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UCF appoints Director of Computer Science

By ALEX COOK Staff Writer

Dr. Erol Gelenbe was recently named the new director of the School of Computer Science at UCF.

The former director, Terry J. Frederick, has moved to the College of Arts and Sciences Dean's Office as interim associate dean.

Chosen from a few select people, Gelenbe stood out with his vast background of research and experience. "We had a very extensive search process, and we had some very good candidates," said Dr. Ali Orooji, a professor of Computer Science at UCF, "he clearly was the best one."

Gelenbe has had much success in the past,

including his role as either the principal investigator or co-principal investigator on over \$2.7 million in research grants since 1993. He has won awards such as the French Academy of Sciences' Grand France-Telecom award, the Honorary Doctorate of the University of Rome (Italy), the Fellow and several Meritorious Service Awards from the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers.

"Erol Gelenbe is an internationally known computer scientist," said Dr. Kathryn Seidel, Dean of the College of Arts and Science. "His reputation is among the top in his field."

Plans for the School of Computer Science are already underway, and Gelenbe thinks it will take close to three years to complete them.

"I have been involved in all aspects of the academic process: the teaching, the research, the managing of faculty of research programs of teaching programs," said Gelenbe. He plans to balance all parts of the department, including the undergraduate teaching, the master's programs, and research and graduate programs.

His thoughts are also oriented towards increasing the reputation of the Computer Science program here.

"The quality of the degree that you get is not just viewed in terms of the courses you've had, but also in terms of the national and regional recognition of the degree, largely generated by the research," Gelenbe said. Gelenbe's main research is on distributed and parallel computing, networks, and neural computation.

Gelenbe brings great knowledge and experience to UCF. He has his B.S.E.E. with high honors from Middle East Technical University in Turkey, his D. Sc. in Applied Mathematics from the University of Paris, and his M.S. and Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering from the Polytechnic University, N.Y.

Gelenbe has been the Nello L. Teer, Jr. Professor and Chair of Electrical and Computer Engineering at Duke University since 1993, greatly moving the ranking of the department from 52 to 26 in the U.S. News and World Report Graduate Program Rankings.

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Victim Services offers hope with education

By NICOLE KING News Editor

The scenario goes something like this: You were raped, you know the guy, he's in your study group on Wednesdays. You brought your Chemistry book and your backpack. He thought the two of you were in a relationship.

A month goes by. You haven't told anyone because you feel like you should have known. You feel betrayed and responsible and guilty and ashamed.

You hope you can just forget about it and maybe it will go away. But he won't let you forget about it. He's still around. He's leaving notes on your car so that you know he's been there. And he comments in the notes on what you wore and where you wore it to. Occasionally you think you see him outside of one of your classes. And you think: he's not supposed to be here, he's doesn't have a class in this building. So you stop going, and then your grades suffer.

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Photo by Mike Marsh

Community outreach specialists and victim advocates, from left: Michelle Ljungqist, Mary Gianakis, Kim Williams, and Nancy Eastman, provide education and support to victims.



Photo by Kevin Colber

Dedication services were held August 27 for UCF's Nicholson School of Communication.

Communications building dedicated

By SHELLEY WILSON Staff Writer

On August 27, a dedication ceremony was held for the Nicholson School of Communications. Many alumni, instructors, professors and representatives of UCF were there to welcome the brand new, state-ofthe-art communications building.

Invitations for this sneak preview were mailed out in August to the alumni of the School of Communications.

There was a big turnout for the event, during which there was a tour of the new building's facilities. The people there had a chance to mingle with fellow alumni, business associates and former professors. They were also able to learn the administration's intended plans for the School of Communications and have a chance to join the new Alumni Chapter.

The dedication started at 5:30 in the afternoon with a reception in the lobby of the building. The presentation followed at 6 p.m. in the main auditorium. The

'Welcome' was given by Peter Cranis, president of the school's Alumni Chapter Executive Committee. The next presentation was the 'Direction of the School' given by Dr. Mike Meeske, director of the school. Dean Kathyrn Seidel followed with an 'Evolution of a Dream.' UCF President John Hitt was next, discussing the 'Alumni Commitment.' Tony Nicholson, for whom the school was named, presented 'Leaving a Legacy.' Finally, Peter Cranis ended the presentation with some closing remarks.

