College of Nursing accredited again

CCNE awards maximum 10-year period

ROBIN SIEBERSKY

The College of Nursing has been accredited for the maximum 10 years by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education. It's not the first time the school has been accredited; it was as a school and as a program, but this time, the college received the maximum period of accreditation with "no concerns." It's a great achievement and it's an important milestone for UCF.

The nursing school became UCF's fifth college in 2006. "It was an exciting time," said College of Nursing Dean Joan Leuen. "It was very important when you can obtain the full 10 years for accreditation." Leuen said.

The college has been going through the accreditation process for more than a year. The commission visited the college in March and spent several days reviewing the program and interviewing faculty, students, alumni, staff, administrators and members of partner organizations, such as Orlando Regional Medical Center and Florida Hospital.

Senior nursing major Allison Gallagher, the president of the Student Nurses Association at UCF, was selected as one of the students to be interviewed during the accrediting process.

"They interviewed us and we didn't know what the college had submitted," Gallagher said. "They asked us about our experience and made sure it matched what the school had submitted.

Earning accreditation is a huge honor for the school and it will help students when they apply for residency.

Mitt's bus visits UCF

Romney's son stops by Monday

ROBIN SIEBERSKY

On the campaign trail, Mitt Romney's son, Craig, delivered a message for his father's presidential campaign.

While the presidential hopeful himself didn't make an appearance, his son, Craig, drove the bus.

This stop was the 68th stop on the bus tour of Florida and has seven stops to go until it has hit all 67 counties in Florida.

"We're spreading the message," Craig Romney said.

The basis of the tour is Romney's first solo tour of the country on the bus helping him in his presidential campaign.

The tour has passed through all the counties in Iowa and New Hampshire.
**Local & State**

Keep local with headboard you may have missed

Fix tree shot outside area high school during apparent robbery

MIAMI — A teacher was shot Wednesday outside a Miami-Dade high school during an apparent robbery, police said. The suspect shot her and got away with $200, police said. The teacher was apparently waiting to pick her child up from school. She was transported by another man who tried to rob him, Taylor said. The teacher was taken from the hospital where she was being treated to a nearby prison, but police did not release his condition.

The teacher had been taking a substitute teacher at the school from the stress during her illness, the family said. She has been by another man who tried to rob her.

A bill called the shooting, the Miami-Dade Community College Senior High School, Miami, and the Miami-Dade Senior High School student Alfonso Alzobetza said.

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New King gets the most out of UCF

Scott Kirkman, an accounting and finance major and member of Kappa Sigma, urges students to get involved on campus.

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The Arbor Day Foundation is continuing to strengthen our stand in support of the environment by partnering with college bookstores across the country to plant 100,000 trees for all used textbooks bought or sold this year. Throughout the year, students will be voting online to determine which forest the trees will be planted in.

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We need your help to reach our goal of planting 100,000 trees. It is our understanding that as a faculty member, you have the unique opportunity to adopt the reading requirements for the coming semester; you ultimately decide whether to bring in a new text or adopt the same texts from the previous semester. We know that entering the highest quality and most up-to-date educational materials is your first priority, and we encourage you to consider this with used textbooks whenever possible.

We are asking you to include used "recycled" textbooks on your list if possible. By reusing your textbooks, you will guarantee a greater supply of less expensive used "recycled" textbooks for your students while helping the environment at the same time.

We greatly appreciate your consideration in reusing your textbooks and ask that you please submit your textbook adoption as early as possible to ensure College Book and Supply can buy back the used textbooks for the coming semesters.

On behalf of the Arbor Day Foundation and the countless supporters of creating a healthier planet, thank you so much for your support.

Sincerely,

John Romers
Chief Executive

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ROBYN SIDERSKY
Staff Writer

Scott Kirkman, an accounting and finance major, was named the 2007 Homecoming King by his fraternity, Kappa Sigma. "It feels pretty awesome," Kirkman said. "It's a tremendous honor to be chosen for the king." Kirkman has been extremely involved in campus activities in his time at UCF, from being a brother in Kappa Sigma, to being on the orientation team for a summer, to starting Sigma Alpha Pi, a leadership fraternity. "In high school I was really involved with a variety of organizations and when I came to UCF from a small high school, I wanted to take those steps to get involved and not be a number in the vast sea of students," Kirkman said. "I wanted to establish a name for myself and not just a number as Mr. College of Business.

Scott Kirkman is currently a senior accounting major and a member of the Burnett College of Business Student Government Association. Kirkman has been an extremely involved in campus events has a special memory about being on the Council that appealed to him. "I've been learning from them, listening to their experiences and jailing as much as possible," he said. His involvement with Sigma Pi, a fraternity, Kappa Sigma, urges students to get involved on campus.

