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Businessman pledges \$10 million to UCF

Hotelier Harris Rosen's gift is for an off-campus school of hospitality management

Orlando hotelier and philanthropist Harris Rosen this week pledged a gift of some \$10 million to establish a UCF school of hospitality management in the heart of the International Drive tourist district.

The president of Tamar Inns Inc., owner of six Orlando area hotels, announced his intention at a UCF appreciation dinner for major donors held in his own Omni Rosen Hotel on Tuesday, Sept. 22. Both he and Dick Nunis, chairman for Walt Disney Attractions Inc., received the institution's highest honor for support of the university, the Pegasus Award, prior to Rosen's low-key mention of his plans. The gift is the largest ever pledged to or received by the university's charitable arm, the UCF Foundation Inc.

Under current Florida law, gifts of the size Rosen promised would qualify for dollar-for-dollar state matching, regardless of whether the funds are earmarked for construction of a building, an endowment or a combination of the two.

Vowing to be brief when he rose to make his announcement, Rosen delivered on his promise. He told the audience simply that he plans to establish a school of hospitality management when he builds a

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Student villages in UCF's future

The next dorms constructed on campus could be a friendlier, gentler version of the usual residence halls. Earlier this month, the Board of Regents gave UCF the go-ahead to start planning two "villages" for 1,600 students.

Unlike the large dorm buildings on campus now, the village would be a "cluster" of smaller dwellings and include coffee shops, convenience stores, meeting places, lounges, common study spaces, gardens with fountains and rooms for seminars and special classes.

"We want to create something interesting, memorable," says William Merck, vice president for Administration and Finance. "We'll trade out what we want for what we can afford, but right now, we're going in with the idea of creating a village concept with no interspersed parking, so that it will be a walking community."

Approval from the state's Office of Facilities Planning next month will allow UCF to hire architects for the project. Plans now are for the first village to house 900 students and the second village to be home to 700 more. The villages would be located on the

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Ina Carpenter has been baking up happiness on campus for 25 years.

Cakes are her recipe for smiles

Ina Carpenter's homemade cakes have been making days of co-workers, students for 25 years

Let them eat cake, that's the philosophy of Ina Carpenter.

For 25 years, the Parking Services executive assistant has been surprising UCF employees and students with homemade cakes — sometimes for no reason at all.

About once each week, Carpenter fires up her oven and whips up what she calls a "basic cake" for someone on campus. It could be for a birthday or farewell, but often it's "just because I feel like making one for someone," she says. "I have an oatmeal cake a lot of people tend to enjoy — it tastes like German chocolate. Sometimes it's a plain old box mix and turns out pretty good."

Carpenter hasn't kept count of the number of cakes she's baked. But they have been gobbled down across

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Memo

To: Vice presidents, deans, directors, chairs
From: William Merck, Administration and Finance
Subject: Policies and procedures for cellular telephones and state telephone credit cards

For your review and use are the following policies and procedures regarding the use of cellular telephones and state telephone credit cards. Please make this information available to all employees under your supervision who are issued these items for conducting university business.

Your cooperation will be appreciated.

Certain faculty and staff are issued university telephone calling cards and some are issued university-purchased cellular telephones that have a telephone number billed to the university. These items are issued to facilitate the conduct of university business. They are not issued to accommodate personal business.

The following policies and procedures are provided to guide faculty and staff in the use of university cellular phones and credit cards:

Cellular telephones

Cellular telephones are not intended for personal use if they are purchased with university or other state funds (such as from a sponsored program account) and are assigned a telephone number that is billed to the university or receives the benefit of state toll rates. The employee assumes certain responsibilities when he or she accepts a telephone to facilitate the conduct of university business.

Itemized monthly bills for cellular telephones are sent to the applicable departments for payment. On the bill, the cellular telephone user must annotate any call that was made for other than state of Florida or University of Central Florida business. In addition, this statement must be printed or typed on the bill: "I certify that all calls itemized hereon were for state or UCF business unless otherwise annotated. I will personally pay UCF for these annotated calls." This certification must be followed by the user's signature and home telephone number. This policy also applies to personally owned cellular telephones that have a number billed to the university.

While the purpose of the telephone is for business, the employee may receive an occasional personal call or make an occasional personal call. This policy accommodates these eventualities by allowing up to 25 percent of the dollar amount of the total bill to be personal. All personal calls must be paid for by the employee. If personal use exceeds 25 percent, the employee will be required to pay the monthly base charges for the telephone in addition to the charges for the itemized personal calls. If the non-business calls or non-business amounts billed exceed 25 percent for four months in a calendar year, the department chair or appropriate supervisor will be expected to revoke the use of the cellular telephone or decline payment for personally owned cellular phone charges.

Telephone credit cards

Telephone credit cards are issued to select UCF faculty and staff to facilitate the conduct of state or UCF business and to allow the user an alternative to using a personal credit card for business calls. Because incoming calls are not an issue, because many alternatives to the state card exist for most emergencies and because the state cards are exempt from

taxes, the cards may not be used for personal business.

However, in the very rare event that the card must be used for non-UCF or state business, the reason for that particular call must be documented on the billing statement and signed by the user. If more than very rare non-business use of the card is made, the department head or other appropriate supervisor will revoke the use of the card.

To: All departments
From: Jack Winstead, director of Purchasing
Subject: Annual contract for Temporary Help Services

The University of Central Florida's Invitation to Bid No. 9024RCSA has been awarded to the vendors listed below for the period beginning Aug. 4-June 30. All acquisitions for these services shall be made under the terms, prices and conditions set forth in this notice.

