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# Local racer hopes to sail to victory

By TODD McHALE  
Staff Writer

While many Americans spend their summer vacations sailing, not many of them would want to set their sails for the 1,000 mile Hobie sailboat race Don Harper has planned for May.

Harper, an UCF system programming manager, explained that the thrill of competing is what has driven him to take on such a feat.

"Some of the best people are racing in this event," Harper said. "If you're not in really good competition you're just out there kind of floundering, you're not really learning," Harper said.

This grueling race starts at Fort Lauderdale and ends 11 days later off the coast of New Jersey.

Harper said the race will take its toll on everyone even though the competitors stop to rest each night.

"You get pretty beat up," Harper said. "You get sores from being in the salt water for 11 days. Last year, one team hit a whale out there and flipped their boat."

To enter the 1,000 mile race, Harper submitted a resume of his racing experience. This was not a problem for Harper since he has devoted about 15 weekends a year to Hobie racing for the past 12 years. Hobies are two hull sailboats with trampoline type decks.

Harper said he has become an exceptional Hobie racer with more than 40 winning trophies and 10 of those were in races with notable national competitors.

"It's pretty tough racing against some of these guys," Harper said. "You're out there

with former olympians and national champions and many of the competitors have the same two people on a team for every race." This leaves Harper at a disadvantage since he has had to use many different people for his crew over the years.

"If you go to a lot of races it's hard to get people to go all the time," Harper said. "When I can't find someone, I pick up students and some of them have never been on a boat, so we get beat pretty bad."

Harper said graduate students he has taken from other countries have presented special problems.

"I've had people fall in the water, and they started speaking in another language while I'm trying to get them out of the water," Harper said.

Even with the disadvantages, Harper has a

few impressive wins in Florida. To win the 1,000 mile race, Harper said he has to have more navigational training than what he has had for the single day races.

"You have to find all the places that you're going to land at because a lot of the race goes into the night," Harper said. "We're going to have to take charts out there and be able to figure out the navigational equipment to be able to land at the next checkpoint."

Harper has recruited a previous partner to team up with him for this race. He continues to have problems in keeping the same crew for many of the local races.

Harper said he hopes to race in more of the national races.

"If I could get to the level where I could go to a lot of those races that would be nice," Harper said.

## Affirmative Action could end on college campuses nationwide

By CHRISTINE TATUM  
College Press Service

Later this month, the U.S. House of Representatives will be asked to approve legislation that would end affirmative action's ties to admissions programs at every college and university in the country.

Rep. Frank Riggs, a California Republican, planned to take the proposal to the House floor as an amendment to the Higher Education Act of 1965 (HEA), said Mark

Davis, the congressman's legislative director.

While it's not an outright ban on affirmative action, the proposed amendment would prohibit any college or university that grants preferential treatment during the admissions process to students because of their race, gender, ethnicity, or national origin from participating in HEA programs, such as the Pell Grant, student loans, and Federal Work

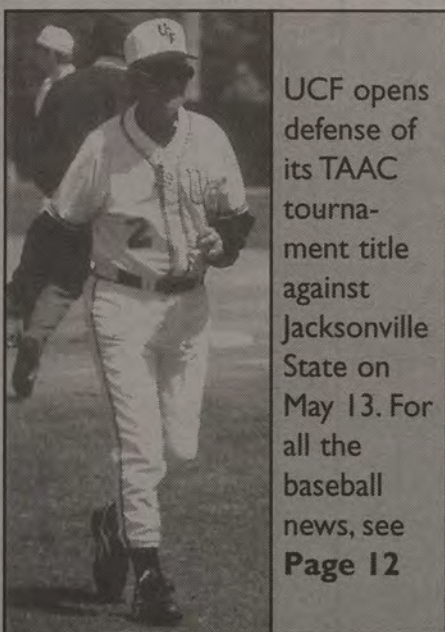
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Photo by MIKE MARSHALL

### Buyback Bonanza

Students eagerly await to sell back their books at the end of the 1998 spring semester.



UCF opens defense of its TAAC tournament title against Jacksonville State on May 13. For all the baseball news, see Page 12

## Students need to adapt to teaching styles

By LINDA RAMOS  
Staff Writer

A factor usually overlooked by students in their quest for academic success is the impact the instructors' teaching style has on the learning process.

Not understanding a professor's instructional style can hinder a student's class performance and grade.

For example, a student who enjoys independent research assignments where they take on all the responsibility of the project may have a tough time in a class where an instructor encourages group projects, group recognition and administers group grades.

So what can a student do? Instead of transferring or withdrawing from a class, a student needs to understand the two major types of teaching styles.

The two major teaching styles, independent and interactive, are explained in detail by Carol Kanar in *The Confident Student*.

The independent teaching style is one in which a professor encourages individuality and fosters a competitive environment. A student who is a social butterfly might suffocate in this environment. To adapt, a student can create a study group comprised of students from the same class to assist each other in learning the material.

The second teaching style is interactive.

This style encourages group participation, discussions and fosters a cooperative learning environment.

An independent student may feel uncomfortable in this scenario. To adapt, this student can view their role in group projects as an individual component in which to excel. For individual recognition, this student can ask the instructor to

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# Record breaking commencement ceremonies at arena a success

By BRIAN SMITH  
News Editor

About 3,000 graduates, the largest number to ever participate in commencement exercises, received degrees from UCF in four ceremonies at the UCF Arena on May 9.

## Briefly

The number of graduates forced the university to issue tickets to each commencement in order to remain within the fire code limits for the arena. To accommodate any overflow, the commencements were shown on closed-circuit TV elsewhere on campus.

The largest, the College of Arts and Sciences ceremony, started the day at 8 a.m. Former UCF President Trevor Colbourn was the keynote speaker.

The College of Education program started at noon and Regent Audrea Anderson was the guest speaker.

Sen. Bob Graham addressed the College of Health and Public Affairs' graduates in the ceremony at 3:30 p.m.

The College of Business Administration and the College of Engineering grads heard from state Rep. Lee Constantine at the 7:30 p.m. commencement.

To handle any overflow of family and friends lacking tickets, the commencements were simulcast in the auditorium of the Computer Science Building. If that venue filled up, the programs were also available in the Key West Ballroom in the Student Union.

The spring class total of about 3,230 graduates included people who did not participate in the commencements. It included 364 with Brevard County and 246 with Volusia County home addresses. It brought UCF's total alumni base to about 89,000.

## IN OTHER UCF NEWS:

•From on-line registration, distance learning to e-mail accounts, UCF is ranked 26th in the nation by Yahoo Internet Life magazine for computer use by students and faculty.

That puts UCF ahead of Stanford, Yale, Ohio State, Notre Dame and Florida State University.

