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Antenna brings heavens to earth

Rare satellite dish antenna puts UCF in world of its own

UCF will take a giant leap toward the heavens when a rare, \$3 million satellite dish antenna is up and running for the university at the Florida Space Institute.

The antenna is a gift from NASA's Langley Research Center in Virginia.

"Any satellite it can see, from horizon-to-horizon, it can track and read very quickly," says project coordinator Jerry Grover of FSI and CREOL.

"This is very unique. No other school or organization like ourselves has one. There was a lot of competition for [the antenna], but because we are a university and because of our [research] projects, NASA awarded it to us."

The dish antenna is already drawing attention from universities, government agencies and businesses. Boeing Corp., for instance, has approached UCF researchers about participating in projects. The University of Surrey in England has expressed interest in getting information via the antenna.

Among its missions, the dish antenna will downfeed data from FSI's \$11 million Photon laser communication satellite, which is scheduled for launch in 2000. The Photon is designed to reflect laser beam messages from space, and could create,

for example, "a new way of communicating with airplanes in flight," says FSI Director Ron Phillips.

"Think of a gateway to the universe. That's exciting," Martin Wanielista, dean for the College of Engineering, says. "This antenna was obtained through a true partnership with Kennedy Space Center and contractors at the Cape. This demonstrates our commitment to help industry. And students at UCF will be able to communicate with other satellites someday soon, probably within one year."

Grover adds that even with the \$25,000 cost to dismantle and haul the 30-foot-diameter dish from Virginia to its new home at Cape Canaveral Air Station and the \$500,000 needed for restoration and installation, the antenna is still a bargain.

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University doing its share for United Way

Give yourselves a pat on the back, faculty and staff. With one week still to go in the Florida State Employees' Charitable Campaign, 39 percent of you have made a pledge for a combined total of \$77,770.

"The numbers are really good. We're extremely pleased," says campaign coordinator Bill Merck, vice president for Administration and Finance.

Those numbers are based on reports delivered on Oct. 17, and chances are good that even more people not counted in those figures have donated through outright gifts or payroll deductions since then. The campaign ends Friday, Oct. 31.

"The participation, interest and support are fantastic," Merck says. "We're well ahead of where we were last year at this time. Hopefully those who haven't yet given will in this final week."

Last year, 52 percent of main-campus employees joined in to give \$82,000. This year's goal is \$90,000.

Participants can choose the charities they want to support on a local, national or even international

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Maggie LeClair is the UCF Outstanding State Employee.

Grit, spirit make her special

State salutes Maggie LeClair as UCF's Outstanding Employee

Get thrown from a horse, get right back on. Good advice. But for Maggie LeClair that just wasn't possible when it happened to her years ago. She ended up spending eight weeks recuperating at home, following seven hours of surgery to repair a crushed bone in her heel.

"They [UCF administrators] let me work at home because I wasn't even allowed to use crutches," LeClair says. "Then, later I came into the office part time."

About the same time, one of LeClair's good friends was paralyzed from a riding accident. That tragedy and her own misfortune were reasons enough for family members to try to convince LeClair to give up riding. Instead, love of horses helped her overcome the fear.

"I did ride as soon as I could

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Memos

To: UCF employees

From: William Merck, Division of Administration and Finance

Subject: Conflict of interest statutes applicable to public officers and employees

Certain problems with payments for goods and services occasionally occur which make it important that members of the faculty and staff are cognizant of rules regarding the conflict of interest statutes that relate to all state employees. Sections 112.13(3) and 112.313(7), Florida Statutes, prohibit certain business relationships on the part of public officers and employees, their spouses and their children. The following summarizes these particular statutes:

An employee of a state agency, acting in an official capacity, may not purchase, rent, or lease any realty, goods, or services for his or her agency from a business entity of which the employee, the employee's spouse or child has a material interest as an officer, partner, or proprietor thereof.

An employee of a state agency, acting in a private capacity, may not sell, rent, or

lease any realty, goods or services to his or her own agency.

An employee of a state agency may not have or hold any employment or contractual relationship with any business entity or agency which is subject to the regulation of, or is doing business with, an agency of which he or she is an officer or employee; nor shall an employee have or hold any employment or contractual relationship that will create a continuing or frequently recurring conflict between his or her private interests and the performance of his or her public duties.

To: Faculty

From: Gary Whitehouse, provost

Subject: Open faculty meetings

I will be hosting two open faculty meetings for the purpose of discussing current items of interest to faculty members. These meetings will be held:

- Wednesday, Oct. 29, 3:30-5 p.m.; and
- Thursday, Nov. 6, 2:45-4 p.m.

Both of these meetings will be held in the Administration Building Board Room. I hope you will be available to attend one of these meetings. I look forward to seeing you there.

13 safety tips to make Halloween less scary

We all make plans and "things to do lists" for work, school, vacations and celebrating holidays. However, very few people add plans for their personal safety.