Vendor and contact

- Help Personnel Inc., 611 Wymore Road, suite 220, Winter Park, 32789; Suzan Spriggs, 629-0209, 59-3151339
- Interim Personnel, 1936 Lee Road, Winter Park, 32789; Kristi Dunn, 647-1477, 59-1698006
- Kelly Services, 250 S. Orange Ave., suite 120, Orlando, 32801; Scott Garfield, 246-1821, 38-1510762
- TalentCorp of America Inc., d/b/a TopTalent, 1000 N. Magnolia, suite A, Orlando, 32803-3865; Robert Herring, 839-6222, 59-2887454
- Todays Temporary, 2300 Maitland Center Parkway, No. 114, Maitland, 32751; Kay Payne, 660-8088, 23-1929707

Items covered:

General Office	TopTalent	Interim
• Typist	\$7.35	\$9.49
• Clerk	\$7.35	\$9.49
• Clerk typist	\$9.80	\$9.49
• Receptionist/typist	\$9.80	\$9.49
Secretarial	TopTalent	Interim
• Executive secretary	\$9.80	\$11.51
• Executive secretary w/ word processing	\$10.50	\$12.19
• Secretary	\$9.80	\$10.17
• Secretary w/ word processing/PC	\$11.20	\$12.19
Data Entry	TopTalent	Kelly
• Data entry operator	\$8.40	\$9.32
• Word processing operator	\$8.40	\$9.73
• Personal computer operator	\$9.80	\$10.38
Labor	Interim	TopTalent
• Custodial	\$8.11	\$9
• Laborers	\$8.11	\$9
Special	Interim	Todays Temporary
• Cashiers	\$8.14	\$8.70
Arena Events	Todays Temporary	Help Personnel
• Event staff	\$8.70	\$9.29
• Event supervisor	\$10.15	\$10.77

All questions concerning this contract should be directed to the Purchasing Department, room 360 Administration Building, attn: Ray Puskas, 823-2661.

Wake up, cool stuff happening on campus

I was chatting with a co-worker the other day and mentioned one of UCF's recent successes. To my astonishment, he knew nothing about the news. Granted, it had not a thing to do with his department; but, gee-whiz, do we work in vacuums?

What makes my friend's lack of knowledge so sad is that he isn't alone. Throughout campus, few of us seem to have a clue as to what is going on outside our department walls.

Honestly, that's amazing to me. True, I'm lucky to be close enough to the center of campus to know that we have a heck of a theater department, one of the nation's top computer science schools, a business college that is creating a stir around the country and a volleyball team that hasn't lost a conference match in President John Hitt's tenure at UCF. Not everyone is as fortunate, I know. But come on, folks, isn't it worthwhile keeping up with what's happening across campus? Shouldn't everyone on campus know the I-4 High-Tech Corridor project is changing the face of central Florida? Shouldn't we all be aware that UCF physicist William Silfvast has invented a device that could revolutionize the microchip? Shouldn't every employee on campus give a hoot that our College of Education is the backbone of the region's public school systems?

There's a reason the university — in just 30 years of offering classes — is on the verge of becoming one of the truly great institutions in America. Wonderful things are happening across campus, from Peter Delfyett's research of optical sciences, to chemistry professor Brooks Madsen's study of the quality of rainwater, to associate music professor Stella Sung's compositions.

High school seniors throughout the region, across the state and, some might argue, in schools all over the country recognize the achievements and potential of UCF. Why can't we, the men and women working here, say the same?

Forgive me my soapbox, but it just seems to me that my co-worker, even from his corner of campus, should care that great things are happening at UCF. We are, after all, a institution of higher learning, where knowledge is sought.

— David Finnerty

Hispanic Awareness Month

- Gala Dinner, Omni Rosen Hotel, Sept. 26, 6 p.m.-1 a.m.
- Art Exhibit, UCF Library, Oct. 1-31
- Serenade Under the Moon, Reflecting Pond, Oct. 2, 6:30-9:30 p.m.
- Latin American Fair, Student Union south plaza, Oct. 6, 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m.
- Art Exhibit Reception, UCF Library lobby, Oct. 9, 6-8 p.m.
- Rediscovering Latin America, Communication Auditorium, Oct. 13, 8-10 p.m.
- Closing Picnic Fun Day, Recreation Pavilion, Oct. 17, noon-5 p.m.

For information, call Multi-cultural Student Services, 823-2716.

UCF workers ready to give time, talent, dollars

UCF employees flocked to a celebration last week that kicked off the Florida State Employees' Charitable Campaign with more on their minds than the snacks and sodas that were served.

Penny Degroat of Computer Services was seeking "something to volunteer for. Something I can do with my husband and kids as a family." It was a tough assignment, since her children are 9 and 3. "The Second Harvest Food Bank said the young kids can sort food."

Kerry Gajewski of the College of Engineering, on the other hand, walked out wishing "I had a pocket full of money — this makes you realize there are so many needs out there. I just came over to see what's involved and to learn a little more about what is out

there. I always give to [the] Cystic Fibrosis [Foundation]. It's personal, I have two nieces with the disease."

This was the first time representatives of United Way charities and other local agencies have been on campus making a direct pitch for the dollars that UCF employees can earmark for specific charities during the annual campaign, which ends Oct. 31.

"I really appreciate the agency volunteers coming out to help us get the word out that there are so many good services out there in our community," says Bill Merck, vice president for Administration and Finance.

As coordinator for the main campus campaign, Merck says this year's UCF goal is \$105,000 and a participation rate of at least 60 percent.

— Susan Loden

Short Takes

Screenings offered for depression

The Counseling and Testing Center is offering free screenings for depression on Thursday, Oct. 8. The screenings, part of National Depression Screening Day, will be in the Student Center Auditorium, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., and will take 30-45 minutes each. In addition, a short video will provide information on the signs and symptoms of depression. For information, call 823-2811.

Education awards help USPS workers

The Staff Council has a number of cash awards for education for USPS employees and their dependents. The \$300 Dependent Award is for children, stepchildren and spouses. The \$150 Staff Award is for employees paying for classes. There is also the \$50 Book Award. Applications are due Oct. 15. Eligible employees are USPS workers with at least a year at UCF. Applications and criteria are at Recreation Services, room 102, HPB 202 and ADM 374. Awards are funded by donations, most from USPS workers themselves. To make a donation contact the UCF Credit Union or council representative.

Conversation hour connects the world

The Center for Multilingual Multicultural Studies hosts a weekly conversation hour with international students in the Intensive English Program, Thursdays, noon-1 p.m., in Trailer 547, room 110A. Faculty are invited to encourage students to complement classroom instruction by utilizing this forum. For information, call 823-5515.

Pay no attention to holiday date!

Come May you will want to ignore the date for Memorial Day listed in the Undergraduate Catalog. Memorial Day, a universitywide holiday, is listed on page 10 of the catalog as May 24; it's May 31.

Upcoming holiday

The annual string of holidays is quickly approaching. First up, Veterans Day on Nov. 11.

This issue

This issue of *The UCF Report* is for the weeks of Sept. 25-Oct. 1 and Oct. 2-8. It is the fifth issue of fiscal year 1998-99. *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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UCF, USF presidents to legislators: I-4 Corridor initiative working

Mid-Florida legislators who played key roles in funding the I-4 High-Tech Corridor initiative could calculate the state's return on its investment following reports last week by the presidents of the University of Central Florida and the University of South Florida.

