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## North Florida president next chancellor

**A**n innovative trailblazer has been tapped as the next chancellor of the State University System. Adam Herbert, president of the University of North Florida in Jacksonville, is slated to replace Chancellor Charles Reed.

Herbert, 54, was the only Florida candidate out of six interviewed in a national search. Prior to his selection, three public forums were conducted to seek input on what qualities Reed's replacement should possess.

An 11-member selection committee, comprised of seven current and four former members of the

Board of Regents, selected Herbert to be the 14th member of the board which sets policy, coordinates offerings and lobbies for the state's 10 universities. He will assume the position on Jan. 19.

In October, Reed, after 12 years as chancellor, announced his resignation, effective early this year, to become leader of the 23-campus California university system. Ironically, it was Reed who, in 1989, hired Herbert away from his post as vice president of Florida International University's north Miami campus to lead the University of North Florida. Herbert was the first black in the

Southeast to become president of a predominately white university and now will become Florida's first black chancellor.

In his tenure at UNF, Herbert has been lauded for his emphasis on undergraduate education. He encouraged his staff to attend meetings in black churches to ensure black children knew what they needed to know to join UNF's 11,400 student body and to apply for scholarships. He is credited with boosting enrollment and academic standards, while being fully involved with the Jacksonville community.

— Susan Loden

## Foundation chief to bid farewell

**U**CF Foundation President Jonathan Flint has announced plans to resign his post to seek a position that will allow him to spend more time with his family.

In a resignation letter this week to President John Hitt, Flint said he felt he could not "make the commitment required to manage a long-term,



Flint

comprehensive capital campaign." His experience as Foundation president, he wrote, has caused him "to realize how difficult it is to balance a demanding, high-profile career and family life." He said

he intends to find a job that "would allow me to spend more time with my wife and two young children."

Expressing confidence in the success of the forthcoming capital campaign, Flint told Hitt he would work with him and Foundation trustees through his contract, which expires Aug. 7, to guarantee a smooth transition for his successor.

Hitt accepted Flint's resignation with regret. "Jon has done an excellent job of building a strong staff and developing long-lasting relationships in the community that have resulted in increased fund

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## What parking problem?

UCF's first parking garage opened Jan. 5 to the delight of drivers at the main campus. The garage has 1,300 spaces for students, faculty and staff on a first-come, first-served basis.

## Three wishes granted for grad

**S**anta's bag was filled to the brim for Jeyanthan "Jay" Jeyasingam, with a UCF baccalaureate degree in military science, U.S. citizenship and a commission as second lieutenant in the U.S. Army. All were awarded within a few hours on Dec. 20, after a heart-stopping month when Jeyasingam thought his dreams were shattered through bureaucratic snags.

This was actually the second time Jeyasingam received his degree, which was snatched away immediately after he graduated in May when it was determined that his U.S. citizenship hadn't been awarded. His paperwork simply had not made it into the massive Immigration and Naturalization Services stack. Legally, without that citizenship, he couldn't be inducted

and assigned duty as a U.S. Army officer and his degree was withheld until the induction could occur.

Over the summer and into the winter, Jeyasingam, 28, a native of Malaysia, and wife Yvette waited for Dec. 20. They were confident this second graduation date would launch

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## Memos

**To: Faculty and staff**  
**From: Gary Whitehouse, provost**  
**Subject: Founders Day**

We are currently planning for the annual Founders Day Honors Convocation during which we recognize many of the outstanding achievements of our faculty and students. The ceremony will be held on Wednesday, April 1, from 10 to 11:50 a.m. in the Visual Arts Auditorium.

We will recognize faculty members who have demonstrated excellence in teaching, advising, research, professional service and librarianship. We will also present special Founders awards to a select group of students who have demonstrated exceptional ability in a particular area of study. Additionally, we will recognize those members of our faculty who have completed 20 and 30 years of service, and those who are retiring this year. Graduating and recently graduated seniors who have completed honors theses and seniors who are in the top 1 percent academically of undergraduates within each college (minimum of 30 hours at UCF) will also be recognized.

