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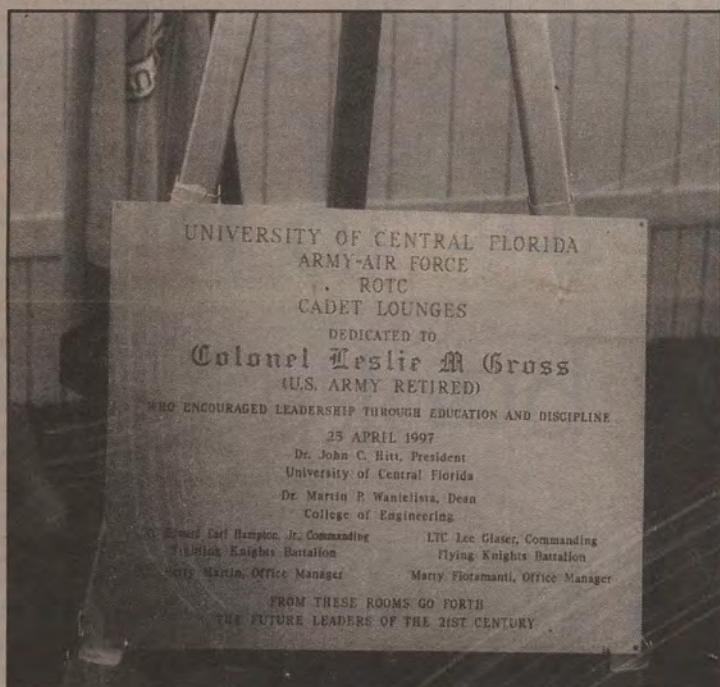
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Building unites ROTC forces



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PETER KUNDIS

On April 25, the new ROTC trailers were dedicated to Col. Leslie Gross. The day included a combined forces color guard.



New building dedicated for campus Army, Air Force

By LINDSAY MALANGA
News Editor

The opening of the new Army/Air force ROTC building proved to be a well-deserved reward for the young members of the training programs.

Previously, the ROTC trailers were located near the Business Administration Building and the cadets were in need of a new facility. On April 25, Army and Air force ROTC members came together to celebrate their collaboration in the new trailers constructed behind the pool area on the UCF campus.

The Building Appreciation Day involved speeches made by Army and Air force ROTC representatives, as well as a ribbon cutting ceremony performed by President Hitt. The main theme of the day was to encourage Army and Air force ROTC cadets to "work together, learn from each other, and prepare to do the same in active duty," said Bryan McCarty, Cadet/Colonel wing-commander of the Air force ROTC.

"This will serve as a multipurpose facility that will bring people in and explain the ROTC program to them," said Edward Lonsway, Cadet/Captain of the Army ROTC.

The new trailer was dedicated to former Col. Leslie M. Gross, who worked at UCF since it was called FTU and retired in 1988. Now deceased, Gross served as Director of Purchasing and as Business Manager when he was employed at UCF.

The facility is divided in half, with a cadet lounge on each side for the two programs. The Army and Air Force will run their recruiting programs out of the offices and keep their uniform supply there.

"This new facility is going to promote synergy among the Air force and Army ROTC," McCarty said. "Both of our missions are to aim to commission the best leaders of the U.S. military."



President Hitt was on hand for the ribbon-cutting ceremony

Ying Center brings world to UCF

By NORA R. KULIESH
Managing Editor

The Barbara Ying Center for International Students and Scholars is well known by the 904 international students at UCF, but are the other 27,096 students familiar as well?

Presently, the center provides a social, cultural and intellectual focus for many university and community activities. It serves as the symbol for an increasing commitment to international relationships in the commercial, financial and political areas of world affairs.

Douglas Mowry, Director of the Barbara Ying Center, says currently the other main purpose of the center is to help with immigration matters. One of his main responsibilities includes getting international students to

the United States legally and maintaining their residence.

In regards to any immigration problems occurring with international students, Mowry says every couple of years there is a minor problem, usually associated with illegal employment.



Photo by MIKE MARSHALL

Dr. Nelson Ying dedicated this building for international students in honor of his late wife, Barbara.

"Every couple of years the U.S. Board Patrol will find someone who is working illegally without a petition for employment," he said.

In addition to the visa issue, there is also a great concern

about where these students will be working once they arrive at UCF.

Unfortunately, international students are prohibited from working off-campus without approval. A special work permit has to be issued for off-campus work and only under unusual circumstances is it permitted.

Mowry defines the circumstances for a special work permit as: devaluation of a country's currency which would create economic need, determination that an outside job would benefit their field of study and post completion training which translates as one year of training in their major.

One of UCF's international studies, Elaine Tan, used a special work permit over the sum-

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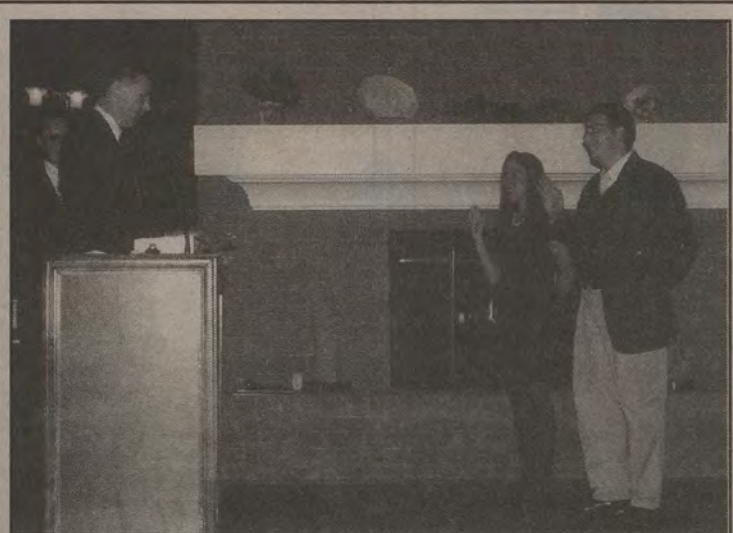


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Sworn into office

Keith McDonald and Karen Montague are sworn into their positions as Student Body President and Vice President of UCF at the Student Government Inaugural Ball. The students took office on April 25.

