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Newspaper leaps into the Future

By OLIVIA K. CURNOW
Managing Editor

For students who rarely visit campus or alumni who miss the university they once called home, The Central Florida Future is now online through Digital City Orlando.

"We're extremely excited by having our second association with Digital City Orlando after our success with Into the Knights," said Windy Hall, president of Knight Publishing, who owns both publications. "We've had great response."

The site features the entire publication, including news, sports, opinion, classifieds and photographs. Hall hopes to include a variety of features in the coming weeks:

- Self-help tips, such as how to get along with roommates and understanding the registration process;
- Campus maps and computer lab hours;
- A bulletin board for visitors to sound off their thoughts about campus news;
- Calendars providing information about entertainment occurring on and off campus;
- Late-breaking news;
- Quick email response to writers by clicking the mouse button on the reporter's byline.

The campus newspaper, which commemorates its 30th anniversary this year, is now available through www.orlando.digitalcity.com/future. The web address will change to www.ucffuture.com within two to three weeks.

White House scandal has professors, students talking

By OLIVIA K. CURNOW
Managing Editor

The scandal between President Bill Clinton and White House intern Monica Lewinsky has been on everyone's lips since the news of a possible affair first broke.

The president has been

accused of having sexual relations with Lewinsky and then asking her to lie about it in her deposition for the Paula Jones case, in which Clinton is being charged with sexual harassment. Both Clinton and Lewinsky have denied any occurrences of an affair.

Professors at UCF, along

with the rest of the nation, have been paying close attention to the videotapes of Clinton and Lewinsky greeting.

Dr. Stacey Dunn, an assistant professor in the psychology department who specializes in body image, calls the tapes "confirmatory data."

"When people have an opin-

ion one way where they are questioning his morality and looking for indication of intimacy, they will see it," she said. "Others who are unsure or more objective will just interpret the gestures as a warm, communicated familiar-

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The Rock

The Fitness and Health Tour brought students out to exercise on the Green on Jan. 26. See story, page 3.

Thousands live by looking over their shoulders

By GWEN R. RHODES
Staff Writer

Stalking is a crime that crosses all barriers of age, race and gender; However, there are some aspects of a student's life that make them a prime target for stalkers.

The UCF Victims' Services Office sponsors a program to help prevent stalking incidents and to help victims of stalkers overcome the crime.

One out of 20,000 women will be stalked at some time in their lives, according to Park Dietz, professor of psychiatry at the University of California-Los Angeles and a frequent consultant for the FBI.

The FBI estimates that 200,000 people per year are stalked in the United States.

Stalking is defined as a knowing and willful course of conduct by any person who deliberately, maliciously and repeatedly follows or harasses another person.

Stalking is a combined group of non-criminal behaviors, which in totality equals a crime.

"The new laws on stalking criminalizes three types of conduct," said Mary McCunn, UCF victim services advocate.

The three types of behaviors are: the course of conduct, harassment and credible threat.

Course of conduct is defined as a pattern of conduct composed of a series of acts over a period of time, however short, evidencing a continuity of purpose.

"The key to understanding this crime

Course to teach students how to be medical coders

By JAMES COMBS
Staff Writer

UCF's Professional Development Center in South Orlando is offering an entry-level course in medical coding.

The course will begin March 24 and last six months. It will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30 p.m. to 9

p.m. at the Professional Development Center.

"The purpose of the Medical Coding Certificate Program is to prepare people to become well trained medical coders," said John Duryea, director of the center. "They will be able to find entry-level positions as medical coders in insurance companies, doctor offices, clin-

ics and other health-related facilities. All doctors have medical coders."

Mitch Sirota, the center's program associate, said people who complete the course will learn how to put number codes on such things as operations and medicines. Then they will give it a price and send the code to an insurance company.

The program offers two different courses: terminology and basic coding.

The terminology course, which lasts 14 weeks, will focus on anatomy and physiology. It will also cover medical definitions on topics like diseases and diagnosis.

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UCF helps children learn to read

By JENNIFER ANDREWS
Staff Writer

Through the help of Dr. LeVester Tubbs, vice president of student affairs, UCF has decided to become more like a family to the Orlando community.

In early January, the student body received an e-mail about a project called Americorp. This project was started by President Clinton in an effort to get more Americans involved in their local community.

Tubbs' vision is to get the community service learning component within UCF to help coordinate efforts for a service learning that spans the entire university. To accomplish this goal, Tubbs said he began the America Reads project and two other community service projects as well: Athletes and Service to Americans.

The America Reads campaign focuses strictly on the goal to end illiteracy.

Corps members of all ages volunteer their time to teach children to read. The volunteers usually have a common thread bonding them to form a cohesive unit. For their volunteer work, they receive a living allowance and students receive an educational award.

How did UCF get the start up funds for the project?

Phyllis Ledbetter said the university was granted additional financial aid funds for the purpose of this project, and those students who qualify for work study have the opportunity to make up to \$7 and \$8 an hour.

Volunteers will be paid because the most help is needed in Western Orlando and the downtown area. The volunteers will have to com-

mute to work.

"The areas the project is focusing on are predominantly sites at Parramore Heritage Center and The Jackie Robinson Little League program through The Dr. Smith Center," Ledbetter said. "But the volunteers are required to have a minimum of 10 hours and no more than 20 hours."

Although this requires driving to work, students such as Paul DeLaPena said he does not think of it as a sacrifice to help a child.

"A short car ride is but a small price to pay for the opportunity to have a lasting effect on a young child's mind," DeLaPena said.

When asked about the response of the student body concerning this project, Ledbetter said it was so positive that some people were even willing to volunteer free of charge.



Photo by PETER KUNDIS

Dinosaurs invade UCF

While learning about dinosaurs, students in Marybeth Matta's class at the Creative School for Children created their own dinosaur museum by making a stegosaurus, tyrannosaurus rex and dinosaur eggs.

Walking trail allows students to commune with nature

By DAWN MYERS
Staff Writer

Recreational Services is making a walking trail that will be along the Lake Claire Courtyard Apartments. The trail will be about one mile long and it will wind around the unique greenery including carnivore plants.

Student Jerimiah Jackson is employed by recreational services to complete the first phase, which is a four-foot-wide trail.

Jackson obtained a map of the campus from the physical plant and located two service roads around the lake. The use of those roads are enabling him to plan the route of the trail with the least amount of damage to the environment.

Alpha Phi Omega and Tau Kappa Epsilon have donated time to the project.

"We have to cut back the brush, carry out the leaves and throw the mulch down," Jackson said. "It just takes a

lot of time."

Once the first stage of the project is done, recreational services hopes to find donors and make the trail into a boardwalk. Most of the area around the lake is marshy wetland. A boardwalk would enable hikers to view more of the lake.

Ben Johnson, a business major, made a replica of the recreation area as a capital improvement project for his cornerstone class.

Johnson focused on remodeling the park to be more beneficial for the use of the students.

Loren Knutson, director of recreational services, said he liked the idea and with the help of Johnson was able to request \$80,000 in funds to begin renovating the recreation area.

These funds were allocated over a period of five years.

Recreational services has been able to build a dock, renovate both picnic areas with concrete and add tables

and lighting.

It also has put in a paved sidewalk to the lake, built a gazebo, sand volleyball court, restroom facilities and an equipment room to house the canoes, kayaks, row boats and paddle boats.

Future renovations include the walking trail, resodding the field, installing irrigation system, roping off the swimming area and installing a children's playground.

Although recreational services does not have the personnel to open the equipment room daily, it hopes to receive additional funding in the future to allow students access to the boats. However, when organizations reserve the area at Lake Claire, they will be entitled to the use of the equipment.

If an organization would like to help with the walking trail, contact Jerimiah Jackson through the Recreational Services Office.

Lonely roommates hope game will improve their love lives

By GWEN R. RHODES
Staff Writer

Get that lonely roommate out of your hair by setting them up on a date with the mate of your choice in the roommate dating game to be held on Feb. 10 at 8 p.m. The event will take place at Locos, which is located in the Student Union.

"Come see a show and get dinner while you're there," said Kelli Belfatto, popular entertainment director for the Campus Activities Board (CAB).

The CAB sponsored event will take a pair of roommates and match them up with dates for Valentine's Day.

The number of pairs of roommates that will be set up with a date depends on the number of people that sign up to participate either as dates or contestants, Belfatto said.

"We're hoping to get at least three separate sets of roommates," she said.

In this version of The Dating Game, a pair of roommates will come up with a list of personal questions to ask a three-person panel of contestants.

Belfatto explained how the game will be played.

"Roommate A will ask the questions of the panel for roommate B, and then roommate A will pick roommate B's date based on the answers to the ques-

tions," Belfatto said. "Then the roles will reverse and roommate B will do the same for roommate A."

"We will have at least one set of male roommates and one set of female roommates."

The roommates will go out on a double date on Valentine's Day to either the Comedy Zone or somewhere for dinner. The dinner location had not yet been chosen, Belfatto said.

"We decided that this would be a fun activity because it is different from the norm," Belfatto said. "It will be different from the Singled Out activity we sponsored last semester. The contestants will be narrowed down to three instead of the 50 like was done in the Singled Out event."

Locos was chosen because the roommates and contestants can be separated so that no one sees each other before they are supposed to, Belfatto said.

"It is one of the rules like in The Dating Game," she said. "Locos is planning on having a food special so we are encouraging people to come and watch the show and have a bite to eat at the same time."

Anyone who is interested in being a roommate/contestant or possible date can call 823-6471.

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Students play games, get informed on health issues

By NICHOLE KING
Staff Writer

The 1998 Fitness and Health Tour kicked off at UCF on Jan. 26. The two-day fair blended fun and games with serious messages about health issues.

Games such as the rock wall climb, the gladiator duel and the velcro wall were offered to students as a safe way to relieve stress, said Ken Gistedt, tour director.

"We're not out here to lecture to students about drinking just to inform them that they do have

choices like not getting into a car with someone who has been drinking," Gistedt said. "It also gives organizations from the school to come out and promote themselves."

UCF's Student Health Services used the event to promote its Get in Shape For Spring Break week, which included a body image workshop and lectures on nutrition and reducing stress.

Jamie Gordon, 20, works for the Peer Education Program and represented student health services at the fair.

"We look forward to these type of interactions," Gordon said. "It's a good way to educate students about college health issues and it's a lot of fun too."

Marketing event coordinators Carlos Bedoya and Steve Ewing said they enjoy visiting college campuses throughout the United States.

"Students get information about alcohol, drugs and exercise," Bedoya said. "The main issue is to show students that there is a way to have fun in a safe way."

Ewing agreed with Bedoya.

"It's a stress reliever for the students and gives them a natural high," Ewing said. "Most of the games are challenging and the participants feel a sense of accomplishment when they have finished playing. I get a kick out of it because I get to watch everyone have so much fun."

Michelle Dasilva, 19, took part in the bungee challenge with a friend.

"I came last year and definitely wanted to come back," Dasilva said. "You get free stuff and students get the messages about health in a fun way."

"The theme is to stay healthy and protect yourself from everything from sexual diseases to cancer caused from the sun," said Allison Hulick, 19. "I definitely recommend people to come here. There's action with the games and a good message too."