Classes will be canceled between 10 and 11:50 a.m. on April 1 so that anyone who wishes to attend can do so. I invite you to join us as we honor the academic achievements of our colleagues and students.

**To: Faculty**  
**From: Gary Whitehouse, provost**  
**Subject: Final exam schedule**

I would like to remind you of Faculty Senate Resolution 1991/1992-3, which President Hitt and I strongly support.

The resolution reads:

It is normally expected that a final examination be given in each course that is taught. Recognizing that there are courses where a final exam per se may be less appropriate, an alternative final assessment may be used. Faculty should provide an

explanation of their assessment in course syllabi. Regardless of the type of mechanism employed, it is the expectation that each faculty member will meet with his or her class for the scheduled number of sessions as published in the university calendar and semester schedule, including the final examination period.

Faculty who do not plan to have a final exam during the final exam week are asked to obtain approval from their chairs. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

## Jobs, jobs, jobs

The College of Arts and Sciences invites nominations and applications for the position of chair, Department of Music.

**Responsibilities:** The Department of Music is seeking an individual who can provide leadership in administering a department of 18 full-time faculty, 10 adjunct faculty and five office staff. The department offers the Bachelor of Music degree in performance, the Bachelor of Arts degree in music and the Bachelor of Music Education degree.

**Qualifications:** A terminal degree in an appropriate area of music is required and the individual must have a tenured appointment in the Department of Music. The individual must demonstrate leadership and administrative abilities, show a substantial record of scholarly research and/or creative activity. The individual must have had experience in curriculum planning and development and possess the ability to work and communicate well with students, faculty, and other university and community personnel.

**Applications and nominations:** Applications should include a letter of interest, vita and the names of three references. Nominations should include a letter of nomination and vita. Both applications and nominations should be submitted to: Dr. Robert Bledsoe, chair, Department of Music Chair Search Committee, Department of Political Science, HFA 415.

**Deadline:** Deadline for submitting applications and nominations is Jan. 24.

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Jeyasingam, a UCF Army ROTC sergeant major, on the course he had charted for life. By the day after Christmas, he expected to be assigned as a tank platoon leader in Korea or Germany.

He wanted to serve his adopted nation. Yet, the rewards were there for Jeyasingam as well.

"Education was my main goal," he says. "The military is all about duty, honor, courage and loyalty. Some days [in the military], you are physically tested and mentally ready for it. At the end of the day you say, 'Yeah, I did it.' It builds character to take on any goal or mission."

Around Thanksgiving, the Jeyasingams didn't have much to celebrate. Despite a 3.01 GPA earned without military financing, his top rank in the AROTC, several awards and his ambition, Jeyasingam's citizenship still hadn't cleared. Life was in permanent limbo, since he was required to accept his armor division assignment within six days after receiving his degree. It seemed, once again, that would not happen, since lack of citizenship stalled the process. This was his last shot at both his degree and commission, as well as citizenship.

As the deadline loomed, the Malaysia army veteran caught the ear of UCF Director of Federal Relations Marilyn Cobb Croach, who is also local field representative for the National Military Family Association. On Dec. 12, Croach took up Jeyasingam's cause, and with help from congressional assistant Nancy Abernathy and others, his citizenship was approved three days later.

"I always kept the faith. I kept telling myself it's going to happen. I didn't lose sight of my goal," says Jeyasingam. "It feels good. If it didn't work out, I was going to enlist as a soldier and see about getting into Officer Candidate School. I would have



Jay Jeyasingam (third from right) and fellow UCF Army ROTC cadets celebrate becoming commissioned officers on Dec. 20.

made a good NCO [noncommissioned officer]."

Croach, however, recognized the makings of a great commissioned officer. "He just showed up at the door and told me what happened," she says. "Strategic calls were placed over the weekend.

Paperwork was processed. This will bring a lot of

change for him in a handful of hours. A change of citizenship and a change in way of life. I will be watching his career."

And next year, Santa will have to seek out Jeyasingam on a hardship tour of duty in Korea.