At 6:45 p.m. the building tour started. In the program there was a mini-report card that had the different departments of the school for a "test score" to be given by each person during the tour.

On the list were the Harris Corporation Broadcast Center, the WOFL Fox 35 Television Editing Suite & Darden Restaurants, the Online Editing Suite, the Master Control Room, the Dark Room Lab, the Speech and Small Group Lab, and the Nicholson

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The Rush is on to join Greek community

By SHELLEY WILSON Staff Writer

During the past few weeks, UCF's fraternities and sororities have completed their annual fall Rush.

Rush is a concentrated period of time, usually two weeks, when fraternities and sororities can recruit new students to join. Fraternities have their Rush the week immediately before school starts while sororities have it two weeks before school starts. During this time, students can meet chapter members and receive information about the different fraternities and sororities. Students are also able to sign up to possibly join one of them.

There are 19 fraternities and 12 sororities here. The oldest national fraternity is Delta Upsilon, which was founded at William's College in 1834. The oldest national sorority is Alpha Delta Pi, which was founded in 1851 at Wesleyan College.

The Greek system started in 1776 at William and Mary College in Williamsburg, Virginia. Students were then studying the Greek language and formed groups with Greek symbols to represent them. There are now close to 100 national fraternities and sororities.

Fraternities and sororities each have their own method for recruiting new members. Sororities have a more structured and computerized way than fraternities do, which is a more open system.

Sororities hold four rounds, or social parties, to track new rushees (students interested in joining). In the first round, the rushees meet all eight chapters in 30 minute time spans. This is the time rushees

familiarize themselves with all of the chapters and ask any questions about

them, such as what the sorority is involved in on campus and what type of scholarship programs they offer.

The next day the rushee makes a choice of six out of the eight chapters she would like to join on a computer scantron sheet.

The second round is then held on the next night. The rushee visits the six chapters that she selected on the scantron. This round is 40 minutes long.

Each sorority highlights the community services that their chapter is involved in. For example, Kappa Delta has several organizations they support including the Children's Hospital of Virginia, Girl Scouts of America, and the National Committee to Prevent Child Abuse.

The following day of that round the rushee fills out another scantron and chooses four chapters she would like to join and returns to visit.

The third round lasts 45 minutes and details information about that chapter and what their sisterhood is built on. The sororities may perform skits and plays to display what their chapter is about. The new rushee has to then choose two of the four chapters to return for the final round.

The last and most formal round is called preferentials. This is the last chance the rushees have to ask questions of the sisters of the sorority they would like to join.

The next day the rushees make their final choice of the sorority they would like to pledge to. The chapters give the administration a computer disk with the rushees

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listed and their choices for new members. The maximum

number that a sorority can pledge is 65 members. The average chapter size is 130 members.

This fall semester proved to be the largest sorority Rush in UCF's history. A record of 724 women registered for sorority Rush according to the UCF Panhellenic Council, the governing body of sororities. This was a 25 percent increase over last year's record of 544 women registering.

The recruitment week for fraternities at UCF is quite different than it is for sororities. For fraternities, the vice president of Recruitment rather than the Panhellenic Council, organizes the Rush week events.

Fraternities do not have rounds or social parties they have to attend. Nor do they have to fill out scantrons to select the chapters they want to visit. Rushees have a chance to meet any and all of the fraternities every night during Rush and stay as long as they want to.

Each fraternity chapter handles the tracking of the rushees a little differently. They also have individual membership requirements. Some chapters require a certain grade point average, while others do not. Some accept students that go to other colleges while others, like Pi Kappa Alpha, only accept UCF Students.

When rushees do visit a fraternity chapter, the chapter in their own way records information about the rushee such as their name, address and phone number. A brother from the fraternity would give information to the rushee about that chapter and give a tour of the house if they have one

(some fraternities and sororities do not).

A fraternity house may include a trophy room, a volleyball and basketball court and a big room for meetings.

If the fraternity and rushee both feel comfortable with each other, the fraternity will offer an invitation to the rushee, known as a bid, to join that fraternity.