At a quarterly meeting of the I-4 High-Tech Corridor Council, President John Hitt and USF President Betty Castor led a briefing of eight legislators, including Senate President Toni Jennings and outgoing Speaker Dan Webster, on the work and accomplishments of the Corridor Council during 1997-98.

In remarks that referenced highly targeted research projects and noted the 3,500 contact hours UCF provided in six different courses to Cirent employees, Hitt applauded the legislators for foresight that paid off even beyond establishment of a \$300 million Bell Laboratories advanced

research and development facility at the Cirent semiconductor plant.

The partnership opportunities that the funding provides, Hitt said, proved valuable in attracting top faculty, who will further raise teaching and research quality at UCF. That, in turn, he said, will favorably influence the quality of life and economic development throughout the region.

Castor, likewise, reported on a laundry list of research projects designed to bolster the economy along I-4 and cited the establishment of two new start-up companies as solid evidence of the effectiveness of the corridor model for stimulating business expansion.

Council officials also told the legislators of new efforts to help prepare young people for high-tech careers through seminars and other programs that target middle and secondary schools.

—Dean McFall



Making room for another building

A student walks past the site of the future Classroom Building. The building, on the north side of campus, is expected to be completed in 14 months. The 88,000-square-foot building will have 21 state-of-the-art classrooms, two large lecture halls, computer labs and faculty offices. The Classroom Building is one of a number of construction projects taking place on campus.

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resort hotel in the tourist corridor within a few years. In a later interview, the philanthropist acknowledged that he intends to provide about \$10 million for the school at a time when his centerpiece hotel is up and running, perhaps as soon as three years.

Rosen said his decision to announce his plans was "crystallized" by a recent *Orlando Sentinel* cover story in *Central Florida Business*, which suggested that lagging support from the tourist industry has slowed development of UCF's hospitality program. Orlando, the nation's leading tourist destination, deserves a nationally ranked program, he said.

UCF President John Hitt, presiding at the dinner, pledged that UCF would work closely with Rosen to create a "world-class program." He said that the school that emerges from planning in the years ahead would be named for its benefactor.

Rosen's announcement comes on the heels of a \$2.17 million cash gift to UCF earlier this year. Half the proceeds of that matchable gift went into a foundation endowment for some 44 annual need-based scholarships for students majoring in hospitality management, with at least half of the recipients required to be children of hospitality

industry workers. The other half provides annual scholarships to UCF or other Florida public universities for applicants who live in the Tangelo Park area, where many I-Drive hotel employees live.

With roots reaching back to a childhood on New York City's Lower East Side, Rosen has taken a special philanthropic interest in the working-class, mostly minority community of Tangelo Park. In addition to providing college scholarships for residents of the area, Rosen has taken the lead in financing a variety of educational programs, including preschool charges for area youngsters and parenting and vocational classes for Tangelo Park adults. He also successfully led the drive to keep the aquatic center on I-Drive afloat financially.

Once received, a \$10 million gift from the 1961 graduate of Cornell University would dwarf the \$3.8 million in private giving that has gone on the foundation books in support of UCF's hospitality management program since establishment of the bachelor's degree program in 1984. Matched by an equal amount from the state, Rosen's gift would account for a sizable share of the foundation's total assets: almost 30 percent, as of the end of the fiscal year last June 30.

—Dean McFall

Teaching Academy on drawing board

Academy is a partnership between Education College, public and private schools

When Sandra Robinson came to UCF last year as dean for the College of Education, she brought along her dream of a Teaching Academy, a place where educators and their supporters could join forces to enhance the teaching and learning experience on all levels. It would be a place for answers about education in the region, the nation and the world.

Her vision has been embraced by UCF administrators. The idea of a broad-based partnership between the College of Education and superintendents from 11 school districts, community colleges, public and private school principals and teachers, education students, parents and the business community has earned a gold star from President John Hitt.

Within four years, the academy structure is expected to stand beside the Education Building. "It will be a true presence in its own right, but it

will be far more than a building," Robinson says of the proposed 35,000-square-foot building that will house the academy.

"Everybody is in on the ground floor before the ground floor exists," she says. The blueprint for the \$6.5 million building will be drawn according to the needs expressed by those who will participate in the academy. More importantly, she adds, the same interested parties will shape its mission and offerings.

Robinson envisions the Teaching Academy as a place where pre-service teachers will benefit from the experience of seasoned teachers, who return to the high-tech facility or a satellite program to update their own skills. She wants the academy to have offerings from and for parents, counselors, home school participants and others involved in education.

"It's absolutely fantastic to see this happen so rapidly. This is a message about UCF and about how responsive we are. To come up with a concept and have it take shape so quickly is extraordinary," says Robinson. "There are private teaching academies [but] a public institution reaching out to all education entities and involving them in the

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Sandra Robinson,
dean, College of Education

design is unique. We put the concept out there and now we're going to ask our partners what they want."

That conceptualizing process kicked off with a meeting with eight area superintendents earlier this month. "This is the first time they have been brought together as an organized group," Robinson says, adding that there is an on-going process to develop and utilize the academy. An October meeting will include superintendents, teachers, faculty, parents and others. Suggestions related to creation of the academy are welcome, and can be forwarded via e-mail (rmthomas@mail.ucf.edu).

— Susan Loden

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south end of campus, where the athletic fields are currently located. Construction would begin when funds are raised through the sale of bonds.

"[The villages] will be markedly different from anything on campus," says Pete Newman, director for Facilities Planning. "There will be a sidewalk system, possibly a serpentine street, connecting and dividing the two villages and leading to the academic core."

A pedestrian overpass across Gemini Boulevard is also a possibility. A parking area

south of the villages would be built for residents. The villages would be located next to the yet-to-be-built Recreation Services Center, the intramural fields, the Barbara Ying International Center and ROTC quarters.

"Studies show that retention rates are higher for freshmen who live on campus. So the first village will be designed with them in mind. This will be an environment where a car is not a necessity," Merck says.

"The village should be attractive to international students as well, so we're looking into the possibility of offering 12-month leases for those

graduate students and international students who are at the university through the summer."

Merck would also like to see a space within the village or nearby for night entertainment. "We could provide bagels and such for those who are up early and provide late night eating until 1 a.m. for those who are up late."

Room plans could also offer differences in shape and configuration. In the village for freshmen, for instance, rooms might be designed for double occupancy and clustered

in suites for 20 to 50 students. The second village would most likely include efficiency apartments that can be shared.

