Four UCF researchers star on governor's top ten list

Four of UCF's faculty were among 10 Floridians to receive the first annual Governor's Awards for Outstanding Contributions to Science and Technology on March 7.

Karl Guenther, Donald Malocha, Narsingh Deo and Michael Moshell of UCF were honored at the governor's mansion in a reception arranged by the Florida High Tech Council and sponsored by four related industries.

"High technology is the way of the future and these scientists are paving the way with their ideas, their research and their contributions," Governor Bob Martinez said. "I'm pleased to recognize them for the vision they have brought to their work, and especially for the potential they have given our state in terms of economic development and industry."

Guenther, an associate professor of electrical engineering and physics, has concentrated his research on thin film optics at the CREOL labs in Central Florida Research Park. He has developed multi-layer coatings for mirrors, lenses and other optics for use in laser processors for high-speed communication and signal processing systems.

Malocha, professor of electrical engineering and communications science, earned special attention for his work in microelectronics. He is working on the next generation of analog signal processors for high-speed communication and signal processing systems.

Narsingh Deo, holder of the Miller chair and professor of computer science, was recognized for producing parallel computer software for engineering and scientific applications, making it possible to solve multiple computational problems simultaneously.

Moshell, associate professor of computer science, developed basic technology for military simulation and training. His innovative software describes scenarios that involve complex motion and includes instructions for participating in tank maneuvers, simulating population dynamics and troubleshooting electrical equipment.

The University of Miami had two researchers in medical fields among the honored. Two from the University of Florida were included, one for laser use to clear blocked arteries, and the other for computer technology supporting industry and business.

The final two in the salutary group included an associate dean at the University of South Florida, who streamlined and improved the way university researchers apply for funding by the High Tech Council, and a vice president of Harris Corporation who has been a leader encouraging collaboration between university researchers and Florida's high tech industry.

'Honor Excellence' theme chosen for Founders' Day

Faculty, students and staff will honor "excellence" on April 12 at a convocation featuring faculty and student awards and an address by Dr. Robert Bwell, president of the American Council on Education.

The "honor excellence" theme has been attached to UCF's first Founders' Day program, which will begin at 2:15 p.m. on Wednesday, April 12, during a period of suspended classes. The Founders Day designation itself honors the men and women of Central Florida whose vision of a university dedicated to excellence has been fulfilled by student and faculty achievement.

Although UCF has existed for less than three decades, it has reached the stage of development where a celebration keyed to the institution's core academic mission is most fitting," Dr. Robert McGinnis, vice president for University Relations, said. "It is doubly appropriate to name the celebration in recognition of the people of Central Florida whose high standards set the tone for the evolution of our institution."

University Relations Division is taking the lead in organizing the event.

The program, to be held in the Education Building Gymnasium, will be followed by a reception and will occur during a 2-4 p.m. period of suspended classes. The UCF Teacher of the Year, Distinguished Researcher and Librarian (Continued on Page 4)

By mid-April the Florida Board of Regents should have named UCF's third president and the likely choice will be one of the candidates pictured above. The lengthy, but still fast-paced schedule of selecting a president for one of the nine state universities, is in the stage where each of the five advanced to the final round faces small group interviews, beginning his visit on March 20.

Rey McTarnagh, vice chancellor in the Florida State University System, completed his three-day visit last week. James H. Woodward, senior vice president for faculty and student affairs, University of Alabama, Birmingham, is in the middle of his visit today.

Kala M. Stroup, president of Murray State University, Kentucky, begins her visit on Thursday of this week.

Steven Altman, president of Texas A&I University, Kingsville, arrives on March 29.

Dale Nitzschke, president of Marshall University, Huntington, W.Va., arrives on March 20.

The Board of Regents Selection Committee has a tentative schedule to meet at UCF on April 7 with all five of the candidates. With the help of Chancellor Charles B. Reed, the Selection Committee will recommend one to a meeting of the full Board of Regents, and that is expected to result in the appointment of the next UCF president by mid-April.

David Scott, professor of Finance and chair of the Search Advisory Committee, stressed the opportunity everyone who works at the University has to participate in the remaining interview sessions. The whole process has been open so that anyone could hear, meet and question the candidates.

When the Search Committee tallied their reactions in February to a field made up of 31 candidates, the five candidates with the highest scores are the five recommended by Chancellor Reed and approved for the current interviews by the Selection Committee on March 13.

People attending the current interview are furnished evaluation sheets to fill out and return to Scott. The evaluations will be sent to the SUS office for evaluation and circulated to the approach candidate that regents will review before making the final choice, Scott said. It is not too late for anyone to be involved and have a voice in this important decision," he said.
Sylvester Covington, a well-known educator in the Daytona Beach community, has been selected for the new position of associate director of research programs/services at UCF-Daytona Beach.

In making the announcement, Dr. Sarah Pappas, campus director, said that Covington will coordinate the activities of a research consortium that includes Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Bethune-Cookman College and UCF. He has most recently been affiliated with Daytona Beach Community College as director of community outreach. From 1975 until 1986 he served as director of student activities for the college.

In addition to administrative functions, Covington will provide instruction to UCF’s Daytona Beach campus students in the Business Administration areas of Marketing and Management.

Covington earned his bachelor’s degree in Business Administration at UCF. He completed his studies for a master’s degree in Management from Rollins College and earned his educational doctorate from Florida Atlantic University.

Sylvester Covington

IST, Council plan for April symposium

UCF’s IST, with the Florida High Technology Industry Council, will host a simulation and training research symposium at the Holiday Inn-University late in April.

