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THE BI-MONTHLY UFCD NEWSLETTER

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## UFCD Halloween Craze

**P**irates took over the dentistry building. Were the damsels really in distress? There're cutthroats and scoundrels everywhere.

But could they find the treasure chest?

The college tradition of creative costumes lived on as college faculty and staff displayed their wild sides. This halloween's theme was Pirates of the Caribbean.



Those prisoners from the chart room, from left to right: Angela Stallworth, Shane Simpson, Leslie Ferrelli, Liz Apple, Deb Lynn, Sophia Resposo, Dianne McReynolds, Shannon Durham, and KD Patel. They were the inmates from the UFCD Correctional Facility, who claimed they were "too beautiful" to be here. Is it true that one patient was scared to go near the chart room because she thought they actually kept prisoners there to have dental work done?!



Left to right: Lee Mintz, aka "Plaquebeard Lee," Butch Dees, Charles Lesch, Sam Brill, John Moon, aka "Cereal killer" (electrician, from physical plant) and Dean Dolan.



From left to right: Rachel Pisano, Jeanne Grimaudo, and Sandra Thomas from sterilization. They were measuring people and looking for new body parts for the "Parts Department." You wouldn't want to be "just the right size" with this group.

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staff  
spotlight



**Margie Nemitz**, office manager,  
St. Petersburg Dental Clinic

Margie has been working in the St. Petersburg clinic since it opened in 1991. She was an executive secretary at the downtown Hilton Hotel before that. Margie had no dental experience when she started, but after 15 years in the St. Petersburg clinic she feels confident about her knowledge of dentistry.

Margie enjoys working with patients, residents, faculty and staff. She finds her job rewarding due to helping people and seeing them smile again.

**Q. What's the oddest job you ever had?**

**A.** Working as an assistant manager in the seafood dept. at the Big Bear Super Market in Columbus, Ohio - the smell was unbearable.

**Q. What's your ideal day off work?**

**A.** Although I am not a late sleeper, I like waking up on my own time instead of the 5:15 a.m. alarm. I love to take my little Yorkie, Max, out for a long walk, then head for the beach and walk at least four miles.

**Favorite Book:** "Gone With The Wind" and "Little Women"

**Favorite TV show:** Jerry Seinfeld, Two and a Half Men, Grey's Anatomy and Desperate Housewives

**Favorite Movie:** Dr. Schivago

**Unknown fact:** People don't realize how sentimental I am. I love to joke around and play practical jokes but my heart goes out to those in need. I would do almost anything to help someone. I guess I'm a giver and not a taker.

CALENDAR  
OF EVENTS

**Nov. 23-25**  
Thanksgiving/Holiday!

**Dec. 4**  
"The SCL4 Gene Family of Bicarbonate Transporters and Sjögren's Syndrome"  
Dr. Irina I. Grichtchenko  
10 a.m. - 11 a.m., Room: D8-46

**Dec. 6**  
"Mechanisms and Management of Trigeminal Neuralgia"  
Dr. Kenneth Hargreaves,  
12 p.m. - 1 p.m., Room: D8-46

**Dec. 6**  
Classes end

**Dec. 14**  
Holiday Party!  
5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.,  
Rion Ball Room at  
J. Wayne Reitz Union

**Jan. 8**  
Classes begin

**UF** UNIVERSITY of  
**FLORIDA**  
The Foundation for The Gator Nation

Prosth  
- VS -  
IT  
**THE PIE OFF**



Date: October 30, 2006  
Time: 12:00 PM  
Place: D 11 - 11

The pie-off between IT and prosth took place Oct. 30.

Participants included: Andrew Everett (IT); Dr. Susan Nimmo, who baked a pie for Dr. Arthur Nimmo (prosth) to enter; and Harriet Hayes (prosth).

Judges from IT included: Joshua Ney, Kyle Platte, Phillip Edwards, Justus Weber, Sam Brill.

Judges from prosth included: Buddy Clark, Luis Rueda, Juan Alberto and Boyd Welsch.