"There would be some common social space. We would probably have resident assistants, possibly graduate students studying student administration in higher education," says Christi Hartzler, associate director for Housing and Residence Life.

"We want to create a place that students will want to hang out at, a place that's memorable to live in," she says.

— Joanne Griggs

"We want to create something interesting, memorable ... right now, we're going in with the idea of creating a village concept with no interspersed parking, so that it will be a walking community."

William Merck,
vice president, Administration and Finance



Anthony Felix

A natural fit

A staircase and walkway at the Student Union appear to melt into the surrounding trees, creating an interesting mix of metal, wood and leaves. The view is from the northeast side of the building.

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campus by everyone from administrators to teachers to support workers to students. "Over the years, I think most everyone has ended up with a personal cake. If not, they've shared someone else's."

The student-workers she has directed say Carpenter's cakes are just one measure of her love. "Ina had a down-home, country way about her that made you feel very at ease, no matter what kind of day you were having," recalls former parking patroller Joe Rodriguez, now an Air Force captain.

"Ina [would] feed us when we

were hungry. She'd give us an escape when we were stressed. She'd do everything a loving mother would do to help out her kids," he says. "All of the parking patrollers and front office student-workers became Ina's children."

Responds Carpenter: "I always enjoy being around young people. Maybe I never grew up. Really and truly, the most important thing I have done is my work with students. I hope at some point, in maybe one [of them], I instilled some sense of values, encouraged them to go on, or provided something that will help

them with their life."

All of this in the often madcap atmosphere of Parking Service, where customers — some of them angry or upset — pay and protest tickets, seek help starting or unlocking their car, and buy campus parking decals. "You never saw Ina get upset about anything. Despite the angry bantering of disgruntled students who just got their car booted, Ina would remain friendly and accommodating. Yet, firm in her resolve to enforce the laws on campus," Rodriguez says.

"In a world of quotas, suspense and deadlines, Ina tried to inject a

human touch to the workplace," he adds. "She did that by breaking up the monotony with office parties or potluck lunches, anything to bring people together to laugh, joke or rant about work, school or whatever.

"When you felt that work was much more than work, you began to enjoy being there. You appreciated your co-workers. You became a family."

As for Carpenter, she plans to keep dishing up cake, along with love, for years to come for her UCF friends.

— Susan Loden

Major expansion on Union's horizon

One of the biggest buildings on campus is set to get bigger. Ground breaking for expansion of the Student Union is planned for the first of spring with completion expected 12 months later.

The \$5.5 million expansion will add 48,000 square feet to the current 130,000-square-foot building. The main feature will be a ballroom that can accommodate 1,000 people. The mall will also be expanded, and a restaurant, large meeting room and large reception area outside the ballroom will be added, says Polly Tonsetic, associate director for the Student Union. "It will be beautiful."

When the Student Union was built, the original plan called for a ballroom to be located on the second floor. Costs to do that are too high, however.

The ballroom will have moveable walls so it can be divided into smaller meeting spaces when necessary. With as many as 1,000 events booked in a month, the additional meeting rooms will be welcome, Tonsetic says. "Someone is always looking for a place to meet. We'll double our meeting space with the expansion."

The current five-store mall will

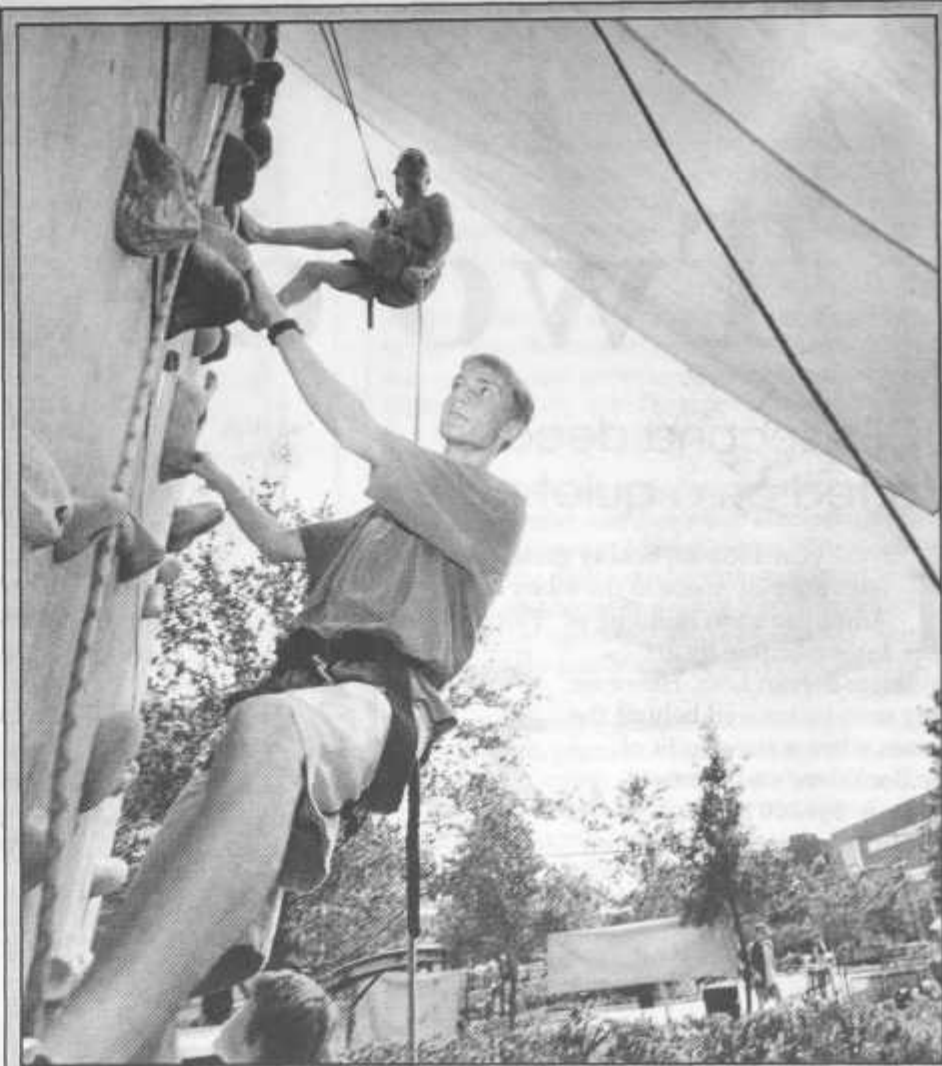
increase by four or five stores, and some of the existing ones will be enlarged. A second, southern entrance, will lead directly into the mall. "We don't know what restaurant or what stores will be added," Tonsetic says. "We will base our choices on a [previous student] survey. We'll try to provide what they've requested."