— Susan Loden

## UCF football coach top in nation

Alan Gooch is the assistant coach of the year in Division I-A.

Gooch was honored by the American Football Coaches Association (AFCA), the award sponsor, at a ceremony in Dallas on Jan. 5. He was selected for his commitment to student-athletes, community service, contributions to the coaches association and overall coaching excellence, on and off the field.

Gooch has been coaching for 16 seasons, and this year he took on the additional task of learning sign language so he could communicate with deaf

freshman running back Dwight Collins.

"It was important to learn what I was going to need to do to give Dwight a chance to be successful that first season," Gooch says.

As part of the award, the UCF Athletic Department received a \$5,000 academic scholarship from the AFCA in Gooch's honor.

"This speaks well for the job [Gooch] has done here, as well as what he is about as a person," Athletic Director Steve Sloan says. "Alan is a person of uncommon integrity and character."

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raising," Hitt said.

Flint came to UCF in June 1994 from the University of Pittsburgh, serving first as a foundation vice president before assuming the top position 1 1/2 years ago. Since coming to the UCF Foundation, the assets of the charitable foundation have leaped from \$25.6 million to some \$60 million.

A national search will be conducted for a successor.

— Dean McFall



# Short Takes

## Series puts weight on healthy eating

Get Waisted, a unique, four-week lecture series designed to assist you in losing weight without gaining it back will begin later this month. Proper eating behavior and healthy weight loss that will last for a lifetime is this program's goal. Get Waisted is offered by the Employee Wellness Program and the Employee Assistance Program. It will be held in the President's Boardroom on Fridays, noon-1 p.m., Jan. 23, 30 and Feb. 6. The last session will be 12:30-1:30 p.m. on Feb. 13. To register, contact Human Resources at 823-3775 or 823-2771, fax: 823-6272. Leave your name, department, phone number and zip plus 4.



## Faculty Center grand opening set

The grand opening for the Faculty Center for Teaching and Learning is Tuesday, Jan. 13. The ceremony begins at 3 p.m., and entertainment will be provided by Jeff Rupert and the Jazz Combo. The center, located in HPB 331, offers faculty a place to go to work out solutions to teaching problems with their peers. For information, call 823-3544.

## UCF charity night going to the dogs

Faculty and staff are invited to the Sanford Orlando Kennel Club for a charity performance for the university on Jan. 30. The larger the crowd, the more funds raised for UCF. The charity night is an annual fund raiser for the university.

## Upcoming holiday

Still recovering from the winter holidays? Good news, university employees get a three-day weekend to rest and celebrate Martin Luther King Day, Monday, Jan. 19.

## This issue

This issue of *The UCF Report* is for the weeks of Jan. 9-15 and Jan. 16-22. It is the 12th issue of fiscal year 1997-98. *The UCF Report* is published 23 times a year (every other week in the fall and spring, and every third week in the summer).

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## Out with a smile



One of UCF's newest graduates found a special way to thank her parents for their support during her college career. She was one of more than 2,000 to graduate during commencement ceremonies in the UCF Arena on Dec. 20.

# Retired Marine colonel marches on with UCF

Col. Robert Tyler may have given up "his wings" as he retires from an illustrious career as a naval aviator with the United States Marine Corps, but not for long.

Within a two-week span, Tyler accepted his doctorate in human factors in psychology from UCF, retired from the Marine Corps and started a whole new career. On Jan. 1, Tyler became chief administrator of the National Aviation and Transportation Center at Dowling College in Long Island, thanks to his new degree and a 30-year military career.

The Vietnam veteran, who has flown helicopters, jets and large cargo planes, found the classroom work at UCF applicable to a career of flying and exploring how to do it more efficiently and safely.

"The classroom work really played into my everyday work," Tyler says. "It was truly beneficial to me."

His dissertation studied the effects of false alarms, the discrepancy between training and real-life situations.

"Pilots are trained to respond to an alarm always in the same manner and immediately. In the real world, experienced pilots know that false alarms occur and that pilots often have time before they have to respond to see if the situation either corrects itself or if it is a false alarm," he says.