The Health and Fitness Tour is sponsored by the international chapter of BACCHUS & GAMMA and several participating companies. The tour visits UCF annually.

First-time UCF professor wins AMSA award

By OLIVIA K. CURNOW
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Dr. Laurence VonKalm, a biology professor, received the Golden Apple Award from the American Medical Student Association (AMSA) after teaching at UCF for only one semester.

"I was very surprised to receive the award," VonKalm said. "It makes a big difference when students go this far to show their appreciation."

Each year, AMSA gives the Golden Apple Award to a different professor at UCF, regardless of the subject they teach because AMSA members have a variety of majors. However, a teacher can not receive the award two years in a row.

VonKalm taught general genetics and embryology and development in fall 1997 and apparently made quite an impression.

Scott Wilcheck, president of AMSA, was enrolled in VonKalm's genetics class.

"He is a mentor to students," Wilcheck said. "He has gone out of his way to assist students on both a personal level and an academic level."

VonKalm expressed his gratitude toward AMSA.

"It has encouraged me to work just as hard because it's their way of showing how much they appreciate it," he said. "It's not so much how the course is taught, but how much interest you show in the students."

SG announces candidates for spring elections

By OLIVIA K. CURNOW
Managing Editor

President and vice president hopefuls will be campaigning in the next couple of weeks, and Student Government will attempt to attract more students to the spring 1998 elections.

Candidates for SG president and vice president are as follows: Alberto Amoros and Chris Gonzalez; Dominic Fariello and Tami Johnson; and Jason Murphy and Richard Maxwell.

The SG Election Commission

will be hiring disc jockeys to entertain at the voting booths, handing out promotional items and awarding various prizes from area merchant through a random drawing.

The elections will be held on the main campus from Feb. 17-18 from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m.



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Everyone has opinion on Clinton scandal

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ity."

Dunn said at this point she does not think the interpretations are substantial.

"They are grossly biased," she said. "It is unfair and a mistake to interpret them."

Although junior Matt Bross does not think the public should be so quick to judge the president's actions, he thought the greeting was questionable.

"Why would you be hugging your intern?" he asked. "Why would you show so much affection? That's a little fishy."

Computer engineering major Gamma Dean thinks the controversy is not worth what it's being made out to be.

"The American people knew what kind of person they were electing when they voted for Bill Clinton," he said. "The media is blowing it-out of proportion. It's all about ratings."

Ron Smith, who teaches media ethics in the School

of Communication, said the story is worthy enough to be covered, but he agrees that there is too much media.

"The story was uncovered by a news magazine reporter, broken by an Internet newsletter and then covered by every news outlet," he said. "Even local TV stations were sending reporters to Washington."

"What happens in that kind of media frenzy is that rumors get printed. And, then the graphics people, particularly on TV, treat the presidential scandal as if it's Monday Night Football. All the flash and all the hype cause some people to conclude the story is the creation of the media."

Sophomore Julie Walls said Clinton should expect the attention from both the media and the American people.

"As a major public figure, he knows that people are going to make his personal life their business," she said.

Dr. Hutch Pollack, a pro-

fessor of political science, said questions of Clinton's sexual morality should be left out of the investigation.

"If all it is is an affair between the president and a White House intern, then he can not be impeached," he said. "If it involves him encouraging or suggesting the woman lie about it, then he can [be impeached]."

If the allegations against Clinton prove to be true, then the House of Representatives can return an indictment on the grounds of perjury, a high crime that is serious enough for impeachment. Clinton will then have to stand trial in the Senate with the chiefs of justice presiding.

"If he's found guilty of making her lie under oath, then he should be impeached," Bross said. "If he's found guilty of sleeping with her, then he should step down himself. Any president should be of the highest morals and ideals."

Experienced coder to teach course

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The basic coding course will last 12 weeks. It will focus on three kinds of medical codings. The first two codes students will learn, ICD and CPT, are codes used in doctor offices and health clinics, Sirota said. The third code, DRG, is commonly used in hospitals and used to code surgeries.

Students can take a competency test on anatomy and physiology, Sirota said. Students who pass the test will be exempt from taking the terminology course.

Low Fear, who owns a medical coding company, will teach the course. He has done medical coding in the military, hospitals and the private sector.

"His experience and tremendous background is a big advantage for students taking the course," Sirota said. "He will be very good to work with the students and help them understand the coding aspect."

Duryea said entry-level jobs in med-

ical coding start at \$10-\$12 per hour. Some people can do independent work and earn up to \$50,000 a year.

"This is a great program for career changes as well as those already working in the medical field who want to expand their career opportunities," Duryea said. "The whole point of this program is to help people get a job as quickly as possible. The room for growth in this field is good."

Duryea said the program will benefit students who have a knowledge of anatomy/physiology and medical terms before entering the course. An associate of arts degree is not required for registration.

The program costs \$990. A certificate of completion will be issued for those who complete the course.

"That will help students get jobs at an entry level in small medical practices," Duryea said.

For more information or a brochure on the program, call UCF's Professional Development Center at (407) 856-6585.

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Shortness of concentration should not be barrier to success

By **LINDA RAMOS**
Staff Writer

Lack of concentration is one of the main reasons students give as a barrier to their collegiate success.

In George M. Usova's book *Efficient Study Strategies: Skills for Successful Learning*, the definition of concentration is the ability to focus on one thing at a time.

One of the many causes of poor concentration can be attributed to distractions.

In order to gain the ability to concentrate, a person needs to identify their distractions, eliminate them and develop a concentration tracking system.

Carol C. Kanar, *The Confident Student*, divides distractions into two categories: internal and external.

Internal distractions are those that develop within you such as hunger, sleepiness, sickness and stress. Eliminating these distractions seems obvious: eat when hungry, sleep when tired and rest when sick.

Eliminating stress, worry and frustration however is less obvious. How can you study for that math exam when your mind

is constantly bombarded by the thought of that term paper due tomorrow you have not wrote?

The best way to eliminate internal stress distractions is to acknowledge them. Face these negative feelings, prioritize them and mentally push them aside. Give yourself a worry break.

For example, study for an hour and then give yourself a ten-minute break to worry about everything else. You will then be able to resume studying with less stress on your mind.

External distractions are those that arise outside of you such as noise, temperature, unavailable resources, friends. Sometimes these distractions seem to be beyond your control.

However, rather than react to them, just take them in stride.

If your classroom is always cold, which prevents you from listening to the lecture, take a sweater. If there is a construction crew outside your dorm and the noise prevents you from studying, then go to the library.

If the library does not have a book for your research paper don't resign yourself to write a bad paper. Take the opportunity to find other resources that might be better.

Finally, don't be afraid to say no to your friends when they are tempting to lure you away from your concentrated efforts.

One way to keep track of your concentration efforts is to use a checkmark technique.

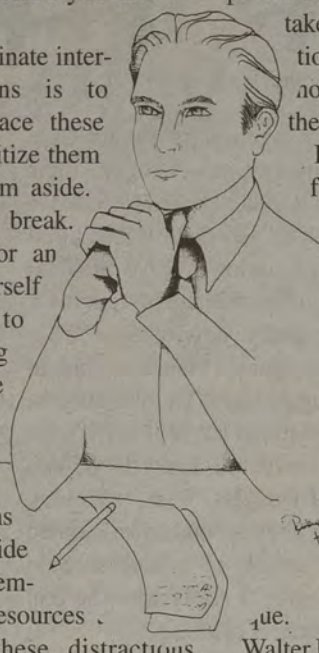
Walter Pauk, in *How to Study in College*,

describes this technique as a way to catch yourself whenever you are not concentrating.

Designate a piece of paper as your checkmark board. At any time you are studying or are in class and you start to lose your concentration to any distraction place a checkmark on the board. The technique's goal is to get as few checkmarks on the board as possible.

Poor concentration does not need to be a barrier to your college success. Identify your distractions, eliminate them and mentally resolve to stay focused.

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UCF to lace up its dancing shoes

By **DAWN MYERS**
Staff Writer

Association.

The dates for Greek Week have officially been set for March 28 to April 5. The week will begin with the Dance Marathon, which will benefit the Children's Miracle Network.

Dancers can sign up between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Feb. 4 and Feb. 5 in front of the Student Union. Partner pairings are posted in the Greek Council Office.

In other Greek news

• Alpha Tau Omega is holding its annual Excalibur Medieval Fair on Feb. 7 and Feb. 8. The weekend begins with the Fairest Maiden contest on Feb. 6 at its fraternity house on Greek Park Drive.

The fair will begin at 11 a.m. on Saturday. Sororities will be competing in games such as human checkers and canoe jousting. The games are open to the community and all UCF students.

The proceeds will benefit the Muscular Dystrophy

• Alpha Xi Delta is planning its annual philanthropy event, Xi-Man. The competition will be held on March 11 in the Student Center auditorium.

Contestants will be judged in five areas: interview, business attire, on-stage question, talent and swim wear. The deadline for applications is on Feb. 18.

All proceeds will be donated to Choose Children.

• Delta Delta Delta traveled to New Orleans during the winter break to compete in the National College Flag Football Championship. Tri-Delta represented UCF in the tournament that had 40 female teams competing.

Its only loss was in the quarterfinals against a team from Mexico, which resulted in a sixth-place ranking.

"It was such a great time," Katie Diedker said. "We learned a lot about different playing styles. The way the Mexican teams could pitch the ball was phenomenal."

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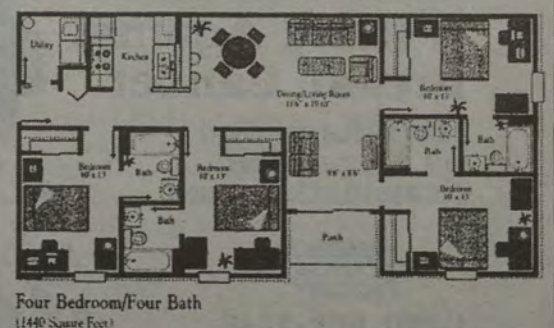
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LEAD STORIES

• **Hard Times for Canadian Strippers:** According to December news reports, Mexico stepped up what had been a low-key immigration policy: Canadian and U.S. nude dancers would no longer be permitted into the country to work under the special "high technology" skills category of NAFTA. And in Winnipeg, Manitoba, stripper Carole Levesque filed a lawsuit against the local police because officers forced her to raise her hands over her head during a drug raid despite her truthful protest that recent breast-enhancement surgery had left her unable to do that without pain.

• **What Goes Around, Comes Around:** Since taking control of most of Afghanistan in September 1996, the religious Taliban army has enforced strict, conservative Islamic rule, especially regarding the work, recreation and dress of women. Now, according to a report in the London Daily Telegraph in November, a splinter Muslim group about 200 miles north of Kabul has begun to train a women-only battalion to fight the Taliban. Females from the Hazaras, a Turkic Mongol ethnic group, have been training at a secret location and will soon begin a major recruiting campaign.

• **Tough Guys:** In Paris in December, just before being convicted of the murders of two counterespionage agents, international terrorist Carlos the Jackal was sentenced to 10 days' solitary confinement for calling a prison guard a "gnu." Two weeks later, Montreal Canadiens' defenseman Dave Manson underwent surgery to remove a Christmas tree needle that had gotten stuck in his ear.