Halloween is a fun time for kids and adults. Please take a few minutes to review the following 13 basic safety tips, and share this information with friends and family.

Halloween Safety Plans:

1. Try to trick-or-treat when it is still light outside.
2. With your family, plan your route ahead of time, including what time you expect to return home.
3. Children should trick-or-treat with a parent, older brother or sister. Also, join a group of friends ("buddy system").
4. Choose streets that are well lighted.
5. Carry a quality made flashlight. Halloween toy flash lights are not

dependable.

6. Put reflective tape on your costume, so you can be seen easily by traffic.

7. Wear a costume that makes it easy for you to walk or run if you quickly need help.

8. Wear a costume that will not easily catch on fire.

9. Wear a face mask that allows you to clearly see where you are going.

10. Make sure your face mask (usually rubber) does not restrict your breathing (especially check children).

11. Try to visit neighborhoods that have sidewalks, so you do not need to walk in the street.

12. Do not eat any treats until an adult has checked them out first. Usually, sealed wrappings are the safest.

13. Shout "NO" if someone touches you in a threatening way. Immediately have children report this to a guardian. Remember to use 911 if you need help.

Have a fun and safe Halloween holiday.

— Sgt. Tom Gorbas, crime prevention coordinator, UCF Police Department



TRICK OR TREAT

Greeks treat kids, nursery

UCF's fraternities and sororities will host Trick or Treat on Greek Street on Sunday, Oct. 26.

It will be held on Greek Row, 3-7 p.m. There will be games, food, contests and prizes.

Admission per child is \$3 at the door. All proceeds will benefit the Crisis Nursery, which provides residential care for children in troubled families.

UCF's sororities and fraternities will have a variety of theme games and trick-or-

treat candy at the various houses on Greek Row. Children will have the opportunity to win prizes by playing games and entering the costume contest.

Museum offers high-tech tricks

On Halloween weekend, Friday, Oct. 31-Sunday, Nov. 2, the Orlando Museum of Art will present a cyber showcase of digital art and music, computer interactivities and performance art for all ages.

Among featured entertainment is a UCF Synthesizer Ensemble performance on Sunday. For information, call 896-4231 or visit the museum website (<http://www.omart.org>).

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level. The Heart of Florida United Way manages the overall campaign, and United Way charities, which are local social service agencies, can be designated recipients.

"A lot of chairs and deans promoted the campaign within their departments and areas. This has worked really well," notes Frances Pacione, campaign coordinator for Administration and Finance.

Such is the case in the College of Engineering where Nicholas Hoan, director of special projects, is taking a more direct approach. "Representatives from each (Engineering) department and I agreed to meet the prospective donors in person. We encouraged them to give as much as possible. That's the way we have been successful.

"At the beginning, I put our goal at \$7,000. That's \$1,000 more than last year. By mid-point this year, we were already \$700 beyond our goal," Hoan says. "I have visited [some of] these organizations that need to be financed. I believe in the good cause of the campaign and share it with my colleagues, and they agree. This is exciting."

Concludes Merck: "UCF is an important part of the community. I'm very happy we are doing our part. If everyone keeps up the momentum, we'll be in great shape."

— Susan Loden



UCF football fans, from left, Lilly Mitchell, Art Eld and Arthur Eld show their support for the Golden Knights and United Way during the Rock 'n' Rally Oct. 11.

Short Takes

Phi Kappa Phi calling all members

Present and past members of Phi Kappa Phi are invited to a special meeting regarding chapter activities. The meeting is Wednesday, Oct. 29, at 1 p.m. in Fine Arts 401. Plans include fall initiation ceremonies and other events. Those who cannot attend, please contact Ina Cook, 823-2227, or at her e-mail address (cook@pegasus.cc.ucf.edu).

Workshop's topic: research dollars

Stymied by the process of securing federal research funds? The Office of Sponsored Research is bringing together experts who can offer tips on how to make it happen. **Paradigm for Success: Enabling Strategies for Obtaining Federal Research Dollars** will take place in the Student Union's Cape Florida Ballroom, 8:30 a.m.-noon, on Nov. 14. Faculty who have successfully competed for funds and agency representatives who distribute the funds will conduct a panel discussion. The program is free. For information, call 384-2054 or e-mail (rudell@dsr.ucf.edu).



Wellness Center plans Run 'n' Roll

The UCF Run 'n' Roll will be held on Sunday, Nov. 9. The event, sponsored by the Wellness Center, will include a 15K skate race, a 5K run and 5K roll. Awards will be given to teams, alumni and individual age groups. For information, call 823-5841.

Upcoming holiday

You can start counting down for the next universitywide holiday. Veterans Day is Nov. 11.

This issue

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Water purity work proceeds

Tests show lead, copper levels higher than standard in half of UCF's buildings

Before you make that pot of coffee for the office gang on Monday morning, you might want to run the water for at least a full minute.