For instance, if an oil pressure alarm goes off, the experienced pilot knows he has 20 minutes before it is an emergency situation. Knowing that, the pilot can wait a few minutes to see if the alarm was caused by something other than oil pressure dropping.

Tyler, who entered the military as an enlisted man, earned a bachelor's degree from Chaminade University in Hawaii and a master's degree in

safety from the University of Southern California, besides graduating from a long list of aviation schools, such as the Amphibious Warfare School, Air Command and Staff College, advanced jet and helicopter training.

He has also held many positions of command while climbing through the ranks. When he was promoted to colonel in 1990, he was appointed the head of the Aviation Safety and Analysis Branch, Headquarters Marine Corps in Washington, D.C. While working on his doctorate, he was the director of the Marine Corps Program, Naval Air Warfare Center TSD in Orlando.

Tyler's first non-military position will be a continuation of his work in academia and the military. He'll be putting the finishing touches on building the center that focuses on human factors in aviation. The center will include aviation management, which means a flight school and an aviation simulation complex. Tyler is particularly interested in the prevention of aviation accidents, a field he has extensive experience in.

"That's why I wanted a Ph.D. Eighty percent of the accidents are caused by pilot error," he says. "We need to pay attention to aviation management. The guy who schedules a pilot to fly five days in a row across too many time zones should realize that doesn't make for sensible management."

Tyler fully expects to maintain the ties he developed during his years in Orlando.

"I'll stay plugged in with all my contacts down here," he says. "Besides, you can't go very far in the world of human factors without bumping into my mentor Dick Gilson [UCF human factors professor]. He's one of the major figures in the field."

— Joanne Griggs



# CALENDAR

## Art

6-30

•Art Gallery: Works by David Haxton, director of the CREAT program. 823-2676

## Theatre

15-25

•"No Place to be Somebody," by Charles Gordone. 823-1500

## Orlando

## Shakespeare Festival

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•Shakespeare Unplugged reading: "All's Well That Ends Well," SAK Comedy Lab, 140 S. Court St., Orlando, 7 p.m. 245-0985

## Arena

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•Career Resource Center Expo, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. 823-2361

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•Orlando Solar Bears, UCF Night, 7 p.m. 823-6474

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•Intramural track meet, 4 p.m. 823-5446

## Lectures / Conferences

13, 20, 27

•The Learning Institute for Elders (LIFE): "Vietnam: Past, Present, Future," Bob Bledsoe, Department of Political Science, 9:30 a.m.; Jan. 13: Sharon Tolson, director of Learning Resources, Brevard/Volusia County Schools; Jan. 20: Bill Angermeier, Department of Psychology; Jan. 27: Tolson, UC7 Cinema, 11:10 a.m. 249-4778

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•Master Teacher Series: "Active Learning in the Classroom," Carol Bast, President's Board Room, 1-2:30 p.m. 823-3544

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•Master Teacher Series: "Getting Ready I-TV," Kathryn Seidel, Ron Eaglin, Ruth Marshall, Martha Leu and Linda Hennig, OIR Electronic Classroom, Library, room 157. 823-3544

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•Master Teacher Series: Snack and Talk Series, "Corporate/Academic Partnerships: Building New Relationships," David Edwards, Lockheed-Martin, HPB 331, 2-3:30 p.m. 823-3544

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•Master Teacher Series: Snack and Talk Series, brown bag lunch, HPB 331, noon-1 p.m. 823-3544

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•Women's Studies: "Women Moving Forward" series, WST 3930 classroom, 7 p.m. 823-6502

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•Master Teacher Series: Snack and Talk Series, morning coffee, HPB 331, 9:30-10:30 a.m. 823-3544

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•Women's Studies: Bluestocking Bag Lunch, President's Board Room, noon-1 p.m. 823-6502

## Robinson

## Observatory

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•Public viewing, 7:30-10:30 p.m. 823-2805