The symposium, “Interactive Networked Simulation for Training”, is the first in a series of related symposia, and will feature distinguished speakers and presenters from academia, government and the simulation and training industry. The purpose of the symposium is to provide a forum for researchers to discuss issues related to the theme of the conference and to examine areas that must be investigated to resolve training and engineering issues.

For more details on the April 29-27 gathering contact Vince Amico at Exceded Studies, 21213, or Jerry Venner at IST, 658-5029.

Hello, hello! Is anybody there?

The second annual Florida Artificial Intelligence Research Society (FLAIRS) symposium will be held at the Holiday Inn-University April 2-5. Engineers, scientists and businesspersons with an interest in artificial intelligence will gather to hear nationally-known experts in finding ways for computers to replace humans.

Dr. Amelio Gonzalez, Computer Engineering Department, is the contact person for FLAIRS ‘99.

Official Memoranda

To: UCF Faculty & Staff
From: Daniel C. Holstenback
Associate Vice President
Subject: Legislators’ Addresses

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Gus Lyles
March 1989 Employee of the Month

"It's the way you come across across the counter that leaves a lasting impression on students," That's Gus Lyles speaking, Senior clerk supervisor Lyles in the Records and Registration side of the Registrar's Office.

He's explaining the mission of the office: To provide service to students, alumni, faculty and staff, applicants, prospective applicants, families and friends of students, visiting dignitaries and representatives of other agencies. The soul-searching is because his name was drawn "out of a hat" of names submitted for Employee of the Month and he has that honor for March of 1989. Associate Registrar Carol Larson nominated him with the appraisal: "Gus is the best! He continually displays a positive attitude and is helpful to students and staff.

Lyles, a 30-year Navy man isn't so sure the people who work for him share the enthusiasm for his virtue. "I'm tough on them (five other clerks and six student assistants). I insist that when they deal with students—or anyone else on the other side of the counter—that they are friendly, helpful, sincere, accurate and fair.

"After all, their impression of the University is affected by the treatment they get from us," he said, recalling that 16,800 students were enrolled "and they all have need for our services every semester." Aside from working, which he enjoys very much and wants to keep on doing as long as he can, Lyles likes spectator sports, "all of them," and is in the stands for most of UCF's home football games "and a lot of them" that are not at home.

Before he joined the Registration Office in January 1977 Lyles lived the Navy life around half the world, existing as a master chief yeoman, processing paperwork for the Navy in such places as Iceland, Ethiopia, Frankfurt, Madrid, Pearl Harbor and a couple on ships.

When he helped open the Orlando National Training Center in June 1968 the ideas formed that the Lyleses should like Orlando in life after Navy. A couple years duty in Connecticut and a couple more in Pascagoula and Lyles was ready to relax on the golf courses of Orlando. A year of golfing convinced him that he really liked to work. The University looked like a good place to work and that's how his second career started. All his working days Lyles has been challenged by mountains of paper, Technology moved some of that information into microfiche, thin sheets of film that can hold 98 legal-sized pages, enough for most student files. But even those film writers can fill a vault in time and can't be recalled as fast as information stored in a computer.

Student grades have been on line forever, but the changes in the process of how they are worked have been small. "And a lot of them" that are not at home.

The three times a year registration processes provide the office with periods of heavy work loads. Withdrawals and grade postings provide the other rush time. Summer brings the longest "slack" time but enrollment growth has about eliminated the quiet time.

As far as his second retirement that's off of there's no use thinking about it. He's played golf and he's rather good.

--Educator's Dispatch

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To Jack Winstead, Director of Purchasing
From Kay Harvard
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Human space is the goal of Alumni Plaza

Construction began last week on the facelift in front of the Administration Building to be known as the Alumni Plaza.

A hardscape and irrigation contract in the amount of $89,900 was awarded to Hunter-Nelson Inc., Orlando general contractor, to install an irrigation system, new walkways and brick walls.

The contractor has 70 days to complete the job, which includes a redesigned walk of natural gray concrete, with a raised 10-foot diameter circle for flowering annuals in the middle of the walk. The walk around this circle will be a comfortable height for sitting.

A four-foot wide band of brick will mark another circle six feet beyond the sitting wall. Spaced at regular intervals in this circle will be three-foot squares for shade trees.

Outside the gray walk and following its irregular contours will be two brick walls, varying from three to six feet high. Alumni who have donated $1,000 or more to the Alumni Trust Fund will be remembered permanently with inscriptions on these walls.

Earth berms planted with holly will slope away from the walls into the grassed space beyond where six magnolia trees will complete the landscape. Ken-Lin Landscaping and Maintenance Service Inc., Alafaya Trail, has a $17,500 contract for this landscaping.

Ken-Lin will have 10 days for their work, beginning when Hunter-Nelson is finished.

"The goal of this redesign of the entry to the University's Administration Building," University Planning Director Jerry Osterhaus explained, "is to create a human space, and not to compete with the Administration Building.

Ivey, Bennett, Harris and Walls Inc., Orlando, designed the Alumni Plaza.

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of the Year will be announced. In addition, seniors scheduled to graduate from each college with the highest GPA through the Fall Semester will be designated "Founders' Day Scholars." In addition to each graduate who finishes at the top of his or her college class during the Spring, 1989, Commencement, Faculty members who have accumulated 20 or more years of University service also will be feted.

Dr. Robert Atwell, a principal national spokesman for higher education as head of the American Council on Education, will address an academic excellence theme in a program that also will contain brief remarks by President Richard S. Brodhead, who will major in the Administration Building.

To: Mark A. Roberts, Director, University Personnel Services

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