This bid is presented a little differently for each chapter. Some are question and answer formats, some cheer, while others announce their bids in a group format. The rushee may receive several bids from different chapters but there is no obligation to join any of them. The rushee may accept or reject any of the bids.

There is also no alcohol allowed at the chapter houses during Rush. Jaimie Halscott, vice president of the New Member Education, helps enforce this rule which was set back in the 1980s. Halscott says this fall Rush is probably the largest he has seen at UCF.

Choosing which sorority or fraternity to join can be a difficult decision. Brandon Aronson, a brother of Pi Kappa Alpha, thinks that the perception of fraternities and sororities is negative and not true. "People think we buy our friends but that's not true. I had friends before I joined. This fraternity has changed my life and I'm much more confident as a person than I was before I joined," he said.

Greg Mason, director of Greek Affairs, hopes students at UCF have a positive Greek affiliation regardless of whether they choose to join a chapter or not. "As a whole, besides Orientation, Rush is one of the best ways to meet other people on campus," he said.



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UCF student arrested for drug possession

By GWEN R. RHODES
Assistant News Editor

After stopping a white pickup truck for going over the curb onto the grassy area between the curb and sidewalk on University Boulevard, UCF police officer Michael Johnson arrested the driver for driving under the influence.

While stopped, the passengers were searched. One of the passengers, a 20-year-old UCF student, was found to have a plastic bag of marijuana and a pipe in his possession.

The UCF student was charged with possession of cannabis under 20 grams and possession of drug paraphernalia.

IN OTHER UCF POLICE REPORTS:

•A 59-year-old UCF student reported that sometime between 5 p.m. Aug. 24 and 9 a.m. Aug. 25, her state handicapped hangtag, decal #A1930405 was removed from her vehicle.

She stated that nothing else appeared to be missing. Her car was parked in the Education Complex Parking Garage. The victim is willing to prosecute.

•On Aug. 25, a 30-year-old UCF student reported his men's Huffy mountain bike was missing from the bicycle racks behind the Health and Public Affairs Building.

The victim's roommate noticed the bike was still locked up in the rack at 12:30 p.m. but when he returned around 1 p.m., the bike was missing. The victim returned to get his bike around 2:45 pm. and discovered his bike was missing.

The value of the bike is placed at \$100. The victim is willing to prosecute.

•Also on Aug. 26, another bike was stolen from

the bike racks located between the Lake Claire Apartments and the new Communications Building.

The victim's black Huffy beach cruiser was locked with a shrouded cable key lock to the bike rack.

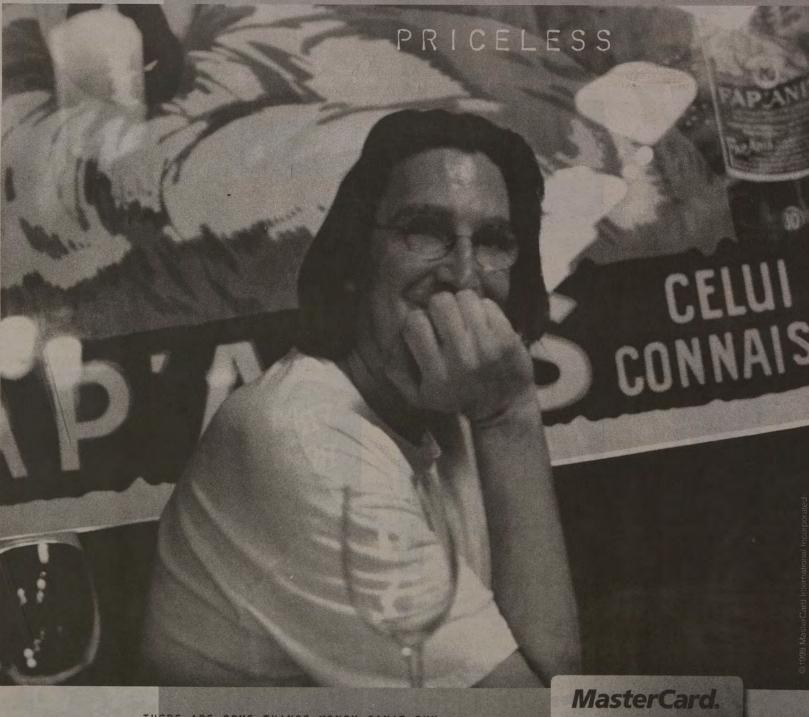
She reported that she left her bike locked up at 7 a.m. and returned to find it gone at 9:45 a.m. The lock was still attached to the rack. She is willing to prosecute.

