

Technology Fee Update

Implementation of the new technology fee is being coordinated by a committee consisting of eight students, three faculty members, two central IT staff, and a representative from FCTL. The committee has issued an RFP in the fall, received 68 proposals, reviewed and ranked them, and announced awards for this year.

Legislative language implementing the technology fee specifies that the fee be used to "enhance instructional technology resources for students and faculty members." Of the 68 proposals received, the technology fee committee has committed to funding 25 projects and hopes to fund an additional 14.

For more information on the Technology Fee Awards, visit <http://itr.ucf.edu/TechFee/>.

2009-2010

Technology Fee Awardees

The technology fee committee selected the following projects for funding during FY 2009-2010 (subject to availability of funds):

Burnett Honors College

- Multimedia classroom improvements
- Computer lab upgrade
- Networking improvements

College of Arts & Humanities

- Colbourn Hall infrastructure re-cabling
- Multimedia classroom improvements

College of Business Administration

- BA1 218 classroom multimedia upgrade

College of Education

- Network equipment upgrades
- Microteach update
- Community counseling clinic update
- Classroom multimedia upgrades



Technology fee dollars help pay for projects like new computer labs, which help promote student learning.

College of Engineering & Computer Science

- Modernization of equipment in Harris Lab
- Add computers in ENG2 atrium
- Implementation of smart lab
- Technology upgrade for students in general-purpose classrooms

College of Health & Public Affairs

- COHPA joint-use computer lab and multimedia center for students/faculty

College of Sciences

- New and upgrades to multimedia classrooms

Computer Services & Telecommunications

- CORE project/CCI and CCII collaborative learning space renovation
- Internet access router
- Library wireless network upgrade
- Magruder (business) student PC Lab upgrade
- Laptop (netbook) checkout program

Department of Chemistry

- Enabling cyber chemistry for students

Department of English

- Upgrade English technical writing lab

Department of Mathematics

- Mathematical assistance and learning lab instructional technology lab

Department of Modern Languages and Literatures

- Language computer lab

Department of Music

- Upgrade for the music technology lab

Library

- Knowledge commons — main floor learning space
- Springer eBook collection

Nicholson School of Communication

- Instructional technology and facility improvements

Office of Instructional Resources (OIR)

- Multimedia equipment upgrades for CL1 classrooms
- Multimedia equipment upgrades for high-capacity classrooms
- Multimedia equipment upgrade for BA1 classroom

Rosen College of Hospitality Management

- Student computer lab PC refresh
- Classroom multimedia upgrade

Student Academic Resource Center (SARC)

- Academic success — providing multiple modalities of learning

The technology fee committee intends to issue the 2010-2011 Request for Proposals (RFP) before May 2010, with proposals due in August. Campus notifications will be sent announcing the 2010-2011 RFP.

UCF Library Acquires the Carol Mundy Collection

For more than 25 years, Orlando private collector Carol Mundy has preserved and exhibited African American history and culture. Her efforts grew into the museum-class holdings of the Carol Mundy Collection, which are now housed at the UCF Library's Special Collections and University Archives. Consisting of rare 19th- and 20th-century material, this extraordinary collection documents the African American experience throughout the United States with a focus on African Americans in Central Florida. The collection includes photographs, primary documents, books, objects and works of art from 1720 to the present.

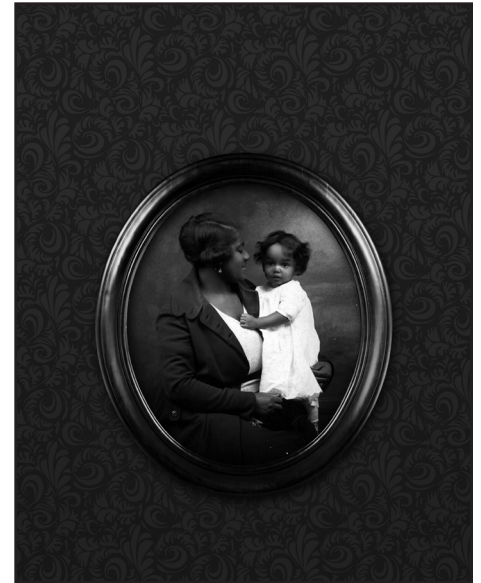
Mundy began collecting around 1993 with the purchase of a 1901 edition of the Complete Life of William McKinley and Story of His Assassination. Inside the book, she discovered a yellowed document from 1870. It was a letter from the U.S. Army to a soldier in the 10th Cavalry — known today as the "Buffalo Soldiers." This discovery sparked a passion to preserve

African American culture and heritage, which continues to today. The Mundy collection will be the cornerstone for building a larger collection of African American material.

