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USF's new Marshall Student Center Written by: Jennifer Hernandez, University of South Florida



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New Marshall Student Center 

In 1999, student leaders at the University of South Florida had a vision. This vision included a state of the art student center that would fulfill the needs of their growing metropolitan campus and enhance the quality of student life. Additionally, a new center would increase student recruitment and retention and would catapult USF to the top of the list of the state of Florida colleges and universities.

While there have been many growing pains during the course of the last nine years, including several changes in administration at USF, cost of construction increases, debates about whether to renovate or build new construction, and other interesting challenges the student's vision is now finally becoming a reality.

In the fall of 2008, the University of South Florida will open the doors to a brand new (all new construction) 235,000 SF state of the art Student

Union; the Marshall Student Center. The new center is being built to replace an existing structure of only 106,000 SF that was originally opened in 1960 and is outdated for a university the size of USF. The new Marshall Student Center is being built to include sustainable design elements and will include the following amenities surrounding a four story atrium; 550 seat food court, 1,100 seat ballroom, 700 seat auditorium, Beef O' Brady's Sports Grill, a wireless coffee shop, 30 event and function spaces, 300 seat multipurpose space, more lounge and study space, formal restaurant, expanded art gallery, and an enhanced outdoor plaza. The most exciting element of the new center will be the Student Life Tower, the building within the building, which will consolidate all of USF's student life organizations.

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FROM THE REGION DIRECTOR...

Region 6 Rocks!

I hope everyone is winding down from the crazy Spring Semester. April is a crazy month for us here at UCF. Speaking of crazy, we all sure did have crazy fun in New Orleans in March. It was a great conference. It is always fun to renew friendships with ACUI'ers each year. My favorite part of the conference, is that we looked so cool with our Superman Beads (people were jealous). We also were the best dressed region with our new Region 6 polo's and tee shirts. For the conference in Anaheim 2009, the call for programs is May 19. Please make sure you submit your educational session idea for consideration. (Go to ACUI website for the forms.)

I am very much looking forward to our Regional Conference at Augusta State.

We had our first conference call concerning conference planning; Vickey and Eddie are way ahead in the planning department. They are going to keep us on task this year. I love it when someone else is in charge. It is going to a great conference with informative educational sessions and lots of time for Region 6 laughter. Just an FYI – you might want to improve your PS Rock Bank skills for the conference or bowl more than a 200 on the Wii. We need you to have a great conference. Please mark your calendar for October 24-26 and we will see you in Augusta. Look out for the call for programs in June for the regional conference.



Enjoy your day! --Suz, RD 6



Jacksonville University Hosts Region 6 College Bowl Tournament

Written by: Tyler Sims, University of Central Florida

After enduring rough rains, thunderstorms, severe lighting and traffic jams, all of our volunteers, coordinators, and teams arrived safely to Jacksonville University just before dinner time. JU in Jacksonville, Florida played host to the annual, Regional College Bowl Tournament for Region 6. The tournament took place on Friday, February 22nd and concluded on Saturday, February 23rd. We had nine schools in our region compete with over 65 attendees at the event.

We began the tournament on Friday evening with a meet and greet and catered BBQ dinner. After dinner, we commenced game play, and the tournament was on. After the first four rounds, attendees and contestants retreated to the hotel to rest for the next day's competition.

Game play resumed the next morning, and the competition became stronger, and the teams became narrowed after the conclusion of round robin play.

Lunch proved an excellent break out time between round robin and the final brackets of the tournament. Eventually, Florida State pulled a win and the tournament concluded.

We were gracious to have Tyler Sims, University of Central Florida, and Justin Camputaro, Jacksonville University, coordinate and host the tournament. Both performed well and the tournament was a success considering planning began only two months before the tournament took place.