Renovation will allow Student Government to take over the space currently used by the Campus Activity Board on the second floor. About 2,500 square feet will be added in the student activity area for CAB offices and meeting rooms. That expansion will be directly above the retail area.

On the third floor, administration space will be increased for the Student Union staff by renovating the Charlotte Harbor dining room, which has not been used much.

Much of the west plaza will be torn up to make way for the expansion, but a walkway stretching west from the building will be maintained. Also, a boardwalk to the new Classroom Building, now under construction to the northwest of the Student Union, will be created.

— Joanne Griggs



Climbing to the top

Kevin Johnson (left) and fellow student Gary Sheres took time from their studies earlier this month to try their strength on a rock-climbing wall temporarily placed outside the Student Union.

UCF teacher finds heaven on earth

Former astronaut Sam Durrance was in space twice before joining UCF

Sam Durrance's out-of-this-world experiences — seeing earth from space — was life altering. "It's indescribable," the former astronaut says, "the most beautiful thing is earth. The visual perspective is stunning, with every possible hue and all the different textures. And it's home."

With 26 days in space to his credit, Durrance is now sharing his experiences with students as a newly appointed engineering faculty member for UCF's Florida Space Institute at the Cape Canaveral Air Station. He is developing an undergraduate course on the history and future of space technology for next spring, and he recently held 400 freshmen enthralled during a lecture about his work with NASA.

Students from the four universities in the FSI consortium — Embry-Riddle, Brevard Community

College, Florida International University and UCF — are bussed to Kennedy Space Center for classes. Durrance plans to involve current astronauts and engineers in his classes, and his students will work on real projects, such as the earth sensors and a laser satellite being built at FSI for a year 2000 launch. Durrance will also draw on his own experiences to teach the course.

"Being in space gives you a feeling, a perception really, that the earth is fragile. The livable part of the atmosphere looks thin, like a piece of paper," he says. Durrance was so touched by what he saw from his view in space, it changed his research focus to developing new technology for the study and management of the earth's resources.

Interestingly, Durrance's many accomplishments as a researcher and payload specialist on two shuttle missions almost didn't happen. "I was just an average student in high school," he says. "I was more interested in football. After high school, I built and raced sports cars. Later, I left Florida for California to study acting and film production."

In California, he became acquainted with

several physicists, one a Nobel Prize winner. "It seemed they had something going," Durrance says. "Then, the U.S. landed men on the moon in 1969 — I was intrigued."

He went on to earn a doctorate in astrogeophysics at the University of Colorado. After several years at Johns Hopkins, Durrance held dual positions as a researcher for the university and a payload specialist and astronaut for NASA. He flew on the space shuttle Columbia in 1990 and on the Endeavor in 1995. He worked extensively in radiation studies and remote sensing technology and played a major role in developing the Johns Hopkins Ultraviolet Telescope and NASA's Astro Observatory.

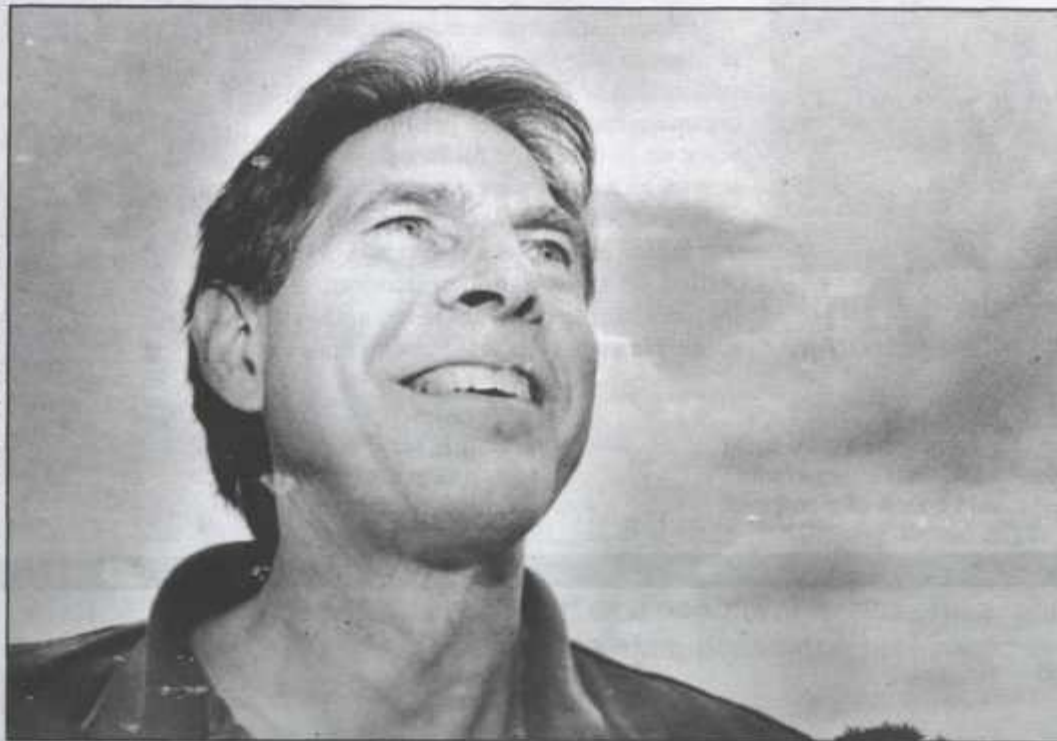
Because of his work, he was trained as an astronaut, so he could operate equipment in space. His work resulted in discoveries in planetary astronomy, such as a magnetic field on Uranus. His research from earth has been just as heavenly. He designed and constructed the Adaptive Optics Chronograph to search for signs of planet formation around nearby stars and he found evidence of a brown dwarf, an unformed star.

Following his space flights, Durrance began to focus on earth using space technology. He brought part of a \$4 million project to FSI for placing sensors on 30 satellites to measure and survey such things as the ozone, sulfur dioxide and smoke. "There's an industry just exploding," he says. "More and more companies need to know weather forecasting, how much water is in the ground, what type of rocks are in a terrain, the health of trees and much more. The media needs the information and city planners, anyone who intends to build roads, water lines, power lines or any sort of construction."

Durrance ended up at FSI after searching for the right position in Florida. "I was born in Florida and my family has been in Florida [since] before it became a state. So, this is home and I wanted to come back."