Mundy's collection includes pre-1800 papers and documents, noteworthy collections of images, and documents from the slavery era, including: pre-Civil War daguerreotypes and glass lantern slides; Civil War-era illustrated covers; an assortment of lithograph images depicting scenes from the slavery era; published speeches and articles related to the political turmoil that the issue of slavery produced; more than two dozen vintage newspapers; and original legal documents related to slavery.

The collection is unusually rich in its visual images and includes more than 600 photographic portraits of average individuals and well-known personalities. Laila Miletic-Vejzovic, head of Special Collections and University Archives, considers this to be one of the strengths of the Mundy Collection.

For more information about the Carol Mundy Collection, visit www.africanamericanlegacy.com/index.php.



*Mother/woman with child
From the African American Legacy: Carol Mundy Collection (ca. 1920s)*

OIR Video Team Receives 2nd Emmy Award

On Dec. 5, the Office of Instructional Resources (OIR) received a 2009 Suncoast Emmy Award in the "Education/Schools TV Program" category for the UCFTV series *The Gallery* (episode: "West Side Story"). The series offers a unique, documentary-style look into the creative process focusing on faculty and student artists in the UCF community. This marks the second Emmy award for the series. Aaron Hosé, the show's producer and editor, was present to accept the award on OIR's behalf.

New Strategic Initiatives at the Center for Distributed Learning

The Center for Distributed Learning (CDL) has recently launched two instructional design initiatives in response to feedback from college deans, chairs and faculty members.

The first initiative recognizes that online learning is becoming ubiquitous across higher education and some new faculty will be joining UCF with pre-existing online teaching experience. CDL's Online Faculty Readiness Assessment initiative will develop a means to evaluate an incoming faculty member's knowledge of online course design and delivery strategies and may exempt the faculty member from some or all of our current faculty development requirements. In consultation with CDL, candidates will be nominated for the Online Faculty Readiness Assessment and will provide a variety of information and examples related to prior online teaching experience. The assessment will be application-oriented and performance-based.

The second initiative is the IDL6543 Review. CDL has convened a committee of faculty members, associate deans, and instructional designers to review curriculum and delivery strategies for our flagship online faculty development program, IDL6543. Although the IDL6543 paradigm is successful and has been recognized with national awards, there is always value in conducting periodic objective assessments. In Phase 1 of the initiative, to be conducted during the spring 2010 semester, the committee will examine the current curriculum, determine essential elements, benchmark practices at other institutions, and offer recommendations for possible revision.

Springer eBook Collection

UCF Libraries is pleased to announce availability of the complete Springer eBook Collection 2005-2009, which was made possible through an award from the Technology Fee Committee. Springer is a major publisher of academic and professional books and series. The eBooks are suitable for research, study and course projects and can be assigned as textbooks. In addition, UCF users now have access to all of Springer's major book series from 1997 to 2009, including the well-known Lecture Notes Series.

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· <http://tinyurl.com/yc34jp2> (a list of current titles)

- <http://library.ucf.edu/Web/purl.asp?pid=1155> (Springer eBooks)
- <http://library.ucf.edu/Web/purl.asp?pid=1156> (Springer Book Series)
- <http://libguides.lib.ucf.edu/textbooks> (LibGuide to Springer Textbooks)

The library is currently loading thousands of Springer eBook records into the library catalog so that users will have better search capabilities. The library is also working to get information about the Springer collection added to online research guides.

Questions or comments can be directed to Michael A. Arthur, head of Acquisitions & Collection Services for UCF Libraries at 407-882-0143 or marthur@mail.ucf.edu.

Changes to UCF's Virtual Private Network (VPN)

You spoke and the network administrators listened. Computer Services and Telecommunications network administrators have always worked diligently to provide reliable and secure Virtual Private Network (VPN) service for the University of Central Florida. A natural part of that process has been hardware upgrades, in which older machines are replaced with newer ones that can keep up with the needs of our ever-growing UCF community.

There was a recent hardware upgrade to the VPN system, prompted by the age of the server and the fact that it is no longer supported by Cisco. During this upgrade of the VPN server, the network administrators were also able to add a new VPN client that is easy to install and easy to use.

The new Cisco AnyConnect SSL client has many sought-after features including quick installation on a wide variety of operating systems and streamlined authentication.