In the past he's competed in the regional and national delta dual degree program. Kirkman said he's always been a very-wary-want and take plans things out for the future. "If you go through your first couple of years without your view toward the future, when you get to your senior year and don't know what you're going to do after graduation, you're not going to feel prepared," he said. After a week of attending events after events, Kirkman can relax, because he knows his hard work has paid off. He said he wanted to thank his brothers in Kappa Sigma and the ladies of Alpha Xi Delta and all of his friends for their support over the past week. He said he really appreciates everything that they did and couldn't ask for better friends.
The number was so low that this could be the lowest nesting year on record for loggerheads, said Blair Whittington, a research scientist with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

The turtle’s nesting numbers have declined in at least four of the past seven years. Green and loggerhead turtles, however, surpassed scientists’ expectations and may have made a record number of nests this year on Florida’s Treasure Coast.

Scientists aren’t sure what’s behind the low number of nests for loggerheads, but they have some theories.

Blair Whittington, a biologist who monitors nesting said a “surprise” could lie in an unknown event that happened 30 years ago when today’s nesting females were hatched — something like a disease or harmful algal bloom that affected only loggerheads.

Scientists have been tracking nesting for about 35 years. This year, they counted about 9,450 green turtle nests from the previous high of 9,200 in 2001 — an additional 500 green turtle hatchlings. In the past four years, nesting has slumped from 10,000 nests in 2001.

In this image released by Mexico’s Federal Public Security, rescuers from the National Force-Iraq’s communications division. A4

The University of Central Florida Announces A Public Forum

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“When Women Shaping and Changing the World”

A presentation by Jehan Sadat

Former First Lady of Egypt (1970-1981); author of A Woman of Egypt; Founder of the Wafa Wa Amal (Faith and Hope) Rehabilitation Center in Egypt; Founder of Arab-French Women’s League; Senior Fellow, The Anwar Sadat Chair for Peace and Development, University of Maryland, College Park.
Student takes interns

UF College of Nursing has a unique internship program that has helped students get a foot in the door to the health care profession. The College of Nursing is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN). The program is designed to provide students with a hands-on experience in the health care field, helping them to decide if a career in nursing is right for them.

The internship program is open to students who are entering their junior year at the College of Nursing. Students are matched with preceptors who work in a variety of settings, including hospitals, clinics, and community health centers. The preceptors provide guidance and support, helping students to develop their skills and knowledge.

"The internship program is a great way for students to gain practical experience in the field of nursing," said Kristin Kam, the director of the internship program. "It's also a great way for students to explore different areas of nursing and see what might be a good fit for them."

Many students find that the internship program is a great introduction to the field of nursing. "I never knew what it would be like to work with patients," said one student. "But the internship program gave me a chance to see what it's really like, and I knew then that I wanted to pursue a career in nursing."
UCF student activists making a difference

Three women face similar challenges dealing with animal, human rights issues

Kyla Bloomer, Body of Animal Rights Campaigners

"As co-president for Body of Animal Rights Campaigners, Bloomer has participated in several animal rights events, such as volunteering for an event called 'Kindled', which delivers a faux-animal sanctuary in Ohio that helps abused, neglected and displaced farm animals." Bloomer also holds vegan breakfast events at UCF and is involved with activism. The breakfast events serve vegan pancakes, muffins, and orange juice, among other foods. Bloomer said that this event is held to show students that vegan food can be just as normal as regular food. As a strict vegan, Bloomer works to convince others to try the lifestyle because meat is consumed too excessively in this country, Bloomer said.

The majority of animals killed in this country for meat aren't killed out of necessity, Bloomer says, but out of need.

One major project Bloomer is working on this year is helping to organize a ban on the Shrine Circus from campus, which uses animals for its shows. Bloomer tried to persuade UCF President John Hitt at an open forum to forbid the circus act from coming to UCF.

Bloomer said she wrote Hitt letters, asking him to support those of us in the animal rights community who received from the United States Department of Agriculture. "I even showed him pictures that I took last year at the circus, which had very obvious animal abuse and he still wouldn't ban it," she said. Despite Hitt's decision to honor the contract with Shrine Circus, Bloomer refuses to give up and hopes UCF will find other alternatives to provide circus acts on campus that do not use animals.

Bloomer's activism has completely changed her outlook on life. In high school, she was someone who ate meat and thought that vegetarianism was a silly idea. Now, she carefully looks at labels of food and household products and educates others on issues like ethical consumption and veganism. She said that activism doesn't mean changing your whole lifestyle—it can be as simple as not buying an animal product.