Inside

The UCF women's tennis team advances to the NCAA tournament where it will play Michigan on Friday.

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Fraternity house reports stolen property

By LINDSAY MALANGA
News Editor

campus crime

The Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity reported Grand Theft on April 22. From April 18-22, some unknown persons stole property from the fraternity house valuing \$340, according to the UCF Police Department.

David Lee Comer, former SAE president, reported four plaques were stolen. There is no lead as to who committed this crime. SAE is willing to prosecute.

In other news reported by the UCFPD:

- The Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity also reported Grand Theft on April 22. One ATO brother, Ryan Aceto, said many items have been disappearing

over the last three weeks, including the ATO flag, a banner and two plaques. The flag was returned by a Tri-Delta sorority member a few hours later, but the other objects are still missing. Aceto also reported Sigma Chi belongings were found in the ATO house, and when they were returned to Sigma Chi, they found composites belonging to Pi Kappa Alpha in their living room.

Aceto told police another fraternity might be having a scavenger hunt.

- Justin Beubaker reported criminal mischief done to the Sig Ep fraternity house on April 27. Beubaker said someone threw two pool balls at the

house, with one going through the second floor window. Damage to the property was approximately \$15.

- Robert Mark Persiano was arrested for Driving Under the Influence on April 18.

- Najmeh Akbari was arrested for Driving Under the Influence on April 19. Akbari also was arrested for possession of paraphernalia.

- Scott Terrien was arrested for Driving Under the Influence on April 27.

- Jeffrey Michael West was arrested for having an open container in a public place on April 18.

- The UCF Physical Plant reported grand theft of a heavy-duty quartz light cart valued at \$330 on April 23.

In good service



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Jim Gracey, right, accepts a 25-year service award from Dr. LeVester Tubbs during the May 2 Division of Student Affairs Employee Recognition Breakfast.

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Ying Center mission to improve cultural awareness

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mer to work at La Petit Academy. Tan is a native Singaporean who has already received a degree in psychology from UCF and is working toward her master's in clinical psychology.

Tan attributes her decision to attend UCF to her sister who also went here.

"My sister went to the United States Embassy and looked for schools where not many Singaporeans attended," Tan said. "I think Disney helped her decision, too."

The admission requirements for undergraduate international students is the same as those applicants from within the U.S. The only exception is that applicants whose native language is not English must pass the T.O.E.F.L. with a score of 550 or better. For some this may seem like a difficult task, but Tan said in Singapore their first language is English.

"English is my first language and my second is Mandarin Chinese. The government made English the native language because Singapore is in a strategic location for business."

Mowry said most of the international students at UCF are enrolled in engineering, business, computer science or straight science courses. One criteria for these students to maintain is they must stay enrolled full time (12 credits).

"There are very few here in liberal arts or education," said Mowry.

So how do these international students compare to Americans? Mowry says first of all, it is not unusual to see these students score 100 percent on the math sub text of the GRE. Secondly, in the fall of '95 he ranked 44 per-

cent of these students at a GPA of 3.5 or above.

In addition to doing well academically, they are well rounded culturally.

"Some of these students [international] have passports with 10 different countries, they speak four or five languages and then we have students here who have never even been out of Florida and that is regrettable," said Mowry.

The Barbara Ying center is also committed to promoting international understanding of other cultures on the campus and within the community. Joanna McCully, the center's coordinator, has hopes to expand the use of the center for more social occasions.

A new kitchen, costing about

\$13,000, has been installed to implement a new program designed to introduce these students to foods from around the world. McCully anticipates this will "pull people together".

"I just hope the Barbara Ying Center can create friendships all over the world. I want it to give

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—Joanna McCully

students a place of their own and a feeling of belonging," said McCully.

Without the help of Dr. Nelson Ying, a Chinese-American philanthropist who donated \$250,000, the center might not have taken flight. Ying who is the

president of China Group and the owner of the restaurant in the China Pavilion at Epcot said his gift recognized the importance of international education and relationships in today's world. The center is named on behalf of his late wife who passed away about three years ago unexpectedly.

For people such as Tan, this center not only serves as a source of guidance in a wide range of academic areas, but it serves as a means of guidance in social and cultural aspects as well.

Mowry expressed concern about the misconception that has followed many international students: they want citizenship in the U.S. He even said many of the students come from areas that are far more advanced in business,

like Japan, and they will return home after graduation.

"I will go home [after graduation]. Maybe I will get some practical training before so I can bring some new ideas back with me," said Tan.

"I can't wait to go back because I know what I can do and what can be done. Also, for family, food and friends!"

Mowry said the Barbara Ying Center has a mission statement: to create cultural awareness and acceptance everyday and hopefully contribute to moving the world toward greater understanding and world peace.

"The center makes a statement to the community and the campus that internationalism is a reality. It is increasingly important because we are becoming more and more dependent on each other as countries," said Mowry.

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Villanova bans Cliffs Notes

By College Press Service

VILLANOVA, Pa. — So much to study, so little time.

For years, Villanova University students in search of a quickie lesson in literature could pick up the Cliffs Notes of Shakespeare's "Macbeth" or Hawthorne's "The Scarlet Letter" at the campus bookstore.

But now, the university says it's getting rid of the rack of familiar yellow-and-black paperbacks. "Some students are falling into a 'Cliffs Notes Syndrome' — the notion that there's one correct interpretation of a piece, and if you summarize it, you have captured wisdom," John Johannes, Villanova's vice president for academic affairs, told the Philadelphia Inquirer. "That flies completely in the face of what we strive to do in [humanities] courses."