If you're interested in more information regarding College Bowl and your school, be sure to check out www.collegebowl.com for information and pricing. College bowl provides an excellent, low cost opportunity to engage your students and potentially win large scholarships. Look for a mini tournament to be scheduled in Augusta at the Regional Conference in October.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS: REGIONAL CONFERENCE Augusta State University October 24-26, 2008 in Augusta, GA



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**Interested in presenting a session?
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While it is truly hard to encompass the impact and “wow” that the new Marshall Student Center will add to USF in a few short paragraphs, we truly believe that this facility will ultimately put USF on the proverbial map and will be one of the largest Union facilities in the Southeast. It has been the design teams intent to build a structure that allows students to have a “home away from home” where they can relax, gather, meet other students, get involved in events and organizations in an environment that fosters a sense of community.

Please stay up-to-date with the final phase of our project as we get ready to open the doors this fall by visiting our website at www.ctr.usf.edu and follow the links to the construction project. We look forward to seeing all of you in the fall of 2009 as we are host to the ACUI Region Six Regional Conference. Go Bulls!!

The Community of Practice for Multi-Ethnic Professionals and Allies (COMP)

Written by: Michael Coleman, Georgia Tech

At the 2008 Annual ACUI Conference in New Orleans, The Community of Practice for Multi-Ethnic Professionals and Allies organized for an exciting pre-conference that focused on the topic of Career Architecture. The pre-conference began with a power session led by Clarresa Morton, Ph.D, and vice-president for Student Affairs at Shenandoah

University. Doctor Morton’s presentation enlightened the group on tips, advice and career wisdom regarding the goals individuals have concerning their profession.

Following the session on Career Architecture there was a panel discussion with prominent people of color in ACUI including three members of Region 6. The panel discussion consisted of Debra Hammond (Executive Director of the University Union at California State, Northridge), Raymond Juarez (Operations Division Manager at University of California, Los Angeles), Carl Bacon (Director Ferguson Center Student Union, University of Alabama),

Eddie Daniels (Executive Director, J. Wayne Reitz Union, University of Florida), and Kim Harrington (Associate Director of Operations, Georgia Tech Student Center).

Region 6 was also represented on the COMP Pre-Conference Executive Planning Team by Ramon Hill of University Miami, Tari Wimbley of Georgia State University, and Mike Coleman of Georgia Tech.

COMP looks forward to the 2009 ACUI Annual Conference in Anaheim, California for another great pre-conference.

2008 Recreation Tournament Rocked at Nova Southeastern

Written by: Jamie Dresher, Nova Southeastern University

Nova Southeastern University (Fort Lauderdale, FL) was home to the 2008 ACUI Region 6 Recreation Tournament. Five schools competed in 9-Ball Billiards and Table Tennis Tournaments throughout the weekend. The schools in attendance were University of Florida, Florida State University, Florida International University, Manatee Community College, and Nova Southeastern University. We had a total of 45 participants and the final standings are as follows:

Men's Table Tennis:

- 1.. Bryce Talagtag, FIU *
- 2.. Kwok Cheung, FSU *
- 3.. Phil Brookins, FSU & Taisung Park, NSU
- 5.. Manuel Arranda, FIU
- 6.. David Bermudez, FIU

Men's Billiards:

- 1.. Trey Jankowski, MCC *
- 2.. Michael McGraw, UF *
- 3.. Nick Spivey, FIU
- 4.. Ricardo Gonzalez, FSU *
- 5.. Justin Crepp, UF
- 6.. Te Tang, UF
- 7.. Arthur Huynm, FSU
- 8.. Damien Dominics, FIU

Women's Billiards:

- 1.. Lauren Robertson, FSU *
- 2.. Navila Rincon, FIU *
- 3.. Marce Barclay, UF
- 4.. Lisa Yamauchi, FSU
- 5.. Keith Elizabeth Pena, UF
- 6.. Sarah Bergquist, UF
- 7.. Christine Jakubowicz, UF
- 8.. Zarana Upadhyay, UF

**Represent Region 6 at the National Tournament.*

Over the weekend of April 10th Region 6 sent 2 students to the Table Tennis National Tournament in Rochester, Minnesota. More than 250 of the best college table tennis players who represent more than 40 colleges and universities battled for the national title in singles, doubles, and team competition. Willy Leparulo from Florida State University and the National Table Tennis Coordinator stated that although "Region 6 was that smallest region, the two that went had a good time as they got to play doubles together and each one at least one match in their singles tournament."



