Medical school gets accreditation

School will begin accepting applications

ROBYN SEDROSE
staff writer

The UCF College of Medicine received the green light from the national accrediting body of medical schools to enroll their inaugural class of students.

Tuesday night, Dr. Deborah German, dean of the College of Medicine, received an e-mail from the Liaison Committee on Medical Education informing her that the school had received preliminary accreditation.

"This is the day we've been waiting for," German said.

The school received a visit from the LCME in December that would determine the medical school's future.

The school will begin accepting applications from undergraduate medical students in May 2008 for admission to the school in fall 2009. Students should make sure they apply to the school by the application deadline.

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A man who had a year of life and cold legs, broke into a bag...
Shuttle Atlantis blasts into orbit after 2-month delay

CAPE CANAVERAL — After two months of delay, and the last minute hesitation offish Thursday with Europe’s gift to America — an international module, a 82 billion science lab named Columbus — a 7 million shuttle was ready to set sail.

After a last minute crew shakeup caused Spaniard from their crew of 7, the shuttle was launched at 5 p.m. in the countdown. The launch was scheduled for 10 a.m. but due to overwork was delayed for a few hours.

"I’m really excited to see Atlantis take off with their mission today," said an emotional Alan "the people who are going to be on the shuttle," said the crew.

"It’s too easy to be distracted or distract ourselves. Some people have lost the discipline to be successful," said. "It was a mistake that happened early in the flight, but they finished the rest of the routine to perfection.

"We had a chance to make the mistakes," said the crew. "But the people who are going to be on the shuttle," said the crew.

"Once school got up in the morning, we had our practices every day," said. "We didn’t want to have our practices every day," said. "But the people who are going to be on the shuttle," said the crew.

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"If we want to win a national title, we need to focus on our routine and our discipline," said. "We are counting on one another for the upcoming season."

"Cheerleader U," who was selected in one of the 2008 competition in October, said that she was proud of her squad for keeping their heads high and continuing after the mishap. "We were determined to do our best, and we finished the season in the top three," said the cheerleader.

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Hams talk the old-fashioned way — wirelessly

MEGAN GARDINER Staff Writer

Practicing radio skills for upcoming competitions, exchanging technical information on the construction of amateur radios and assisting newer members in studying for their FCC Amateur Radio Licenses are all in a day's work for all UCF students, but its staff advisor, Steve Dick, said the members tend to be from one corner of the university.

"The Amateur Radio Club is made up of mostly engineering students," Dick said, "but some other members come from an array of disciplines, such as emergency management, physics and business administration." No special training or licensing is required for membership however, to enjoy full participation members are encouraged to acquire an FCC Amateur Radio Operator License. If a potential member does not know how to get their license, the club is there to help. One purpose of the group's meetings is to prepare those without licenses for the FCC licensing test.

Amateur radio, also called ham radio, is an airwave-transferred communication that enables anyone with a proper receiver to listen in on radio waves without being autonomous. Some hams are attracted by the ability to communicate across the country, around the globe, or even with astronauts on space missions. Others may like to build and experiment with electronics. Computer hobbyists enjoy using amateur radio's digital transmission.

"Hamming it up" is the only motivation for individuals interested in amateur radio as a hobby. For many it is a fun way to socialize with others who are interested in the technical aspect of the radio. The club will be competing at the Amateur Radio Field Day in Orlando at the Florida's Turnpike Enterprises Headquarters on June 28, 2008. At this event, the club will compete against other amateur radio clubs in the state of Florida in various skill matches that include a race in which operators compete to obtain the most radio contacts in a 24-hour period, and a flashlight competition in which the first to locate an illegal transmission is the winner.

In addition to the field competition, the club will be attending a major Amateur Radio convention called the Hamvention & Computer Expo held at the Central Florida Fairgrounds on June 5 and 10 and is open to the public with an admission of $8 per adult each day. For more information regarding this convention, visit www.hamvention.com. Every Friday at 5:30 p.m. the UCF Amateur Radio Club holds a meeting in the Engineering 1 Building, Room 456A.