Professors who teach Villanova's core humanities courses also complain that students rely too heavily on Cliffs Notes, which provide plot summaries, character outlines and suggest interpretation of the work. The decision to stop selling the guides at the bookstore has drawn applause from faculty, and outrage from student leaders and the paperbacks' publisher.

At a public forum, student government leaders said they were upset because the university's senate didn't get a chance to vote on the issue. In a full-page advertisement in the student newspaper, Cliffs Notes president Doug Lincoln accused the university of "book banning and censorship." The university acknowledges, however, the decision is largely symbolic. Cliffs Notes are available to students in Philadelphia-area Barnes & Noble bookstores, as well as the campus bookstores at nearby University of Pennsylvania and Temple University.

Anorexia research has biological effects

LONDON — Anorexia nervosa, an eating disorder that causes victims to starve themselves, sometimes to death, may be caused by a brain abnormality, according to British researchers.

A team of researchers at a London hospital noticed most anorexia sufferers they studied had reduced blood flow in an area of the brain that governs visual perception and appetite, Reuters reported. The discovery is being hailed as a first step in finding a cure for the eating disorder. An estimated 5 to 10 percent of college stu-

dents, mostly women, suffer from anorexia and bulimia, a compulsive bingeing-and-purging disorder.

"If we can find exactly what this abnormality represents, an abnormality in biochemistry in the brain cells, we may eventually be able to reverse that," Bryan Lask, a consultant psychiatrist at the hospital, told BBC radio. While some people may be born with the predisposition for anorexia, psychological and social factors still come into play, usually around puberty, Lask said.

The abnormality occurs in the part of the brain that processes visual images, which could explain why anorexia victims believe they are still fat when they are dangerously thin, Lask said.

"We can say to people with anorexia nervosa — this is not your fault, you're not making it up," Lask said. "Parents can be helped by saying to them it's not their fault, this is something you're born with."

Youngest coach leads NCAA football team

COLLEGEVILLE, Pa. — Paul Guenther, 25, plans to spend a lot of time this fall on the sidelines during Ursinus College's football games.

But Guenther doesn't play for the Ursinus Bears. He's the head coach. At 25 years and five months, Paul Guenther is the youngest person to lead a football team in the NCAA.

"Paul brings a youthful exuberance for the game that is very refreshing to see," said Athletic Director Bill Akin said. Guenther, an Ursinus graduate, replaces Steve Gilbert who left in February to become head coach at Jacksonville University.

"We are pleased that Paul has agreed to become our head coach," Akin said. "He was instrumental in designing our nationally ranked defense of last season, and we feel it is important to maintain that continuity."

Hale-Bopp discoverer criticizes lack of science jobs

NEW YORK — The astronomer who discovered the Hale-Bopp Comet says he would not recommend students pursue careers in science because there are so few job options.

"Unless there are some pretty drastic changes in the way our society approaches science and treats those of us who have devoted our lives to making some of our own contributions, there is no way that I can, with a clear conscience, encourage present-day students to pursue a career in science," Alan Hale

campus roundup

said in a public posting transmitted on an Internet bulletin board. Hale wrote his comments in an "open letter to the scientists of my generation."

Hale, the director of the

Southwest Institute for Space Research in Cloudcroft, N.M., said he was "inspired by scientific discoveries and events taking place in his childhood to pursue a career in science only to find ... that the opportunities for us to have a career in science are ... abysmal."

His comments were posted to the sci.astro.amateur newsgroup on March 21. The astronomer, along with amateur astronomer Thomas Bopp, discovered the Hale-Bopp Comet in July 1995. Hale said he was hoping to use the media attention he was attracting to draw attention to the problem.



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Opinion

Graduation—exciting or uneventful?

By DIANA IMANUEL
Opinion Editor

Upon arriving at the UCF Arena with the rest of my fellow graduates at 7:00 in the morning, I had noticed mere confusion and disorganization lurking in the air. Students were congregating in front of the building, re-assembling their caps and gowns while waiting for their families and friends to arrive. Proctors and facilitators were running about to finalize and secure the event's last-minute details.

And administrators and ceremonial speakers were putting on their garb, ignoring the anticipation and excitement among the colorful group of the new initiates of education. It was quite obvious the event was going to be anything but formal.

As 7:30 approached, students were coerced to line up at the bottom of the arena in no particular order. While waiting for 30 minutes plus, in what seemed to be the hottest and most humid day on earth (89 degrees with 120 percent humidity), graduates were getting restless. Occasionally, a random graduate would manage to cut in line, allowing for the rest of the group to know that he/she had just woken up 10 minutes ago. Students became frustrated, uncomfort-

able, tired, and drenched in perspiration.

Finally at 8:20 came round, we noticed the beginning of the line began moving inside the building. We sighed in relief, not because the ceremony was about to begin, but because we were able to embrace the little amount of air conditioning we could receive.

And then we heard the organs.

As my favorite ceremonial song blared through out the arena (Pomp and Circumstance), I had received chills up and down my spine (or maybe that was my sweat for the heat). The arena was dark and gloomy, yet comfortably known. As we were being directed to our random seats (anyone could sit anywhere — no particular order according to majors necessary), we yelled with excitement and cheered. Then our audience mocked us and cheered along. Don't get me wrong, I did enjoy the enthusiasm, but graduation didn't turn out to be what I had expected.

Instead of a formalized ceremony based on a threshold of traditions, I felt as if I were at a rock concert, or better yet a body building contest.

Speakers upon speakers spoke to us (and what they talked about, I couldn't

commentary

tell you and I bet my fellow graduates couldn't tell you either since

we were all making fun of people on the platform as an attempt to amuse ourselves and keep our short attention spans busy, I tell ya). I remember turning to my left and actually witnessing someone snoring. I couldn't believe it.