UCF is the top-ranked Florida School in the survey featured in the May 1998 issue.

The survey adjusts for campus size and considers the capabilities of the campus network, the services and classes offered via the web, the social uses of the net by students and computer ownership.

The computational competition is getting stiff, and the magazine reports some trends showing the increasing role computers are playing in college life. All of the 100 most wired colleges offer student e-mail accounts, web access and on-line library catalogues.

Most offer student registration, student web pages, on-line transcripts, computer training for students and faculty and distance learning options. UCF offers all these.

•The Kristin Halldorsdottir-Eyfel's exhibit, Famous Faces, has been rescheduled for June 17 through Friday, August 7, 1998, at the UCF Art Gallery. Originally the show was scheduled from May 12 to August 21.

There will be a reception for the artist opening day from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Visual Arts Building.

Halldorsdottir-Eyfel's vivid, oversized, close-cropped portraits push far beyond most people's expectations, says Dr. Francis Martin, Jr., the show's curator.

"Like (her native) Iceland's ancient ice fissures, her lines are drawn sharp and unyielding," Martin says.

He says her radiant colors are "like frozen fireworks controlled by some angry Scandinavian deity."

## Students, teachers can learn from each other

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consider providing individual extra credit projects.

Unfortunately, the way most students categorize their instructors' teaching styles is whether the teacher is an easy or hard teacher.

The Easy Teacher Myth is that professors who are too easy, too laid back or unwilling to fail students are not really teaching.

According to Marvin and Peter Lunenfeld in College Basics: How to Start Right and Finish Strong, the easy teachers are promoting future academic problems for their students because a learning foundation is not being established for the other classes the students will need to take.

The Lunenfelds advocate instructors who are demanding but fair in order to maximize the learning process.

Most professors use a combination of both styles. Richard Palmer and Chris Pope in the Brain Train: Studying for Success offer the following advice to ease the adaptive process.

•Students bear most of the responsibility for their education. Take that responsibility to adapt to the classroom environment and maximize the learning experience.

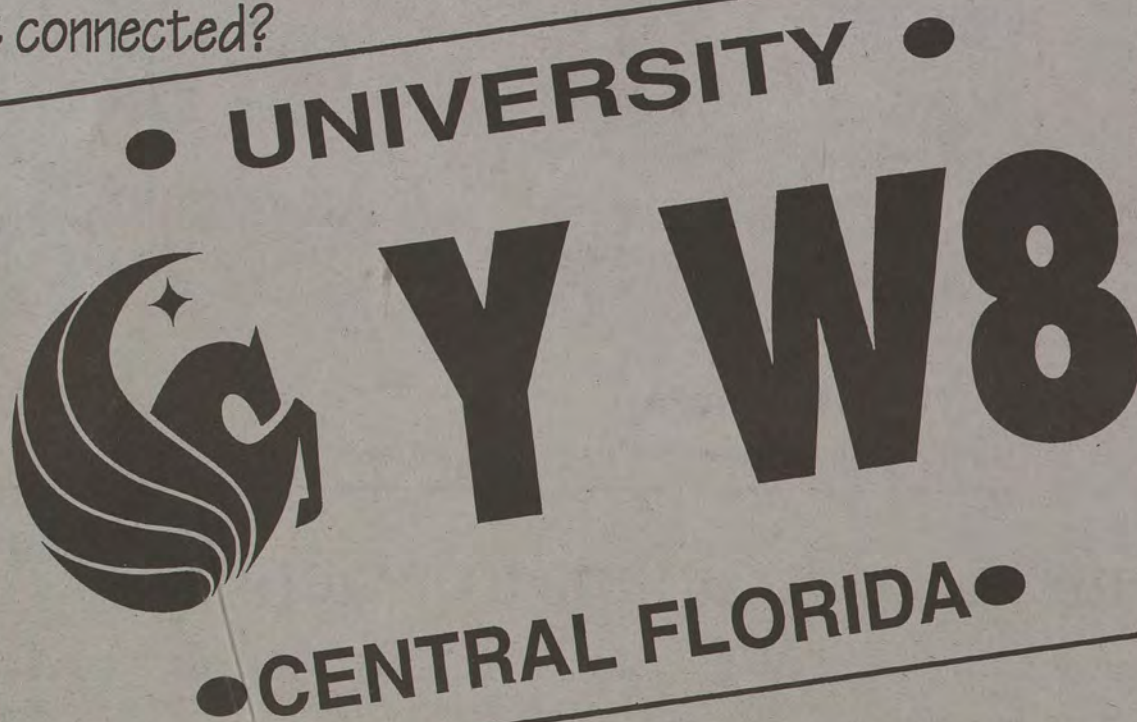
•Be open minded about how the class is being taught.

•Keep the lines of communication open with the instructor. Ask questions.

Learning is a two-way street. Sometimes the student can teach the teacher new insights.

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## Goal to make admissions colorblind

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Study.

What we must do is make admissions colorblind," Davis said, adding that women and minorities would be better off with a sound educational background rather than "contrived admission preferences."

The proposed amendment comes two years after California voters approved Proposition 209, which in 1996 abolished racial preferences throughout the state. Supporters and critics of affirmative action are closely monitoring the new law's impact to gauge how well students would fare if something similar were to be put into effect nationwide.

Experts on both sides of the issue agree it's still too soon to say.

A first look at the law's impact came recently when two elite University of California campuses, Berkeley and UCLA, announced that black and Hispanic admissions are down significantly. UC-Berkeley will enroll 57 percent fewer black freshmen than it did in 1997 and 40 percent fewer Hispanics. The reported drop at UCLA is 43 percent for blacks and 33 percent for Hispanics.

However, an overall look at minority admissions to the University of California's eight general campuses paints a far less dramatic picture. For blacks, the drop in enrollment was 17.6 percent; for Hispanics, 6.9 percent.

And while fewer minorities may be headed to Berkeley and UCLA, other UC-system schools are reporting an increase in minority applicants. UC-Riverside, for example, watched black admissions jump 34 percent and Hispanic admissions rise 43 percent — leading critics of affirmative action to say that minorities aren't

being shut out of the University of California, just being assigned to schools that better fit their academic qualifications.

The UC system also noted a huge increase — more than 6,300, or just over 14 percent of admissions — in the number of students who declined to state their ethnicity. Not counting those students, the combined freshman admission of blacks and Hispanics systemwide declined only slightly, from 17.7 percent to 17.2 percent. (Hispanics held steady at 14 percent of admissions, while the number of black students admitted fell from 3.7 percent to 3.2 percent.)

"To suggest that any drop in minority enrollment is insignificant ignores the efforts of the university over a number of years to have more underrepresented students on our campuses," said Terry Lightfoot, a spokesman for the UC system. "We're not ahead and losing ground, we're behind and losing more ground."