Amanda LeClere, Campus Peace Action President

A junior art education major, LeClere considered herself a non-activist in high school, LeClere volunteered for the American Cancer Society and with non-profit children's organizations, but did not do so for school credit. Now, LeClere is actively involved in Campus Peace Action and an event called Nurturing the Nations, which celebrated the accomplishments of the United Nations. LeClere got into human rights activism during her freshman year, when she participated in Project Darfur, a weeklong event that brought awareness to the genocide in Darfur. LeClere said that when she met a survivor from the Darfur region.

"One of the [Darfur] speakers came and spoke to us and said, 'You guys are the only reason we keep fighting for this because if you guys aren't helping, then it's just us,'" LeClere said. "That was really rewarding to see the direct effects of your actions."

LeClere is also co-chair for Campus Peace Action, which promotes the war in Iraq. LeClere said that Campus Peace Action can be misunderstood as an organization that is against American troops in Iraq, but she said that's not what it's about. "There are still military that still don't understand what we are protesting," LeClere said. "We just don't want to lose the war." LeClere has continued to participate in. This year, the event took place at the Dr. Henry Preparatory School auditorium in Winter Park, where money was raised to provide mosquito nets for people in the Republic of the Congo. In partnership with an organization called Working Villages International, the event was to combat infectious diseases like malaria.

LeClere said one of the biggest issues with putting on aundraidering is the money for it and that's also one of the major challenges with activism. She said that's a sad thing about activism—it's so hard to raise money. "We put into this great event with art auctions and musicians, then we have to change money to raise money and it's really hard, especially in a student area because you can't really get college students to come and pay $5, even if it's a good cause," LeClere said.

Donna Robinson, Darfur Awareness at UCF

"I got involved in an awareness event that took a lot of time and effort for Donna Robinson, a senior anthropology major who plans to become an animal rights activist. She said that activism doesn't mean changing your whole lifestyle—it can be as simple as not buying an animal product. Donna Robinson, senior anthropology major who plans to become an animal rights activist. She said that activism doesn't mean changing your whole lifestyle—it can be as simple as not buying an animal product.

A woman holds a sign in an animal rights protest held at UCF on Feb. 17. The protest was aimed at getting UCF to currently contract with Shrine Circus.

Photo: ACTIVISTS 42
Activists bring awareness to Darfur

Nation excited about tour

Lawyer Robinson is studying for the LSAT and is getting ready to go to law school. At the same time, she is organizing events to help the victims of Darfur.

"As the president and founder of Darfur Awareness at UCF, Robinson focused a lot of time on activism and helping to raise the public's awareness of the genocide and despite the resources and money she put into it, it didn't go very well," she said.

"I have a million and one things I could be doing, and being president and running this organization is very time consuming," Robinson said.

"However, I've really satisfied with my work and what the team has done because I know for a fact that I've made a difference.

Robinson has continually set up yard sales around Orlando to benefit Darfur victims. She held a yard sale on Oct. 20 that raised more than $200. A previous yard sale held this summer raised $500, but was tripled to $1,500 by World Vision, a Christian humanitarian organization. Robinson also held an event on Oct. 23 with Kappa Alpha Psi, called "What about Darfur?" The theme for the event is knowing the important issues in life.

Robinson said that people know too much about their problems and not enough about local, national and international news.

Similar obstacles

Apathy is a challenge that Robinson, LeClerc and Bloomer frequently face.

"Activism can be discouraging because when you're handing out flyers or giving out information to people, a lot of times they just say "I don't care," Robinson said.

"The hardest part is that we've never had another person in Africa to have to explain how to get there," Bloomer said.

Robinson's team has accomplished a lot more than other teams, because bowling is as important as football is here in the U.S.

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Robinson said the team would be particularly excited about hosting the Orange Bowl, because bowling is as important as football is here in the U.S.

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Potential ‘first son’ stops by to campaign for dad

Craig Romney said.

He said taking the bus is a great way to see the country and meet people.

“I find it really fun and we’ve seen some amazing places,” Craig Romney said.

The bus pulled into UCF an hour and a half behind schedule. Few students were aware of the visit.

“They’re exciting,” he said.

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“We have a good rapport with them,” York said.

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Motivated Knights shoot for NCAAAs

BRIAN MURPHY

Rick's Morris Almond created just enough distance from his defender to get a shot up in the key. But it was out of bounds.

The Knights were the No. 2 seed headed into the 2007 Conference USA Championship Tournament, but they couldn't get out of the first round after the 59-51 defeat on the Owls March 8. Almond's defender on that play was center garbage Dave Nie. He knows his team can use what happened in the past as motivation for the present.

"We felt like we could have won that game, and we should have won that game," Nie said. "But we took a loss early in the conference tournament. So from that, the way people were talking about us, it is definitely motivating us, so we're ready to go for this year and show people we should have gone further last year."

The Knights will only go as far as the backcourt's best. It was a good test of the Knights' defense, and Nie didn't think the Owls had an advantage in terms of pace.