And then our moment arrived. They began lining us up in single file, based on our rows, and directed us to the stage. By the time I had reached the stage, most of my fellow graduates had already gone through the ceremony. I noticed I was limping because my foot was asleep after sitting for so long. I began to pray I wouldn't fall on my face. But it came natural to me. I had glided across the stage. Smoothly, I might add. Just as the others did it.

And then it hit me. We had entered a new stage. We suddenly became mature scholars. Grasping onto our fake diplomas (as you don't receive your actual diplomas until after the ceremony ends), feeling elite and experience. It was cool.

But like I said before, it wasn't what I had expected. It was informal and disorganized (as graduates were leaving their seats throughout the ceremony causing an obvious disturbance as they entered

and exited the noise-making doors).

And because I had viewed what graduation was like at another state university (as my twin sister graduated five hours later than I did), it was hard not to compare the two graduations. At the other university's ceremony, graduates entered together in groups according to their majors. In addition, the graduates were easily identifiable because the facility's lighting was adequate.

Another point to include was that the chosen speakers of the ceremony (including the university's president) were very sincere, humorous, and overall entertaining. I guess what it all boils down to is tradition consisting of prestige and excellence. Particularly setting high ideals and standards and only accepting the best possible. However, after only 30-something years, our university should be commended for its attempts in serving traditions (as the other university in which I am including in this article is several years older than UCF).

In conclusion, UCF's graduation is not all it's cracked up to be. Though it may be memorable, it isn't that big of a deal. It really depends upon your expectations.

Like many other things pertaining to UCF, my expectations were once again too high.



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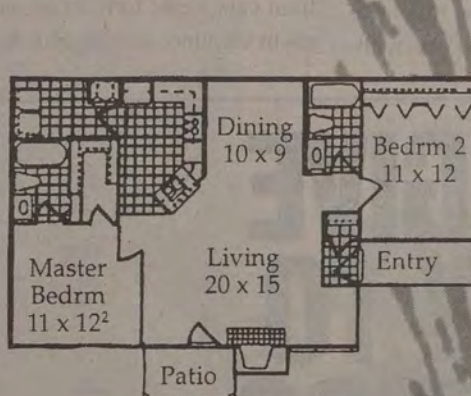
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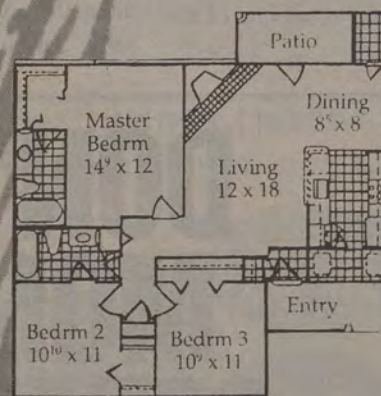
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• In April, commenting on the breakthroughs in cloning, Ann Northrop, a columnist for a New York lesbian and gay publication, argued that cloning could give women total control over reproduction: "Men are now totally irrelevant," she wrote. "Men are going to have a very hard time justifying their existence on the planet."

• University of North Carolina law professor Barry Nakell, 53, a nationally known expert on death-penalty law, was fired in February after pleading guilty to shoplifting food and a book from a store in Chapel Hill. He had also been charged with shoplifting in 1991, but the charge was dismissed after he performed community service.

GOVERNMENT IN ACTION

• The Los Angeles Times reported in December that nearly 2,000 criminals, "hundreds" of them violent or repeat offenders, have escaped in the last two years from a lackadaisically run work-release program of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. In most cases, inmates were merely asked if they preferred work-release, with no examination of their criminal records.

• In a September statement, Joseph Snizek, an official of the

Centers for Disease Control's National Center for Injury Prevention, lamented the serious injuries suffered by rodeo bull riders and suggested a solution might be to require helmets.

• In November, as part of a growing trend to micromanage school curricula, the New York legislature required all public school students ages 8 and older receive formal instruction in the Irish potato famine of the 1840s. That follows a requirement that students be given instruction weekly on how animals fit into "the economy of nature." (New Jersey already requires instruction on the potato famine, via amendment to its law requiring instruction on the Holocaust.)

• In January in an experiment to exercise better crowd control over opposition-party demonstrations in Jakarta, Indonesia, the local police chief put seven cobras in a glass case in front of the main police station and said they would be used to intimidate protesters. He said police would wave the cobras at the crowd, but it was not clear whether officers relished handling the snakes in the first place or that such crowds would allow the officers to get close enough for the snakes to strike.

• The National Wilderness Institute charged in January that the Department of the Interior has failed to remove several plant and wildlife species from the government's endangered list despite the common knowledge that they (such as the "Maguire daisy") do not exist. The government resists because it says it costs \$37,000 to remove a name from the list but meanwhile has added hundreds of new ones in recent years.

• The governing commercial body of Europe, the European Union, ruled in February that despite a six-century tradition, wooden shoes manufactured in the Netherlands would no longer be permitted in the workplace unless they could meet the same standards as steel-toed safety shoes. Shoe manufacturers warn Dutch clogs might soon disappear altogether. As one shoe executive said, "It would be like Paris with-

out the Eiffel Tower."

• In December, the Canadian Defense Department issued a 17-page set of guidelines for manufacturers who wish to compete for new contracts to supply underwear to the military. Among the most challenging requirements are that one pair must be able to be worn for six-month stints in the field and that the garment must be invisible to night-vision goggles so that a skivvy-clad soldier does not offer a target to snipers.

SEEDS OF OUR DESTRUCTION

• The Sunday Times of London reported in December that 300 tons of humanitarian aid from Western countries was sitting in Bosnian warehouses because it is useless. Included were birth control pills with an expiration date of 1986, weight-reduction tablets from Britain, mouthwash from the United States, and chemical waste from Germany. According to the Times, some war-zone drivers have been killed transporting these supplies, and the German chemicals by law cannot be returned, thus creating a hazardous waste disposal problem for Bosnians.