COMPELLING EXPLANATIONS

• David S. Marion, 36, and Michael C. Ahorn, 35, were found naked in a car in a public parking lot in East St. Louis, Ill., in November, having sex, and were charged with public indecency. According to the arresting officer, Marion said, "I know it was wrong, but I just couldn't wait."

• William Garland, the father of the late rap singer Tupac Shakur, fighting for part of Shakur's multimillion-dollar estate in Los

Angeles in August, despite his having had no contact with his son after age 5, pointed out at a hearing how he was a good father. For example, he said he would often tuck in little Tupac, a bed-wetter, with another Garland son, also a bed-wetter: "They could pee with each other."

• In July, Toronto courier Alan Wayne Scott, 47, lost a three-year battle when the Ontario Tax Court ruled that he took improper business deductions. Scott, who makes deliveries on foot and by bicycle, had claimed that his body is a professional vehicle and that operating expenses (shoes, knapsack, the \$13 a day in extra high-caloric food he must consume to do his grueling work) should be tax-deductible just like an automobile's expenses are. (And, as Scott pointed out, his machine is environmentally friendly: On the day of the court's decision, a NAFTA report named Ontario the third biggest polluting jurisdiction in North America.)

• In November in Wasilla, Alaska, Duane Carr was sentenced to 28 months in prison for sexually molesting his 15-year-old baby sitter. Carr maintained that he did not know the girl was under the legal age of 16 because he and the girl are Jehovah's Witnesses, whose members do not celebrate birthdays.

THE CONTINUING CRISIS

• **Crisis at Nike:** The winner of September's annual Angeles Crest ultramarathon, which started at the Wrightwood Resort in the San Gabriel Mountains near Los Angeles and finished in Pasadena, was Mexican Tarahumara Indian Cirildo Chacarito, 52, in a time of 19 hours and 34 minutes. Incredibly (if one believes shoe ads), Chacarito beat all the guys in \$200 running shoes; he ran the race in sandals made from old automobile tires.

• Robert Kong, 13, was arrested and charged with manufacturing a destructive device, namely a 5 1/2-inch pipe bomb that he had made, gift-wrapped, and presented to a female classmate in Corvallis, Ore., for her birthday. He said he followed the instructions he had seen on an Internet site.

• In September, officials at the

Florida Agency for Health Care Administration changed their minds and decided it was OK for employee Mr. Dale Robb, hired as a counselor in 1996 after 20 years in the military, to report for work every day dressed as a woman named Sabrina. And in an August story, The Washington Post featured a recent tourist, the very masculine Larry Goodwin, 51, of Douglas, Wyo., who took in the sites around town clothed as he usually is, in a dress. Said Goodwin, "I really love the feel of women's clothing."

• According to a police report in Colerain Township, Ohio, in June, a restaurant manager trying to rid his property of drug paraphernalia turned over a homemade bong pipe that he found in a rear corridor of his building. The bong was actually a hollowed-out potato rigged with masking tape and aluminum foil, with marijuana residue inside, and had to be destroyed by the police, rather than kept as evidence, in that it was perishable food.

• City Council member Ed Walker of Brier, Wash., was charged in September with spitting on a neighbor who had put

up a yard sign touting Walker's opponent in the upcoming election. Said the neighbor to a reporter, "We've got him dead to rights. All we need is a sample of his spit (for DNA testing)."

UNDIGNIFIED DEATHS

• In September, a basketball player for Southeastern Oklahoma State University was killed near Paris, Texas, when a flying cow hit the car in which he was riding, causing the driver to lose control and crash. The cow had been sent airborne when it was hit by another car.

• In October, a court in Darwin, Australia, sentenced Christopher Sean Payne, 34, to 54 months in prison for causing the drowning of a 25-year-old woman at a local beach. Justice Sir William Kearney found that, though the intoxicated woman (0.287 blood-alcohol reading) had voluntarily gone underwater to perform fellatio on Payne, he deliberately held the victim's head too long in a "selfish" desire to "gratify yourself, to prolong your pleasure" and showed a lack of remorse in the aftermath.

RECURRING THEME

Latest Attempts by Women to Use the Law to Enforce Prostitution Contracts: In November, three teen-age girls were arrested after they called police in Oneida, N.Y., to ask for help because a man who had just had sex with them and paid them with a check for \$1,500 wrote it on an out-of-state bank that the girls couldn't get cashed. And in June, a judge in Salt Lake City dismissed Kathleen Ferguson's lawsuit against Zions First National Bank for repossessing her truck. She had sued, believing she could keep the truck because she worked out a deal by having sex with the repo man.

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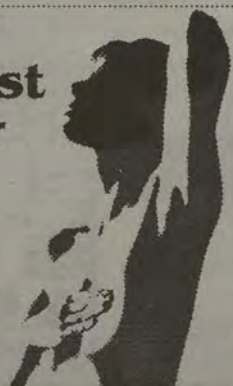
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Opinion

Early break not good for students

By **JASON HEIRONIMUS**
Opinion Editor

For one reason or another, each and every one of us picked the University of Central Florida for at least one primary reason, or perhaps for several reasons. As students we choose to attend classes at this fine institution for the sole purpose of gaining an education which will set us upon the fast track of life. In theory we believe that our chosen school is working as hard as it possibly can to make college life just that much better for us, the students. However, sometimes decisions are made which really make the hair on the back of your neck stand at attention.

As I am sure you know, or, if you don't you better prepare yourself for some pretty startling news, our spring break starts a tad earlier than the rest of the state schools. No, wait a minute, our spring break starts a lot earlier than the rest of the state schools. No, wait a minute, our spring break starts earlier than every other educational

institution in the country! Our spring break is so early that I couldn't hang out with virtually anyone grades one through twelve because even their spring break is later than ours!

I believe this to be a complete mockery of the entire spring break system. Our break is so early that the stretch after is going to feel like an eternity. I demand an explanation for this. Who exactly decided that it was their job to ruin every UCF student's spring break? Not that anyone's break will be ruined by this most unfortunate turn of events, but it definitely is not helping.

However, I think I have somewhat of an understanding of why all of the state school's spring breaks are so spread apart. Last year UCF, FSU, and UF all had the same spring breaks. It was a complete nightmare. As I remember it however, it made it one of the best spring breaks ever, for the spring breakers at least. For the merchants that rely on spring break dollars it was not so nice.

They received the bulk of their spring break dollars in one fell swoop.

Now, being someone who knows absolutely nothing about the business world, I can only guess that this would be a bad thing right? Why else would they want so drastically to spread all of the spring breaks apart? I don't think all the big boys down at the education board or whatever looked over the results of last year and said, "You know, those kids really had too good of a time last year, let's really give it to 'em this year, they'll hate everything spring break has to stand for!!!" I'm sure there was a method behind the madness, wasn't there?

So, everyone's spring break couldn't be at the same time, fair enough. But I still want to know why it is that it seems that UCF was thrown like a baby to the wolves. But it is a strange comparison because it's not as if there is even any wolves out there, just bitter silence and those annoying crickets that

always remind you how stupid and insignificant you are. Was there a meeting that some UCF representative so conveniently missed? Or was it like a raffle and UCF lost big time, and this is our prize. How was this decision made, because I think the students deserve an explanation.

Perhaps the most frustrating facet of this entire dilemma is that the timing is just so bad, sooo sooo bad. You must understand, Mardi Gras, that most treasured tradition of complete craziness, ends on the day that our break begins. That hurts. Can someone please take the dagger and twist it hard in my back, because I'm not sure that I can take much more of this. It reminds me of a an extraordinarily cruel joke. It is almost such a harsh move that I believe it to be a calculated one. How can you schedule a week of spring break that is ridiculously early and begins on the day that Mardi Gras ends? It is like going fishing without any bait.

And to add fuel to the fire, why would Valencia's break not be the same as ours. I just don't understand it. Unless my eyes have deceived me more than once isn't Valencia located something like two and a half minutes away from UCF? And isn't Valencia practically like the sister school to UCF? And don't the majority of Valencia graduates go on to UCF? Now these are just questions, but they are questions that one should consider, especially when one has the authority to virtually decide what thousands of students are going to be doing for an entire week.

Unless we can get everyone to go ahead and attend classes during our scheduled break and take off when we think a good time is for our break, we will just have to deal with it this year. We will deal what we are given and run with it and try to make the best we can out of a horribly timed spring break. And eventually, an explanation is due to every student at UCF.

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Education best defense against stalkers

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are the words 'a period of time, however short,' because people tend to think of stalking as happening over a long period of time like six months to a year.

"However, if you take these series of actions, there is no time limit. If you do these 10 things to harass that person it does not matter whether it takes you six months or two days it is still stalking and against the law."

Harassment is defined as engaging in behaviors which are directed at a specific person that causes substantial emotional distress in that person and serves no legitimate purpose.

The course of conduct and harassment level of behaviors constitute a misdemeanor.

A credible threat is defined as a threat which is made with the intent of causing the target to reasonably fear for his or her safety. The threat must be against the life of or a threat to cause bodily harm to a person. This level of behavior is a third-degree felony.

"Stalking is like no other violent crime in that it is repeated, prolonged and engulfs not only the mental well-being of the victim and their family but their entire lives," said Renee Goodale, a stalking survivor and organizer of the Tampa group Survivors of Stalking.

"What makes this crime unique in the school environment is that most students have an established routine which makes things easier for a stalker," said McCunn. "A student goes to the same classes at a prescribed time everyday and they have club meetings, hang out at certain places with the same group of friends and tend to park in the same place as possible every day. It makes them more predictable and therefore an easier target."

"Part of the problem with realizing that you are being stalked is the fact that friends and family members often tend to play down the problem," McCunn said. "They make you think that the guy who sends you little presents all the time and seems to show up at places you frequent often just has a crush on you and is just trying to win you over."

"In one case we were told of typical phone calls the victim received in which she was told by the stalker that he had seen her in Publix and she had the prettiest red sweater on. Then friends told her that the guy really liked her a lot. Her friends did not understand her fear and did not validate it for her so she did not report it until the situation got worse."

Kim Williams, a UCF victim services advocate, said trust could help stalkers.

"There is also a higher level of trust in a school environment," Williams said. "Students tend to trust the person who sits beside them three times a week in class even though they do not really know that person."

"In addition, part of the college atmosphere involves alcohol use, so the students who drink

together feel they know people better than they really do, when in reality they are strangers."

Typical themes used by stalkers include: intense infatuation, love fixation, the inability to accept the end of a relationship, jealousy and child custody disputes.

Some behaviors to look out for include but are not limited to: appearing unexpectedly at places you normally frequent and appears coincidentally at places you don't normally frequent; following you or driving by your home, school or work; repeatedly phoning, leaving messages on answering machines, faxing or repeated hang-up calls; sending unsolicited cards, letters, notes or gifts and contacting your friends, family, neighbors, boss or co-workers to check out your whereabouts or having someone you don't know do that for them.

"It is frightening how much a stalker has in common with serial killers and domestic violence abusers," said McCunn. "They all have the common theme of wanting to have power and control over you."

According to McCunn, a red flag of warning should come up if a date seems to be too persistent or exhibit inappropriate behavior.