The controversy in California will certainly fuel national debate once Riggs presents his proposal to Congress. Already, Education Department officials say admission decisions should be left to individual states and private colleges. The Clinton Administration also has indicated it will oppose any attempt to attach to the HEA language that would end affirmative action.

Davis, Riggs' spokesman, rejects the notion that the amendment exceeds the proper reach of the federal government, noting that the department frequently intervenes in the admissions process at colleges and universities — both public and private.

"They have a fairly massive Civil Rights division that goes around the country telling schools who they should and should not admit," he said.

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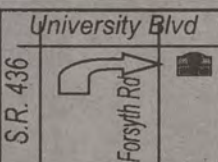
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# Chuck Shepherd's NEWS OF THE WEIRD

## Lead Stories

• On the day before Good Friday, reported the Los Angeles Times, Dr. Ernesto A. Moshe Montgomery consecrated the Shrine of the Weeping Shirley MacLaine in a room in the Beta Israel Temple in Los Angeles. Inspired by a vision he said he had while riding in the actress's private jet, Montgomery also said a large photograph of him with MacLaine was "observed shedding tears," which had inspired prayers and testimony of miraculous healings.

• Tape recordings played in March at the Detroit trial of an organized crime gang exposed two alleged soldiers as somewhat less than "wise" guys. FBI bugs planted in their cars and homes revealed, among other comical exchanges, that they got lost trying to find an expressway after shooting out a rival's windows, were not sure whether they needed to fill out federal forms to buy ammunition, expressed frustration that they couldn't conduct a shooting at 11 p.m. on a Sunday night because of heavy pedestrian traffic ("They're telling me Detroit's not safe? They got two old ladies walking."), and wondered about their wives ("I think she kind of knows. I think she knows we're gangsters.").

• In December, according to an exchange of letters excerpted in The Wall Street Journal, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, acting on the complaint of a neighbor, scolded a Montcalm County landowner for "construction and maintenance of two wood debris dams across the outlet stream of Spring Pond," reminding him that a permit is required for such "inherently dangerous" construction and threatening him against any further "unauthorized activity." Subsequent investigation by the department revealed the dams to have been built by beavers.

## An Environmental Issue for Steve Forbes

In March, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service began a campaign of support for an international crackdown on the illegal poaching of sturgeon, which has severely constricted the world's supply of caviar.

## Got Cold Water?

At 10 p.m. on April 1 in downtown Belleville, Ill., police blocked a lane of traffic so that dogs Zeus and Chelsea could continue their brief mating interlude, before a Humane Society employee arrived to carry them away. Five days earlier, in a small holding area adjacent to a courtroom in Reading, Pa., a male and female prisoner had sex in front of two male inmates while Judge Stephen B. Lieberman conducted business about 10 feet away.

## Things That Won't Happen

In March the town council of Tangier Island, Md., the proposed site for shooting the Warner Bros. movie "Message in a Bottle" starring Paul Newman and Kevin Costner, informed the producers that they were looking forward to the filming but that the script would have to be changed to eliminate all cursing, sex and alcoholic beverages. And Joe Paul of Sun City, Ariz., has been keeping score at Arizona Diamondbacks games this year, not of runs and hits but of instances of baseball players spitting, which Paul says violates state law, enforcement of which he has demanded in letters to health authorities.

## People With Too Much Money

An April Associated Press report disclosed that since 1961, Americans have sent the

U.S. Treasury more than \$56 million in voluntary contributions toward reducing the national debt. Gifts are mostly checks for \$15 or so, but one Minneapolis woman gives \$3,000 a year, and in 1994, an anonymous patron sent in \$20 million.

## Figures Are About Right

In April, a jury in Helena, Mont., ruled that prison officials had overreacted during a 1991 riot and ordered them to pay money damages to 13 inmates. Five men who were hogtied for several hours after the riot were awarded \$1,000 each; eight men who were subjected to rectal searches were awarded \$9 each.

## Crises in the Workplace

• Abby Kisling filed a wrongful-firing lawsuit in February in Des Moines, Iowa, against the telecommunications firm USA Global Link Inc., claiming she was terminated because she doesn't believe in transcendental meditation. Almost all of the firm's employees meditate on company time, and many are graduates of the nearby Maharishi University of Management.

• Charles Cornell, 31, won his lawsuit at the High Court in London, England, in March and was awarded about \$100,000 in damages. Cornell's insurance businesses failed when sales plummeted following his automobile accident. In the crash, he received a head injury that his doctors said left him with a gentler, more amiable personality that Cornell said is unsuited for the insurance business.

• Russian naval captain Alexander Buzinov told a Moscow TV interviewer in December that he is employed as an astrologer for the military, examining "planetary rhythms" effects on the Earth's surface. He said such rhythms led him to successfully predict three

personnel firings last year, along with terrorist acts in Caucasus, a Siberian transport plane crash, and several of Boris Yeltsen's medical events.

• In April, The New York Times profiled the third generation of the Ayala family to perform hair hangs for the Ringling Brothers Barnum & Bailey circus. Andrea, 24, and Michelle, 28, like their mother and grandmother, hang and spin by their hair, twirling rings and juggling fire batons, up to three shows a day, enduring a level of pain Andrea describes as "Twenty!" on a 10-scale. But then, says mother Marguerite, "You see the faces on the people, you forget the pain."

• In January, Professor Sandro Trotti invited a pair of 20-year-old women to be models in his Academy of Fine Arts class in Rome, Italy, to illustrate "Sacred and Profane Love" (Venus clothed vs. Venus nude). Trotti's move was met with protests by the academy's in-house models who have traditionally illustrated all the classes, nude or clothed, despite the fact that some have passed their 60th birthdays. The academy apparently compounded the problem by offering the older models alternative employment, such as as cleaning ladies.

## Recurring Themes

Every year at Easter, a few egg hunts get out of hand, usually from older kids or even parents crashing the parties. This year's worst was probably the one at the World Harvest Church in Daytona Beach, in which thousands of plastic eggs containing candy and Bible verses were placed in a pile. As children approached with their baskets, parents rushed ahead, ostensibly to make sure their own kids got their fair share, trampling many of the kids, causing minor injuries. Said an observer, "This isn't an Easter egg hunt; it's an Easter egg massacre."



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# Florida.com shows you the options of vacationing at home

By VICKI DESORMIER  
Staff Writer

It's hot and sticky and you're stuck taking a class this summer. And you're also broke, so there's no way you're going to get away.

There's nothing worse than a summer without a vacation, but the realities of adulthood mean you just can't afford to go jetting off anywhere.

So why not explore what's right here in Florida? After all, Florida is where everyone else comes to vacation.

If you are trying to explore what's close to home, check out a site that's designed for those who are coming here from far away.