• The Associated Press reported in February on Ms. Myassar Abul-Hawa, 52, the first female taxicab driver in Jordan. Her business is brisk, in part because some devout Muslim men ask for her by name to chauffeur their wives and daughters so they won't be alone with male drivers. (As is sometimes the case in the United States, Abul-Hawa turned to taxi-driving when she could not put to use her degree in English literature.)

• In the last six months, several reports have surfaced from the old Soviet Union countries that nearly bankrupt factories have been forced to pay their workers merchandise instead of cash. Included were eggs paid to farm workers in Klyuchi, Siberia; old train cars given to railroad workers in Ukraine; salaries of from 33

to 42 brassieres a month by an underwear factory in Volgograd, Russia; and, from another Volgograd factory, rubber dildos (which are in surplus, according to The Economist magazine, because the market has turned to electronic vibrators).

UPDATE

• Carrying on a 40-year tradition, Filipinos in the village of San Pedro Cutud recently conducted their Easter audience-participation crucifixion ceremonies, with 12 volunteers nailed to crosses with sterilized 4-inch spikes in a show of absolute. As News of the Weird reported in 1990, for several years the Philippines Department of Tourism was an official sponsor of the event.

IDENTICAL ALL THE WAY

• In March in Lipovljani, Croatia, twin brothers Branko Uhartil and Ivan Uhartil, 57, committed suicide in separate incidents within hours of each other, apparently with utterly no knowledge of each other's plans. And in January, Jim Hare, 65, driving his identical twin brother, Tom, near Bellefontaine, Ohio, lost control of the car, and in the ensuing crash, both were killed instantly, at the same moment.

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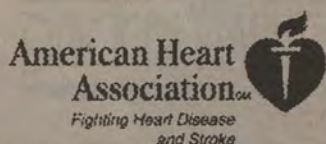
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Entertainment

By DEAN G. LEWIS
Entertainment Editor

ON THE SCREEN

"Breakdown"

Jeff and Amy Taylor are a rich Massachusetts couple on their way to San Diego. Somewhere in the vast Arizona desert, their Jeep Cherokee breaks down, and they find themselves at the mercy of a friendly trucker named Red, who stops and offers a lift to the nearest diner. The Taylors (Kurt Russell, Kathleen Quinlan) accept, sending Amy with Red while Jeff stays with the vehicle just in case a trooper or someone else should arrive. Good thinking? Wrong. Jeff, staring at Red driving away in his semi with Amy in the front cab, doesn't know it but he won't be seeing Amy for awhile. And so begins the mayhem of director and co-writer Jonathan Mostow's "Breakdown", an excitingly plausible thriller that never for once attempts to rip off the genre it's trapped in from the start. Definitely a '90s hybrid of the classic "Duel" (the TV movie from 1971 that propelled a young Steven Spielberg to fame) and maybe even a stretch on John Boorman's "Deliverance" (1972), or the dud "The Vanishing" (1993) that starred Jeff Bridges and Nancy Travis, "Breakdown" is not a better film than the first two mentioned, yet it's leap years ahead of the last one.

Mostow's script is quite simple but that's beside the point. Here, the action and set-up is all that counts. In the frantic search for his wife that engulfs most of the film, Russell emerges as a new kind of hero. His performance at first is quiet, yet it builds, as the story progresses, into a ball of rage, complete with fear, anger and frustration. J.T. Walsh ("Sling Blade") shines as the mysterious truck driver. Walsh can still carry scenes with his one-note, dead-on delivery. Of course, the best asset in "Breakdown" is its unrelenting suspense. The surprise is that it works. We're never left in an all-too-familiar furrow of disbelief.

*** (out of four) B+

"Chasing Amy"

In Kevin Smith's latest, Ben Affleck and Jason Lee (a Smith regular) play blooming cartoonists in search of everything in life that can make a guy happy: love, sex, money, and women. Affleck's Holden, who's been shackled up in a tiny flat with longtime best friend Banky (Lee), meets the beautiful and lusty Alyssa (Joey Lauren Adams) at a comic book convention. She takes him to a bar where lesbians frequent. Holden, smitten by this new gal, drags Banky with him, and the three hang out sipping booze as they watch another gal belt out a few lyrics on stage. When the song's over, she points to Alyssa to join her in the clubby lime-light. The two end up kissing in front of everyone while Holden stands in shock next to a smiling Banky. The lady he wants to love is a lesbian. He feels distant and alone. Banky is relieved though because he doesn't really want to lose his pal to a chick. Jealousy burns. Love scorches. Acceptance cools. In "Chasing Amy", the last offering in the so-called trilogy ("Clerks", "Mallrats") from Smith, the blurb on the film's poster can just about sum up this easy-going, often funny hip fest in comic Tarantino overdrive: "It's not who you love. It's how." Thanks Miramax for this deep explanation. If anything, "Amy" does finally show a maturing fascination for serious drama in Smith, and let's just hope his fourth feature will be another step up the ladder.

** 1/2 (out of four) B-

"Austin Powers: International Man of Mystery"

Some people might think "SNL" alum Mike Myers is a comic genius. Others might brand him as being self-conscious, a performer who believes he's funnier than he really is. In "Austin Powers", a wildly campy spoof of the 60s spy genre, Myers could be called a genius at times when

the laughs are hilarious, or a fool when they're not. Myers, fortunately, can say he's on both sides of the coin here. As the sex-charged, frozen and defrosted Powers, Myers creates new and silly mannerisms along with an exaggerated British accent as he takes his act from the 60s to the 90s courtesy of cryogenics. The effect is both funny and foolish to say the least. I have to admit I did laugh out loud, almost uncontrollably, when Powers fights off an enemy in a casino bathroom while Tom Arnold, in a cameo, encourages our super agent from the toilet next door. The tagline Myers uses to close the sequence is off-the-wall and downright boisterous.