The face-off started as a casual conversation about apples. Drew, Harriet and Susan and Arthur Nimmo were all sure theirs was the best apple pie.

In the end, Susan and Arthur Nimmo proved them both wrong with her lattice topped apple-walnut pie. Of course, it was all in fun, but Josh was convinced he would have won had he entered.

Does this mean another bake off in the near future?

*by Harriet Hayes*



## UFCommunity Campaign Thank You Pizza Lunch



The official Italian "Guida," or greeter and guide combined, for the UF Community Campaign Pizza Party faces-off with rival greeter, Charles Lesch, of dental maintenance. Both Lesch and "Guida," who is also known as Lydia Maree, study coordinator for OPPERA, stood outside the conference room guiding UFCD staff and faculty to the Italian treat inside on Oct. 25.

Dean Dolan stopped by to join in the fun. "The college has always done a great job supporting the Community Campaign," she said. "Over the years that has been driven by the staff's enthusiasm to help the community and this pizza party is just a way to say thank you."



## The Mightiest Molar Ever

The annual Mighty Molar event was held Oct. 21 at Lake Wauburg. Despite the rope breaking during the sophomore-freshman war, the sophomore's took the first place title, beating the freshman, juniors, seniors, pre-dental students and faculty in the day's events. Billed as "The Mightiest Molar Ever," this year's newest additions—the dunk tank, featuring UFCD professors and staff, and the hot dog eating contest—stole the show as students and faculty left their scrubs and textbooks at home and came out to enjoy a day of food, fun and sun.

*by Adrianna Rodriguez*



2nd year dental students show their love for the Molar Man. From left to right:

*David Rosen, Robin Flicker, Joanna Silver, and Amy Luce*



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# Halloween photos



Does this character remind you of someone? Well, It's Sam Brill, our college's photographer - but not exactly... Lydia Maree, study coordinator for OPERRA, decided to come to work as Sam this halloween. Everyone thought it was superb resemblance, Sam was stunned! He said: "Here I am trying to take photos and this happens. It took me completely off guard. I'm going to have to work hard to 'get her' next year."

1. From left to right: Shana Thomas, Sarah Walsh, Lindsey Borgner, Jordan Tarver-- resident, Sandra Ardila, Raenie Alim. The pediatrics clinic staff were also in a pirate mood.



2. Even the pirates were shocked to see this substitute maintenance staff. From left to right: Sandra Durden as Charles Lesch, Michelle Watson as David Flores, and Martha Miller as Butch Dees.



## December leave cash-out

TEAMS employees can cash out a maximum of 16 vacation hours to receive in their Dec. 8 paycheck. To participate, employees must have a vacation leave balance of 40 hours remaining after the cash-out after the end of the Nov. 17- Nov. 30 pay period.

The hours to be cashed out will be entered in the "Weekly Elapsed Time" screen on a day the employee is not scheduled to work (e.g., Saturday, Nov. 18). If you are eligible and choose to cash out the maximum 16 hours, all hours should be entered under one day using the code: "DLC-280 December Vacation Leave."

Make sure to have the required leave balance prior to entering time into PeopleSoft. Leave cash-out hours must be entered by employees no later than Nov. 28.

If you have any questions, contact Sharon Pelfrey, Rick Fansler or Melissa Long. For more info: <http://www.bridges.ufl.edu/training/docs/ReportingDecemberCashout06.pdf>

## Update your information!

Don't forget to update your personal contact information in GroupWise and through myUFL. Please contact the college's HR office for assistance.

## Dear Fellow UFCD Staff Member

The College of Dentistry recently convened its Staff Communications Editorial Board whose goal is to more effectively communicate information relevant for UFCD staff. This involves the integration of staff-related information in college communications including Dental Direct and other print and electronic communications.

During our first meeting many good suggestions came up on ways to achieve our goals as well as on the types of information that staff members might like to see made available to them.

We would like to invite you to think about information that you would be interested in hearing about that can encompass any topic such as job-related issues, college activities, IT-updates, personal staff highlights and dental student education, and to contact any of the board members (listed below) with your feedback.