Florida.com an online magazine/advertising piece at [www.florida.com](http://www.florida.com) is like a lot of the state, still under construction but ready for customers nonetheless.

The magazine is a good place to start planning your trip.

First, you're going to need a place to stay, so pack up your tent and sleeping bag and click on the button for camping. There you'll find an easy-to-read list of just about every campground in the state. You can find them by location, so as you travel you have a list.

Like all the other pages, it is sponsored by an



advertiser (in this case, the Florida Association of RV Parks and Campgrounds) so it's not going to be a real comprehensive list because it only has those member parks, but it's a good place to start.

There's also information about shopping so if you just can't go very long without feeding your shopping habit, you can find outlets. The attractions? Yep, there's a place to find out about them too and not only the major ones like Disney and Universal. Places such as the Miami Seaquarium and Parrot Jungle are listed here. It's pretty cool to see there are more options in Florida.

Florida.com has information about real estate, too, if you're more interested in settling down than hitting the road. The information is divided by cities and is pretty easy to access.

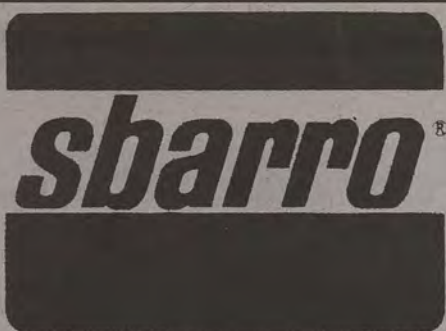
Since the site is under construction, there are a lot of unanswered questions and paths that lead nowhere, but it is a great place to start and once it's completed, it's going to be a great place to find information. It's like a chamber of commerce for the state with information for visitors and residents.

So take a break. Even if you have to take a class you can still get away for the weekend now and again.

Check out [Florida.com](http://Florida.com) and see where you want to go.

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Time to put emphasis back on teachers' performance

My last semester at UCF ended with a huge deception. I was disappointed at the performance of my favorite professor. Even though I ingested large amounts of burritos during the semester, my careful analysis and evaluation of her performance agreed with a report by Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. The study concluded that the system that rewards professors needs to be modified.

Universities are the industrialization of teaching. The philosophy of increasing the capacity of students in a class is similar to increasing the capacity of the production line to get more profits. There is not a focus on quality and not a concern for students. The university system failed to realize that we (the students) are the primary elements for success. Therefore, we demand more attention by the professors and improved ways for learning.

The current university system inhibits the development of professors dedicated to their classes. This situation arises because, as reported by the Carnegie Foundation report, "for most of the century faculty advancements in rank and salary have been governed by research productivity."

Administrators prefer to account for the research work rather than to evaluate the teaching methods used by the professor. As a result, junior faculty members who dedicate a lot of their time and interest in the freshman and sophomore classes are penalized by the system and forced to concentrate on research.

Some administrators and chairs of departments don't get the point: dedicated and inspiring professors attract young minds! The professors that work hard to explain and make students understand the subject matter are the ones to conquer inspiration in students. Teachers with effective teaching skills are the magnets for good students. This is not the case for good researchers that never have time to direct the creativity and energy of the interested students.

The real mission of any university is to explore knowledge. It is impossible for professors to provide with effective guidance if most of the time they have to worry about having publications and winning grants. Unfortunately, there is little or no exploration at all if there is no experience to guide the students' passion for knowledge.

I propose a system in which a collaboration of the two is present: research and good teaching skills. Professors who are recognized for their outstanding mentorship skills should be rewarded with permanent salary increases. This will help to create a faculty body able to captivate and stimulate the masses of students. And one day, maybe one day, my dream will become true: to find that Joda master full of experience, time, and patience, that will teach me all the secrets of the FORCE!

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# Athena Roasted Chicken full of Greek delights

By HENRY SPRINGS  
Staff writer

Hidden away among the plain eateries of University Shoppes, rather than the canals of Venice or the shaded coves of the Aegean, is a small treasure trove of Greek cuisine worth your while to stop by and sample. Athena, the restaurant, after it's namesake, the Greek goddess of war, proves to be full of surprises.

The fragrant smell of roasting chicken leads you through the door. The short blue and white wooden tables may invite you to stay a while after ordering. The walls are covered with photographs and pictures of Greek life. You may find some inspiration from the hanging plants, ceiling fans, or the radio serenading you overhead while you stare out the window into the dark sun-filled

parking lot. Not anything extraordinarily different in comparison to most delicatessen type Greek restaurants. Nothing nearly as different save for the taste, service, and prices. The owner says they are "the lowest in town."

Andreas Afexendiou, the owner, is big on Greek. He's Greek and he's been in the business for fifteen years. He takes his taste for Greek food from deeply rooted ideas and traditions. He feels his food, or rather Greek food, was meant for fun and socializing. It's reflected in the menu.

The roasted chicken was surprisingly tasty. The skin was roasted to a delicate brown. The mix of oregano, parsley, basil, and citrus nicely complemented the chicken as well as the other dishes. The spices weren't overpowering. The chicken still tasted like chicken (quarter, \$3.99).

The roasted potatoes had been

quartered and were roasted to a crisp golden brown on the outside while remaining tender inside. They'd been likely sprinkled with virgin olive oil, the only oil the restaurant uses. It's the Greek answer to the french fry (\$1.79).

For those bored by the salad fare of other restaurants, membership on Athena's preferred customers list has it's privileges. The Mediterranean salad (\$2.79) was truly refreshing. It's mixture of tomatoes, cucumbers, parsley, feta cheeses, lemon juice, and olive oil is a real palate pleaser with or without the accent of roasted chicken.

The menu includes everything from nine types of sandwiches: egg salad, tuna, cheese, ham, and sliced turkey, to nine salads: Greek, chicken, stuffed tomato, and Mediterranean, just to name a few. There's plenty of soup and side orders: rice pilaf, roasted potatoes,



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Athena has a variety of dishes at reasonable prices.

olives, green beans, and grilled pita bread. There are ten specialties which include everything from barbecued chicken on a pita, spinach pie, mousaka, chicken gyros, and chicken Cypriana.

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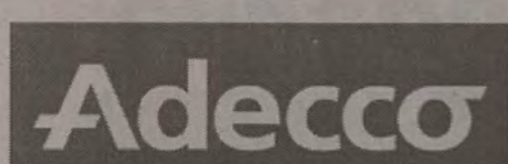


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NATION

There are plenty of reasons to skip class, but few are good

By ELANA ASHANTI JEFFERSON  
College Press Service

Some students sleep through morning classes because they worked or played too hard the night before. Others skip lectures to churn out what they hope will be a top-notch paper. And still others need nothing more than a warm, sunny day to lure them away from what they're sure will be a boring, repetitive lecture.