This is Myers' first effort since 1993's disastrous "So I Married an Axe Murderer". The script is all Myers, and he deliberately plays off the Bond movies for slapstick. He puts in double duty as Powers' chief nemesis Dr. Evil. The make-up and characterization are so good that we forget it's really Myers under all the latex. Everytime Dr. Evil announces a devious scheme, he sucks on his pinky and stares cunningly into the camera. Elizabeth Hurley plays Vanessa Kensington, Powers' love interest. Veteran actor Michael York is Powers'

mentor, Basil Exposition. Robert Wagner is Number Two, Dr. Evil's number-two man in power. "Austin Powers" may go down in history as the only movie to have singer Burt Bacharach on top a tour bus cruising down Vegas, as

he serenades lovebirds Myers and Hurley with a piano, some champagne, a few lights, and Cesear's Palace. How camp!

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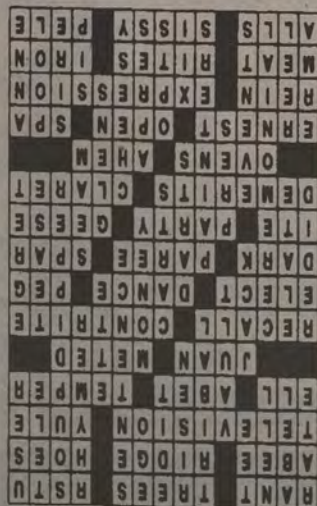
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 - 19 Christmas
 - 20 Building wing
 - 21 Aid in a crime
 - 22 Mood
 - 24 A Peron
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 - 26 Bring to mind
 - 29 Penitent
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 - 33 Waltz, e.g.
 - 34 Dowel
 - 35 Dim
 - 36 Gay —
 - 37 Practice for a bout
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 - 39 Social gathering
 - 40 Ganders
 - 41 Bad marks
 - 43 Wine
 - 44 Kilns
 - 45 Attention getter
 - 46 A Hemingway
 - 48 Ajar
 - 49 Resort
 - 52 Curb
 - 53 Grin or frown
 - 56 Pork, e.g.
 - 57 Religious ceremonies
 - 58 Golf club
 - 59 "— well that ends well"
 - 60 Milksop
 - 61 Soccer great



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- DOWN**
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 - 2 Brother of Seth
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 - 5 Of a certain group
 - 6 Up
 - 7 Revise
 - 8 Self
 - 9 Verdict
 - 10 Verse writer
 - 11 Ladle
 - 12 Far: pref.
 - 13 Addict
 - 18 Safe
 - 23 Major ending
 - 24 Item in a car trunk
 - 25 Cash
 - 26 Fixed
 - 27 Gladden
 - 28 Ritual
 - 29 Wagons
 - 30 Pester
 - 31 Heron
 - 33 Pub missiles
 - 36 Manet and Monet
 - 37 Stratum
 - 39 High official: abbr.
 - 40 Dells
 - 42 Happenings
 - 43 Of poor quality
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By GARY ROEN
Book Critic

book review

For anyone who wants to know the history of UCF, this is a book that details the school's beginnings and also Orlando's.

"Martin Andersen" by Ormund Powers (Contemporary Books \$24.95, 432 pages) shows how Andersen changed The Orlando Sentinel into a major newspaper in the state, and his influence in the creation of the University of Central Florida, and how Orlando evolved.

"Andersen reasoned that an

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Andersen also was a major force

in having I-4, Highway 50, the East-West Expressway, the Florida Turnpike and the John Young Parkway built.

He also ran his newspaper in the same manner. His commentaries set the tone of the Central Florida area growth while his philosophy was, "If it's good for Orlando, then it's good for the Orlando Sentinel."

Ormund Powers has written a very detailed profile of one of the most influential forces in Central Florida's history. What he shows is there is more here in the region than just Disney.

Male still in race for campus queen

By College Press Service

BATON ROUGE, La. — Southern University senior Rufus Young admits he isn't one for tradition. As a male candidate for the Miss Southern pageant, Young already is bucking the conventional image of a beauty contestant by entering the school-sponsored contest.

But he's also going a step further — by arguing he shouldn't have to strut his stuff in an evening dress or in a swimsuit to be eligible to win the title of Miss Southern. Students cast votes for Miss Southern, just as they elect the student body president and class officers. Young said he objects to the pageant because it doesn't have any bearing on who wins the title.

"There is no rule that mandates that I have to participate in the pageant," said Young, a senior English major and Dallas native. "If I am disqualified it would be under an unwritten law, which would be illegal. The pageant has nothing to do with elections."

Traditionally, students compete for the Miss Southern title in a pageant that consists of a swimsuit, an evening wear and a talent competition and in an interview segment. The winner is crowned during homecoming week and serves as a representative of the student body at various functions throughout the year. Young said he was threatened with disqualification if he did not participate in the pageant by Terral Jackson, the Student Government Association advisor.

But Gerald Peoples, vice chancellor for student affairs, says the administration never intended to disqualify Young in the race for Miss Southern.

"Terral Jackson does not speak for the adminis-

tration. There is nothing written that says you have to be a female or that you have to participate in the pageant," said Peoples.

When students first heard about a male running for Miss Southern, they were uneasy because it was "Rufus vs. tradition," said Young. But now that students have heard his

reasons for entering the pageant, his bid for the title has more support, Young added. He says now students view his entry as "Rufus against the administration," and students are more willing to support his battle against the "big bad administration than tradition."

So, just why would a guy like Young be

interested in entering a beauty contest? Young says his motive is to give Miss Southern more power and prestige on campus.