"An example is your date might say 'this is our song' when you hear a song on the radio for the first time, and you are thinking this doesn't feel right," Williams said. "You are probably correct and should be concerned because that level of persistence is inappropriate."

"In addition, they will tend to place a lot of emphasis on symbols of the relationship and become overly attached to those symbols," McCunn said.

In many instances a stalker will have a perceived relationship with the victim, according to Williams.

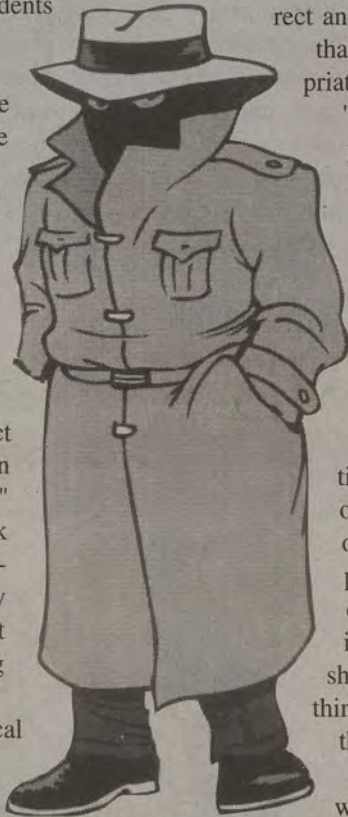
"They think you have a relationship with them even if you only know them casually or recognize them as someone you pass everyday on the way to class, and they think your hello is an invitation to a relationship," Williams said. "They will think that the victim really likes them."

The victims services advocates warn against trying to talk to the stalker to get them to leave you alone.

"This only makes them feel that they have either accomplished their objective in getting you to talk to them or made them feel more powerful that they are disrupting your life," said McCunn.

To help with this problem, the Victims Services Office has a program that addresses the issue of stalking.

The program outlines what stalking is, what the law says, what to do if you or someone you know is being stalked, what types of typical behaviors stalkers use so that you will know what to look for and how to protect yourself from being stalked. The number to call is (407) 823-5555



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Athletic department honors contributors to UCF sports

By **BRIAN SMITH**
News Editor

Nominations for the inaugural class to the UCF Hall of Fame closed on Jan. 31. A nine-member committee will select four inductees and announce their choices at the Night of Knights, which is a fundraising black-tie affair, on Feb. 18.

"We had a lot of nominations and there was great interest in it," said Thomas Scott, assistant athletic director. "The talent pool was much larger than expected."

The committee, which is comprised of former athletes, Knight Boosters, faculty representatives, alumni directors and donors will conduct a formal process to narrow the nominees to four inductees.

"It will be the selection of the board," Scott said. "It will not be a popularity contest."

The committee will conduct research of the nominees and allow John Marini, sports information director, to fill in the athletic accomplishments, Scott said.

The Hall of Fame will encompass all sports at UCF and individuals who have made a contribution to the university's athletic

program. Potential inductees can be athletes, coaches or donors.

"There were over 50 nominees from a wide section of sports and time frames," Scott said. "We had nominees from the first team to play at UCF to people who finished four years ago."

Jodi Wexelberg, marketing director, said the nominees will be judged on how they have represented UCF since they left the university.

The committee will conduct some research to see if the nominees are representing UCF in what they are doing now, Wexelberg said.

To be nominated, a candidate must be separated from the capacity to which they are nominated for four years. For example, coaches and administrators must be four years away from coaching or administrating, but they can be serving another role at the university, such as a coach who becomes a professor.

"If a student athlete is in jail, he won't be in the UCF Hall of Fame," Wexelberg said. "When somebody wants to nominate a person for the Hall of Fame, they must give their reason for nominating the person."

"If a lot of people give different

reasons for nominated a specific person, then that will have some weight with the committee. If 50 people all say Alan Gooch should be nominated for different reasons, it should add weight.

"All it could take is one person saying the right thing to get them into the Hall of Fame."

An act of kindness or something personal like being kind to animals could give weight to whether they get inducted, Wexelberg said.

Scott said UCF has an outstanding athletic program

"I believe UCF has a long and hallowed tradition of athletic programs," he said. "Great people have come to UCF."

The Hall of Fame will have its inauguration in April and be placed in a temporary facility. The Wayne Densch Sports Center and the UCF Arena are being considered for the site.

In the future, the Hall of Fame could be put in an athletic building if one is constructed.

"We're very disappointed," Wexelberg said. "Someday we will all be housed in the same building. We want something to be here that will have longevity and be in a public place."

Steve Sloan, UCF athletic

director, said the arena would be an ideal location for the Hall of Fame.

"A lot of people go there," Sloan said. "We have several thousand people who go to the arena for the different events."

With the Hall of Fame being at the arena, more people will get to see it more than anywhere else on campus, Sloan said.

In the future, the Hall of Fame will induct members on a yearly basis.

The election process will be an annual event, Scott said. During the fall 1998 semester, the Knight Boosters are planning to host a golf tournament and banquet around Homecoming so the Hall of Fame inductions occur along with the football game.

"We're such a young university that we are going little by little because there are a lot of worthy people to consider," Scott said.

Wexelberg said the nomination process will help the induction process in the future.

We are developing a pool of applicants for following years, she said.

"We don't have the years of history of a Notre Dame," Wexelberg said. "We are starting from scratch. We are going to

keep a file on the applicants because next year the nominees will be a lot of the same people."

Torchy Clark, former UCF basketball coach, said the talent pool will grow in the future.

"Every five or six years presents its own players," Clark said.

Wexelberg said the inductees and the university will both be given something that will last forever.

Those who are inducted will be given something that they can keep forever, and UCF will have something it can have forever, Wexelberg said.

Clark said it is time for UCF to have a Hall of Fame.

"I think it's great," Clark said. "It's nice they're going to have one. Every school has its tradition and it usually starts early. A Hall of Fame is something people shoot for."

Clark, who was inducted in the Florida Hall of Fame, spoke about the possibility of his induction into the UCF Hall of Fame.

"I don't expect anything ever," Clark said. "I'm proud to have done what I have done. We had seven straight nationally ranked teams in a row. We had a good run."

Woman hits man, man's dog bites woman

By **ANNEMARIE MONTALI**
Staff Writer

After Dierdre Laborde, 18, hit Joshua Jeannoel, 19, after an argument in the parking garage



on Jan. 22, Jeannoel's pit bull attacked her. The dog lunged at Laborde and bit her on the face. The bite left a small cut. When officers arrived, the dog started toward them. Jeannoel was asked to get the dog under control and then he was arrested for trespass after

warning.

Jeannoel declined to press charges for battery and was later released and issued a warning.

In other reports from the UCFPD:

• Christopher Curchy, 42, reported he had left his black luggage carrier bag in a classroom in the Education Building while he went to another room for 10 minutes on Jan. 26. When he returned, the bag was missing.

The carrier contained a Radio Shack mixer, CD player and 12 to 14 CDs. The total value of the property is about \$670. Curchy is willing to prosecute.

• Jonah Travick, 20, reported that on Jan. 20 at about 2 p.m. he parked his car in the parking garage and went to class. When he returned four hours later, he noticed the fog lights had been removed. Travick is willing to prosecute.

• Teresa Caplan, 52, reported leaving her purse in a classroom at about 9:45 p.m. on Jan. 26. When she returned to her car, she realized she did not have her purse with her. Caplan retraced her steps and could not find it.

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Men's rugby team defeats Florida Atlantic 17-6

By **BILL CAIL**
Rugby Correspondent

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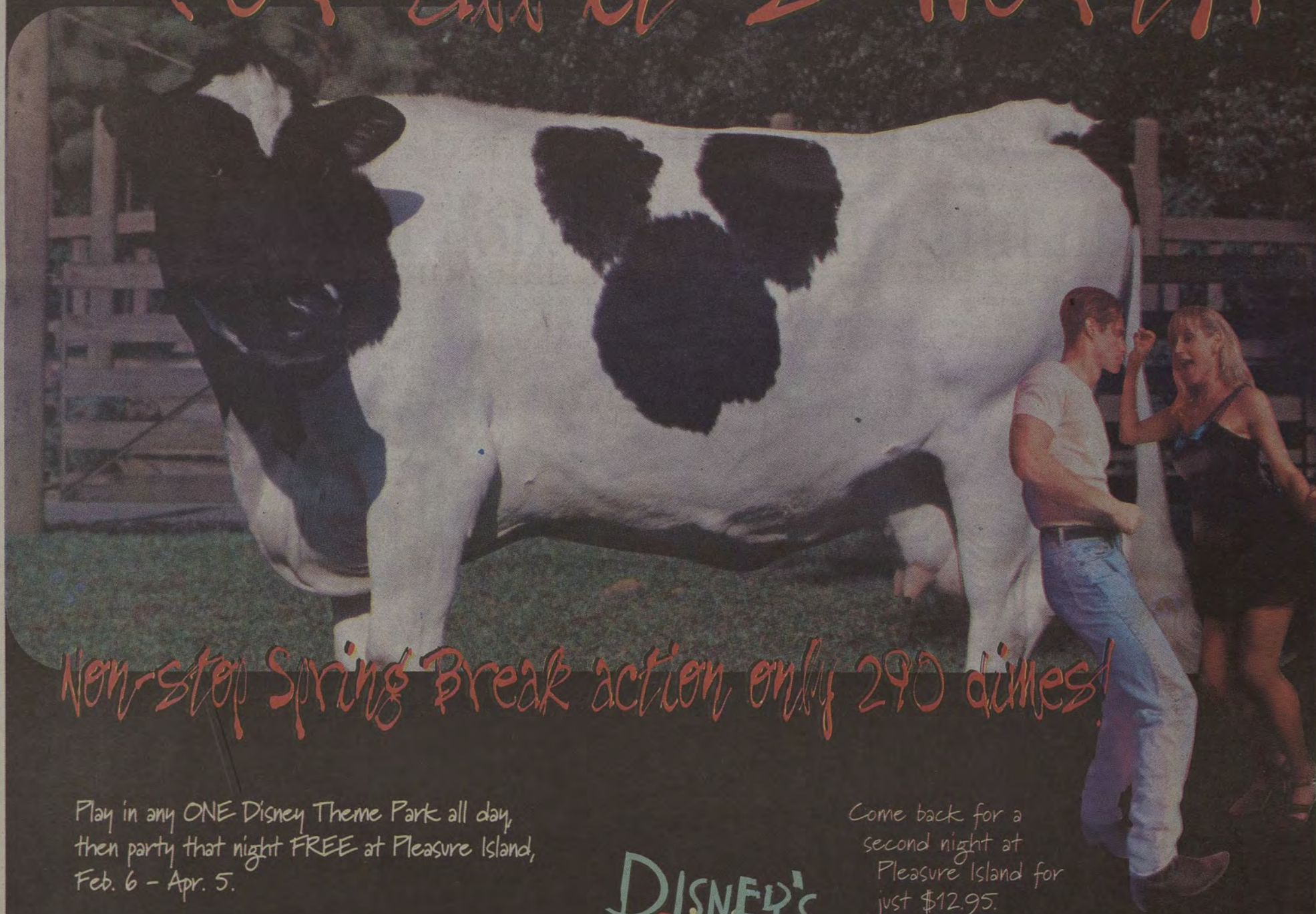
The team played a close match until halftime when

they were down 6-5. In the second half, however, the Knights shutdown FAU. The forwards for UCF completely stopped the Owls, dominating them in most scrums. The tough play of the team also led to the Knights scoring 12 unanswered points.

