the Greater Orlando Sports Organizing Committee. A member of the downtown Kiwanis, Colburn has also served as chairman of the Board of Visitors of the Air University, President of Montgomery, Ala. and currently serves as vice chairman of the Board of Visitors of the Air University.

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Savings bonds looking better

A proposal, passed 94-0 by the U.S. Senate this month, would exempt from taxation the interest on U.S. Savings Bonds when used to pay for a college education.

Savings bonds are exempt from state and local taxes and are income tax deferred until cashed.

The tax-free provision for education is one more reason to apply for bond purchases through payroll deductions, W. Flex Brown, chairman of the annual UCF Savings Bond campaign, stated.

OFFICIAL BALLOT

To spotlight the UCF Employee of the Month

I nominate to be UCF Employee of the Month (Nominee must have been a UCF employee for at least one year). Any employee, including faculty and staff, may nominate a candidate on basis of job performance, dependability, attitude, etc. A name submitted remains in the pool of eligible candidates until the end of the calendar year.

Reasons for your choice

Signed:

Cut out ballot and return to Irene LeBlanc, Public Affairs, AD365.

(MARK ENVELOPE "Confidential")

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Florida Engineers boost scholarships

A $9,000 check for student scholarships is the latest in a series of annual contributions made to the UCF College of Engineering by area professional engineers.

The funds represent proceeds from refresher courses offered by the Central Florida Chapter, Florida Engineers Society at the University to assist engineering students, faculty and staff.

Since the refresher courses began 20 years ago the local chapter has donated over $26,000 to the engineering scholarship fund. The state society, with headquarters in Tallahassee, has over 4,400 members.

Top graduate, lab manager, dies at Brevard

Brevard County Area Campus lost an outstanding student scholar and intern community manager by death on Sept. 25.

Dewey Houston Walker, 51, retired Navy warrant officer, apparently suffered a heart attack while working alone in the campus lab last night.

His unexpected death shocked students, faculty and staff at the campus who had all benefited by his knowledge and willingness to help.

Walker earned a bachelor's degree in engineering technology from UCF, graduating in December 1973, his highest grade point average in his college.

A bachelor with a late-life discovery that he was a scholar at heart, Walker spurned most pursuits but the UCF-BCC Lifelong Learning Center.

"Nobod help more of his fellow students with more caring patience on any and all subjects than Dewey Walker, our orads from the lab," said Gil Hermann, a student.

"The unlimited patience that Dewey had in helping some of the students was almost supernatural...The UCF building at the Brevard Campus was Dewey's home. The students and co-workers who knew Dewey were part of his family, his children," said Ken McMillin, a previous manager of the lab.

Although Walker was not a member of the UCF-BCC community attended memorial services, held for Walker at the computer lab on Sept. 25, at the University of Central Florida Management instructor, delivered the eulogy.

"If UCF/BCC was Dewey's home, then the computer lab was his family room," he said.

A plaque in tribute to Walker was presented to the center by mutual agreement it hung on the wall of the computer room.

The UCF Brevard Area Campus, in conjunction with the UCF Foundation, is establishing a scholarship in his honor. Details of the scholarship, 21102, can provide information on how to contribute.

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