Levels of lead and copper in the water in some UCF buildings are higher than Environmental Protection Agency standards. Tests on UCF's water were conducted from January through June.

UCF is taking steps to solve the problem, but it will take weeks, possibly even several months, before the water gets a satisfactory rating, says Jim Uhlir, director for UCF's Environmental Health and Safety Office.

Working with UCF professor James Taylor, a world-renowned specialist in water purity, Water Plant superintendent Les Crandall installed a new corrosion control system earlier this month which appears to be solving the problem.

"It doesn't change the taste, smell or quality of the water," Uhlir says. "The pH level was raised from 7.2 to 7.8, enough to make it less acid, thus, less corrosive. So we're hoping to see a decline in the readings very soon."

Tests will be conducted again in several weeks,

he says.

"We expect to continue to take more readings over the next few months. But the postings will remain up until we have had two consecutive readings certifying that we have met the EPA's standards," Uhlir says.

Twenty of 40 buildings tested had elevated levels of lead and copper, most being high for copper. Each of the 20 will have postings throughout the entire building until the matter is cleared up. Postings are required by the state's Department of Environmental Protection.

"The 1991 law lowered the acceptable limit of lead to .015 parts per million parts of water," Uhlir says, "because we now have the technology to do it. With copper, the proportion is 1.3 parts per million parts of water."

The last time UCF had this problem was in 1993. "It was the first time we had been tested under the new standards," Uhlir explains.

Uhlir says water can possess corrosive ability, leaching lead and copper from the pipes or the soldering materials used on the pipes. "When water sits in the pipes, especially for six hours or more, substances can leach into the water because of its acidity. It is rare that the water source is the problem. UCF has copper pipes, but there is still some lead soldering from the 1970s," he says.

— Joanne Griggs



Spotlight on UCF

Florida Rep. Bob Casey (front right) and Sen. John Grant (front left) were among members of a state education task force visiting UCF on Oct. 16 to learn more about the university. UCF was the sixth of the 10 SUS institutions to be visited by the delegation.

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Before it is operational as the only Casagrainian, full-tracking, X-band antenna in Florida, UCF engineering and computer students will reap educational rewards as they locate, reassemble, equip with electronics and program the antenna. The Florida Institute of Technology and Brevard Community College are also partners in this learning experience.

"Just one little example, an engineering student is doing his master's thesis on the location point of the dish and its interface with the rest of the world," Grover says.

Arrival of the antenna in November on the Space Coast will spur kickoff of the restoration, which should take about six months. Availability of funding will determine when the antenna will begin mining the wealth of satellite-fed information available on any and all topics. The info will be available through the Internet, television, hard wire and radio.

"We took full ownership and responsibility for the antenna last month. It will only be used in government and university projects. It will be revenue generating, in that users will share cost of accessing satellites," Grover says.

"People should start thinking about how they can use it to their advantage. It is up to everyone at UCF to exploit it in pursuit of our projects. Information on everything from humanities, literature — everything — is in flight through space. We have access to all of this. I can't think of a daily function that is not impacted by this: safety, science; there are limitless applications. Opportunities are only limited by our ability to see them and to pursue them.

"This," he adds, "is a quantum step into the next century, and puts us a distance ahead of any other university in the realm of our endeavors."

— Susan Loden



The satellite dish antenna, pictured here in Virginia, is a gift to UCF from NASA's Langley Research Center.

Campus' beauty catches nation's eye

Grounds Department receives national award for excellence

Forget the Paul Revere imitation. No more midnight rides to UCF to take care of emergency problems for Richard Metzger.

Instead, the superintendent of UCF's Grounds Department gets to stay home in his pajamas. And he won an award for doing just that. Well, sort of.

Now, when that middle-of-the-night emergency call wakes him from his sleep — inevitably, once a week — Metzger can just go to his home computer, turn the UCF sprinklers off and go back to bed.

A good night's work.

The computer-management system that made it possible is just a part of a five-year program of improvement that inspired the National Institute on Park and Grounds to name Metzger and his crew of about three dozen workers as the winners of the Excellence in Maintenance Award.

"Usually, when I get a midnight call it's because of a line breakage. But sometimes," Metzger says, "some organization doesn't think to inform anyone that they're going to set up on the Green in the early hours of the morning."

"Once, a UCF police officer called me because he saw a group setting up while the sprinkler systems were starting to turn on in nearby areas. Sure enough, I caught it just in time. The sprinklers were set to start in that section shortly."

But the computer-management irrigation system, MAXICOM, does a lot more than that. It monitors UCF's use of water and irrigation, and rain sensors shut down the sprinkler system when it's raining; though, there are still a few places without the sensors. UCF is just starting the fifth year of a four-year program of installation, so



Richard Metzger and his crew of three dozen keep UCF beautiful.

there are additional things to install, such as devices for computer control of the Reflecting Pond fountain.