"All of my friends skip classes," says Tim Wang, a first-year student at Columbia University in New York. "It's no big deal."

Or is it?

Robert Mattox, a counselor at Kennesaw State University in Georgia and president of the American College Counseling Association, says that skipping classes leads to troubles just about any student could predict: bad grades, low self-esteem and, in some cases, grounds for dropping out of school.

"In certain subjects, you could get so far behind that it's difficult to catch up," he said. "You sit in the next class and realize you're lost."

That makes sense to Oliver Jardine, a second-year film student at Columbia.

"Something in me justifies not going to class when I haven't done the reading," he said. "Why sit there and not know what's going on?"

There are plenty of reasons, Mattox said. Among them, he added, is that if students sit in class often enough, they will know what's going on. And being on the ball in class, he said, cuts down on students' stress and anxiety.

It also earns them the respect of their classmates, said Sunny Reisenauer, a senior at Washington State University, who said she strives to attend every single lecture, regardless of whether it's in her major.

"(Classmates) know I was there," she said. "They really look up to me, and

that's a good thing."

Even chronic ditchers say they make it a point to attend classes required for their major. Zach Miller, a third-year student at the University of Wisconsin who is majoring in computer science, said he'll "ditch to watch a movie if I know the class is going to suck." But miss a computer graphics course? Never, he said.

"Once you miss a class, it's easy to think you don't have to go to other ones," he said. "You have to be careful about that."

Counselors at colleges across the country suggest that students ask themselves a few questions before they ditch their next class:

Would I be doing this if I were paying for my education?

Studies show that older, non-traditional students and those students who are working to pay for books and tuition don't skip as many classes as the just-

out-of-high-school crowd.

"They're more task oriented because they're spending their own money," Mattox said. "They have less time to waste."

Reisenauer agrees.

"I had strep throat once, and I still made it to class," she said. "I pay so much money, why would I want to miss out? I just don't think it's worth it."

How will I feel about myself if I miss this class?

Is what I'm doing now more important than going to class?

"Students need to look at the long-term cost from the short-term benefit of staying in bed," Mattox said.

How will missing this class and others affect my grade?

Wang, Jardine and Miller said they skip classes and still have at least B averages to show for it.

"We all tell ourselves things that contribute to our habits," Mattox said.

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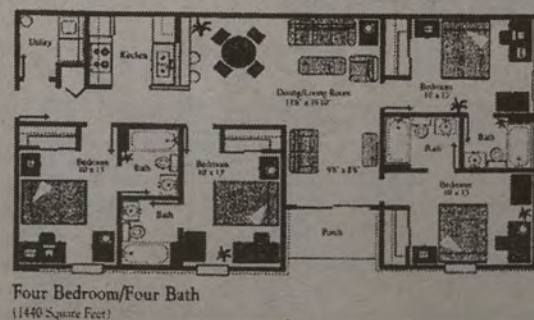
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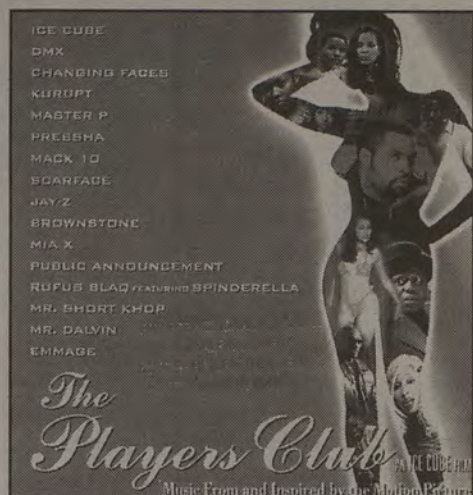
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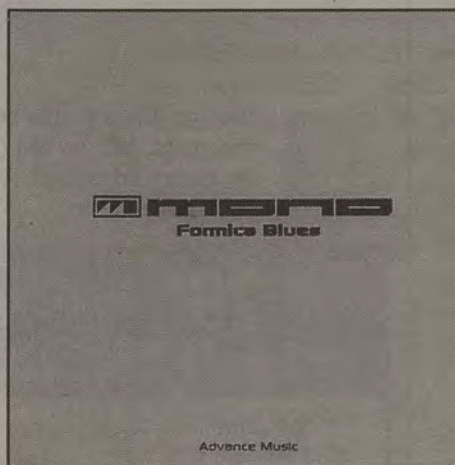
Ice Cube's directorial debut is about an urban strip joint and the women who work there, and there is no doubt that the songs on this compilation would go pretty well with a strip show. Even the song titles, including "We Be Clubbin," "What A Woman Feels," and "Get Mine" don't leave much to imagine what the lyrics will be about. The problem is, where else would you want to hear this? It's all pretty

lame hip-hop, with beats and lyrics that sound as if they were made up on the spot just so the performers could be a part of the soundtrack. Two exceptions are Rufus Black & Spinderella, who get a nice funky sound going on "Don't Worry (My Shorty)," and Master P's combination of bass-filled beats and Casio keyboard sounds on "You Know I'm A

Ho" (another appropriate song title). The rest of the line-up, including Ice Cube, Changing Faces, and Mia X (the obligatory female track) all sound as if they've just graduated from the 2 Live Crew School Of Songwriting. This in no way suggests that the movie is all that bad, but the cd title does have the word "inspired" in it, which probably means the music was not only "inspired" by the movie, but by stripping as well. So how original can ya get? After listening to this, I'll save my dollar bills for the real thing.

## Mono Formica Blues (Echo)

This is the debut album from two young Brits: vocalist Siobhan De Mare and producer/arranger Martin Virgo, who's worked with the likes of Massive Attack and Bjork. Mono is like Portishead on a good day, their sound is a mixture of moody



trip-hop and sweet pop sounds with a retro atmosphere. On tracks like "Playboys" and "High Life" you can hear the contrast of De Mare's vocals with the deep and sometimes goofy beats, the only difference between Mono and the many other emerging trip-hop artists out there is that Mono doesn't want to make

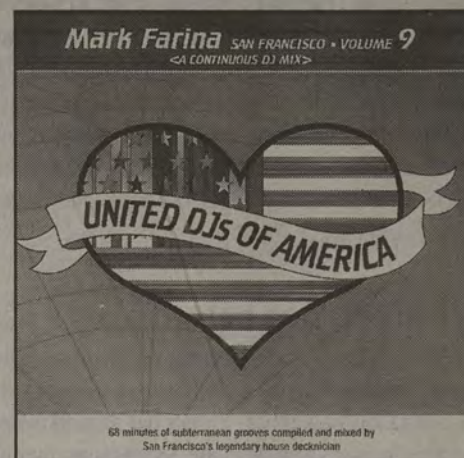
you go out and kill yourself. Instead, you can sit back, bop your head, and soak up the nostalgic background. Although De Mare's wispy voice sometimes spoils the rich textures of the songs (one of the best tracks on the album, "Hello Cleveland!" is an instrumental), Mono overall pulls off a laid-back and smart first effort.