Scoring in the game were Nick Adelman with a try and a conversion, and Rick Bailey with two tries. UCF won the game 17-6, starting the season with a record of 1-0.

UCF's next game will be Feb. 7, at the University of Florida; and the next home game will be Feb. 14, against the University of Miami. That game will be at 2 p.m. on the intramural soccer fields.

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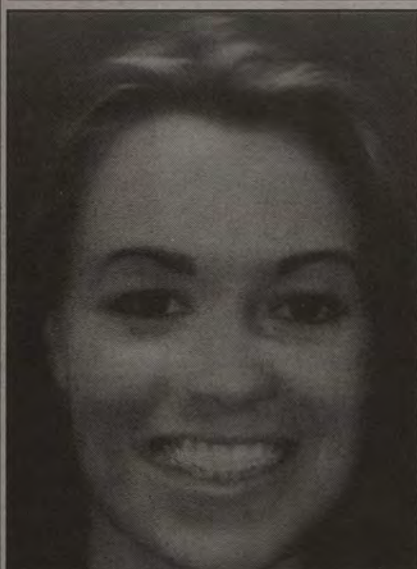
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By NATALIE NATALE
Staff Writer

It has been more than three years since "Julie's" first encounter with a cult recruiter.

"I was such an easy target," she said.

She gets upset as she talks about how she was approached. She was looking over chemistry notes in The Wild Pizza when "Sara" approached her and asked if she played sports. Sara then invited Julie to play volleyball with her and her friends the next day and they exchanged phone numbers.

"It was my second week at UCF, my first time away from home and I was homesick," Julie recalls. "My living arrangements were not ideal. I shared a dorm room in Brevard Hall with two complete strangers. I had to leave my car and my boyfriend back home. I was very lonely. I was so excited to have a new friend. I met Sara the following day at the volleyball courts and jumped right into the volleyball game. Everyone was so friendly. They all introduced themselves and welcomed me."

Over the next few weeks, Julie and Sara became better friends, sharing stories of old boyfriends, classes and home.

One night on the phone, Sara

invited Julie to a fiesta party her friends were throwing. Julie was very excited to attend her first college party and thought Sara was so lucky to have so many friends.

At the party, Julie felt very comfortable and helped herself to food and drinks, but was surprised there was no alcohol.

Two weeks later, they met in the library to study.

"We checked out a windowless study room on the third floor," Julie said. "I got out my chemistry book and Sara placed a large Bible on the table. Then Sara broke the silence.

"Julie, I used to be like you," Sara said. "I used to be Catholic. I had a boyfriend. I drank. I had to move away from home. I felt lonely. I was missing something in my life. That was before. That was before I reformed my life and became a disciple of God."

Julie expressed she was happy for the path Sara had chosen, but reminded her that her family had raised her Catholic, but Sara didn't quit.

"Julie, you shouldn't believe things just because your parents told you to believe them," Sara said. "You must believe things for yourself. My family did not accept me after I became a disciple of God.

"Do you know that you are

going to hell?" Sara continued. "Look at the horrible, ugly sin in your life. I was just like you but now I am a disciple of God. All of my friends are disciples of God too. That is what I was missing in my life."

Julie once again said she was

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"Julie, I used to be like you. I used to be Catholic. I had a boyfriend. I drank. I had to move away from home. I felt lonely. I was missing something in my life. That was before. That was before I reformed my life and became a disciple of God."

— Sara

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Catholic and impressed upon her that she believed in her religion.

"Julie, do you even know what you believe?" Sara said. "The only way anyone can get into heaven is to become a disciple of God."

Sara flipped through the pages of the Bible, quoted verses and wrote down reference numbers as she preached about them. Julie

grabbed the sheet of paper and ran out of the library and back to her dorm.

"Another girl from my dorm and I immediately looked up the verses Sara had quoted from the Bible," Julie said. "She told me that Sara was wrong. She said Sara had interpreted the Bible in a manipulating manner. No one had ever told me that I was going to hell before."

After the incident, Julie visited Campus Ministries.

"They told me Sara was probably trying to recruit me into a cult," Julie said. "I was lucky to recognize a problem before things progressed.

For the next few months, Sara continued to call Julie and invite her to go out with her and her friends. She had her roommates take messages for her.

During that semester, Julie would see Sara and her friends at the Reflecting Pond and wave. They ignored her. They turned the opposite direction and it hurt her feelings, Julie remembered.

According to A Ready Defense, by Josh McDowell, breaking ties with family, offering instant happiness, heavily promoting guilt, making harassing phone calls, shunning doubters from the group, claiming an exalted status for group members and intensely opposing society are all signs of

a cult.

Significant life events such as a move can cause one's sense of control and judgment to waiver. During these times of vulnerability, cults can try to move in and fill a person's need for security and self-esteem, McDowell explains.

Anna Jackson, campus minister for the Wesley Foundation, has heard stories like Julie's and others when dealing with students who have had contact with cults.

"I advise students to ask a lot of questions, read the scriptures for themselves and seek out the opinions of others who are not involved with the group," said Jackson.

Julie and her hometown priest discussed her brush with cult involvement.

This encounter prompted Julie to persistently explore the Catholic faith for over one year. Julie developed a renewed sense of appreciation for her beliefs. She remains a devout Catholic and has future plans of raising her children in the Catholic church.

UCF is hosting a Cult Education Program on Feb. 18 featuring speaker Bob Watts Thornburg of Boston University at 7 p.m. in the Student Union.

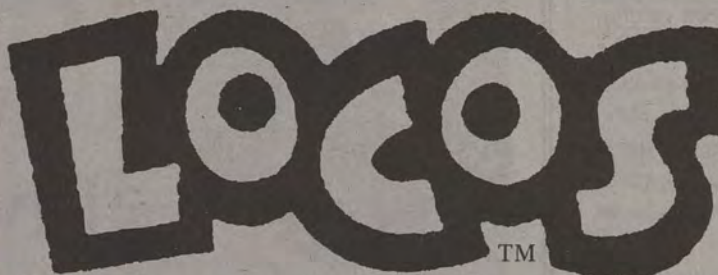
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Entertainment

A 'desperate' script with a great cast

By CORBETT TRUBEY
Entertainment Editor

In a San Francisco hospital, hundreds of peoples' lives hang in the balance, including Matthew Connor (Joseph Cross), whose cancer has gone out of remission and could be fatal unless he finds a match for a bone marrow transplant. The match could be any average Joe, but not in the reality of Hollywood. The only successful match just happens to be a homicidal sociopath bent on breaking out of prison, seeing the hospital as his only chance for freedom. Poof! You have the latest paint-by-numbers suspense drama "Desperate Measures."

Anybody could've thrown this movie together, but under the helm of a seemingly so-so film is director Barbet Schroeder, who has weirded out audiences in the past with "Single White Female" and "Kiss Of Death." A very simple and predictable set-up is twisted around with the strange bond that forms between Matthew's dad Frank (Andy Garcia) and crazy convict Peter McCabe (Michael Keaton).

The opening of the film reveals the lengths to which Frank is willing to go to save his son as we watch him break into a government office to find a bone marrow match for his son. This act of crime only complicates things later in the film, when Peter's eventual escape in the hospital makes him a target for the police, who wants him dead or alive. Frank, also an officer, cannot risk Peter's life because he needs his bone marrow to save his son, and soon Frank finds himself crossing the line once again to keep Peter from getting away without getting himself killed.

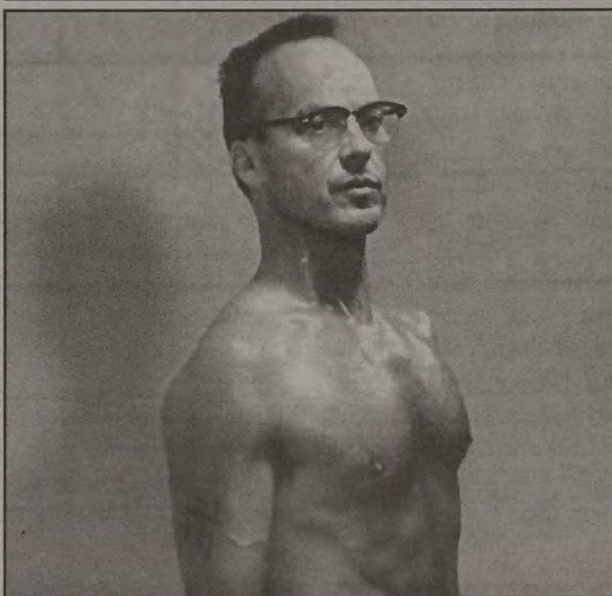
It's nice to see two of Hollywood's most underrated actors have a shot at two well-



written roles. Andy Garcia gets high marks as the world's most sensitive dad, showing intense emotion as his son gets sicker while trying to catch Peter. And while many people are used to Michael Keaton playing heroes and nice guys, his departure as the psycho Peter doesn't really break any ground for him but manages to get all the right reactions from the audience, especially when he lets off a few one-liners here and there. What's even better about Michael Keaton's role is how surprisingly violent he is, something you wouldn't expect giving the high amount of drama in the film.

Despite the massive number of law enforcement officers combing the hospital and the courageous actions of Matthew's doctor Samantha (Marcia Gay Herden), nobody can catch Peter, even though there are several moments when he could've been caught. It's a small letdown when the movie is full of stupid people, but it would've been a short movie without them. Besides, Michael Keaton is fun to watch because you're never too sure of what he'll do next.

"Desperate Measures" is a very self-explanatory title. The lengths to which people will go to save others (and themselves) is explored not too much but enough for the average movie-goer to take notice. The title also reflects the lengths a studio will go to entertain an audience, some are welcome, and some are not. If it wasn't for Schroeder's direction and a talented cast, "Desperate Measures" would've been just plain desperate.



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Michael Keaton plays the villainous Peter McCabe, the only man who can save Frank Connor's son Matthew (above, played by Andy Garcia and Joseph Cross) in "Desperate Measures."