"The sensors measure the moisture retained in the soil," says Richard Paradise, director for Physical Plant, "so it saves time and water, and it probably saves money. Before, someone would have to go to 100 spots on campus to check the irrigation system each day."

Disney and the Orlando International Airport use the same system, but UCF is the only university in the Southeast with a complete computer-managed one. "We often get requests to provide demos for other colleges, and Rainbird [the manufacturer of MAXICOM] often asks us to test its new software upgrades."

Besides the new system, the Grounds Department was recognized for its use of zones and for providing a method for promoting workers.

"We have the campus broken into nine zones. Soon, it will be 10 when the President's House is finished," Metzger says.

Two or three people are assigned to a zone. "They do all the work in their zone and are responsible for reporting any problems, such as dry spots," he says. "It promotes a sense of ownership."

Nowadays, it requires a lot more skill to operate the bigger, more complex equipment for groundskeeping. "That allowed us to establish a stair-step progression of opportunities for our workers," Metzger says. "Before, there

was the supervisor and the workers, period. Now, they can move from groundskeepers to senior groundskeepers or to even more technical positions."

Metzger will give a slide presentation on his department's improvement program and accept the award in Houston at a conference on Nov. 2. UCF will also be featured in the *Park and Grounds Management Magazine* in January.

"They are very deserving of this award," Paradise says. "Very few people have to work in the kind of environment they do with the heat and humidity. This award is really a testament to their dedication. We have a pleasing-looking campus in large part due to their efforts."

— Joanne Griggs

Homecoming promises to be special

It's the most wonderful time of year. No, it's not quite time for countless hours of holiday shopping and songs. This is something even better, at least in the opinions of some students and alumni.

It's Homecoming.

Even if you're not a big football fan, it's hard to avoid getting caught up in the whirlwind of Homecoming, Nov. 10-15. This year promises to be the biggest and best celebration in school history.

And what a celebration it will be. Some highlights will be the Homecoming Carnival, Black and Gold

Gala, pep rally, Hullabaloo, parade, Knights' Feast Fan Fair, football game and Homecoming concert.

Joann Piersall, president of the USPS Council, encourages all employees to attend Homecoming week activities. The Staff Council will have a float in the Homecoming Parade, and all USPS employees are invited to help decorate the float.

"It's important to get involved in the environment that we all work in and show support for the school," Piersall says.

Faculty, too, are invited to take part in Homecoming.

"Faculty have a great opportunity to support UCF in their classrooms by encouraging students to wear black and gold and attend the football game and Homecoming activities," says Tom Messina, director of Alumni Relations.

The week centers, of course, around the Homecoming game against Eastern Michigan on Saturday, Nov. 15. As an extra treat, the band Blues Traveler will perform immediately after the game.

For information on Homecoming, call 823-ALUM.

— Celeste Miller



Homecoming '97 is in November.

Homecoming 1997

Friday, Nov. 7

- Downtown Orlando Homecoming Kickoff, Church Street Station Marketplace Courtyard, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 11

- Homecoming Carnival, UCF Arena, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
- UCF Night at Medieval Times, Medieval Times Dinner Theater in Kissimmee, 8 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 12

- Games on the Green, UCF Green, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
- Black & Gold Gala, Marriott Hotel in downtown Orlando, 6 p.m. Cost: \$40

Thursday, Nov. 13

- Alumni Golf Tournament, Grand Cypress Resort, 7:30 a.m.

Friday, Nov. 14

- Coach's Breakfast, Radisson Plaza Hotel in downtown Orlando, 7:30 a.m.
- Pep Rally, Reflecting Pond, 2:30 p.m.
- Basketball Fan Fair, UCF Arena parking lot, 4 p.m.
- Homecoming Basketball Game, UCF Arena, 7 p.m.
- Hullabaloo, Student Union, 9 p.m.

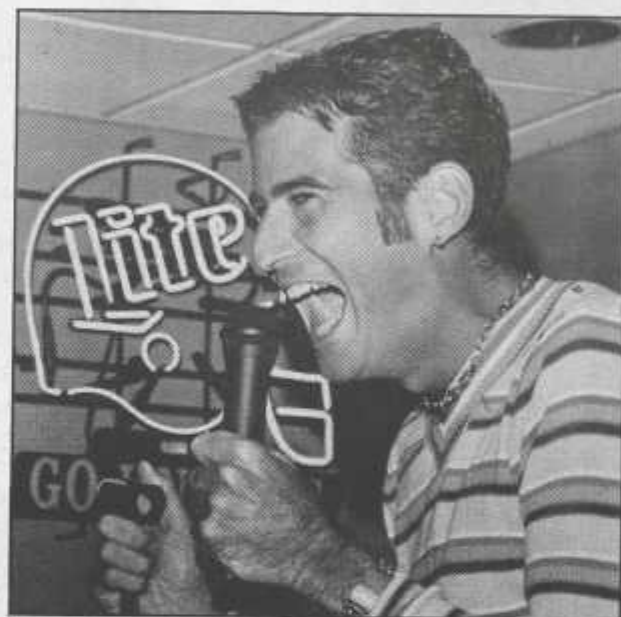
Saturday, Nov. 15

- Homecoming Hospitality Room, Lili Marlene's Private Parlour rooms at Church Street Station, 10 a.m.
- Parade, downtown Orlando, 11 a.m.
- Knights' Feast Fan Fair and Campus Showcase, Tinker Field, 1 p.m.
- Homecoming Football Game, vs. Eastern Michigan, Citrus Bowl, 4 p.m.
- Homecoming Concert, Blues Traveler, Citrus Bowl, following football game