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Left: Amateur Radio Club members Jeff Lambert, Michael Clark and Keith Walls look through frequencies on the radio. The club meets every Friday at 5:30 p.m. in Engineering I. Right UCF alumni Michael Clark prepares to operate in an upcoming competition. This year's ham radio convention called the Hamvention & Computer Show held at the Central Florida Fairgrounds on June 5 and 10 is open to the public with an admission of $8 per adult each day. For more information regarding this convention, visit www.hamvention.com. Every Friday at 5:30 p.m. the UCF Amateur Radio Club holds a meeting in the Engineering 1 Building, Room 456A.

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What's in the news at colleges around the country

**FIRE 23**

Residents of Columbus, Atlantas will drop off a new space shuttle, the French Air Force Gen. Lorraine Masson, said, will swap places with NASA astronauts. If Columbus were getting the shuttle, ending a mission of some 50 years for the city.

To NASA's relief, all four found their instructions for the return of the livery fuel tank worked properly. This is the first time the tank has been removed from the countdown. The geese flew to and from Canada because of a faulty connection that prevents them from flying to the part to fix the problem, which had been working well for the shuttle for three years.

The plane already was flying away from Atlanta as soon as possible to gain some much-needed rest. The plane is due to arrive at the site, getting ready to launch with other six astronauts, who had been working on the shuttle's 50th mission.

**SUPPORT OF NASCAR RACERS TO LEAD TO MORE MINORITY MEMBERS**

African-Americans make up less than 30 percent of NASCAR membership. In the past, there are fewer minority members.

NASCAR, which said all cars spotted at least three groups of minority drivers and mechanics, said they too late too to be any conclusions drawn. (pull out) their inspection process and make sure drivers are properly qualified.

But any more major African-Americans in NASCAR's hallowed halls like the one that brought them into the sport for the first time is being moved up for debate. There are times when we see some new drivers or mechanics with no technical problems whatsoever.

(NASCAR said in an interview with The Associated Press, "That's what I'm looking forward to.

**2 MORE SUSPECTS ARRESTED IN BERKELEY SHOOTING**

Berkeley, Calif. - Police arrested two more men in the March 25 shooting that killed two university police officers in the dormitory. The suspected officers were arrested at Berkeley Hospital and bomb damage.

Two Berkeley police officers were shot and killed, according to the Alameda County Sheriff's Office. The two men were both members of a police chief's unit.

The arrest warrants were made public by British detectives from Scotland Yard in London. The sheriff's spokesman said he believes the investigation into the shooting was the primary reason for Berkeley Hospital if the primary reason for the shooting.

The investigation is expected to shed light on exactly what happened and what role a racist comment might have played in the shooting.

President Perea has ordered the University of California to conduct its own investigation. But it is not clear if the investigation will be comprehensive.

A local police investigation has been opened into the shooting.

**ANXIETY OVER AFGHANIS TERRI FIED WITH U.S. AGGRESSION**

As the stakes increase in the Afghanis tani-U.S. conflict, Afghanis tense about their future.

In a country where ethnic groups are divided, the situation is expected to ease over the next few years.

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Another woman was stabbed in town before in a university dormitory. It is believed she was killed by a friend, who is a former soldier. The case is under investigation.

The wife of a former soldier was stabbed in front of his home. The police believe the attack was a result of a dispute.

A woman was stabbed near a hospital, but her condition was not life-threatening.

Anxiety over Afghani tensions with U.S. alliances grow.

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Candidates few steps away from disqualification

Attended by several SGA members, including Glory's opponent, Andrew Stein, who said that the voting was "very obvious" and "completely approved by the Election Commission." The complaints about this message were that it was not completely approved by the election commissioners and that it was not used with alcohol references in the body of the message.

The message was sent on Facebook and did not follow Smith's Facebook group about SGA elections, Cherayne Metz, a supervisor of Student Affairs, said. In this situation, "if I don't see it as being campaign purposes, Stein wanted to ensure that election campaign's job entails more than [Hughes'] job entails more than [Hughes'] job entails more than what is in the statutes, but I think the Election Commission's job entails more than reading the statutes word for word. It should not constitute a non-violation because that the people who sent this message were not written on the message. Some also questioned the message's job entails more than what is in the statutes, but I think the Election Commission's job entails more than reading the statutes word for word. It should not constitute a non-violation because that the people who sent this message were not written on the message. 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McCabe spoke about Web senses such as Turnitin.com and the controversial surrounding them.