With the College Accreditation process currently underway, we are in a timely position to offer feedback on problems and potential solutions that will make the operation of our college and the education of our future dentists the best they can be.

Please feel free to contact the Ad-hoc committees with information you feel may be important for consideration in the self-study process. The link for information on Accreditation is [http://www.dental.ufl.edu/Accreditation/selfstudy\\_Ad\\_hoc\\_committees.asp](http://www.dental.ufl.edu/Accreditation/selfstudy_Ad_hoc_committees.asp)

Staff Communications Editorial Board members:  
Emel Ozdora, Paula Crowley, Salazar Renato, Leslie Weinberg, Mary Bennett, Jeanne Grimaudo, Melissa Long, and Marie Taylor.

by Paula Crowley



**UFCD Annual Holiday Party!**  
Dec. 14, 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.  
Rion Room at J. Wayne Reitz Union.

Share an evening of fun with your colleagues. There will be finger foods, beverages, music, dancing and door prizes.

## Thanks for your support!

A total of \$1,800 was raised during the Sept. 25 - Oct. 6 for the UFCC--\$1,500 was raised through the Silent Auction and an additional \$300 was collected in the "Change for Change" jars placed in departmental offices throughout the college.

## Homecoming Parade

The College of Dentistry took part in this year's homecoming parade with a colorful and entertaining float. Thanks to the Christian Dental Society for their creative work and Henry A. Gremillion, D.D.S., M.A.G.D., for volunteering his house for the float preparations.



## UF Community Campaign Artwork

Renato "Sal" Salazar prepared the Community Campaign artwork in the west entrance of the dentistry building.



## NEW HIRES | SEPTEMBER-NOVEMBER



**Hudson**

**Crystal Nicole Batie**  
Dental Assistant,  
Dept. of Prosthodontics

**Teonia N. Burton**  
Laboratory Technician,  
Community Dentistry and  
Behavioral Sciences

**Sharareh D. Chrisopolus**  
Dental Assistant Supervisor,  
Faculty Practice

**Joyce A. Hudson**  
Office Manager,  
Dept. of Periodontics



**Whigham**

**Marie Lahr**  
Dental Hygienist,  
Faculty Practice

**Kathy An Le**  
Dental Assistant,  
Eastside Clinic

**Nishith Patel**  
Dental Assistant,  
Jacksonville Dental Clinic

**Bently Robinson**  
Senior Laboratory Technician,  
Dept. of Oral Biology



**Tomlinson**

**Savannah L. Rodel**  
Dental Assistant,  
OMFS & DS

**Cassandra Tomlinson**  
Dental Assistant,  
Faculty Practice

**Catrina B. Whigham**  
Senior Clerk,  
Faculty Practice

**Cheryl A. Whitaker**  
Dental Assistant,  
Dept. of Orthodontics

## Pain Research Day 2006

At the fifth annual Pain Research Day, it was all gain and no pain. Pain Research Day, held in the Founder's Gallery Oct. 20, focused on raising awareness about pain research and bringing pain researchers together to share information about work being done in different corners of the University.

"We want people to recognize that pain research is an important piece of research within the Health Science Center," said Robert P. Yeziarski, Ph.D., director of the Comprehensive Center for Pain Research and professor of orthodontics at the College of Dentistry.

The two-day event featured poster sessions highlighting pain researchers' work throughout the year and keynote speaker Allan Basbaum, Ph.D., from the University of California at San Diego.

"It provides an opportunity for people to interact from different disciplines," Yeziarski said. "It's important for people to have that appreciation."

At the sessions, more than a dozen posters presented addressed issues including: gender and ethnic differences in pain research, pain sensitivity in the elderly, oral facial pain, and cancer pain.

Opened in 2001, the Comprehensive Center for Pain Research is a partnership between the College of Dentistry and the McKnight Brain Institute. It functions as an umbrella organization to facilitate pain research and bring together researchers from all six colleges within the Health Science Center—dentistry, medicine, nursing, pharmacy, public health and health professions and veterinary medicine—with the goals of increasing pain research, education training and service.

*by Adrianna Rodriguez*

