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On Tuesday, October 9th, we held our annual Florida College Football Kick-off program. We had representatives from all 5 Florida Division 1A college football programs.



Alan Gooch, UCF assistant head coach, gave us an inside look at the UCF football program, and the need to win the conference championship.

He said the \$15 million athletic complex will help with recruiting and the support the Sunshine Network gives them on TV also helps. However, whenever UCF is on TV, it cuts down on attendance at the Citrus Bowl, even though it gives the prospective recruits a chance to see them on TV. It's a catch 22 situation. "Somewhere in Florida there's another Daunte Culpepper", he said, "and maybe by watching TV will get him to play for the Golden Knights". Alan gave the schedule and the rough games ahead. He said the Knights would play the Gators in 2005. UCF's enrollment is second in Florida to the University of Florida, and has as many women and men sports as any other school.



Jim Louk, Assistant AD at USF, reported on the success the Bulls have had over their seven years of existence. He said they almost lost their coach, Jim Leavitt, to Alabama last year. All of their games are at Raymond James stadium in Tampa and their goal is to fill the lower bowl

with 45,000 fans. The average attendance is 23,000. Similar to UCF, they just built an athletic facility on campus, which will help recruiting. ESPN will carry three of their games this year.



Mona Atkinson, reported on the Miami games, with some good humorous jabs at the Gators, which lost to the Hurricanes last Saturday with one and half minutes to play. She discussed the "rough" schedule and the need for the Hurricanes to redeem themselves after losing to Ohio in the Fiesta Bowl championship game last January.



Kevin Carmody, from FSU reported that the offensive line is composed of veterans and should give Chris Rix plenty of time to run or throw the ball. He admitted that Maryland gave them a run for their money the first quarter, but got worn down by the end of the game. The Seminoles start playing the ACC schools and fortunately have Duke the week before they play Miami on October 11. He said when Miami and Virginia tech join the ACC it will be the toughest conference in the league.



Ms. Laura Myers, the president of the Gator Alumni Club in Central Florida made her comments short about the Miami/Florida game. She said Coach Ron Zook would have his team ready for the Tennessee game in two weeks. She distributed 2003-2004 Gator football schedules, and a small Gator gift from the Alumni Association.

The attendance was one of the best with only a few chairs empty (one was reserved for secretary Greg Rhodes, who had a business meeting to attend and couldn't attend. He hasn't missed many meetings in the 10 years of serving the Club).

Renewal Time

It's membership renewal time again. Last month I enclosed a copy of your membership information that I have on file. If you haven't done it yet, please correct any missing or incorrect information and send it back in with your \$30 annual dues. The following brothers have:

Acree, Terry	Mitchell, Justice
*Bassett, Ray	Pace, Dick
Branham, Jack	Pattillo, John
Bryan, Grover	Pfeiffer, Frederick
*Burns, Robert	*Rhodes, Greg
Byers, Bill	Rohe, Chuck
Carmen, Chuck	*Sanders, Sandy
Collins, Charles	Schwartz, August
*Davis, Dabney	Serros, Andy
Drane, Frank	*Simonds, Joe
Duncan, Buell	Sneed, Jack
Hughes, Robert	Toth, Lou
Hughes, Walley	Tucker, David
Jones, T Allan	Walsh, Mike
Kimbrough, Orman	Williamson, John T
*Laird, Tom	Wuichet, Tom

* brothers who have donated more than the \$30 renewal.

Oscar Freeman

I am sad to report the passing of brother Dr. Oscar W. Freeman Jr. Dr. Freeman, a pioneering doctor who practiced medicine in Orlando for 35 years, died Friday, August 22nd after a long illness. He was 81.

Freeman was the first physician in Florida to operate a kidney-dialysis machine — at the time the only such machine in the Southeast. He was also medical director of the Central Florida Blood Bank for 18 years.

Born in Gadsden, Ala., Freeman attended medical school at Emory University. His studies were interrupted by World War II, when he served in North Africa and Italy.

In 1954, Freeman and his family moved to Orlando, where he joined Drs. Meredith Mallory, Fred Mathers and Dean Steward in a private practice focusing on internal medicine.

By the late 1950s, Freeman had begun using the dialysis machine to treat patients. He was also instrumental in starting the Central Florida Kidney Center.

"He worked in his practice all day, and if there was a patient who needed dialysis, he stayed up all night giving them dialysis," said his wife of 57 years, Laura Jean Freeman.

During his tenure with the blood bank, Freeman started the organization's bone and tissue bank. Three years ago, the blood bank named its laboratory building in his honor.

"Dr. Freeman was a fine physician who was very well-respected," said Leighton Yates Jr., chairman of the blood bank's board of directors. "He was a genuinely good man."

After Freeman retired in 1989, he and his wife divided their time between Highlands, N.C., and Orlando. He enjoyed boating, fishing, hunting and golf.

Freeman also is survived by three sons, Oscar "Bill" Freeman III of Orlando, Ken Freeman of Vero Beach and Barry Freeman of Port Orange; one sister, Ann Murrah; and eight grandchildren.

A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously passed to thank President Tom Laird for the outstanding year he had as president of the PDT Alumni Club. He claims "it's been fun; especially when you have brothers who help with the work". The bad news is that Tom is moving to Hernando Beach. The good news is that he plans to attend our monthly meetings when he visits his grandchildren who live in Orlando ... and continue to pay his dues! Thanks Tom for all you did for our Club.



Elections of officers will be held at the October luncheon. Sandy Sanders is accepting nominations and will announce the slate of candidates at the meeting.



Upcoming Events

Sandy Sanders (along with some other brothers) has been busy lining up another outstanding set of speakers for the upcoming year. (I don't know how he keeps doing it!) We are still looking for speakers for January thru May, so if you have some ideas, please let Sandy (407-851-7478) know.

Date	Speaker	
Tuesday, October 7th @ noon - Lee's Lakeside		Ms. Gillian Folkes from the University of Florida Food Science Department will speak on the History of FOOD, BEER AND APHRODISIACS. Make sure you invite your wife!
Tuesday, November 4th @ noon - Lee's Lakeside		Dan Schulz to speak about General MacArthur.
Tuesday, December 2nd @ noon - Lee's Lakeside		Dan Schulz with a unique talk on Pearl Harbor and the why...

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