



Region 6 Stormcast

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ACUI Region 6 – Alabama, Bermuda, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, Puerto Rico

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Where will you be February 23-24th, 2007?

- Leslie Rapach, Rec Tournament Coordinator -

The 2007 ACUI-I Recreation tournament will take place on those dates in Tallahassee, FL at Florida State University! Florida State University would love to welcome all of you to this great event! The recreation tournament will offer competition in bowling, billiards and table tennis for your students. The top 2 winners in billiards and table tennis will receive a paid entry into their respective international tournaments; billiards location TBA, table tennis will be at Ohio State University. We are offering this event in conjunction with the College Bowl event to help combine the costs of travel for your school. Please coordinate with your College Bowl advisor to get the students here together and safely.

This program is a great way for students to step outside of their academic role for two days and compete in something they are great at. You have the opportunity to help your students with a passion in these sports to compete at a collegiate level; some students will never have that opportunity. Interest forms and tentative schedules are available if you are interested in attending this event. If you have any questions, comments or concerns or would like to be included on the recreation mailing list, please e-mail Leslie Rapach at lrapach@admin.fsu.edu or feel free to call at 850-644-5451.

Members of the PROFOUND Region SIX!

- Ramón Hill, Membership Coordinator -

Being associated with a region in ACUI is good, but being apart of Region 6 is the best decision made. Our season began with an exciting regional conference at the University of Central Florida with institutions representing four states (Alabama, Florida, Georgia, and Mississippi). During the conference many of you had the opportunity to meet and mingle with the new lively and exciting Regional Leadership Team (RLT) and Regional Director. Setting goals and expectations for the region, we are committed to increase individual and institutional membership.

Our current standing with membership ranks 172 professional staff from 40 institutions. Next semester, we will launch a membership campaign to raise the number of institutions by five and professional individuals to reach 210. This campaign goal will close during the 87th Annual Conference in Atlanta, GA, March 25th- March 28th, 2007. If there are any institutions in your area who are not members please forward the information and contact to Ramón Hill, ramon.hill@miami.edu. Any creative ideas for on reaching our goal are welcomed.

February 23 & 24, Florida State University

Rec Tournament

Cost:
(Members/Non-Members)
Billiards & Table Tennis
\$30 / \$36
Bowling
\$30 / \$40

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College Bowl

Cost:
\$150.00 for ACUI members
\$200.00 for non-ACUI
members

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THE ULTIMATE RIDE!

The University of Central Florida hosted the ACUI Region 6 Conference, November 10-12, in Orlando, Florida.

The “Ultimate Ride” began with an etiquette dinner hosted by national renowned author Barbara Bergstrom. Business etiquette is a power tool that provides the cutting edge in the competitive business arena.

The next stop on the ride was Saturday morning’s Great Debate. It was Programmers vs. Operations.

After reviewing a few hypothetical scenarios a panel representing each side was able to ‘debate’ the group solutions formed by randomly selected groups. The lesson learned: We CAN all get along if we just try to imagine ourselves at the other end of the table. P.S. Operations Rules!...Sike!

The rest of the day was jammed packed with super educational sessions followed by dinner at Universal City Walk.

Sunday morning brought our journey sadly to an end. The awards ceremony was tear filled and jammed packed!



(Left) With over 29,000 square feet of meeting space, the Student Union serves the University as a comfortable gathering place for students, faculty, staff, alumni, parents and guest.



(Right) Tours were given of the UCF student union during registration and check in!

(Left) The Student Union utilizes the UCF Pegasus logo anywhere and everywhere giving continuity to the space and UCF.



(Left) – Kim Harrington, our Region 6 Director was the recipient of the 2006 William E. Rion Staff Award for service above and beyond the call of duty!



A new tradition was created this year and has been named in honor of Sally Hammock. Each year at the regional business meeting a Gavel – named the Hammock Gavel will be passed down to the new Region 6 Student Chair

Pictured at Right – Sally getting teary eyed during the gavel presentation; Ryan O’Connel, Outgoing Region 6 Student Chair and Sally.



Kathy Shepherd (pictured left with Suzi Halpin, UCF Student Union Director and Region 6 Host School Chair) received the Norman A. Whitten award for service to the association.

ACUI Region 6 will have 5 student reps for this upcoming term. Changes in the by-laws were voted in to have general student reps rather than a student rep for each ed council enabling the students to make more of an impact in the region.

Pictured right: Kathy Shepherd, UCF, Miheer Walavalkar, GT, Sadie Molinet FSU, Stephanie Knight, FSU, and Annie Hoe, FSU



After the Storm

By Suzi Halpin, Conference Director

It was great hosting a wonderful and educational ACUI Region 6 conference. The overall reviews of the conference are outstanding. Participants loved the food (especially the smoothies), the facility and volume of educational sessions. It was fun to start our conference with the etiquette dinner. We all learned many helpful hints for our next business dinner.

Some of the educational sessions that people made positive comment were roundtable sessions, The Great Debate, Hedgehog Concept, Ice Breaking and Construction. There were many first time conference attendees and they loved the conference.

There were many constructive comments on how to keep the energy alive within the region. Sixer's wanted to experience more roundtable format for their educational sessions. They want more sessions on union board management, student employees and programming.

"Overall, excellent conference I've made some great friends and learned a lot and gotten some great ideas

from other schools." Union board student.