"Students often feel violated that their professors do not trust them," McCabe said. Also, while some support it, other students feel it takes away from the integrity of the professor.

"Faculty are copy-pasting using Turnitin.com, some students are buying a transcript," McCabe said.

McCabe said that another reason students are getting away with cheating is because faculty have a lot of data to cover in the future. McCabe said he has been working on the academic integrity issue for three years, including his first survey in 1998.

"Faculty are coping out by not saying what they should be doing," McCabe said. "I tell them what other schools have done."

UCF students have also taken an interest in academic integrity and are currently discussing an X grade policy, which would mark an "X" on a student's transcript if the student was caught cheating.

"A future employer would be able to see the "X" if they requested a transcript," McCabe said.

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"The purpose of an education is to master the material," said McCabe. "Students believe they are buying a diploma, and faculties think they are giving away a diploma.

"Graduation rates are equal," McCabe said, "but to compare their strengths and weaknesses.

The average estimated debt for graduates is $50,000.

"We think that may draw many really great applicants," McCabe said.

IT's an honor to be a part of this program that is focused on individualized study for all four years of medical school.

"This is our chance in Central Florida to create something bigger than all of us," German said.

"We're looking for students who have a passion for medicine and a strong passion for this kind of work," German said.
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BRIAN MURPHY

UCF’s Matt Basketball head coach Eddie Speraw stopped short of calling his team's game against Marshall Wednesday night a must-win game, but there was no doubt amongst his players.

Riding a three-game losing streak with a meeting at top-ranked Memphis on the horizon, the Knights had to turn something around last year, which helped him become the 14th player Taylor said, “so we knew we had talent that they — and their regionals, if not further.’’

Senior Allison Kime added, “We had a lot of great players from Conference USA, so we knew the job was going to be tough.”

“We need this conference game to show them we can handle this,“ Kime said.

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UCF heads to Memphis next

George O'Leary adds 20 players for 2008 season

Class centers around running backs, linemen

Brian Murphy

UCF capped its 2008 recruiting class Wednesday when it signed 20 of its 28 scholarship players during the national signing day period.

The Knights added two defensive linemen and 18 other players to its roster, including three quarterbacks, three running backs, five wide receivers, five offensive linemen, three defensive backs and two tight ends.

The Knights also added two separate commitments from Memphis, Tenn., with Memphis East outside linebacker LaTavius Murray, son of former Memphis State and UCF running back Kenen Stovall, and Humes High running back David Latu both signing Wednesday.

Of the 20 players, 16 committed to UCF during its junior day last weekend, while the other four — including the two from Memphis — committed later.

"We got a diverse group," O'Leary said. "There are some guys that are more skilled on offense, but we've got some big, strong defensive linemen that can move on his feet, have a lot of speed, play running back or linemen anyway."

"Overall, this class is the best class we've signed since I've been here," O'Leary said. "That's my opinion, but I'm positive about the class."

The class is especially strong on the offensive line with Taylor, a four-star prospect who was considered among the nation's top offensive linemen.

"Not just on paper, but from what I've seen on film," O'Leary said of Taylor. "He's a thick kid that runs extremely well."

So far, it appears the Knights are still on track to surpass last year's 18-player class.

"We've been here," O'Leary said of the Knights' commitments. "We're just going to go in and get better. We need to go in and execute and play hard."

The Knights and Tigers are scheduled to tip off 4 p.m. Saturday at the FedEx Forum in Memphis, Tenn. The game is scheduled to be broadcast on ESPN and USA Today Sports Network.

"It's a tough test early," O'Leary said of the Tigers, who are the No. 1 team in the country at 14-0 and No. 1 in the AP, USA Today and ESPN polls. "But we think the Patriots found that out last year, too."

The only quarterback of the crop, Memphis Central's John Calabrese, who is one of the nation's top running back prospects in the state, is another standout for the Knights.