Students representing UCF's diversity attended the opening ceremony of the annual Diversity Celebration, Oct. 4-13

Celebrating diversity



Above, Michael Rasky, known as the "Queen of Comedy," performed on campus during UCF's weeklong celebration. Left, the Latin American Fair drew hundreds of people.



"The Sacred Buffalo, Waken Tatanka" was a popular exhibit during the university's Diversity Celebration.



The university's celebration included a variety of music.



The Unity Celebration at the Reflecting Pond brought together people from all backgrounds.

POLARIS guides searchers in quests

On-line system puts personal records within easy reach

Just as ancient mariners followed Polaris, the North Star, across uncharted seas, so UCF's new computer system POLARIS can guide Web searchers into what was previously not so easily accessible: their personal records.

With POLARIS — Personal On-line Access to Restricted Information System — faculty and staff can now scope how much leave time they have or check out their insurance coverage via a Web server, such as Netscape. Students can find out the status of their financial aid, "hold" status, grades or what classes they still need to take to graduate. Faculty can check their class rolls.

"We're trying to become 'Net-centric,' to make services more accessible from anywhere, anytime," says Bill Branch, director for Computer Services.

Other information available includes departmental budget positions, who's authorized to sign for a department, class schedules and degree audits for advising purposes. "At the end of this month, we'll introduce on-line registration," Branch says. "We started POLARIS on Sept. 8, but activity is still not high."

The first day drew 3,000 users, but inquiries have dropped to a daily average of 600-800.

"Once registration starts, students will become more familiar with this system," he says. "We'll still have touch-tone registration, but with this method you use a computer. We expect that a lot of students will switch from using the phone to using POLARIS," he says.

Although Computer Services tested the system for six months, Branch says there are still a few bugs to work out. But most of those are with software on people's computers. Users must use Netscape 3.0 or greater or the equivalent.

"We first bought the software and hardware in March, and the installation went pretty smoothly," Branch says.

Branch says he is still seeking ideas from other departments as to what new applications should be accessible to POLARIS. As requests come in, he expects to add more types of functions.

"Right now it is a one-way system," Branch says, "but in the future it could become two-way. You could, for instance, change your address on your personal files."

Computer Services is currently in the process of installing Peoplesoft Student Administration software.

"It will be another year before it is in use, but it should make the POLARIS system faster since you will be accessing information directly on campus rather than from the regional data centers off campus."

The address is <http://polaris.ucf.edu/>. Enter your Social Security number. The first time it comes up your secret code will be your birth date (two digits for the month and two digits for the day). You will then be forced to create your own personal identification number.

— Joanne Griggs



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after the accident," she says. But it was just a few weeks ago that LeClair competed again — the first time in two and a half years.

"It was kind of scary for me to go back to jumping; more of a mental game for me. My trainer said I had 'first fence-itus.' But once I did [jump] again, it was great. Now, I

can't wait to show again."

That grit has made LeClair a standout employee at UCF and led to her selection as UCF's Outstanding Employee for the Florida Salute to State Employees. The office manager for the School of Communication for 23 years, LeClair was nominated for the award by the director and faculty.

"She's got an indomitable spirit," says communication professor Ed Wycoff. "She's just like [the character in] 'The Unsinkable Molly Brown.'"

LeClair was honored by the College of Arts and Sciences with the first Staff Recognition Award last year.

"Maggie deserves additional recognition for the job she does," says Milan Meeske, director for the school. "I don't know how the school would function or how I would get my job done if she wasn't here."

Outside of work, LeClair's calendar is equally full with raising her 6-year-old grandson, Dillon,

Paris Bank before marrying an American and moving to Florida.

"I desperately wanted to go home at first," LeClair recalls. "Everything was just so different. When I saw my first cockroach I thought it was some prehistoric creature. And I had gone from business suits to cutoffs and flip-flops."

But that all changed very quickly. She was offered the three positions she had applied for at then FTU. "I took the one with communication because it sounded as if it would be the most interesting," she says.

The job changed her mind about Florida. Over the years, her duties



Maggie LeClair is competing again after a riding accident.

"She's got an indomitable spirit. She's just like [the character in] 'The Unsinkable Molly Brown.'"