The UCF Student Union staff was very proud to be the host school for the ACUI regional. We are happy that everyone had a great time. We are looking forward to seeing everyone in Atlanta in the spring 2007!



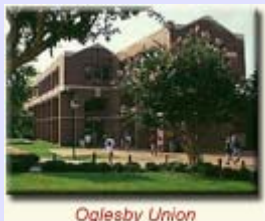
Pictured Back: Mina Keramati, Katie Shepherd, Jessica Falco, Rick Falco, Tyler Sims and Phil Ambers Front: Tracy Balkham and Suzi Halpin

Union Spotlight:

Florida State University

By Ryan O'Connell

<http://union.fsu.edu/>



The heart of student life at Florida State University runs through the Roscoe R. Oglesby Union Complex. The main Union facility features a courtyard that connects some of the busiest sidewalks on campus

creating immense foot traffic. The Oglesby Union's focus on providing diverse and engaging experiences for all who connect and visit is the pulse which drives some of the most entertaining, educational and service-related programs on FSU's campus.

- Organized in 1946 as a "community center," the Union now encompasses 4 facilities as well as hundreds of student organizations and programs
- An exciting part of the Oglesby Union, the FSU Flying High Circus, celebrates its 60th anniversary in 2007 as one of the few college circus programs in the country

- The Oglesby Union's commitment to student culture and entertainment is seen through its state-of-the-art campus cinema program and facility
- An FSU tradition since 1964 Crenshaw Lanes bowling and billiards center has been having a blast educating students about recreation and hosting FSU's bowling teams
- Serving over 400 student organizations as well as campus departments and outside vendor the customer service of the Oglesby Union's Guest Services department is unparalleled



(Left) Students performing under the big top at the circus; (Above) Students taking in the popular "Art in Low Places" program in the Union Courtyard

KATHERINE SHEPHERD



School:
University of Central Florida

Union Activities:
Graduate Assistant, Event
Planning

ACUI Affiliation:

- 2006 Recipient of the Norman A. Whitten Award for Outstanding Student Leadership
- 2007 Region 6 Student Chair

My first ACUI Conference

By Katie Shepherd, UCF

The Regional ACU-I conference on November 10-12 was my first ACUI conference and what an experience it was. From assisting in the planning and hosting of the conference, to preparing my educational presentation, to attending the other sessions and activities, I had a wonderful time. I learned so much from the people I was able to network and interact with. From an operations standpoint, I was able to share my ideas and brainstorm with others for ideas on improved effectiveness. By the time that the conference ended on Sunday, I was definitely tired, but I had a renewed sense of commitment and passion for my job as the graduate assistant for the UCF Union.

I was also thrilled to receive the Norman A. Whitten Award for Outstanding Student Leadership. I highly recommend everyone getting involved in their departments and going the extra mile throughout the year as well as for next year's conference. I had a blast presenting and sharing my ideas with everyone.

It is so interesting to me to hear how different people run their Unions and I like to see what we can all take from each other and incorporate into our own situations to make improvements.

The UCF Student Union put its best foot forward all weekend and I sincerely hope that everyone enjoyed themselves. I am excited to be serving as the 2006-2007 Student Regional Chair and hope to bring some new ideas to the table.



WE NEED YOU!

For Additional information please check our website at <http://region6.acui.org/Region/06> or email Kim Harrington, Regional Director at k.harrington@gatech.edu

REGIONAL LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITYS

- 2007 Regional Conference Coordinator
- 2007 Recognitions Coordinator
- 2008 College Bowl Coordinator
- 2008 Recreation Tournament Coordinator
- 2007 Administration and Finance Educational Council Representative
- 2008-2010 Regional Director

CONSIDER BEING A CONFERENCE HOST!

We need a home for the following:

- 2007 Regional Conference
- 2008 College Bowl/Recreation Tournament
- 2008 Regional Conference
- 2009 College Bowl/Recreation Tournament
- 2009 Regional Conference



FROM THE REGION DIRECTOR...

ACUI's essential and enduring tenets are core values—a small set of timeless, guiding principles that do not require external justification. They only have intrinsic value and importance to Association members, staff, and key stakeholders. Core values are so fundamental; they seldom change—if at all.

-ACUI- Strategic Plan

- Unconditional human worth
- Joy
- Learning
- **Caring community**
- Innovation
- Communication
- Integrity

Quote of the Quarter

“Without a sense of caring, there can be no sense of community.”

Anthony J. D'Angelo

As the center of college community life, College Unions have a unique opportunity to promote community building in a variety of ways. From the design of our buildings, furniture selections, service offerings and programming initiatives to the support, employment, advice, training and leadership we offer to students, it is at our core. Intentional and perpetual initiatives with community development in mind is one of our guiding forces.

Energized, refueled, motivated, encouraged, and focused. That is how I felt after our Regional Conference. How about you? The Ultimate Ride was awesome and I'm ready to line up to go again. Thank you for attending the conference and contributing to its success.

See You in February at our first combined College Bowl and Recreation Tournament!

Kim



Register now at www.atl.acui.org!

Know Atlanta? Want to BOND? Willing to serve the Association at the Annual conference?

If so, the “FRONT PORCH” (Conference Information Desk) is looking for volunteers to provide general direction and assistance to conference delegates as they navigate downtown Atlanta. Please contact Sally Hammock at sally.hammock@stucen.gatech.edu to sign up!