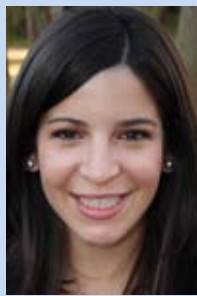


UF Voices

Group encourages student art appreciation

At an institution known for its distinction in both sports and scholarship, University of Florida arts organizations are struggling to develop younger audiences. For many college students, adoration for the performing arts gets lost somewhere between midterms and Midtown. Yet, without the continued support and arts education of young patrons, the performing arts would cease to exist.



Mallory Zuckerman

So how does the arts community find and foster the next generation's patrons?

The University of Florida Performing Arts Student Encore Circle was created to engage students interested in the arts, support other arts organizations through volunteer efforts and coordinate social events infused with meaningful artistic learning. Members support the arts while also receiving exclusive benefits, like backstage tours.

My fellow Gators, consider the worth of your time and money. The habits we form here can encourage the beginnings of a life-long appreciation for the performing arts.

For more information on the Student Encore Circle, visit <http://www.performingarts.ufl.edu>.

*Mallory Zuckerman
President, Students for the Performing Arts*

AFROTC is ranked No. 1

The University of Florida Air Force ROTC Detachment 150 recently was awarded the "Right of Line Trophy" for having the best program out of 144 detachments in the nation.

Detachment 150 also earned the award in 2007, for the first time in its 63-year history.

Col. Hubert D. "Griff" Griffin has led the detachment since July 2006. Griffin attributes the strong relationship between ROTC and the UF/Gainesville community as a major reason for the unit's success.

"We organized a Joint Service Color Guard for every home football and basketball games, and contributed to the cadet unfurling of a huge American flag during the National Anthem in front of 90,000-plus fans," Griffin said.

The detachment also won first-place in the individual category and second-place in the team category at this year's National Drill Competition.

"Our drill team is just one example," Griffin said. "In every area, we strive to be out front."



Courtesy Blethen

Best Buddies member Brian Carter (center) visits the Delta Delta Delta sorority house during UF's Ghouls, Goblins and Greeks event.

Sororities provide fun evening for Gainesville community

Recently, princesses, super heroes and a dozen mini-Tim Tebows descended upon the University of Florida's Panhellenic Drive from 5 to 8 p.m. for the annual event, Ghouls, Goblins and Greeks.

Organized by the Junior Panhellenic division, the community event is known as a safe place where children and adults enjoy trick-or-treating together. It has been a Gainesville tradition for more than 10 years.

One group that attended this year was Best Buddies. The group matches university students with individuals from the Gainesville community who have intellectual and developmental disabilities, such as Down syndrome.

Part of an international organization, the UF chapter's typical activities include students calling their buddies for weekly phone chats, and taking their buddies to the movies, Lake Wauburg and various community events throughout the year. The buddies' ages range from 14 to 70.

Amanda Chin, president of UF's Best Buddies and a junior hospitality management major, loves taking the buddies to Ghouls, Goblins and Greeks.

"Our buddies know they are getting spoiled," said Chin. "They all seem to love it, and being with everyone and the community."

A couple of the buddies especially love the attention from the sorority girls and they can be quite the flirts, Chin said.

All 16 sororities provided fun-filled activities for the trick-or-treaters.

The perfectly manicured lawns of the sorority houses were transformed for the evening into themes such as Toy Story, Monsters Inc. and the Flintstones. For safety reasons, Panhellenic Drive was barricaded from automobile traffic.

Children of all ages could be seen pulling their parents or guardians to the next house, so they could put one "last" piece of candy into their bags. Colorful streamers and paper monkeys hung in trees and danced in the wind during a truly magical October evening.

Carlene Chase of Micanopy brought her daughter to the event for the second year.

"I bring my daughter here because it is a nice and safe neighborhood to trick-or-treat," Chase said.

By Jenna McVey

Read more of this story at www.insideuf.ufl.edu

UF Calendar

Nov. 11
Veteran's Day holiday (no classes).

Nov. 13
College of Public Health and Health Professions presents **CarFit**, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Parking lot at Carrabba's Italian Grill, 3021 S.W. 34th St., Gainesville. Free and open to the public.

Nov. 15
School of Music presents **Carillon Recital**, 3 p.m., Century Tower, free and open to the public.

Nov. 20
Florida Museum of Natural History presents **Trash-formations**, 5 to 9 p.m., Powell Hall.

Nov. 23
Fall withdraw from UF deadline, drop/add a course by college petition deadline.

Recurring Event
Patina: Leah Floyd, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m., weekdays through Nov. 18, College of Fine Arts University Focus Gallery, free and open to the public.

This is a sampling of events from the electronic UF calendar. For more event details, or to submit an event to the calendar, click "UF Calendar" at www.insideuf.ufl.edu.

Note This

'Hi Tim' is popular

The video officially named "A Day in the Life of a Student at the University of Florida," and also known as "Hi Tim," is currently available on YouTube, <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z1ovGPEuAV8>, and ESPN's Southeastern Conference (SEC) Academic Network site, <http://www.secadademicnetwork.com/>.

Created by University Relations, the informal video was designed to highlight some of the attributes of the university, while also being humorous and entertaining for use on social-media Web sites.

Proposals sought

The University Honors Program is seeking proposals for new courses for the 2010-11 academic year. Interdisciplinary and team-taught proposals are especially encouraged. Tenure-track faculty from all disciplines are encouraged to submit proposals.

The deadline is Nov. 30. For more information, e-mail kknudson@honors.ufl.edu.

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AFROTC coordinated two aircraft flybys at 2009 football games.

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