Ed Wycoff

horse shows and volunteer activities. She serves on the board of the Greater Orlando Hunter Jumper Association and at one time was the only equine investigator in Seminole County for the Humane Society.

Only problem: finding foster homes for abused and neglected horses is difficult, so many of them ended up with her. It took some time for her husband, Ron, to realize that the growing number of horses on their six acres belonged to them, not to the 4H Club members who often came over to ride. Ironically, it was her husband who bought her the first horse.

"Following a late night ride, we were sitting around a bonfire, and they brought Checkmate [her favorite rental horse] out of the barn with a big bow on him," she says.

LeClair, who was born and raised in Scotland, still retains a touch of her brogue and the hardiness of her native country. She left home for the big city — which in her case was London — when she finished high school, and worked for Lloyd's of London, London University and the

department that is now a school and will soon relocate to its own building.

"The hardest part of my job is delegating," she says. "I'm an A-to-Z type of person. I like to finish what I start." Demands on her time dictate assigning much of what she did in the early years at the university to the three staff members she supervises.

Characterized as witty and humorous by Wycoff, LeClair enjoys a warm relationship with faculty, staff and students.

"You couldn't just shove me in a basement away from people," she says. "That wouldn't work for me."

With her daughter, Claire, and son, Daniel, out of the nest, LeClair and her husband have swapped their six acres for town living, though she still owns two horses.

With only seven years to go, LeClair has her eye on the 30-year brass ring of retirement. "I'll take a year off, then I plan to work part time for UCF. My mother is 76 and still does private nursing, so I can't see myself retiring either," she says.

— Joanne Griggs



Employee of the month

Name: Winnie Tyler

Title: Senior library technical assistant

Department: UCF Library

Job Description: Receiving section of borrowing in Interlibrary Loan Office, searching for and ordering books and articles, receiving and distributing them.

Length of Service: More than five years

Background: She worked at the Cornell University library in New York for 11 years. After moving to Florida, Tyler went to nursing school, volunteered in India for three months and then worked at a walk-in clinic for four years before coming to UCF.

Hobbies: She spends time gardening and

reading mystery stories. She especially likes 5K runs and jogging around campus.

Miscellaneous: She has four grown children, none of whom live in Florida.

Quote: "This is absolutely the perfect job because everyone here works so well as a team. My favorite part is working with the student assistants."

In Praise: "Winnie is the sunshine of our office, always smiling. If a patron looks like they are having a bad day, her mission is to make them leave with a smile." — *Deidre Campbell, Interlibrary Loan Office*

— Celeste Miller

Newcomers

Mark Walters, assistant advancement and alumni affairs director for the UCF Foundation, comes to UCF from the University of South Dakota, where he was assistant director of planned giving. He attended South Dakota State University, where he earned a bachelor's in speech communication. Walters also attended the University of South Dakota, where he received a degree in business. He enjoys mountaineering.

Xiao Hu Wang, assistant public administration professor, is formerly a research associate with Florida Institute of Government. Wang attended Florida International University, where he earned a Ph.D. in public administration.

Min-You Wu, associate education professor, is formerly an assistant professor at the State University of New York. Wu received a Ph.D., and is married and has two children.

Gladstone Yearwood, director of African American

Studies, comes to UCF from North Carolina Central University, where he was an associate professor. Yearwood received a bachelor's in film/TV, a master's in radio/television and a Ph.D. in communication.

Beth Rapp Young, assistant English professor, comes to UCF from the University of Alabama in Huntsville, where she was an assistant professor. Young attended the University of Southern California and Rollins College, and earned a bachelor's, master's and Ph.D. in English. She is married and enjoys composition studies and cultural studies.

Cynthia Young, assistant education professor, earned a bachelor's, two master's degrees and a Ph.D. in mathematics. She enjoys volleyball, scuba diving, flying and skiing.

Dan Zhon, assistant engineering professor, comes to UCF from Angonne National Laboratories, where he was a research scientist. Zhon received a Ph.D. in materials science and engineering from the University of Arizona.

Appointments and Activities

Timothy Blair, education professor, has co-authored a book, "Principles and Practices of Teaching Reading," ninth edition, with Prentice-Hall/Merrill Publishing. He presented a paper, "Developing Proactive Preservice Teachers: Linking the Student Teaching Experience to Success in Pluralistic Classrooms," at the Association of Teacher Educators Conference in Las Vegas, and presented a paper, "Achieving a Balanced Literacy Program: Making a Distinction Between Goals and Instructional Techniques," at the annual conference of the Reading Association of Ireland in Dublin.

Charles Harpole, film professor, has been invited by a high Buddhist leader in the Kingdom of Bhutan to make a documentary of His Holiness' activities and the people and culture of the remote country lying in the shadow of Mount Everest. Harpole is now in preproduction and plans to travel to Bhutan in May 1998. The trip is sponsored in part by Unchained Heart Productions Inc. of Geneva.