Leaving earth twice has made Durrance value it more than ever before. "There's a common bond among those of us who have been astronauts. Everyone's moved by the experience of going into space and seeing the earth from a distance."

— Joanne Griggs



Former astronaut Sam Durrance will teach UCF students to reach for the stars.

1982: Two decades old

UCF's second decade started on a quiet note

In the year 1982-83, beauty graced campus with the placement in the lobby of the Administration Building of "Flora Dream," a huge painting by art professor Steven Lotz. However, ugly scandal brewed behind the scenes when a state audit of the Bookstore's accounts came up \$44,000 short.

Lotz explained his creation,

saying, "I'm not a realistic painter, nor am I interested in describing Florida in scientific terms."

There was no explaining away the missing money, so Bookstore Director Ian Maxwell was dismissed, along with his former fiscal assistant Alice Battle. Later, Battle was arrested on 16 counts of grand theft and entered a plea of not guilty.

Athletics decided it couldn't afford a full-time fund-raiser. That brought the resignation of UCF's former head football coach Don Jonas from his position as

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athletics fund-raiser.

The U.S. Navy earmarked \$22 million to build a simulation equipment design center at Research Park. And the Alumni Association announced its annual Phonathon was a winner, with \$150,000 pledged from a total of 5,000 of the 10,000 alumni contacted.

— Susan Loden



POW escapes to FTU for education

After almost seven years in a prisoner-of-war camp, where did Glen Perkins go when freed? His answer in 1973 wasn't Walt Disney World. It was FTU.

Perkins, class of '76, was an Air Force navigator when his plane was shot down in 1967 over north Vietnam. He was captured, isolated, interrogated and tortured. He slept on a board. "A lot of harsh stuff," Perkins recalls. "For six months, nobody knew I was alive."

Eventually, he was able to get word that he was a survivor to his wife, Kay, in Orlando. He would be home ... someday. "I [thought I] was always coming home on the Fourth of July or Christmas — every year," Perkins remembers. As the years dragged on, Kay Perkins and the wives of two other POWs visited FTU on speaking tours around the state, intent on keeping their hostage-husbands in the public eye.

After the death of north Vietnam

President Ho Chi Minh, in 1969, isolation ended for Perkins and some other POWs. They were able to mix and in secret began sharing academic knowledge. Perkins, who had a high school education, began studying languages and literature.

Finally, on Feb. 12, 1973, Perkins and 115 other captive servicemen were on their way home. "I was 114th on the list," he says. Because his mother was ill, Perkins was one of the first two former POWs flown to the United States, and, as a result, received heavy attention.

Among the most welcomed interest for Perkins was from FTU President Charles Millican. "God has called," was the way son, Edward, told Perkins of Millican's invitation for him to be a guest on campus. Perkins was quick to accept. "They treated us very royally," he recalls. And six months after being released from a prison camp he was an FTU student of business administration. Television news cameras were rolling as he took a seat in his first class.

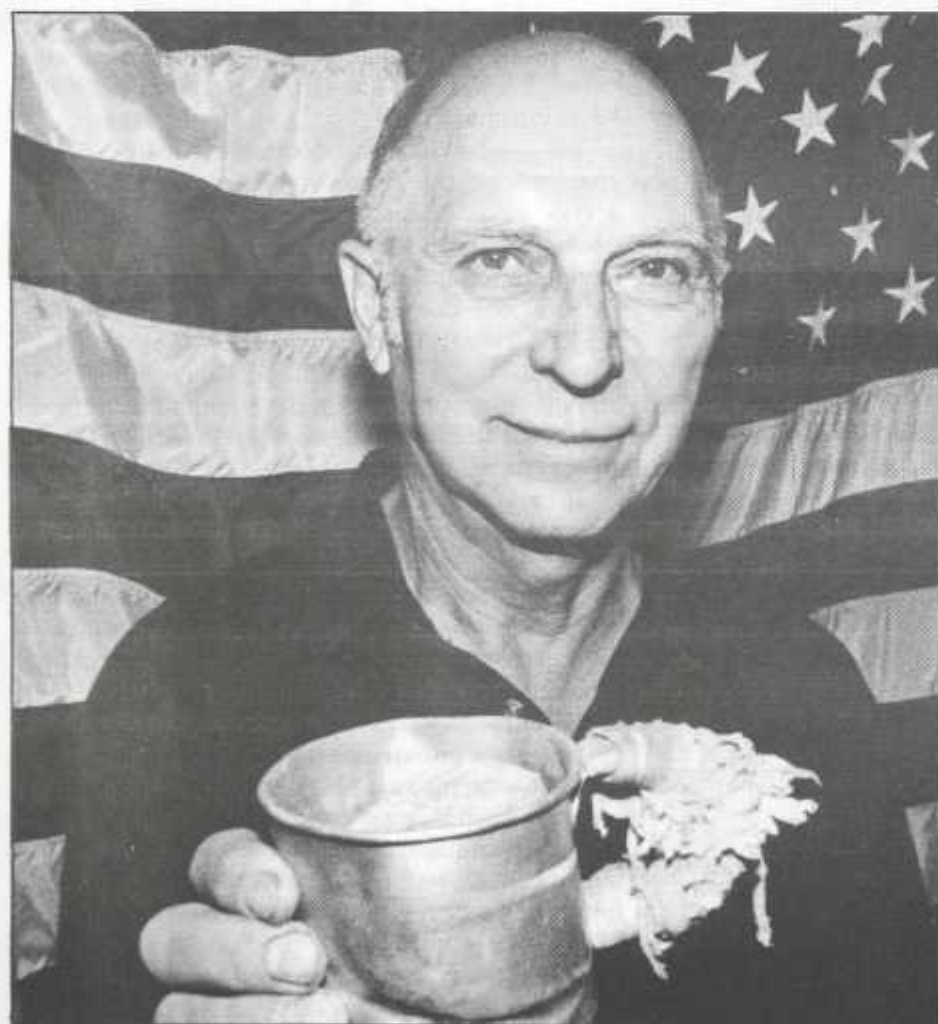
Ironically, son Edward was a sociology major at the time, one year ahead of his dad. Although they were in different colleges as well as class years, when it came time to graduate, Millican arranged for father and son to receive their diplomas in the same ceremony. The following year, Perkins' son Paul also graduated from FTU.