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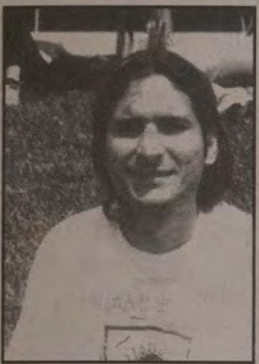
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- 2) I do, it is there. Many will wander by and enter. And it has good bagels.

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- 1) Good idea, but it's taking too long to finish.
- 2) Yes. But must market the things the union has to offer.

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"We've been to Alabama already this year, so this trip is no big deal," Bergman said of the team's first trip outside the state in over two months. "We've played a lot more quality teams on the road than they have."

If the Knights can win two of three against JSU, they will move into the double-elimination TAAC tournament, which UCF won in 1993 and 1995-96. An automatic bid to the NCAA Regional tournament accompanies the conference title.

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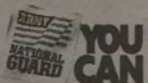
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Sports

UCF hoping to make some racket at NCAAs

By TONY MEJIA
Staff Writer

The setting was a USTA Satellite Tournament in Hilton Head, S.C. Staged in a battle of ground strokes and drop shots were representatives from two extremes, as a veteran college coach duelled an aspiring amateur.

The coach was UCF's Gail Falkenberg, who came away with a 7-5, 2-6, 6-4 victory against the University of Michigan's Tamika Harris.

On Friday, their paths will meet again.

For the first time in school history, UCF women's tennis will participate in the NCAA Tournament, heading for Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tenn., as the seventh seed in the

Southeast region. Their first-round draw — none other than Harris and the Big Ten champion Michigan Wolverines. Michigan is seeded second and will play UCF in the first round. The winner plays the winner of the South Florida-Miami matchup.

Incidentally, the third-seeded USF Bulls are the only team UCF has lost to this season.

Falkenberg said this is the first year UCF was truly given a fair chance to succeed.

"This has been a five-year process in that we haven't had as many scholarships or financial support as many of other programs enjoy," Falkenberg said. "What we are seeing is the result in the increase of the funding of the program. We were

finally able to recruit solid players to play for UCF and it is all proof that the school is making a commitment to women's sports."

UCF has made the most of its opportunity to be on a level playing field, finishing high enough in the nation's rankings to qualify for the tournament. Falkenberg said because the tournament is in such an early stage, automatic bids have yet to evolve, so the only way to qualify is to be ranked among the nation's elite.

There is a downside, however, because UCF has not played competitively in close to a month.

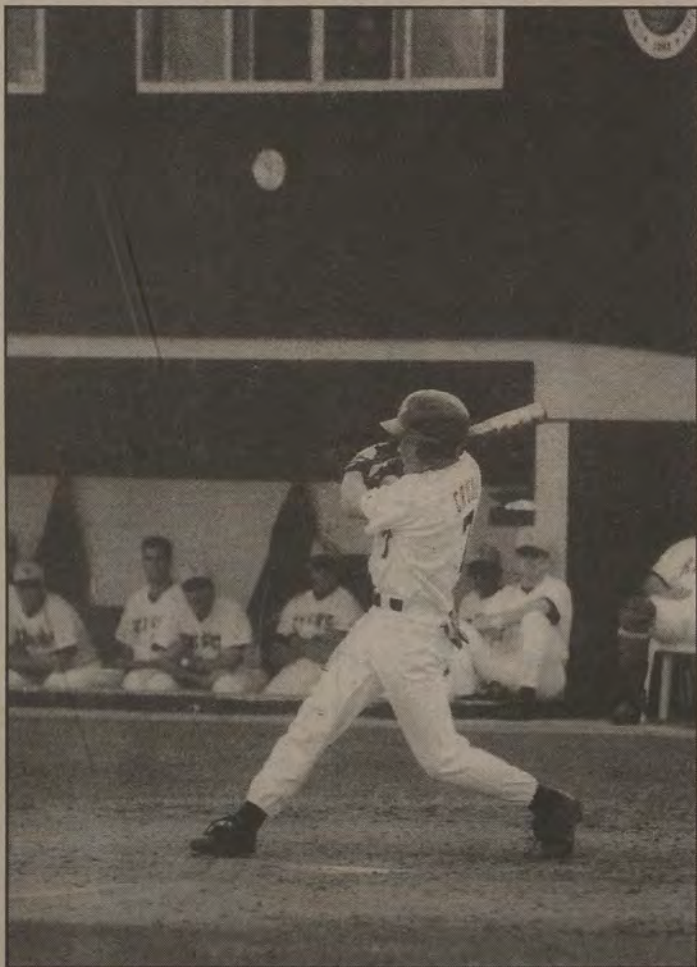
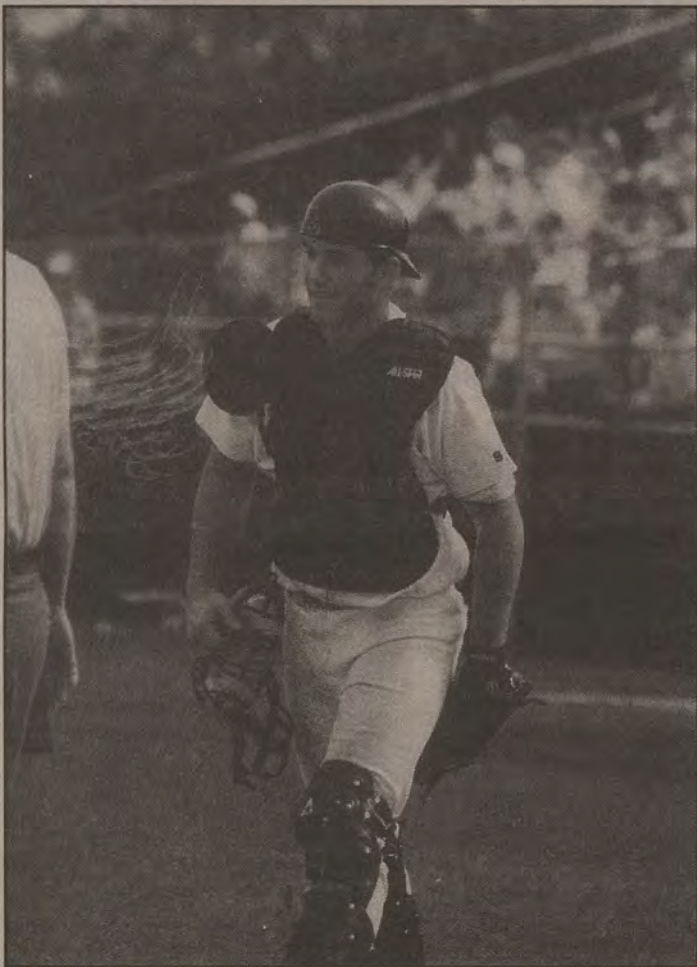
"It is going to be interesting to see how we play following this layoff. We won the TAAC tournament early last month and have been unable to play ever since,"