Michael Hynes has been named associate dean for Research and Graduate Studies in the College of Education. He is the former assistant dean for Graduate Studies. Hynes' responsibilities include: operation of the programs in graduate education; coordinating all research activities; providing leadership and technical assistance in faculty development of grants; and promoting collaborative relationships among faculty in research.

Ben Morgan Jr., associate dean for the College of Arts and Sciences, received the Franklin V. Taylor Award for 1997. Division 21 of the American Psychological Association presented the award for Morgan's numerous significant contributions and outstanding achievements to the field of applied experimental and engineering psychology.

Moshe Pelli, director of Judaic Studies, had the book "Hatarbut Ha'ivrit Ba'americ, 1916-1995" [Hebrew Culture in America] published. Also published were several studies: "The Biography as a Genre in Haskalah[.] Isaac Abravanel's Figure as a Maskil Bridging Between the Two Cultures" in *Mehkeret Yerushalayim Besifrut Ivrit*; "The Satire 'Gilgul Nefesh' by Isaac Erter" in *Hadoar*; "The 1940s: In the Shadow of the Holocaust of European Jewry — Destruction and Construction" in *Hadoar*. He reviewed the articles "The Word Processor 'Dagesh Hazak 2'" and "A View to Hebrew Windows: A Blue and White Qtext," both in *Hadoar*. He made two presentations: "The Literary Genre of the Dialogue in Haskalah Literature" at the 28th Annual Conference of the Association for Jewish Studies; and "The Literature Genres in 'Hame'asef,' the Periodical of Haskalah in Germany" at the 1997 International Conference on University Teaching of Hebrew Language and Literature.

Jennifer Platt has been named associate dean for Academic Affairs in the College of Education. She is the former interim chair for the Department of Exceptional Education. Platt's responsibilities include: operation of the undergraduate programs in education; overseeing administration of the college's International Program; coordinating with the associate dean of Research and Graduate Studies the faculty and staff professional development program; and coordinating partnership efforts.

Engineering students **Melyssa Trnavskis** and **Marquerite Zarillo** received scholarships from the local Women in Transportation Seminar Organization. Also, in national competition with hundreds of applicants from more than 100 chapters, Trnavskis received the one and only national scholarship.

Gary Wolf, music professor, was presented in a workshop/master class on Sept. 27 by the Peace River Music Teachers Association, District X, of FSMTA. Wolf also was presented in a solo recital on Sept. 28. Both events were held at Edison Community College, Charlotte campus, in Punta Gorda. The branch campus was recently opened, and Wolf's recital was the first musical event in the new auditorium.

CALENDAR

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• Wind Ensemble Concert, Visual Arts Building, 7-9 p.m. 823-5973

25-26

• CGI '97 Computer Graphics Trade Show, Arena. 823-7210

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• The Chautauqua Lectures Series with Michael O. Leavit, "Politics and the Environment," presented by WUCF, 7 a.m. 823-0899

• Men's soccer vs. Jacksonville, 4 p.m. 823-2262

• CAB movie: "The Craft," Student Union, 8 p.m. 823-6471

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• Career Resource Center: Graduate, Law and Professional School Recruitment Day, Student Union, Key West room, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. 823-2361

• Master Teachers Series: Tony Byrd, finance, "Teaching and Learning in Teams: A Collaborative Approach to Building Knowledge," President's Board Room, 1:30-3 p.m. RSVP: 823-3544

• Recreational Services: bench press. 823-2408

28-30

• Ancient Tribal Rhythms, Arena, 9 a.m. 977-7584

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• Phi Kappa Phi meeting, HFA 401, 1 p.m. 823-2227 or (cook@pegasus.cc.ucf.edu).

• CAB movie: "Rocky Horror Picture Show," Student Union, 8 p.m. 823-6471

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• Halloween Family Concert, University High Auditorium, 7:30 p.m., free. 823-2869

• Women's Studies lunchtime talk for nontenured faculty women, HFA 516, 1 p.m. 823-3258

• Synthesizer Ensemble Concert, Jerry Gardner, director, Nora Lee Garcia, flute, St. James, Orlando, 9 p.m. 823-2869

• Women's Studies Noontime Knowledge Lecture, "Sexual Harassment in the Workplace: The Gray Areas," Janet Balanoff, Equal Opportunity Office, Sherry Andrews and Beth Liberto, General Counsel Office, Downtown Center, noon-1 p.m. 823-3258

Library

• Hispanic Awareness Month, Justina Gonzalez-Marti: Hidden Dreams, by Jose Miguel Rodriguez; Landscape of Latin America, by Sina Sutter; Life is Beautiful, by Stella Camargo de Duque; and Paintings of Our Latin America, by Francisco (Pancho) Varela