Earning his degree magna cum laude was just the beginning of the fulfillment of Perkins' dreams, which occupied his mind as a prisoner. He went on to complete his military service as a lieutenant colonel. Perkins became a pilot and a flight instructor, as well as a published writer. An appreciation of freedom inspires him to cultivate herbs and roses. He even relishes mowing his

lawn. And, with 10 grandchildren, he is making up for seven years lost when his four children — Edward, Paul, Cindy and Steve — were growing up.

Although he always knew he was coming home from Vietnam, Perkins never realized that his freedom would mean so much to so many people, especially 25 years after being released.

— Susan Loden



Former Vietnam War POW Glen Perkins, who attended FTU after being released, holds the cup he used while a prisoner.

Faces from the past

Stephen Jones

Graduated 1972, bachelor's degree in communication

Was a charter member of the Future staff, worked at WFTV and as a reporter/photographer for *The Orlando Sentinel* before moving to California in 1979. As a television cameraman,



Jones

Jones has won five Emmy Awards, four for sitcoms and one for Summer Olympics' coverage.

When he arrived in Hollywood, "I had the naive idea that in a couple of weeks I would have a full-time job. It doesn't work that way. You have to get established and make contacts to succeed. It was kind of a struggle at first ... [FTU] gave me a good, basic idea of what it's like in the field. I got the foundation of a career at FTU and the TV station. It gave me something to build on that I did use."

September
\$13 annual parking fee instated, along with \$5 violation fine

Dec. 3
Former bookstore fiscal assistant charged with 16 counts of grand theft

March
U.S. Navy to build \$22 million design center in Research Park

October
Bookstore director and fiscal assistant lose jobs after state audit

February
\$1 million endowed chair for computer science established

April
Alumni Association Phonathon sets record with \$150,000 pledged from half of 10,000 alums reached



Employee of the month

Name: Rosemary Monroy
Title: Administrative assistant
Department: College of Arts and Sciences
Job description: Liaison for all departments within the college, as well as for the college and nonacademic units, she handles security issues, assists department chairs and others involved in key research in obtaining end results.
Length of Service: Nine years, seven in the Dean's Office.
Background: Worked at the University of South Florida for five and half years in various positions.

Hobbies: "I don't collect trolls; rather, they collect me. I have accumulated trolls throughout the years, some through gifts, others have simply presented themselves to me. I also enjoy puzzles, UCF Theatre productions, concerts and art shows. Where else can we get it all?"
Quote: "I consider myself very fortunate to have a job that I genuinely enjoy, and to work with people who I truly admire and appreciate. UCF is the place to be, and I'm glad to be here. I look forward to work every day."
 — Suzanne Ball

Newcomers

Rufus Barfield, assistant communication professor, was previously a visiting professor at Florida A&M University. A graduate of Howard University in Washington, D.C., Barfield received a Ph.D. in organizational communication. He and his wife have a child. Barfield enjoys racquetball, biking, reading, traveling and meeting new people.

Kevin Belfield, associate chemistry professor, comes to UCF from the University of Detroit Mercy, where he was an associate professor. Belfield received a Ph.D. in organic chemistry from Syracuse University. Belfield and his wife have one child.

Wendy Bolyard, assistant director of the Downtown Academic Center, was previously employed as director of college relations at Eberly College of Arts and Sciences. She received a bachelor's degree in journalism and a master's degree in education administration from West Virginia University. She enjoys tennis, desktop publishing and volunteer work.

Kasaundra Tomlin, assistant economics professor, was formerly a graduate teaching fellow at the University of Oregon. Tomlin attended the University of Oregon and Eastern Michigan University and received a bachelor's degree, a master's degree, and a Ph.D. in economics. Her hobbies include ballet, golf and bowling.



Ullom

Craig Ullom has been appointed associate vice president for Campus Life in the Division of Student Development and Enrollment Services. The Campus Life area includes Housing and Residence Life, Recreational Services, Student Union, Judicial Affairs, Greek Life, the LEAD Scholars Program, Student Health Services, Student Activities, Evening and Weekend Services, Area Campuses, Student Information, Campus Ministries and the BPW Scholarship House.

Randall Upchurch, associate hospitality management professor, was previously an associate professor with the University of Wisconsin. Upchurch received a Ph.D., an M.S. degree, and a B.S. degree in hotel administration from the University of Missouri. He and his wife have three children, and he enjoys auto mechanics.

R. Cory Watkins, assistant criminal justice and legal studies professor, was formerly a research associate for the University of Cincinnati. Watkins attended the University of Cincinnati, Florida State and Bowling Green. He received a B.S. degree, an M.S. degree and a Ph.D. His interests include golf, tennis, boating and running.

Christopher Watts, assistant communicative disorders professor, was an instructor/doctoral candidate at the University of South Alabama. He received a Ph.D. and a bachelor's degree from the University of South Alabama in neurogenic communicative disorders. Watts enjoys golf, tennis and the beach.

Ann Marie Whyte, associate finance professor, comes to UCF from the University of Dayton, where she was an assistant professor. Whyte attended Florida Atlantic University and received a Ph.D. in finance.

Kent Williams, associate industrial engineering and management systems professor, comes to UCF from McLean, Va., where he was an associate with Booz, Allen and Hamilton. He received a Ph.D. in human information processing/cognition from the University of Connecticut. Williams and his wife have four children, and he enjoys sailing, swimming and skiing.

Dana Woods, assistant theater professor, was previously a freelance costume designer in Los Angeles. Woods received a master's degree from Brandeis University and a bachelor's degree from Amherst College in theater arts, specializing in costume design.

Ying Zhang, assistant statistics professor, was employed by the Boeing Co. as an applied statistician. Zhang received a Ph.D. in statistics from the University of Washington. Zhang has one child and enjoys sports, singing and making friends.

Elayne Zorn, assistant anthropology professor, was formerly with Colgate University in Hamilton, N.Y., as a visiting assistant professor of anthropology. Zorn attended California Colleges of Arts and Crafts, University of Texas and Cornell University. She received a Ph.D. in sociocultural anthropology/South American Andes. She has one child and enjoys Andean music, exercise, textiles and reading.

Caught in the act



Left, student Carrie Effren and Frances Millican, UCF's first first lady, pose after Effren was named the recipient of a scholarship in Millican's name. Right, Millie Kennedy congratulates Patricia Phelps, recipient of a scholarship honoring former UCF first lady Beryl Colbourn. The scholarships, presented last week, are sponsored by the UCF Women's Club.