## Fizzbin

Left End Girlfriend  
(Locked Groove)

You gotta feel sorry for these guys. Throughout their first album, vocalist/guitarist Russ Armstrong, bassist Bill Childs, and drummer Dave Messina have had their brains stolen by martians, dangled

above a concrete trampoline, and covered in fruit stains. Bummer! But I'm sure they don't really have it that bad. These guys have been rockin' places out all around Florida for awhile now, even landing an appearance on the tv show "Second Noah." Before that, they played shows from Illinois to South Carolina. Fizzbin's slightly generic alterna-rock whatever-you-call-it (they call it "gangsta folk," which fits pretty well) is chock full of smart and funny lyrics. Their music is loud and powerful, and their lives shows have met great reviews. It's the kind of stuff you would expect to hear in a dingy downtown bar; drunk as hell and ready to party.



based dj Mark Farina, can definitely be ranked up there as well. His choice of tunes: deep, groovy house music, is put together seamlessly from start to finish. Disco guitar riffs, wailing divas, and subtle synths are all held together by Farina's excellent skills and a great train sample which fades in and out throughout the CD. The moods range from mellow to energetic, and Farina's ability to mess with the equalizer only adds to the funky masterpiece that he's created.



What's most unique about Mark Farina is that his style of music is not normally heard in any clubs around Orlando. While unfortunate as it is, those of us who are a little more discerning to what we want to hear when we feel like dancing can have this CD by our side. Sweet.

## United DJ's of America Vol 9

San Francisco: Mark Farina

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## Fretblanket

Home Truths From Abroad  
(Polydor)

Hooray! Just what the world needs... another bland, annoying British rock group. These four wannabes from the U.K. don't have much to offer in sound, originality, or anything else that might qualify them as an exceptional music group. There is not enough space in this newspaper to list the groups which they seem to be imitating (Oasis and Blur to name a few). It's hard to say if Fretblanket realizes that, but since this is their second album, you think they might've gotten the drift. What's especially amusing is the comment in their press release that "Fretblanket found more fame in America than at home." Hmm... I wonder why? Hey, at least us tasteless Americans will eat up their crud with a big spoon! Yeah, right.



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# FROM the SPORTS desk

## Baseball players earn All-TAAC status

UCF pitcher/outfielder Todd Bellhorn, shortstop Eric Riggs and reliever Jason Arnold were selected first team All-TAAC while four others were third-team choices.

The voting was done by coaches and sports information directors.

Making the third team from UCF are third baseman Dustin Brisson, outfielder/first baseman Matt Bowser, second baseman Tim Boeth and outfielder Will Croud.

## Widyadharma named player of year

Women's tennis player Maria Widyadharma was named first-team All-TAAC and the Player of the Year for the second time.

Coach Gail Falkenberg earned her second consecutive TAAC Coach of the Year honor. Ann-Jeanette Svantesson also was a first-team selection and Rachna Ashar was an honorable mention choice.

UCF's Pelle Brunskog and David Winberg both were named first-team All-TAAC on the men's side.

## Women's soccer signs three

UCF women's soccer coach Karen Richter announced the signings of three players, including University High's Samantha Ellis. Ellis played center midfielder and forward for the state runner-ups.

UCF signed another forward in Michelle Anderson from Medina (Ohio) High. Anderson set her county's scoring record with 86 goals before her senior season. She is an all-state selection and holds the school record for goals in a season with 38. She also was recruited by Wake Forest, George Mason and Ohio State.

UCF answered the need for a defender by signing Noelle Brown from McIntosh (Ga.) High. Brown was named all-county and was named most valuable defender. Brown also played on a state champion club team. She was recruited by Alabama-Birmingham, Syracuse and Arkansas.

## Mansur-Wentworth announces signings

UCF cross country and track and field coach Marcia Mansur-Wentworth announced the signing of six athletes to letters-of-intent.

Sonja Shedden, Brienne Harrington and Amy Gardner join the women's cross country team while Jenelle Graham, Cristy Turner and Kate Becley will join the defending TAAC track and field team. The recruits for the men's cross country team are Jason Nymark and Sean McCabe.

Shedden, from Troy, Pa. was runner-up at the Pennsylvania State Cross Country Championship and her personal best is 18:02 (5K). Harrington, a transfer from Auburn University, joins UCF this fall as a sophomore. The native of St. Petersburg was a four-time state champion and former Footlocker National Cross Country Qualifier. Her personal-best times of 18:05 (5K) and 11:00 (2-mile) put her as Auburn's No. 2 runner last fall as a freshman. She placed 40th at the SEC Championship (18:56) and finished 50th overall at the NCAA District IXI Championships. Gardner, from Douglasville, Ga., is a three-time state champion in the mile. Gardner shows great range, running 2:20 in the 800 meter, 5:10 in the mile, 11:15 in the 2 mile and 19:20 in the 5K cross country.

Graham, an Edgewater High School graduate, was a state finalist in the 200 meter and 400 meter last spring. Her personal best in the 200 meter is 25.0 and 58.0 in the 400 meter. Turner, out of Taylor County High School, will provide the track and field team with valuable pole vaulting talent, as the TAAC will introduce the event in the conference championship meet next season. Turner's best in the pole vault is 11 feet and she has a personal best of 110π in the javelin. Becley, from Louisville, Ky., has great track range, having competed in hurdle events as well as the 2-mile run. Her personal best in cross country is 19:20 (5K) and she will perform on both the cross country and track and field teams.

Nymark, a native of St. Petersburg and Seminole High School, has a personal best of 9:40 in the 2 mile. McCabe also joins the squad having run 4:20 in the mile and finishing as a state finalist in track and cross country. He is from East Lake High School in St. Petersburg.

## McDowell receives sentencing

Former UCF football coach Gene McDowell received six months of house arrest and two years probation for asking his players to lie to federal prosecutors about an investigation into cellular telephone fraud.

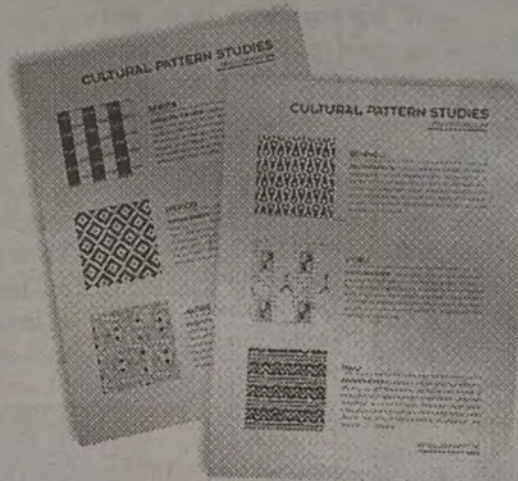
McDowell also received a \$2,000 fine and must perform 100 hours of community service. His community service entails talking to groups about ethics.