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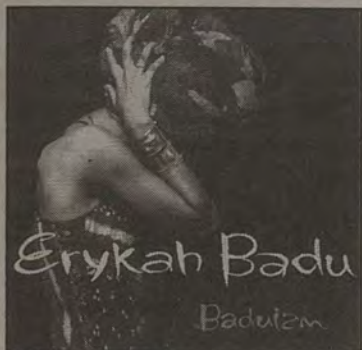
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CD reviews



Erykah Badu
Baduizm
(Universal Records)

Before I reviewed this CD, I'd heard only one of Erykah Badu's songs and I loved

it. Her reggae/ jazz sound made me immediately think of her as a "female-Bob Marley." However, to my surprise, the entire album turned out to be a variety of stories, songs, and rhythms that I loved even more than the first. "Baduizm" seems to represent Erykah's unique ability to vary her sound, just as quickly as she can change her mood. Many of you will recognize her style, and everyone will sing along to the sit-back-and-tap-song "On and On." While she dedicates some songs to knowledge, she also sings about issues such as love, stress, and heartbreak. Then, just

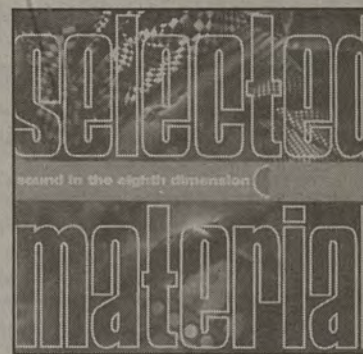
when you think you've gotten used to her, she starts advising her man on how to style his afro. Her blues-type voice seems to harmonize with whatever instruments are handy, ranging from trumpets, pianos, and bass, to bongos and street snap. This album is a definite must-have for get-togethers that house a range of music preferences. I guarantee that your guests will not only respect your CD selection, but they'll also find themselves realizing "If your knowledge were your wealth, it would be well earned."



—Shannon Wray
Music From The Motion Picture 'Titanic'
Composed And Conducted By James Horner
(Sony Music Entertainment)

their producers. All 6 tracks show a slight difference in "rrrrrocktttttheffff-funkyybbbbbbeat," yet the cuts are different than the normal house mixes I usually hear. This, in addition to one other song entitled, "Rollin' With The Chillers" is one of the reasons why this maxi-single has remained in my CD player for the past two days. I've already picked which version is my favorite and I'm sure any jungle nut will appreciate the entire CD. "Rockthefunkybeat" is definitely a wise purchase, that is iiiiiiffff yyyou like eextreme rrepetition.

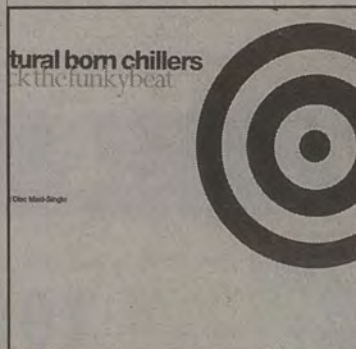
James Horner, the composer responsible for the delicate theme that accompanied this epic, has put together an amazing soundtrack that literally puts any "Titanic" lover back in the water. Of course, Celine Dion's smash hit, "My Heart Will Go On" is the climax of this CD, partly because of its heart wrenching lyrics, but also because it is simply the only piece of music with words on the entire soundtrack. If you like this type of romantic composition, then this CD will automatically become a relaxing favorite. The angelic harmony of these songs remind me of my "Enya" album, free and floating. After experiencing this motion picture on screen, and then listening to the soundtrack on top of it, you'll have no other choice but to reenact the unforgettable scenes in your mind. If you can get your hands on this sold-out soundtrack, please do, because it has potential to become a make-out favorite.



— Shannon Wray
Sound In The Eighth Dimension
Selected Material
(Eighth Dimension Recordings)

Eighth Dimension Recordings, and all its talent, has been stirring up attention the past few years not just in Orlando, where they're based, but in clubs, bars, and CD players all over the country. Selected Material is a showcase of their best work, a beat-soaked journey through acid jazz, jungle, dub, and tripp-hop that can make you put your head back and close your eyes while moving your feet at the same time. Many of the productions on this massive double CD compilation come courtesy of many popular local DJs: DJ BMF (well-known for putting on the weekly Phat n Jazzy gatherings at Sapphire Supper Club), Q-Burns Abstract Message (who makes regular appearances at Knock Knock), Pimp Daddy Nash (resident of the Go Lounge), and Mot (heard at Icon on the weekends). Along with groups Dubmarine, Lickerish Quartet, and others, Selected Material is the most well put-together compilation to come out in a while. While the album flows with a smooth edge to it the whole way through, you can hear the distinct differences in each artists' sound, from BMF's "Sound In The Round" (a great party track) to Lickerish Quartet's "Listening," a spacy jungle groove. Once again, Orlando becomes the home for another unique group of producers, and Selected Material is surely only a sign of what's to come.

— Corbett Trubey



—Shannon Wray
Natural Born Chillers
"Rockthefunkybeat"
(Warner Bros.)


Ok, so after hearing this single for the first time downtown it gave me a really big headache. However, the repetition got to me. Soon, I found myself uttering the very same words that annoyed the hell out of me the night before... over and over and over. This maxi-single, which will probably become common knowledge to any spinner's rotation, clearly shows the unique remix tactics of the Natural Born Chillers and all of



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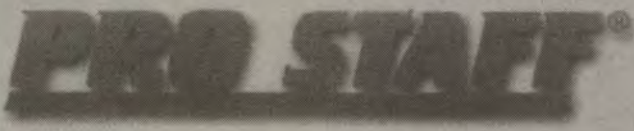
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Chance to study abroad made simple with site

By STEVE BARNES
Web Editor



Would you like to travel the world, meet exciting people and earn college credit? If so, you'll want to check out studyabroad.com, a web site designed to help students find the perfect study abroad program.

The site is logically organized and allows students to search for a program using a number of scroll-down menus. Searches can be conducted in one of several ways: by country, type of program or semester.

This site lists literally thousands of programs. From Argentina to Zaire. From art to zoology. You get the point. If you want to study outside the U.S., you will probably find something you like at this site.

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tion.

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In addition to the wealth of information about various programs, the site offers tons of information about traveling abroad in general. A linked travel handbook includes information on making travel arrangements, obtaining visas and passports, getting proper inoculations and general safety procedures.

There is also a chat room which allows you to talk to other students who are planning to study abroad, or have already done so.

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Remember, if you want to travel this summer, now is the time to get started. Many programs have early deadlines. If you know of a site that you think would be of interest to our readers, drop me a line at news_guy@hotmail.com and I will try to review it in a Future article.

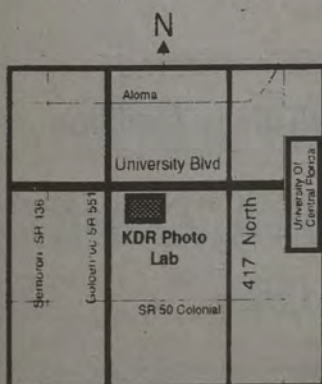
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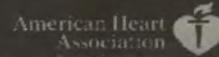
An error of material fact in the lead story on the president's home in the Jan. 14 issue of the Central Florida Future needs to be corrected before it leads to further misunderstanding about the role and purpose of this new campus addition. In a quote attributed to me, the article suggests that the home will be available for use by any campus group or organization, not unlike the way the Student Union functions.

I apologize to the student reporter if my words conveyed that meaning to her. What I recollect telling her is that the home, which was built with private funds, will function both as an on-campus home for the president and as a friend-raising and fund-raising asset for the university. Those friend-raising and fund-raising uses will be determined by the president and his wife, just as the presidents and their spouses at the University of Florida, Florida State University, the University of South Florida, and other public universities in Florida decide when and to whom their homes will be opened.

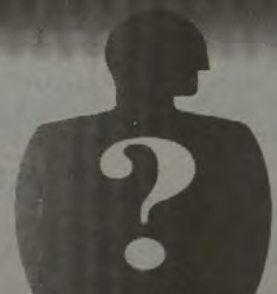
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Orlando's maze full of fun

From swamps to space

By **BETH CONLEY**
Staff Writer

Friday afternoon I traveled from a mangrove swamp to outer space in just two hours. Okay, not literally, but I did get to visit the Orlando Science Center during its first year anniversary. I couldn't even come close to doing everything that the Science Center has to offer in the short span of time that I was there!

The Science Center has a planetarium, an observatory, and a museum to beat all museums. When I first entered the building, a huge (at least 20 foot) cypress tree was staring me in the face. Beautiful sunlight streamed in through the huge open-air windows, stretching all the way up to the ceiling. When I met with my tour guide, she took me down to the first level to start off my tour.

The first level has a cafeteria, a gift shop, and a wonderful rendition of all four of central Florida's natural habitats. There I met more than 150 Florida natives, including alligators and turtles that paddled and waddled through the small pond and "sunned" themselves on the heat rock. We then walked through exhibitions of live snakes and even a bee-hive with its own entrance and exit to the Science Center. Just around the corner was an aquarium that featured some absolutely gorgeous saltwater fish. When we were

finished visiting all the creepy-crawly little creatures, we went to the cafeteria to check out what kind of munchies they had to feed hungry college students. Everything is served cafeteria style and the offerings included pizza, grilled sandwiches, hamburgers, and hot dogs. Yum!

On to the second floor I marched, thinking that surely the museum couldn't get much better. It did. I walked across a suspension bridge in "Physics Park" and learned how useful math could be in "123 Math Avenue." A point of interest to all you education majors, "123 Math Avenue" and the OSC offer internships to UCF students. In "Physics Park," I learned how architects and engineers keep some buildings standing, while others collapse almost immediately. I even got the chance to pull up a Volkswagen Bug with my bare hands (no, I'm not a body-builder). Actually, pulling the Bug up is all in how you do it, not how strong you are.

Climbing up to level three, I was really curious as to what I'd find when I got there. Climbing the last step, I came upon "The Cosmic Tourist: Earth and Beyond," which managed to take up the entire third floor! I even found out how much I'd weigh on all the other planets. I'm moving to Jupiter!!! I was getting a little tired by

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CineDome amazes with sight, sound

By **JAMIE CLIETT**
Staff Writer

Tired of doing the same old thing every single weekend? Is going to the movies and out to eat getting really old? Why not try something new and visit the Dr. Phillips CineDome in the Orlando Science Center. Whether you choose to travel across the plains of Africa with one million animals, plunge down a ski slope at 60 m.p.h., or just sit back and stare up at the stars, an adventure is guaranteed.

The Dr. Phillips CineDome brings you amazing large-format films, digital planetarium shows, and 3-D Laser Light Shows thanks to a \$1.5 million leadership gift from the Dr. P. Phillips Foundation. You will be astonished as the images seem to jump off the eight story screen and the powerful digital audio system surrounds you with more than 28,000 watts of sound blasting from thirty speakers.

As home of the world's largest Iwerks theater, the CineDome features exciting, interactive large-format films. The highlighted film now showing is "Africa: The Serengeti," which takes you on a safari through the Great Migration. Narrated by the soothing baritone of James Earl Jones, you join more than 1.5 million animals on a journey of 1,500 plus miles across the Serengeti Plains. The film is a tribute to the wildebeest

who are accompanied by zebras and gazelles and hunted down by lions and cheetahs. On this momentous journey you will also find yourself interacting with an array of other animals including elephants, jackals, hyenas, monkeys, zebras, and giraffes. If you are looking for a walk on the wild side, this film is for you.

With the recent arrival of "Africa: The Serengeti," "To The Limit," the CineDome's other featured film, is now appearing in a secondary slot. "To The Limit" celebrates our understanding of the human body as well as our quest to continually improve ourselves. The film brings you into the lives and bodies of three extreme athletes—a rock climber, a ski racer, and a prima ballerina. The adventure includes actual endoscopic (inner body) cinematography that allows you to feel as if you are flying through arteries and muscles in a microscopic vehicle. Ever wondered what is going on inside your body as you race down the hill in front of the pond on your rollerblades? Check out this film and see your muscles up close and personal.