CALENDAR

Arena

Oct. 2
• Annual Employee Benefits Fair, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. (407) 823-6627

Lectures / Workshops

Sept. 25
• Women's Studies and the Council for the Continuing Education for Women: Noontime Knowledge, UCF Downtown Center, noon-1 p.m. 823-6502/2269

Oct. 2
• Women's Studies and UCF Writing Center: "Engendering Writing: Assessing Your Writing Style and Needs," TR 616, 3-4:30 p.m. 823-6502/2269

Oct. 6
• Learning Institute for Elders at UCF (LIFE): "Dreams," by Mickey Griffin; "The Ubiquitous Computer. Ah, the Digital Age," by Chuck Abraham, Department of Art, 249-4778

Oct. 9-10
• Writers' Success Series: author Tom Bird seminars, each \$49 or \$149 for all, Downtown Academic Center. Division of Continuing Education, 207-4920

Miscellaneous

Sept. 23
• United Cerebral Palsy/UCF

A chance to learn more about Health and Public Affairs

The College of Health and Public Affairs is hosting two program and information fairs. Public Affairs Day — for students interested in criminal justice, legal studies, public administration and social work — is Monday, Sept. 28, 1-2:30 p.m. in the Student Union, room 316. Health Majors Day — for students interested in cardiopulmonary sciences, communicative disorders, health information management, health service administration, medical laboratory sciences, microbiology, nursing, physical therapy and radiologic sciences — is Thursday, Oct. 8, 1-2:30 p.m. Students are invited to meet the dean, talk to department faculty and learn about student organizations. For information, call the Office of Student Support, 823-0010.

Sale bakes up cash for school

The Creative School Parent Association is holding a bake sale on Wednesday, Sept. 30, on the south patio of the Student Union, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. The multi-level class will be in charge of lemonade sales.

Collaborative Program 1-year anniversary party, Early Childhood Building, 6 p.m. 823-0041 or 269-2130.

Sept. 26
• Taiwanese Chamber of Commerce of Greater Orlando: "Excellence and Elegance of Our Hometown," from Tainan City, Taiwan. Country folk music and

dance, flute, much more, Visual Arts Building, free admission, free parking, 2-4 p.m. 657-4165

Oct. 9
• Family Weekend, sponsored by Office of Student Activities, various activities planned. 823-6471.
Oct. 12
• Annual International Student Fair, Student Union Building,

Cape Florida Room, community welcomed, 10:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. 823-6479/7740.

Music

Sept. 27
• Faculty Woodwind Quintet, Rehearsal Hall, 3 p.m. 823-2869

Robinson Observatory

Oct. 7
• Free public viewing, 7:30-10:30 p.m. 823-2805

Theatre

Oct. 15-25
• "Our Town." 823-1500

Library

823-5427
• Margaret Sung Retrospective, by Margaret Sung.
• International Student Fair, by Ragda Kurdy.
• Black Writers in a Class by Themselves, by Jackie Perkins.
• Sexual Assault Awareness Week, Sept. 14-19, 1998, by Erin Brown.

For a more complete calendar, check out the universitywide listing on the Web (<http://www.ucf.edu/pubrel/>).

September/ October

CLASSIFIED

For Sale

Couch and loveseat, lime green pinstriping on off-white; coffee table and 2 end tables, all in good condition, \$250. Paul or Laura, 380-9427.

Dog house, large, wood w/ metal roof, \$50. 823-2501 or 568-7780 evenings.

Furniture, love seat and sofa, 1 yr. old, denim blue, \$800 obo; dining room set, table w/ leaf, 4 chairs, hutch, cherry wood and hunter green (6 mo. old). Will not fit in new apartment. Must sell. \$600 obo. 658-7505.

House, downtown Orlando, Boone High area, 3/2, 1,600

sq. ft., large lot, side street location, lush landscaping, 1914 Hamilton Lane, \$179,900. Pre-qualified buyers call 422-7841 for appointment.

Lazyboy sofa recliner, Lazyboy recliner rocker, Bentwood rocker, all in excellent condition (2-3 yrs old), \$1,800 at time of purchase; will take best offer. 672-0935 after 5 p.m.

Mattress, box-spring, frame, queen. Very clean (almost new). Must sell, \$150 obo. 273-1415.

Paddle fans, brown wood look, 5 blade, large, excellent condition, \$30. 823-2501 or 568-7780 evenings.

Stereo cabinet, large custom-made solid wood cabinet. Will accommodate up to a 35" TV. Shelf for VCR/cable

box as well as two large areas for additional equipment. Both areas have double doors. Great condition. Must sell, make me an offer. Tom, 823-5283 or 894-2278.

Stereo speakers, new, still in box, 125 watts per channel, 12" woofer, sounds great. \$600 new, selling for only \$200. Joanne, 823-2408 or evenings 678-0173.

Wanted

Males needed for UCF women's basketball scout team. Basketball skills a must! Please contact Coach Charissa, 823-2985.

Managers needed, women's basketball. Stipend available. Please contact Coach Brown 823-5803.

September Open Enrollment USPS Sick Leave Pool Application

The USPS Sick Leave Pool is having an open enrollment period from Sept. 1-30. To join the sick leave pool, you must have been employed continuously by the state for more than one year and must have a balance of at least 64 hours of unused sick leave. Part-time employees must have a proportionate amount based on their FTE. The donated hours will be deducted on the first pay period following the end of the open enrollment period. Return your completed application form to Human Resources no later than Sept. 30. If you have any questions, please call 823-2771.

Name: _____ SS#: _____
Dept: _____ Ext.: _____
Date of UCF employment: _____ If transferred from another state agency, date of employment with that agency: _____

I, hereby, authorize the transfer of 16 hours of sick leave or a proportionate amount based on my FTE from my sick leave account to the sick leave pool. I understand that employees who are not members of the sick leave pool at the time of a qualifying illness or injury shall not be eligible to utilize sick leave pool credits.

Signed: _____ (Applicant) _____ (Date)

Faculty/A&P Sick Leave Pool September Open Enrollment

The Faculty/A&P Sick Leave Pool will have an open enrollment period through the month of September. Please send your application form to the Office of Academic Affairs no later than Sept. 30. Should you have any questions, please call 823-2496.

TO: Frank Juge, Office of Academic Affairs
Faculty and A&P Sick Leave Pool Application

NAME: _____
SS#: _____
DEPT: _____
DATE OF UCF EMPLOYMENT: _____ EXT.: _____

I have read the procedure for the UCF Faculty and Administrative and Professional Sick Leave Pool and agree to abide by its terms. The transfer of eight hours of sick leave from my sick leave account to the Sick Leave Pool is hereby authorized.

SIGNED: _____ (Applicant) _____ (Date)