McDowell asked about a dozen players to lie to prosecutors about him tipping them to the raid. Some players had purchased cellular telephones that included stolen access codes from former player Patrick Brinson. Secret Service agents were looking for 17 phones but only found four.

Brinson, a walk-on who no longer was on the team, was employed by AT&T Wireless Services. He pleaded guilty to a single count of possessing 17 cellular telephones and phone numbers to commit fraud.

"This is not a case about cell phone fraud," federal prosecutor Cynthia Collazo said. "This is not a case about leaking an investigation. This is a case about lying and causing [his players] to lie during a federal investigation. It's a very serious matter. Several players were told to lie to us by the coach, including Emory Green, one of the team captains. And they did lie. They could have been charged with felonies for that."

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# Series with Gamecocks to feature top TAAC pitchers

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Southern division third place) 6. Florida Atlantic (29-28 Southern division fourth place).

UCF's opener against the Gamecocks will match a pair of the TAAC's top pitchers. JSU should throw senior ace J.R. Allen against the Knights, who will probably counter with ace Todd Bellhorn. Allen (8-5), a pre-season All-TAAC selection, comes off a complete game, 12-strikeout performance over Campbell in the opener of their play-in series. Allen wasn't untouchable, however, allowing 5 runs on 11 hits. Bellhorn (10-1) suffered his worst performance of the year in his last outing, giving up 7 runs on 8 hits in taking his first loss. Despite not having faced the Gamecocks this season, UCF is familiar with them, having played them in last season's TAAC play-in

series. The Golden Knights put together an impressive offensive display against Gamecock pitching, scoring 43 runs in three games to capture the series 2-1. However, UCF is not resting on their past laurels.

"It doesn't matter who we play or where we're seeded," Riggs said. "No one will care that we won this last year. We have to do the things we always do and try to take it again."

The winner of the UCF/JSU contest will meet the winner of the Troy State/Stetson game on Thursday at a time to be announced. The loser of the game meets the FIU/FAU loser in an elimination game on Thursday as well. The fact that UCF had to stave off elimination in the play-in series to reach the tournament could prove beneficial, as the Knights are accustomed to pressure situations.

"They like to play with everything on the line. That

makes me nervous, but we always seem to respond well," Bergman said. "I don't think they will respond to these games any differently."

UCF would need to win just one game in the tournament to reach the 40-win mark, a usual automatic qualifier for receiving an at-large bid. A return trip to the NCAA's would mark the fourth consecutive year the Knights make the national tournament.

"I don't know much about that 40-win thing," Riggs said. "Obviously, we'd feel a lot safer if we can get that automatic bid. We know that we have to take it one game at a time and go from there."

As UCF proved last year by winning the TAAC as the bottom seed, the post-season tournament is full of surprises.

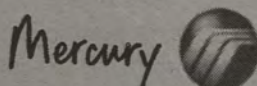
"It's going to be an interesting weekend," Bergman said.

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# SPORTS

## Good showing a must for season to continue

By **TONY MEJIA**  
Sports Editor

If you were to ask Jay Bergman what UCF needed to do to get into the NCAA tournament this season, he might stop short of saying they have to swim an ocean, run a marathon, and rescue children out of a burning building. Might being the operative word here.

Despite their 39-20 record and previous Top 25 rankings Bergman won't feel safe until the selection committee announces the at-large selections later this month. Better yet, Bergman and UCF would love to take the decision out of the committee's hands altogether.

"I think we've got to win the conference tournament or at least get well into the championship game to get a bid,"

Bergman said. "However, that's all conjecture and something we're not worried about because our main focus is to win the conference again."

UCF opens defense of their title as the third seed, facing Jacksonville State in their opener Wednesday night at 7:00 at the Osceola County Stadium. The double-elimination tournament features the six teams that advanced in the TAAC play-in series'. All of UCF's rivals from the South division qualified for the tournament. The seedings are as follows: 1. Florida International (36-21 Southern division champions) 2. Troy State (34-18 Western division champions) 3. UCF (39-20 Southern division runner-up) 4. Jacksonville State (24-18 Western division runner-up) 5. Stetson (29-29-1

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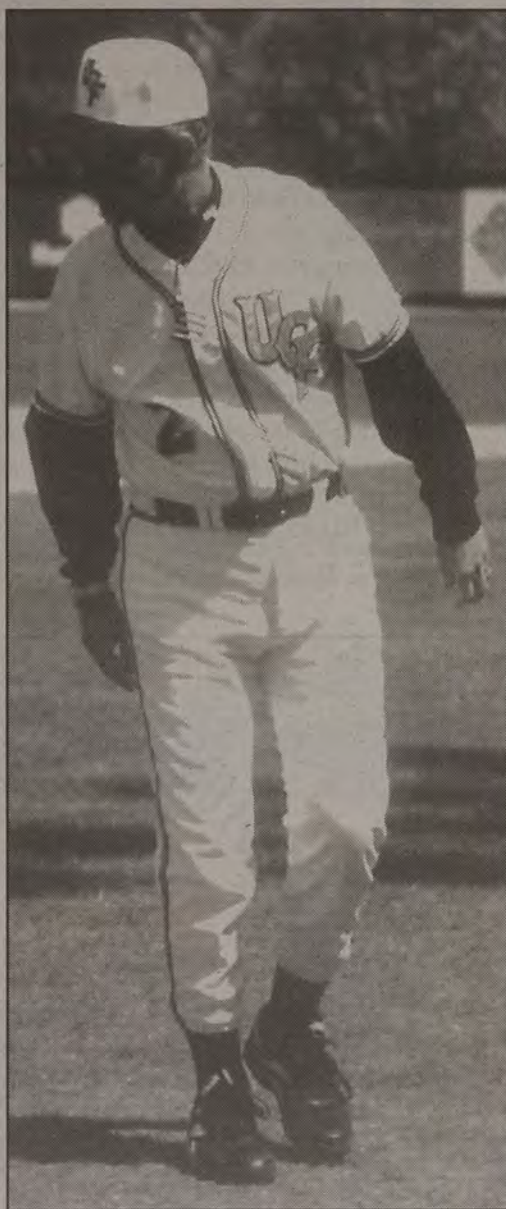


Photo by **MIKE MARSHALL**  
Jay Bergman coached his final game at the UCF Baseball complex. The Knights move into Bergman Field, opening in 1999.