The Cisco AnyConnect SSL client is available for Mac OS X, Linux and Windows XP/Vista/7. Unlike the old Cisco IPSec VPN client, this new client supports both 32-bit and 64-bit operating systems. And getting the VPN



The Cisco AnyConnect SSL client is the new way to sign on to UCF's Virtual Private Network (VPN).

client onto your machine has become much easier.

The cumbersome registration and manual installation process on the Network Operations Center (NOC) website has been replaced with a web-based installation wizard. The Cisco AnyConnect client is set up by pointing your web browser to the correct website and signing on with your NID and NID password.

This website is only accessible when off campus to ensure that the correct settings and features are enabled during installation. Once you sign on, the wizard finds and installs everything

you need. It will guide you through the installation of the client and all components that are needed for a VPN session to run on your machine.

After installation, starting a new VPN session is just a matter of opening the Cisco AnyConnect client and signing on with your NID and NID password. This new authentication means you no longer have to keep track of yet another password.

This streamlined process also makes resetting your password easier. If you forget your password or need to change it, you can reset it by going to the NID password self-service page (<http://mynid.ucf.edu>).

While the new Cisco AnyConnect SSL client is recommended for all desktop and laptop computers, the old Cisco IPSec VPN connection will still be available for those on mobile devices. Those currently on a Cisco IPSec VPN connection will need to update their settings to connect to the new VPN server.

For more information and support about the new Cisco AnyConnect SSL client or VPN settings, please visit UCF Service Desk Support at <http://www.servicedesk.ucf.edu/tutorials.html>.

Pride & Passion: The African American Baseball Experience Exhibit Comes to the UCF Library

The University of Central Florida Library is pleased to announce the opening of a new exhibition, *Pride & Passion: The African American Baseball Experience*, which will be on display March 5 through April 15, 2010.

The UCF library was selected as one of 50 nationwide sites for this exhibition, which was organized by the National Baseball Hall of Fame and the American Library Association and funded through a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities. The traveling exhibit is based on a permanent exhibit at the National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, New York. A portion of the exhibit is funded through a grant from the UCF Office of Diversity Initiatives.

Baseball is one of America's major sports, and it has long reflected the complicated and painful history of race in the United States. *Pride and Passion: The African American Baseball*



Jackie Robinson's No. 42 Brooklyn Dodgers jersey from 1956, the final year of his career (Photo by Milo Stewart Jr./National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum)

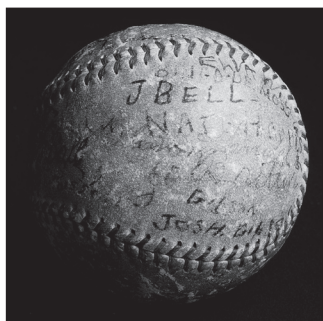
Experience tells the story of African American baseball players in the United States over the past 150 years.

Although many African Americans played baseball with whites in the 19th century as amateurs and also played on minor league teams through the 1880s, African American players were not allowed to compete with whites when major league baseball was created in the mid 1890s. In response, they organized teams made up entirely of African American players and formed leagues that were known collectively as the Negro Leagues. The Negro Leagues had their highest level of success in the 1940s, and they continued into the 1960s, with the last team disbanding in 1961. When the Brooklyn Dodgers signed Jackie Robinson in 1945, though, integration in baseball began a slow and uneven path to the integrated status of modern day teams, and all-African American teams began to disappear.

This exhibit and accompanying free public lectures by noted scholars will provide an excellent opportunity to highlight Central Florida's little-known association with African American baseball and will be a significant addition to the University of Central Florida's ongoing efforts to document the legacy of the civil rights movement in this part of the country.

Exhibits by the Sanford Museum, the Wells Built Museum of African American History, Carol Mundy and other private collectors will enable the library to add a local perspective to issues of national importance and create an open forum for further discussion.

For more information about this exhibit, including a schedule of guest lecturers, visit <http://library.ucf.edu/baseball>.



Baseball autographed by the Kansas City Monarchs, winners of the 1924 World's Colored Championship (Photo by Milo Stewart Jr./National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum)



The Pittsburgh Crawfords pose in front of their team bus at Greenlee Field in Pittsburgh in 1935. The Crawfords were one of the few Negro league teams of the 1930s to own their own home field. For many years, their archrivals were the Homestead Grays, another Pittsburgh-based team. (Photo courtesy of the National Baseball Hall of Fame Library)

Information Technologies & Resources Websites

Center for Distributed Learning | <http://online.ucf.edu>
Computer Services | <http://cst.ucf.edu>
Course Development & Web Services | <http://cdws.ucf.edu>
IT&R | <http://itr.ucf.edu>
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