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Regaining control is key for victims starting over

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But he is there, and he won't go away.

And then the phone calls start. Just a few a day at first, then 12, then 14, then 20. He won't stop calling you. You get an answering machine to screen your calls. Answering the phone used to be something normal, you did it everyday without thinking. Now it's terrifying.

And you've lost control again. He took it away from you the first time and he's still doing it, with every phone call, every note, every sideways glance. It's time to make a choice. You want your life back. You want to be in control. But how do you start?

Scenarios like this one are more common than most people think. According to UCF's Victim Services' year end report, 19 cases of sexual battery were reported to them in 1997. Six cases of stalking were also reported during that same year.

So why is it that no rapes were reported to the UCF Police Department in 1997?

Victim advocate Kim Williams said acquaintance rapes are the most common type of sexual battery and also the least reported.

"A lot of crimes on campus are perpetuated by someone you know," she said. "The biggest problem with that is many people don't think about being victimized by somebody they know. They don't think of that as a possibility, so they put themselves in situations where it happens and then they don't know what to do about it. They think they are the only ones that that has happened to and they feel to blame because they trusted that other person even though it's not their fault."

As one of two full-time victim advocates at Victim Services, Williams encourages victims to report crimes but points out that it is not necessary in order for them to seek help from Victim Services.

"I support whatever their decision is," she said.
"The thing I don't want to do is take any more of somebody's power and control by making decisions for them."

The Victim Services Unit offers emotional support and practical assistance to victims either through the criminal justice system or the university judicial system.

That assistance includes things like orientation before court dates, letting victims know who they can contact to keep them up on what's going on and what to expect during a court proceeding. Victim advocates may also accompany and transport victims to court for either depositions, trials or hearings and may also help victims obtain injunctions for protection, commonly known as restraining orders.

The unit also participates in educational programming on topics such as victim advocacy, victimization, sexual assault, relationship violence and stalking. They can write letters to a victim's professors, landlord or employer asking that they take into consideration that the student has been victimized.

How Victim Services gets involved with a victim varies.

It is most often a referral situation. A student will go into Student Legal Services or the Dean's Office and is referred to the unit. There is an advocate on-call 24 hours a day and they are often paged by an officer at the scene of a crime. Many times a student will see one of their stickers on the back of a stall door in a bathroom and will call, either for themselves or for a friend. Advocates also follow up on all police reports that go through the department. If one of the advocates runs across a report that they feel needs attention, they will contact the victim.

Mostly, Victim Services is about education. Educating victims on what their rights are and where they can go to seek help. Williams explained what happens when she first speaks to a victim.

"The first thing we do is talk to them about what

has happened to them and how much they're willing to share, that's up to them. Then we can assess what types of things may be able to help them in their situation. We'll educate them on what their rights and options are first, and then we let them choose from those options what they think is best for them and assist them in whatever way that is."

Williams said the majority of cases she sees are dealing with relationship violence. These types of cases can include boyfriends and girlfriends, students and co-workers, disputes among roommates, or ex-boyfriends and ex-girlfriends.

"A lot of times I'll have a client come into my office and they'll say they are having problems in their relationship and that they are frightened of this person but that they've never been hit. So I'll go down a list of questions with them. When it comes to being smacked or hit or kicked, that hasn't happened yet so they don't consider it abusive."

Williams said that there are a lot of things that people can look out for in determining whether or not a relationship has the potential to turn violent. Some of the questions she asks of clients are: Does the person do any of the following: track all your time, constantly accuse you of being unfaithful, discourage your relationships with family and friends, prevent you from working or attending school, criticize you for little things, humiliate you in front of others, or destroy personal property or sentimental items?

Two areas of concern for victim advocates is the growing number of drugged without consent crimes and the number of people being stalked either over the Internet or with its help.