• Careers in Student Affairs, by Ken Lawson

• Recent Publications: Hoopsnake Press and Flying Horse Editions, by Ke Francis

• Book Art, by Ke Francis

• October is Crime Prevention Month, by Tom Gorbias

• Celebration of United Nations Day, by Graciela Noriega

November

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• The Chautauqua Lectures Series with Lorraine Monroe, "Transformative Power of Education," presented by WUCF, 7 a.m. 823-0899

• CAB movie: "Donnie Brasco," Student Union, 8 p.m. 823-6471

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• Percussion Ensembles Concert, Rehearsal Hall, 8 p.m., free. 823-2869

• Recreational Services: volleyball. 823-2408

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• Brass Ensemble Concert, Rehearsal Hall, 8 p.m., free. 823-2869

• The Learning Institute for Elders (LIFE at UCF): "A Medley of Music," Madrigals, David Brunner, music, 9:30 a.m.;

"Gardens as a Metaphor for the Cultivated Mind," Alvin Wang, psychology, 11:10 a.m. UC7 Cinema Movie Theater. 249-4778

• Knights of the Roundtable meeting, Student Union, 3 p.m. 823-6471

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• Men's basketball exhibition, Arena, 7:30 p.m. 823-5804

• UCF German Club Stammtisch meeting, Old Munich Restaurant, South Orange Blossom Trail, 6 p.m., open to the public. 823-2472

• CAB movie: "Sleepers," Student Union, 8 p.m. 823-6471

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• Robinson Observatory: public viewing, 7:30-10:30 p.m. 823-2805

• UCF Toastmasters, "The Talking Knights," Pavilion, Research Park, 7:30 a.m. 823-3312

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• Faculty Artist Recital, Nora Lee Garcia, flute, and Jeffrey Moore, percussion, Rehearsal Hall, 8 p.m., free. 823-2869

• Recreational Services: tennis singles "B". 823-2408

• Faculty Senate Steering Committee meeting, Phillips Hall, 4-5:30 p.m.

For a more comprehensive, up-to-date calendar, check out:

<http://www.oir.ucf.edu/pubrel/calendar/>

October/ November

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For Sale

Baby furniture, Jenny Lind crib, crib mattress, matching changing table w/ pad, \$200. Comforter set, includes: comforter, bumper, dust ruffle, 1 sheet, 2 valances, \$75. Century stroller, 3-in-1: carrier, car seat, stroller, \$75. Sylvia, 823-5385 (day), 273-2978 (evening).

Butler/bureau, antique, \$200. Drafting table, handmade/solid wood, \$200. Male mountain bike, \$60. Mary, 823-4663 or 384-6758.

Computer equipment, two tape backup drives, more, including software, like new. Ceiling fan, like new. Lamps, odds and ends. 365-7630.

Living room set, Victorian, includes sofa, love seat chair w/ 2 end tables, coffee table, in excellent condition, light beige pattern, w/ cherry wood table, recliner in burgundy. Maria, 823-5589.

Honda Civic, '93, excellent condition, 51,000 miles. \$8,500 obo. Bicycle, Cannondale hybrid, 21 speed, great condition. \$250 obo. Jane, 365-8617 evenings and weekends.

Home, lakefront, on chain of 3 ski lakes. One acre lot 6 miles west of UCF. 1/4 mile to Trinity Prep and playing fields. 2,500 plus feet, 3/2.5, pool, spa, fireplace. \$325,000. 678-9383.

Home, Tusawilla's prestigious gated community, Bear Creek Estates. Beautiful 4/3.5 plus study, all brick home w/ dynamic floor plan on 1 acre. Wooded, completely private. 3,432 sq. ft. of custom craftsmanship. Offered at \$349,000. By appointment only. 366-2076.

House, for sale or rent, 3/2, 1864 sq ft. Quiet wooded established community of 21 homes (15 original owners - 7 UCF faculty). Community pool, tennis courts, eat-in

kitchen, great room, vaulted ceilings, central vac, brick fireplace, fans, on cul-de-sac. "No maintenance" backyard. \$127,500. 365-9353 or (407) 773-1854.

Wanted/Misc.

Trolling fishing, If you are interested in having a day of trolling fishing, please contact Sandy at 823-0214. We will

be leaving out of Cocoa Beach. Approximately \$120 per person. Day to be determined once I receive phone calls. Need 4 more people.

Vacation in a unique chalet and experience the late October leaf change on the North Carolina Blue Ridge. Magnificent surroundings at 4,000 feet, idyllic community, 40 miles to Baltimore Estate. See photos. \$375 week. 678-9383.

Official Ballot to Spotlight Employee of the Month

I nominate: _____
(name) (campus address)

to be UCF Employee of the Month. (Nominee must have been a University Support Personnel System employee at least two years.) Any employee, including faculty and A&P, may nominate a candidate on the basis of job performance, dependability, attitude, etc. A name submitted remains in the pool of eligible candidates for one year.

Signed: _____
(name) (campus address, phone)

Cut ballot and return to Human Resources, ADM 230, EOM. (Mark envelope "confidential.")