Falkenberg said. "That is a decisive disadvantage because tennis is a game in which you have to be match tough, so we'll just have to have our games come together in practice."

No matter the outcome, it is a tremendous accomplishment for UCF to have attained this level of national prominence, and can only help the program gain respect, notoriety and schedule strength in the years to come.

As for the task at hand, UCF needs only to glance at Falkenberg for inspiration, drawing strength from the world's 980th-ranked player, one of the few individual coaches who still plays competitively.

After all, it's not like she's asking them to do anything she hasn't done before.



Top photo, catcher Eric Johnson led UCF in doubles (13) and triples (three). Above, Will Croud provided four home runs from the leadoff position.

Baseball team starts title defense in Alabama

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It's time to forget about the regular season.

Don't worry that the UCF's baseball team lost four of its last six games.

And its last-place finish in the TAAC Southern Division? Not a problem.

Why no worries? Because it's playoff time, and the regular season is but a memory.

The Golden Knights have to focus on winning two out of three games this weekend on the road against Jacksonville State (Ala.) if they want to secure their fourth division title in five years and a return trip to the College World Series.

The regular season came to a disappointing end this weekend against Stetson (31-22-1, 10-8) in DeLand. The Hatters took two of three from UCF (34-21, 7-10), splitting a doubleheader

Saturday and clobbering the Knights 16-0 on Friday.

In Saturday's first game, Stetson touched George Schmidt (7-3) for five runs in the bottom of the sixth inning, exposing UCF's bullpen struggles since the dismissal of reliever Marco Ramirez.

UCF coach Jay Bergman was ejected for the second time this season after arguing the day's pivotal play. Stetson catcher Sammy Serrano threw into left field trying to throw out Esix Snead at third base, and Snead came home to break a 4-4 tie. C.J. Fagan's throw arrived at the plate with Snead, and umpire Rick Darby called Snead out, sending Bergman charging

from the dugout.

Bergman sat out the second game as Stetson took a 3-1 lead after three innings. UCF took the lead on home runs by Will Croud, Frank Fucile and Greg Pacitti, and withstood a seventh-inning rally for a 7-6, face-saving victory.

Stetson banged out 16 hits on Friday, including two home runs by All-American shortstop Kevin Nicholson, and pitcher Eric Knott (6-6) yielded only five as UCF was shut out for the first time since April 5 of last year.

"Guys were just hitting balls all over the place, and finding the holes," Nicholson said. Every time

impressive regular-season statistics. The Gamecocks were second in the conference in batting average and fielding, and first in team ERA and slugging percentage. Second baseman Roby Brooks was second in the TAAC in batting average (.402) and triples (4), first in doubles (22) and fifth in slugging (.740), while third baseman Mike Garner led in home runs (18), slugging (.809) and RBIs (71). On the mound, righty J.R. Allen led the TAAC with a 8-0 record and 2.04 ERA. Ricky Collins (9-0, 3.34) and Lee Hinkson (9-2, 4.76) also won important conference games.

Golden Performers:

ALL GAMES												
Name		G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB	AVG	FLD
Pat Williamson	3B	45	133	22	54	2	0	1	27	5	.406*	.976
Eric Johnson	C	52	184	35	62	13*	3*	5	31	5	.337	.966
Eric Riggs	2B	54*	224*	45	72*	10	2	8	36	5	.321	.944
Will Croud	CF	46	168	44	53	12	1	4	28	16*	.315	.938
Todd Bellhorn	DH	54*	184	39	56	11	0	4	40	1	.304	.900
Gregg Pacitti	LF	54*	196	48*	57	10	1	10*	49*	15	.291	.981
Dustin Brisson	1B	53	162	27	47	12	0	7	33	2	.290	.986*
CONFERENCE GAMES												
Johnson		16	56	7	24	3	0	1	5	1	.429	
Williamson		17	56	9	22	1	0	1	9	2	.393	
Riggs		17	64	11	21	2	0	2	10	2	.328	
Bellhorn		17	57	10	18	2	0	1	9	1	.316	
Pacitti		17	58	12	17	2	1	3	17	5	.293	

UCF hit the ball sharply, it was at somebody."

But that is all forgotten now that tournament time has arrived.

"Everybody's 0-0, you can take all the season stats and throw them out the window," Bergman said. "You're not playing against another team in the playoffs, you're playing against yourself."

"All you play all year for is to get into the conference tournament, now it's a new season," assistant Greg Frady said.

The new season starts Friday night against Jacksonville State (38-11, 14-4), a team UCF did not face this year.

On paper, JSU put together

"But they haven't seen our pitching staff yet," pitching assistant Craig Cozart said.

Despite an impressive .298 team batting average, UCF was eighth in the 12-team conference. The Knights were eighth in slugging, fifth in fielding percentage, and second in team ERA.

But the games are played on green grass rather than white paper.

"We don't know how to match up against them, but it isn't going to matter if we don't go up there and play good baseball," Frady said.