Williams said drugging someone prior to sexually battering them is a lot bigger problem than the number of reported cases would indicate. "It happens a lot in off-campus clubs and apartments," she said. "I think there are a lot of people who don't report it."

Gamma Hydroxybutyrate(GHB) and Rohypnol are the most common 'date-rape drugs'. Their affects are similar to that of alcohol. Williams said people are beginning to use these drugs socially as opposed to drinking because they want the affects of alcohol but not the hangover.

"Some of the rapes that have resulted are because that person took the drug voluntarily," Williams said, "and then they're even more hesitant to report it because they took an illegal drug and they are afraid of what would happen."

One of the problems with drugged without consent crimes is that the victim often cannot remember specific details about the crime, making prosecution even more difficult although not impossible.

Williams said: "The more people that come forward with that occurring to them, the better the courts will get at handling those types of cases. So it really is important that people report them."

She said that prosecution is also difficult in stalking cases involving the Internet.

"There is a new wave of people stalking people on the Internet. Prosecuting is a problem because the technology has outgrown the law. It often causes a problem in determining what jurisdiction the crime takes place in because it may have been sent from one jurisdiction to another."

Williams said the most important advice she can give to anyone who thinks they might be involved in a potentially dangerous situation is to address the problem when it is at a low level before it escalates any further.

"I'd rather prevent it from happening to them than have them come into my office and me have to work with them afterwards," she said. "That's really the goal of victim advocacy, to put yourself out of business."

The Victim Services Unit is located in Trailer 533 next to Physical Plant. They can be reached by calling 823-2425 or 823-6069. In an emergency, a victim advocate can be notified by calling 823-5555 and leaving your first name and telephone number.

Listening skills important for student success

By LINDA RAMOS Staff Writer

Listening is one important way a student acquires information. According to the University of Minnesota's Student Handbook, the average college student spends 14 hours a week listening to lecture material. But is that average college student really listening-and, if so, is the listening effective?

Many students make the mistake of believing that the act of hearing is synonymous with the skill of listening. Unless a hearing impediment exists, the act of hearing is a bodily function that occurs as a result of the auditory sense perceiving sounds which are then interpreted by the brain.

People are constantly hearing but not necessarily listening. After hearing a sound which the brain interprets and classifies, the individual makes the choice to give that sound any interest or importance. The decision to choose which sounds are relevant or irrelevant creates the skill of listening.

In a pamphlet entitled "Active Listening: How can I get the most out of this class," from Sheridan College in Ontario, Canada, the efficiency listening level which most college students use is approximately 35 percent. To increase listening efficiency, the pamphlet advises a listening technique called LISAN-Lead, Ideas, Signals, Active, and Notes.

Leading refers to directing the mind to predetermine what the lecturer will say. In order to do this, read the assigned material prior to class. During the lecture, you'll be able to "lead" the mind in an organized format by anticipating the lecture's purpose.

Listen for the lecture's main ideas. If you can understand the main concept, the details won't seem so confusing. Be alert

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for signals that tell you which pieces of information are important.

These signals include auditory signals such as

repetition, emphasis, slowed speech; visual signals such as transparencies, handouts, diagrams; and physical signals such as hand gestures, pacing, facial expressions, and eye contact. Be active.

The lecturer is giving you information, so as a student you must do your part and receive the information by staying alert and focused. Finally, in order to remember the lecture's content, take notes. Notes serve as a written record of the lecture.

Ohio University's Academic Advancement Center gives additional tips for maximizing the listening experience. In class, choose a seat where you'll be able to see and listen effectively. To make the lecture interesting ask yourself, "Why is this important-what's in it for me?"

Don't judge the lecture or the delivery of the presentation. You are listening for content. Hold all your questions until the lecturer finishes making a complete point. Tune out distractions by redirecting the wandering mind back to the lecture.

The whole point of improving listening skills is to challenge and exercise the mind to think. You'll need to make a conscious choice that the information you are hearing is worth listening to.