"It seems like we were always in control of the game, and there were no concerns or worries. It was just having composure," Nie said. "And sometimes when you play a team where you have a lot of chances, you just have to keep your heads up and use one of your free throws to make things better."

The second half began with the Owls leading 25-23. But it took only 35 seconds for the Owls to turn the game around.

"I think the first half was the Owls' game," Nie said. "We started off strong, but we couldn't get our shot going. We were hitting outside shots, but we could have gotten into the paint more."

Mike O'Donnell, who guards point guard Jermaine Taylor was the only Knight to hit a shot. He scored 10 points.

The Owls led by four, 30-26, at halftime. But the Knights responded with a 12-0 run to take the lead for good.

"It feels good to be able to come out and play this season and have a team that can go to the NCAA Tournament," Nie said. "It was a good test for us and we feel like we can go further this year."
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Johnson excels to propel Knights to tie

UCF drops exhibition to Rollins

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The Knights end the regular season at home Friday when they face the Marshall Thundering Herd at 7 p.m.

The Thundering Herd come in with an 8-8-1 overall record, 2-4 in C-USA.

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Johnson finished with a career-high 18 points and her second double-double of the season.

The Knights end the regular season at home Friday when they face the Marshall Thundering Herd at 7 p.m.

The Thundering Herd come in with an 8-8-1 overall record, 2-4 in C-USA.
Volleyball drops 3-O match to Thundering Herd

By Ryan Bass

After winning four straight matches in the UCF Invitational and winning six of its seven matches between Sept. 6 and 14, the UCF Volleyball team looked like it was gaining some momentum.

Then came Conference USA play. UCF proceeded to lose its first of eight matches in a row in a match against Marshall. Billings said the Knights were a team that looked like it had no momentum.

“I don’t know if it’s just our first year, but we’re not used to the amount of stress you have to deal with,” Billings said. “We’re used to winning and playing well.”

That belief continued into Sunday’s match against Marshall. The Knights dropped their eighth consecutive match — and 14th of the last 15 — at the hands of the Thundering Herd, who swept UCF in three consecutive games — 30-27, 30-25 and 30-19.

Campbell did all she could for the Knights, recording 12 kills and 36 digs — both team highs. Meanwhile, Stephanie Serna recorded nine kills and Lauren Williams tallied eight, as UCF finished off the match and the season for Marshall in 31-29.

“I was trying to make it as little errors as possible,” Campbell said. “I just really wanted to get [Marshall] out of their system. So I just made it one of those days.”

Campbell had nine of her match-high 18 kills in game one, including their consecutive kills down the stretch but it wasn’t enough for the Knights, as Marshall closed out the final frame to claim the victory.

“It was the passing breakdown (that killed us),” Campbell said. “We just really focus on what we were doing, and sometimes we lose sight of what we’re not going to take away from [Marshall]; they have great hitters, and they just went to work.”

Kelly-Bug Alley was one of those hitters that really hurt the Knights. Halliday had a career-high 14 kills and hit .360 in the match. She also had 12 digs to pace the Thundering Herd.

Campbell was a big part of the Knights’ offense in game three. She combined for four of UCF’s first nine points as Marshall got out to the early 4-1 lead. After a kill by Serna brought the Knights to within three at 10-7, the Thundering Herd responded with a 54-run to force UCF into a timeout.

Campbell had nine of her 10 kills as the Knights went on an 8-2 run, capped off by a Campbell kill to put the game at game point.

“The defense was amazing — we were digging everything they threw at us,” Campbell said. “We were just sitting in the seats, and I think they kind of went a little surprised at that.”

It was the Knights who would become surprised by the end of the game. Marshall raced back and forced UCF to take a timeout at 24-24. A service error by Halliday forced the score to 26-26, but Marshall closed the game on a 4-1 run and took the Knights by surprise — early little bit the match, taking a 1-0 advantage.

“We had some communication breakdowns, and some passing breakdowns, killed us,” Campbell said. “I know we had a tougher time defending (them), because the passing wasn’t so great, so we lost some of our points, but we’ve got to get the balls to get them out of their rhythm.”

Marshall took that rhythm with them into game two. The Thundering Herd iced an early 8-3 lead in game two, taking the lead for good in game two. UCF countered with an 8-2 run behind a three-setter from Knickshall in a game.

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Although a strong showing was glaringly missed in theBig Game against Southern Miss, the Knights will not have to wait long for another crack at the Golden Eagles, finished the season eighth-most in the conference.

“We’ve been the underdog before,” Billings said. “We’ve just got to keep working hard to reach one goal: the NCAA tournament. We just have to really focus on what we were doing, and sometimes we lose sight of what we’re not going to take away from [Marshall]; they have great hitters, and they just went to work.”

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