*Kwok Cheung, Florida State University
Phil Brookins, Florida State University*

The National 9-Ball Tournament will be held July 8th-10th at the University of Arizona. And make sure to get ready for next years Region 6 Recreation Tournament being held at the University of Central Florida in conjunction with the regional College Bowl Tournament.

1st Annual Metro-Atlanta Pool Tournament

On March 29th Emory University and Georgia Tech embarked on the 1st Annual Metro-Atlanta Pool Tournament. This was a great collaboration between the two schools, with hope of getting more schools in the metro area involved in the Recreation Tournament next year. The battle between the two schools was an exciting event, in which Georgia Tech was victorious over Emory and they took home the top prize Metro-Atlanta Pool Tournament Cup.

Check out photos from the Community Service Projects at the 2008 ACUI Annual Conference in New Orleans.

The photo gallery/albums are live at www.acui.org/neworleans



So I'm an Administrator, NOW what?!...

Written by: Jeff Martin, Emory University

The news came down around the first of May, 2007 that I had been promoted from Associate Director of the Dobbs University Center (DUC) here at Emory University, to the Director of the DUC. I was excited that I finally had a long awaited promotion. I began to think, "how do I take over from a well-respected Director who was here in the position for over 20 years?" Then the thought struck me "So now I'm an administrator, now what?" It was hard to anticipate the ways my life would change on a daily basis. I found myself feeling like I wasn't really in control of things (of course this was only in my head.) The day to day operations of the building no longer depended on my bright and smiling face. What was I actually supposed to do?

I learned quickly that balancing the desires of the department to grow, with the requirements of the division to substantiate its services and programs were now my responsibility. Statistical data from a reservation program was not where the responsibility ended. I had to assess my programs, decide our learning outcomes, improve our facility, engage our student employees, review our mission, grow our leadership base, upgrade our Information Desk, all while keeping a watchful eye on the department's spending to be sure we met our budget.

ACUI Calendar

Register for all events online at www.acui.org

May 13	How to Run an Arts-Based Event in the College Union
May 20	Turning the Daily Grind into Daily Fulfillment
June 5-7	National Conference for College Women Student Leaders
June 19	Visual Arts and the College Union
June 24	No Private Thoughts
June 28-July 3	Indiana Professional Development Seminar 2008
July 8-10	ACUI Collegiate 9-Ball Championships
July 20-25	I-LEAD 2008
Aug 3-5	Innovative Marketing Solutions for the Campus Community
Oct. 24-26	Region 6 Conference - Augusta
April 5-9	ACUI Annual Conference - Anaheim

Region 6 polo's and tee shirts! Get yours today!



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Sweatshirts: \$30.00

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Then the inevitable happened, staff changes! My Operations Manager was moving on due to a great opportunity for her husband. I began to think, "What are we going to do? Moreover, what am I going to do? How would I handle the loss of a key player within my department while balancing the demands of keeping a 16 hour a day 7 day a week, 350-something-day per year building running? How would my student employees react? Did anyone realize that we have one-month until Orientation?" I found myself thinking "Who provides the continuity for the students' employment experience? Who provides stability for the department and its continuing staff members?" Now that I'm an administrator, the answer was me.

Being an Administrator was somewhat like being the Ring Master of a three-ring circus. Balancing departmental needs, staff goals and responsibilities, personal growth and development, the needs of my students, and the desire to enhance our programs and services, all while making sure that the "show would go on." I thought, "Does anyone see the White Elephant in the room?" Somehow, the circus that was our department would continue to perform whether I steered it or not. This was something I knew instinctively. My desire was to make this the "Greatest Show on Earth," or at least the greatest one at Emory. Ahh, Barnum was so right when he said "there's a sucker born every minute." And you know what? Challenges or not, I'm so glad I'm one!