As part of its world premiere, the new film "Everest" opens in the CineDome on March 14, 1998. It tells the dramatic true story of the Everest Film Expedition's journey to the top of

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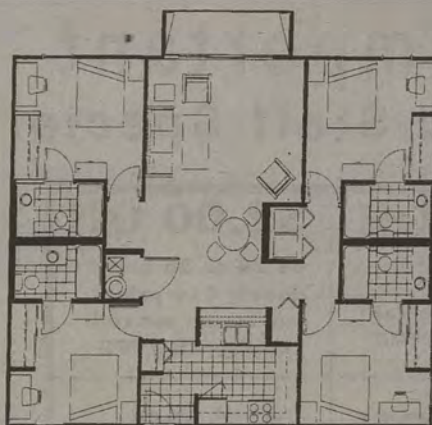
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See your 'old self' in science exhibit

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this time and thought I'd seen it all. I hadn't.

The fourth and final floor of exhibits at the OSC had everything that nobody could ever imagine (and that hadn't already been covered in the other three floors). Imaginary Landscapes let me create my own tornado and play laser harp. That's right-laser, no strings, only light. Each time my fingers passed over a light, a new note was played and, believe it or not, it was actually very beautiful. I even

got to age myself, and I recommend that you do not participate in this exhibit if you don't want to see that turkey neck that you've always dreaded you'd end up with! Also on this floor was ShowBiz Science where I got to learn the tricks of the trade in entertainment technology. I created my own sound effects, hung off the side of a building, and learned about make-up effects. You can even see Star Trek masks and learn the difference between plastic and resin make-up. Never knew there was one, did you? Finally, on this floor, I

got to try to pump blood fast enough to keep up with my own heart and even looked through glasses that simulated glaucoma and cataracts. I walked through a 14 foot mouth and heard it breathe, sneeze, and burp!

You must be intrigued by now. For the small price of admission, it is definitely worth the trip down Colonial Drive. Adult (and student) admission is only \$8.00 each. You absolutely must visit the Orlando Science Center.

Natural disasters take your breath away

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the respected and feared mountain just days after the infamous 1996 tragedy in which eight climbers lost their lives in a deadly storm. Over creaking ice falls, across quaking chasms, up dangerous cliffs, and into the mystical danger zone of oxygen-thin altitude, the camera team maintains the spirit of determination. Don't miss the first breathtaking, large-format images captured from the top of the world.

Also showing in the CineDome is a new planetarium show. Using Digistar II technology, you can travel at warp speed to distant planets or unravel a

DNA chain to study the individual chromosomes that create the human body. Starquest will answer all your questions about stars, galaxies, constellations, black holes, and more.

Sadly, it is time to say good-bye to OSC's original laser technology—a tradition since 1979. On Saturday, January 31 the show made its farewell appearance to the tunes of Pink Floyd. But don't worry, the Orlando Science Center will bring back this favorite along with new cutting edge technology when it introduces Omniscan, the first and only full-dome computer graphics laser projection

system on April 3, 1998. As they prepare for the Omniscan unveiling, there will be no laser shows in February or March.

So, the next time you and your friends are sitting around trying to decide what to do, load up the car and check out the CineDome at the Orlando Science Center. Prepare for adventure and excitement and you will not leave disappointed.

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Knights drop Hatters, surpass them in TAAC standings

By **TONY MEJIA**
Staff Writer

The UCF men's basketball team secured a crucial victory on Feb. 2, defeating rival Stetson 77-74 to tie the Hatters for third place in the TAAC Eastern Division. Mark Jones led the Knights with 26 points and nine rebounds, as UCF withheld a late charge by Stetson.

Central Florida needed a victory at home after dropping its last three decisions at the UCF Arena, and it played like it, out-hustling Stetson to claim a 47-32 advantage on the boards. It proved to be the game's biggest key.

"They have a bunch of big guys and they really know how to go to the glass inside. They seemed to get every offensive rebound," said Stetson junior forward Garrett Davis, who paced the Hatters with 24.

"Their rebounding advantage got them about 20 extra points and it killed us in the end."

Jones scored eight consecutive points to give the Knights a 29-27 lead which they never relinquished. UCF led 34-29 at halftime and took a eight-point lead on Brad Traina's three-pointer to open the second half. UCF held a double-digit lead throughout most of the second half, withstanding the foul trouble that centers Bucky Hodge, Davin Granberry and Scott White got into guarding Stetson center Jeff Warbritton. With over 13 minutes remaining, each had three fouls.

Despite the foul trouble, UCF held Warbritton

without a field goal for all but two minutes in the second half. Warbritton, who was averaging a TAAC-high 20 points a contest in conference play, finished with 14.

"Their people are tough down low, but we battled through the foul trouble and played reasonably well in the post," Coach Kirk Speraw said. "The inside play was critical for us, and the fact that we out-rebounded them by such a wide margin was a major factor in the ballgame."

D'Quarius Stewart's three-pointer with 6:20 left gave the Knights a 62-47 lead, their biggest of the game. Stetson refused to go away however, taking advantage of missed free throws, turnovers, and a poor shot selection by UCF to trim the lead to 68-64 with a minute left.

"Down the stretch, we didn't plan on the game being as exciting as it was," Speraw said. "I was pleased with our effort up until the last six minutes of the game. We didn't finish the game defensively at all. They came down and scored on every possession. Fortunately, in the final minute Brad and Mark stepped up and made free throws when we had to make free throws and did what we had to do in the end offensively."

Traina, who finished with 18 points, hit seven of eight free throws at the end to save the game for UCF. Stetson's Davis caught fire in the final minute, hitting all four of his shots to keep the pressure on the Knights. UCF and Stetson will meet again Feb. 14, at the Edmunds Center in DeLand.

Challenging weekend awaits UCF

By **JEFF CASE**
Staff Writer

A week after scoring 25 runs in two victories over Rollins College, the UCF baseball team will face it's first serious challenge of the year.

"This weekend is a great opportunity for us and sets the tone for how we will play the rest of the season," said Bergman, referring to the Olive Garden Tournament Feb. 6-8, which UCF participates in this weekend. "You have to win on the road to be successful and certainly, we will have a great opportunity to play quality teams on the road."

The tournament, which will be held at Osceola County Stadium, will feature two teams (No. 11 Auburn University, and No. 28 UCF in Baseball America's top 30 and two others (the University of South Florida, Clemson University) which competed in the NCAA Baseball Regionals last May.

Auburn coach Hal Baird said the tournament's balance is a concern.

"This is an outstanding early season tournament ... It's like a Southeastern Conference weekend for us," said Baird, whose Tigers went 50-17 in 1997. "Thirty-six innings of baseball this early in the season may be too tough for us. This is one of the better fields of competition in this tournament."

Baird said that UCF's seniority and an injury to one of his pitchers has his team thinking offense first.

"Central Florida has almost everyone back from last year," said Baird, who returns all nine starters, but lost four of his eight pitchers to the 1997 Major League Baseball draft. "Jay always has a strong program but when he has so many

players return like he did this year, they will be good. They're always well respected among college baseball people.

"We have an inexperienced staff, and our regular starter, Chris Bootcheck, broke his hand and will be out about five weeks. Our pitching won't be ready, so we will have to score a lot of runs to win the tournament."

The Knights have not played the Tigers since 1993, when they lost three of four games against AU, with the lone win coming in a 12-4 decision in that year's Olive Garden Tournament. Overall, UCF has posted an 11-16 mark over the tournament's nine-year history, winning the tournament in 1996.

Clemson, a participant in the 1997 College World Series, will be fielding six new starters and returns three pitchers from 1997.

Clemson coach Jack Leggett said his team is not overlooking any team.

"This is a strong tournament," said Leggett, whose Tigers went 41-23 in 1997. "Central Florida, USF and Auburn are three of the best teams in the southeast and should provide a great challenge. We want to play well and we respect all the teams in this tournament."

"I've heard only good things about UCF, but they probably know as much about us as we know about them."

The Knights face Clemson at 11 a.m. on Feb. 7 in what will be the first ever matchup between the two schools.

Against USF, the Knights will look to avenge a 5-4 NCAA Regional Tournament loss to the Bulls. Coach Eddie Cardieri's South Florida ball-club returns six starters and four pitchers from last season's 39-24 team. The rematch is set for 7 p.m. on Feb. 7.

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UCF baseball coach

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Kruczek looks to sign 19 recruits on Feb. 4

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back, where the team has lost five starters to graduation.

The Knights have commitments from three offensive linemen and are looking for three wide receivers to replace Mark Nonsant, Siaha Burley and Eric Leister when they graduate next season. Despite wide receiver being a current strength at UCF, the coach doesn't want a repeat of 1995 when quarterback Daunte Culpepper had only inexperienced receivers to throw to.

Kruczek said UCF has been trying to meet all of the team's current and future needs, while

saving some scholarships for future seasons. By signing 19 players this year, the Knights can sign up to six transfers or late qualifiers to scholarships during the season. UCF recently signed junior college quarterback Kelvin Robinson out of Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College and 6-foot-6, 240-pound tight end Wanzell Underwood, who runs the 40-yard dash in 4.6 seconds. Kruczek believes that with the right work ethic Robinson can redshirt in 1998 and be the starter in 1999 and 2000.

Kruczek said many of the

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—Mike Kruczek
 Head football coach

players UCF recruits don't realize that while they have the talent to play for schools like UF or FSU, they could be four-year starters as Knights. Former standout running back Marquette Smith, who holds several school rushing and scoring records in his two seasons with the program, was a much-hyped recruit for the Seminoles in 1992. Kruczek said Smith sat on the bench at FSU for two seasons when he could have been starring for the Knights.

"Absolutely, we tried to tell him as a high school senior at Lake Howell that he would fit

in as four-year starter here while he would only be a part-time player at Florida State," he said. "It's tough to do though when you are talking with an 18-year old who thinks he's as good as anyone in the world."

The recruiting frenzy will likely continue through the rest of February, but Gooch said most of the long road trips away from home are over, ... at least until next year's recruiting begins in earnest.

"It'll be good to be back with the people who fight for UCF," Gooch said. "I plan on giving [my wife, Linda] an official visit."

SPORTSweekly

wednesday 4

Men's tennis vs. Bethune-Cookman College, varsity tennis courts, 2 p.m.
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sunday 8

Baseball at the Olive Garden Classic in Kissimmee, consolation or championship game, TBA
 Women's crew at the Southern Sports Indoor Regatta in Melbourne

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Women's basketball at Samford, 8 p.m.
 Men's basketball vs. Florida Atlantic, UCF Arena, 7:30 p.m.

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 Men's golf at the Gator Invitational
 Track and Field at the Barnett Bank Invitational (indoor) at the University of Florida
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Knights relief pitching shines

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innings, gave up three hits, four runs, walked two and struck out five.

UCF (2-0) began to come back in its half of the second inning. A wild pitch by Rollins' Bryan Welch scored Bellhorn from third to cut the lead to three. With designated hitter Scott Biernacki on second after a double off Welch, Will Croud's RBI single drove in Biernacki to make the score 4-2.