## UCF saves season by surviving Gents

By **TONY MEJIA**  
Sports Editor

UCF's TAAC Play-In series with Centenary this past weekend was supposed to be a walk in the park. Unfortunately, the Golden Knights aren't accustomed to leisurely strolls, preferring instead to live on the edge.

The Gentlemen (20-36) took advantage of strong wind gusts and unusual shaky outing by UCF ace Todd Bellhorn to slug out a 10-7 victory in the series

opener, handing Bellhorn his first defeat this season. The loss left the Knights on the brink of elimination, having to win both games of a doubleheader to advance to the TAAC tournament. UCF coach Jay Bergman says that's just how his team likes it.

"We did the same thing last year. It's kind of the nature of this team," Bergman said. "They put themselves in a position where their backs are against the wall, but to their credit they showed well, played hard, and are now ready to play in the conference tournament."

Epitomizing UCF's fighting spirit, junior shortstop Eric Riggs enjoyed an unbelievable weekend, recording hits in each of his ten official at-bats.

"Does that tell you something about his character? He's a money player," Bergman said. "I mean that's unbelievable. 10 for 10. Wow."

In the three-game series, Riggs belted two home runs, a double, a triple, and six singles. The shortstop from Brownsburg, Indiana also scored four times and drove in nine runs.

"I love these situations. I love tournament time, and anything we've got to do to win I'm going to do," Riggs said. "It's simple, we knew we had to win two games to stay alive, so that's what we went out and did."

UCF made it look simple, sweeping the double-header 10-5, and 14-2. Matt

Lubozynski pitched well to win the opener, getting plenty of support from the offense. Lester Victoria complemented Riggs' performance with a 4-RBI game of his own, getting key two-out hits to keep innings alive.

In the deciding game, junior Troy Satterfield scattered three hits over five scoreless innings to lead UCF to the blowout victory. The offense gave him plenty of support, putting the game away by scoring all 14 runs in the first three innings. Riggs, Will Croud and Eric Johnson each registered RBI triples to

help the cause. The big lead allowed UCF to cruise to the win in the final game at the UCF Baseball Complex, which will cease to be the home of UCF baseball after 26 years.

"I've been here 16 years, so there's a lot of good memories here. You kind of feel funny about leaving here because we have so many good wins here," Bergman said. "At the same time, there's great anticipation going into a new stadium, so we'll certainly look forward to that."

Speaking of looking forward, UCF begins defense of their TAAC championship Wednesday night at 7:00 at Osceola County Stadium. UCF is seeded third and will open up the double-elimination tournament against fourth-seeded Jacksonville State.

## Arnold provides unexpected relief

By **JEFF CASE**  
Staff Writer

The path to becoming one of the nation's top relief pitchers has been an unexpected one for Jason Arnold. In fact, the freshman from Melbourne High School says he could have been playing at a community college if not for UCF assistant coach Greg Frady. You might say he was "saved."

"We didn't get a lot of college scouts to our area at all," said Arnold, who is second nationally in saves with 11. "When I was throwing in high school, there were never a lot of scouts at any of our games. We didn't have a lot of talent in our area. Coach Frady was the only one to watch me pitch and offer me a Division I scholarship."

Offered scholarships by North Florida and Indian River Community College, Arnold said schools such as Louisiana State and South Florida approached him with offers after signing with UCF. Arnold said he "had already made up my mind" and he told LSU and USF "it was too late anyway."

Despite being named MHS' Most Valuable Player in 1996 and 1997 while posting a 10-4 record with a 1.48 earned run average in 1997, Arnold was told he would have a limited role in his freshman season at UCF.

"When I got here, I was probably the lowest man on the pitching staff," said Arnold, who broke Jason Schlutt's record for saves this year and is already second on UCF's all-time saves list. "The coaching staff probably figured I wouldn't throw at all and probably get redshirted. Coach Frady thought maybe I could step in there and throw every once in a while and take my time as a freshman."

Arnold spent the fall working out in the weight room, where he increased his fastball's average speed to 89 miles per hour. The effort paid off as UCF coach Jay Bergman began using Arnold repeatedly in the fall.

"My role changed a lot more in the fall of 1997 and I got to throw more and more," said Arnold, who is 2-2 with a 1.95 ERA this season. "Some guys can't throw in the bullpen and there are some good pitchers who aren't good coming out of the bullpen. I'm comfortable doing that."

Mechanics also played a big part in Arnold's development and placement in the bullpen.

"With the way I throw and my arm angle, it made them think I'd be better coming in late in the late innings against guys who have never seen me before," Arnold said. "I was able to improve my fastball, which helped me a lot, and as the fall went on, I kept doing well and the coaching staff got more and more confidence in me."

As the Golden Knights head into the post-season, Bergman said having a reliable closing pitcher is important for success. He adds that he is confident putting Arnold in late game situations in the post-season and said Arnold thrives in those types of situations. Arnold knows that for the team to reach the College World Series this year, he is a major part to the team's chances.

"We haven't had a closer as far as I know in recent years," Arnold said. "I'll bring a new asset to this team in tournament time where hopefully they can count on me in the eighth and ninth innings. It probably takes some of the pressure off [Bergman] knowing that." For a lightly recruited athlete 'who wasn't expected to do much', Arnold has sure made a profound impact. In fact, Frady's find may solve a need in the bullpen for years to come.

"I might be in this role for as long as I'm here, and that wouldn't be so bad. I wouldn't mind that."



Arnold

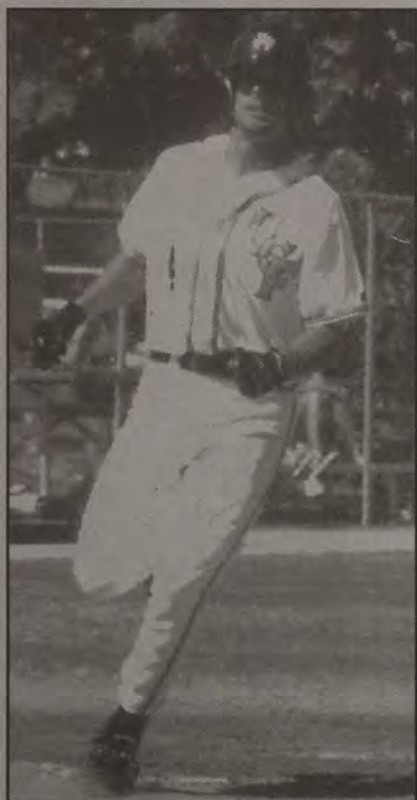


Photo by **MIKE MARSHALL**  
Eric Riggs propelled UCF to a doubleheader sweep in the TAAC play-in series against Centenary.



Riggs