## Miscellaneous

7-14

•Web LUIS Week at the Library, demonstrations for library research. 823-5880

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•Faculty Center for Teaching and Learning grand opening, 3 p.m. Entertainment by Jeff Rupert and the Jazz Combo. 823-3544

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•Army ROTC basic course paint ball exercise, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. 823-5383

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•Hospitality Management Department: Ron Magruder, distinguished practitioner. 823-2023

## Student

## Activities

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•CAB: Miss UCF auditions. 823-6474

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•CAB: Lula Washington Dance Group, Student Center Auditorium, 8 p.m. 823-6474

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•Volunteer UCF, Special Projects Group 26 and 27

•CAB: Jeep/Plymouth Health and Fitness Tour, Student Green, 10 a.m. 823-6474

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•CAB movie: "Men in Black," Reflecting Pond, 8 p.m. 823-6474

## Sports

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•Women's basketball vs. Troy State, 5:15  
•Men's basketball vs. Troy State, 7:30 p.m.

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•Men's basketball vs. Centenary, 7:30 p.m.

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•Men's basketball vs. Samford, 7:30 p.m.

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•Men's basketball vs. Charleston, 7:30 p.m.

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•Men's basketball vs. Campbell, 7:30 p.m.  
•Women's basketball vs. Stetson, 5 p.m.

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•Intramural track, 4 p.m.

## WUCF-FM 89.9

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•Peter Grimes (Britten), 1:30 p.m.

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•The Rake's Progress (Stravinsky), 1:30 p.m.

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•La Cenerentola (Rossini), 1:30 p.m.

## Meetings

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•Staff Council, BA 230, 9:30 a.m.

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•Faculty Senate, Student Union, Garden Key, room 221, 4-5:15 p.m.

## Library

•Graphic Images, by Mindy Colton

•Martin Luther King Jr., by Athena Holcomb

•You Choose Food for Long Life, by Terri Langford

•Theses and Dissertations, by Special Collections

•Florida Pre-history, by Terry Angell

•Theatre UCF, by Nicholas Rinaldi

# January

# CLASSIFIED

## For Sale

**Brass headboard**, full size, with round porcelain posts. Includes frame, boxspring and mattress, excellent condition. \$200. 699-0912.

**Honda Accord**, '94, superb condition, 4 door, sage green, CD, \$13,000, 49K. Dave, 823-2976 or 365-9320.

**House**, 3/2, 1,864 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 ceiling, central vac., brick fireplace, fans, on cul-de-sac. "No maintenance" backyard. \$127,500 or will rent. 365-9353 or (407) 773-1854.

**Olds Ciera**, '96, SL blue on blue, 4 door. Power seats

and windows, tape deck, 26,000 miles. Extended warranty available. \$12,500. 823-5563 until 1 p.m., 281-9374 after 2 p.m.

**Oldsmobile 98 Regency Brougham**, 1989, 130,000 miles, \$3,500. Runs great, looks good, fully loaded, options. Teresa, 823-2608 or (407) 784-2103.

**Rattan living room set**, sofa and armchair, w/ soft cushions, 2 end tables and square coffee table, each w/ mahogany top. \$650 obo. 823-2538.

**Roll top oak finish desk**, good condition, \$200. 699-0912.

**Sega Saturn video game**, includes one extra controller. Mint condition; barely used. Moving, must sell, \$120 obo. 366-1638.

## For Rent

**House**, spacious 2/2, in Waterford Lakes. 2 story, vaulted ceilings, large dining room, living room and bedrooms. Eat-in-kitchen w/ all appliances. Fenced. Available March. \$750 mo. Tara, 823-2939 or 207-2169 after 5:30 p.m.

**House**, Winter Park, large 4 bedroom, 2 bath with fireplace, fenced yard, 2-car garage, separate family room, split plan; new carpet and paint, citrus trees, washer and dryer. One small pet OK. \$950/mo.; sec. deposit. Karen, 980-4088.

## Miscellaneous

Senior citizen's 3-wheel bicycle wanted. Bob, 823-2608.