In the bottom of the sixth, the Knights completed their comeback. With catcher Erik Johnson, Bellhorn and left fielder Matt Bowser all on base, a wild pitch by Rollins reliever Chris Doherty scored Johnson to make the score 4-3. Doherty walked UCF second baseman Tim Boeth, reloading the bases.

Tars' freshman Jeff Hearty, who replaced Doherty, walked centerfielder Will

Croud, to tie the score at four. An RBI single by third baseman Pat Williamson drove in Bowser and two batters later, a walk to first baseman Dustin Brisson sent Boeth home, making the score 6-4.

UCF coach Jay Bergman said he was confident his team could come back against the Tars.

"Coming back is part of baseball," said Bergman, who went for his 800th career win on Feb. 3 at Bethune-Cookman College. "We've got enough offense that we can get back in the ballgame ... coming back from five to seven runs is not something to worry about in college baseball."

Bergman said the game provided his team with early satisfaction.

"I think these games were good because we got a chance to get behind a little bit early in the season and get the feel-

ing of coming back and winning and being patient to play well," said Bergman, whose team owns a 42-37 all-time record against the Tars. "I think that's very, very important."

The comeback effort was a welcome change from the lopsided, 17-0 UCF victory at Rollins the day before, Bellhorn said. In the victory, the Knights hit three home runs and scored in every inning but two.

"I'm glad we had this kind of game instead of another blowout like on Saturday," said Bellhorn, who finished the series four hits in six at-bats, five runs, one RBI and two walks. "We stayed composed and didn't let [Rollins' run] affect us. This kind of game helps us keep in tune and in baseball, you never know what is going to happen."

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Perry capitalizes on opportunities

By **TONY MEJIA**
Staff Writer

While playing varsity basketball at Louisville Ballard High School, Cory Perry rode the bench for two seasons before becoming the starting point guard in his third year. Making the most of his opportunity, Perry led the team to the Kentucky state playoffs sweet 16. After garnering all-state honorable mention as a senior, Perry earned a scholarship at UCF.

Once again, he's making the most of an opportunity.

The 5-foot-11, 170-pound Perry's arrival at UCF wasn't met with high expectations, but he quickly gained many accolades from the coaching staff, becoming a stabilizing factor for 1996-97 team featuring eight first-year players. Splitting time with junior college transfer Chad Steckline, Perry was steady in his inaugural year, but it wasn't until Steckline injured his knee that Perry began to shine.

Taking advantage of his increased minutes, Perry averaged 10 points and nearly five assists per game in his last four starts of 1997, finishing the sea-

son as UCF's assist leader. Entering this season, Perry was expected to split time with Steckline and D'Quarius Stewart at the point, as Coach Kirk Speraw had them battle it out in practice.

"We have three guys who are very capable of playing the point. All of us can do all the things this team needs to succeed," Perry said. "We all want to play, but there's not animosity about it. We're teammates and it was friendly competition."

Perry won the job in practice and has not let go of



Sophomore guard Cory Perry had 17 assists and 13 rebounds in victories at Florida Atlantic and at home against Stetson.

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the position since. UCF's leader in assists (4.5) and steals (2.2), the sophomore guard has unselfishly set up his teammates rather than himself. A perfect example of Perry's play came earlier this season against South Florida, where he failed to score but dished out a career-high 10 assists in a 73-72 loss to the Bulls.

Perry's philosophy as a point guard is simple, but effective.

"I just look for the open man and try to get them the ball. I like setting my teammates up for scores," said Perry. "We have a real good offense

and it's my job to set it up. I try to do my job the best I can."

Perry's mild-mannered, workman-like effort is appreciated by his coaches and teammates. Speraw said Perry has really come around this season, displaying poise and dependability that who would expect from an upperclassman.

"We look for Cory to stabilize the action and keep our team under control," Speraw said. "He seems to have a calming effect when he's out there. I've been really pleased with how he's responded this year. He's come a long way."

"He's our catalyst. He makes things happen."

Senior guard Mark Jones, who played with current NBA point guard Bobby Jackson at Minnesota, appreciates Perry's play and leadership skills. As the TAAC's leading scorer, Jones relies on Perry to get him good looks in scoring position.

"Cory is our leader," Jones said. "He lets us know what we need to do out there. He's our court general, everything goes through him. I've seen him make great strides since he came into the program. I'm really proud of him."

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Sports

A game within itself: National Signing Day is just the reward

By **DEREK GONSOULIN**
Sports Editor

A few weeks ago, football coach Mike Kruczek and recruiting coordinator Alan Gooch arrived late one night to visit a top recruit at his family home in Tampa. Kruczek said waiting outside the recruit's home was a coach representing 'a school from up north.'

"He was going to come in and talk to them after us, but we didn't get there and meet the family until 10:30 at night," Kruczek said. "We told this individual we'd be in there 15 to 20 minutes and he could go in afterward. We didn't leave until 12:15.

"That kind of stuff happens. The first guy there is going to try and sell it for as long as he can, talk about everything possible, have them ask every possible question. What you try and do is get these people into a comfort zone where they trust you and believe what you are saying and they are not going to do that in half-an-hour. They are going to give you their sons for five years, so they have to feel comfortable with who you are and what you are about."

After months of road trips, hours of video tape, hundreds of phone calls, dozens of official visits and rehearsed salesmanship, National Signing Day is here.

Feb. 4 is the first day high school seniors can sign with college teams, but the battle for recruits has been a daily job for months, Kruczek said. With former

coach Gene McDowell forced to resign due to his involvement in the cell phone scandal, Kruczek said he has to constantly fight off rumors caused by rival school's recruiters.

"I've had to address that everywhere I've gone the past two weeks," Kruczek said. "Everywhere I go it's, 'What about this NCAA-sanctioned proba-



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Co-Recruiting Coordinator Alan Gooch will spend most of Feb. 4 checking on letter-of-intent signings for UCF.

tion?' I tell them it's a legal issue and it has nothing to do with the NCAA people. That's been written, verified, checked and 100 percent we're OK."

Kruczek said now that UCF can claim itself to be a solid Division I-A school

with a challenging schedule, rival schools are using anything they can steer talented players away from the Knights. The arguments against UCF have been that it is not aligned with a conference and that Kruczek's one-year status as coach means the coaching staff may not be the same in 1999.

"Kids are worried about interim meaning temporary," Kruczek said. "They understand the word, so I talk around that. I explain that I had a chance to go elsewhere in the National Football League to show my commitment and belief that we're going to be here. That's cut and dry."

Kruczek said with grown men telling 18-year olds what to do, most players can easily become confused with where they really want to go. Some of the high school prospects feel the pressures of recruiting well before they are seniors, Gooch said.

"It's been a lot of effort, sometimes it's three years of effort," Gooch said. "Sometimes kids start as sophomores and juniors in high school and that's when the process begins. A lot of Division I schools recruit that way. It can be two and three years of work. It's nice when it works out, but it can be a little bit of a letdown if he goes elsewhere after all you've done with a young man."

The positions of the most need for UCF have been at defensive end and defensive

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Key home games to tell Knights' fate

By **TONY MEJIA**
Staff Writer

Last weekend, the men's basketball team went down south for two pivotal conference games against eastern division rivals Florida International and Florida Atlantic.

The Knights hit 58 percent of their field goals over the two games, including an amazing 60 percent in their 95-86 loss to FIU on Jan. 29.

Now as it is UCF's turn to host the Panthers and the Owls, the Knights need victories more than good statistics.

"I think a lot of positives have come out of those games. We had a lot of good movement and we attacked really well," Coach Kirk Speraw said. "What I really liked was that we shot the ball well from the outside, so hopefully this can be a good sign of things to come."

In the Panthers' nine-point win over the Knights, FIU overcame UCF's strong shooting display by pressuring them into 24 turnovers. Freshman point guard Carlos Arroyo scored 20 of his team-high 23 points in the second half, sparking the run which provided the Panthers some separation from the Knights.

FIU, which has won four in a row, boasts the TAAC's top offensive unit. Coach Marcos "Shakey" Rodriguez plays up to 12 players on a regular basis, shuffling them in and out of the game to keep fresh players in the lineup. Their team philosophy, nicknamed RP40, calls for relentless pressure for 40 minutes of the game, which is something UCF became painfully familiar with.

"We turned the ball over too much," said senior guard Mark Jones, who broke out of a slump by scoring 29 against FIU. "When we broke their press we got good shots, but their pressure wore on us. If we beat their pressure, we win the game."

The Knights must first deal with FAU on Feb. 5, whom they defeated 81-72 on Jan. 31 behind 25 points from Jones and 18 from junior forward Brad Traina. The Owls play at a slower pace than FIU, but have a lot of weapons. Damon Arnette, one of the TAAC's top performers, scored only 12 points in the loss against UCF, while Gary Durrant led FAU with 14 and James Turner added 12. The big surprise was senior Akbar Cook, who didn't play in the first half against the Knights, scored 13 second-half points and helped bring the Owls back from a 21-point deficit.

"We didn't have an answer for Cook, but at that point in the game, we were more concerned with giving up three-pointers than defending the post," Speraw said. "He really took advantage of that situation and really outmuscled us inside."

UCF will hope sophomore center Davin Granberry, who played only four minutes in the second half due to foul trouble, can help contain Cook in the rematch. Junior center Bucky Hodge picked up the slack left by Granberry's absence by scoring 13 points and grabbing seven rebounds. Sophomore guard Cory Perry added team highs of seven rebounds and nine assists.

"I think the team is really starting to come together, and this stretch of games is going to say a lot about where we are seeded," Jones said. "We have to start winning basketball games, especially at home."

UCF survives grand effort by Rollins

By **JEFF CASE**
Staff Writer

UCF's baseball team, which has played Rollins College almost annually during their 26-year history, came back from a 4-0 deficit to win the second game of the home-at-home series 8-4 in front of 847 fans at the UCF Baseball Complex.

Senior Todd Bellhorn said the rivalry provides personal satisfaction.

"The rivalry is kind of neat for me because I grew up with some of the guys on their team and I've gotten a chance to play against them," Bellhorn said. "Some people wonder why we play them, but I think it's important just to get the support from the community. And it helps Rollins out as well."

The stage for the comeback against the Tars (0-2) was set early in the top of the second inning. With the game scoreless, UCF pitcher Mike Maroth found himself in trouble early. Of the first four batters he faced, he struck out one, hit one and walked the other two.

It only got worse for Maroth as RC's Brian Tisbert sent the ball 330 feet for a grand slam and a 4-0 lead.

UCF assistant head coach Greg Frady said Maroth's struggles were typical for any pitcher.

"He struggled with his mechanics," Frady said. "Mike lost the strike zone for



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Leadoff man Will Croud had two RBI in the 8-4 victory over Rollins.

whatever reason, he hit a guy, then he had two walks and then I went out to talk to him.

"When I went out to talk to him he was told to quit being so fine [with his pitches] and get the ball back in the [strike] zone, because at that point, even if the guy hits a home run, you don't want to put people on base for free. Sometimes in the

course of a game you've got to put the ball in the zone and take what you can get."

Maroth said after the home run, he knew he had to make an adjustment.

"I had to make an adjustment after the inning and go to my changeup and breaking ball," said Maroth, who pitched five

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