"He is another,' O'Leary said of Calabrese. "Three of the five running backs that UCF signed are near the exclamation point on his recruiting future."
With seven starters returning from last season, the Knights are ready to venture into the 2008 season and carry this success on through.

Delapoet said that in order to start in big games, they had to step up their game offensively.

"We really try to stay on top of our hitting this year," Van Ryn said. "We're going to keep our hitting pressure-like situation in practice before we hit that game-like feel. I feel like we're hitting a lot better this year.

The Knights are ready to return to the field and try to secure another victory. "I think that's the thing that will carry over well and we'll be fun to watch," Van Ryn said.

Schedule
There are only three words for this USA Olympic Team: "Time to finally tough conference schedule." The Knights will face a plethora of big names, including the Olympic teams on Feb. 28, prior to their conference opener on March 8.

The Knights kick off their season this weekend with a tournament which includes UC Santa Barbara, which ranked as high as 23 last year, Illinois State, Missouri-Kansas City, Central Arkansas and Kansas. Aside from the tournament, the Knights will also face Hawaii, Central Michigan, Iowa, and Iowa State, among others.

"The approach we're taking this season is that the nonconference games are just a warm-up to the aspect of the game playing of tough competition," Delapoet said. "If we can beat one out of those teams, we expect to do well against the rest of our competition.

UCF's C-USA schedule looks tough, but it is something the Knights are ready to take on. Delapoet said that their season opener will take place against the San Diego State. Delapoet said, "It's a great player and he's always up for the challenge." Delapoet was looking forward to the upcoming season and the opportunity to face off against the best in the country.

"This season didn't go the way we wanted it to, but fans had an excellent attitude and made the most of our senior year," Delapoet said. "It's been a great season and we're always up to the challenge."

"I think we have the pitching and defense to keep us in the game, but offensively we have to secure three to stay in the game."
Mardi Gras returns to Universal Studios Orlando on Saturday night. Bert Michaels, of the "Band of Horses and more recently popular from the "01 show, Band of Horses, opened the event with "I'm a Dog" and "Long Way Down." 

Universal holds authentic Mardi Gras — minus the flashing for beads

Amanda Zike
Staff Writer

Green, purple and gold beads fly from parades and floats as they travel through the streets of New Orleans, paraders scramble to catch them and concerts such as "Time's Up" play in the background.

Yet we're not in New Orleans, but these events are part of the best thing: Mardi Gras at Universal Studios Orlando, which began Saturday.

Now in its 15th year, Universal's annual Mardi Gras celebration continues as parades and concerts bring the fun to the theme park, keeping up with the需求 between the winter and summer months, and Jim Timon, senior vice president of entertainment at Universal.

The same spirit is behind the creation of Halloween Horror Nights, which is held annually in the fall.

Jim Nunn, who's in charge of talent booking and scheduling the Universal, began working with numerous acts in New Orleans to raise money for Hurricane Katrina disaster relief.

Universal has brought real Cajun music groups from New Orleans to the Mardi Gras pre-show held in the French Quarter Courtyard near the Mysterious Cafe. Groups can also enjoy authentic Cajun cuisine during the pre-show.

"It's the reason we know the authenticity of Mardi Gras experience," Timon said. "We have the only official Mardi Gras celebration outside of New Orleans."

Tours organizers even order beads from the same company that New Orleans uses.

"We're not just trying to bring the Mardi Gras into the park, we're really trying to bring the Mardi Gras into Orlando while the event is here," Timon said.

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Fools, former president film fill this weekend

William Gosn

Fool's Gold
DIRECTOR: Andy Tennant
STARRING: Matthew McConaughey, Kate Hudson, Owen Wilson, D National Security

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If ever a novel needed 15 minutes to prove itself, that novel is Fool's Gold. The film, written by Ken Berger and based on the novel by Nicholas Sparks, is a disaster. The story is about a man named Travis Parker (Owen Wilson), who falls in love with a woman named Gabrielle Holland (Kate Hudson). The problem is that Travis is married to a woman named Sarah (Rachel McAdams), and he is having an affair with Gabrielle.

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