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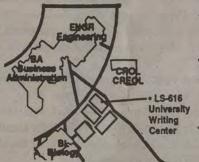
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Passing bills a long process for Senate

By SHELLEY WILSON Staff Writer

One of the biggest responsibilities the UCF Senate has is to pass bills for Student Government. Bill topics range from funding for clubs, senate membership decisions, to student activities. The process of passing a bill is a long one, but it ensures that the bill's impact has the best outcome for the students and organizations here at UCF.

Bills have to go through three different readings. Each of these readings takes place during Senate meetings which are held on Thursday nights.

A bill that is brought before the Senate for the first time is called the "First Reading". This serves as a period of initial introduction. The bill is then referred to committee(s) for consideration. A bill introduced by a committee shall be placed on a second reading, unless the bill is outside the jurisdiction of the introducing committee.

This second reading serves as a period of opening debate and amendment. All bills may be amended by a majority vote on the second reading. After this amending process has taken place, a bill moves to the third reading for the final debate. Any senator may move a bill to be placed back on a second reading by a majority vote which is a two-thirds vote. This means if there are 20 senators, 13 of them would be a majority vote.

For a bill to pass on to the next reading or for it to fail, it must also meet this two-thirds vote. When a bill does proceed to the next reading, it goes on the agenda for the following Senate meeting. A bill must pass the third reading to go to Student Government President Jason Murphy. He has 10 days to either sign or veto the bill. It is then passed on to Dr. Tom Huddleston, the interim vice-president for Student Development and



or veto the bill. If Huddleston vetoes the bill, then the Senate has the option to override the veto and send the bill to the president of the university, John Hitt.

Huddleston looks at several things when he reviews bills. The first thing he looks at is the current statutes. Then he looks at the applicability and fairness of the bill he's reviewing. Other staff, like Kenneth Lawson, the associate vice president of Student Development and Enrollment Services, also reviews bills to make sure there is consisten-

There are on average 100 or more bills that go through in one senate term. A new term begins every fall. At present there have been 98.

Two of the most recent bills that have passed through the Senate and were signed by the SGA president, are Bills 30-100 and 30-99.

Bill 30-100 was passed by the Senate on August 6, by a vote of 13-1. This bill was introduced by Sen. David Siegel and states that student senators may be elected or appointed to a maximum of four terms (a term being from one senatorial election to the next). Any senator not serving 50 percent or greater of a senatorial term shall not have a term assessed to him/her.

Bill 30-99 was also passed on August 6 and introduced by Siegel. It was passed by the Senate by acclamation which means there cannot be any no votes. This bill deletes that a senator be a degree seeking or post baccalaureate student enrolled in a minimum of six credit hours during each fall and spring semesters and one class during the summer.

Because both bills were vetoed by Huddleston, the Senate now has the option to override the Enrollment Services. He has 21 days to either sign vetoes and send the bills to President Hitt.

School praised by Alumni for its technology and facilities

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School of Communications Office. After the tour and report card were completed, a special graduation gift was given to each person in return for their card.

The new school employs 25 full-time faculty, four full-time staff, and more than 25 part-time instructors. There are approximately 1,600 students enrolled in the school.

An assistant professor in the school, Mike Mitrook, believes the dedication was very meaningful and was impressed to see the alumni involvement in the new school.

"It is great to see the enrollment of around 400 alumni members and the achievements and activities these members have been involved in," he said.

Mitrook sees the school continuing to grow and giving students what they need in a professional sense. He gave the new school an A on the report card. "The building is very well thought out. The lecture hall is the best I have ever been in," he added.

The school was originally authorized six years ago with the bulk of the work for the school being done in the past four. Before the school was built, the facilities were not adequate and the computers were equipped with mid- 80's technology. The new equipment in the school is very expensive with one piece worth at least a quarter

Meeske believes that the school has now reached the point where it is technologically comparable to other state universities.

"Our faculty feels that we can do the job with this state-of-the-art equipment," he said. He also believes that Orlando is an ideal location as it has become a center of TV production with the GOLF Channel and Nickelodeon production facilities located here.

"Our students have to learn to operate this equipment after graduation," Meeske said, "without it, training is limited. Having the equipment has a positive effect for students and us," he said.

Meeske said the faculty and staff are happy with the school and want it to grow. There are also plans for programming publicity efforts in the future and helping other schools such as theatre with video playback.



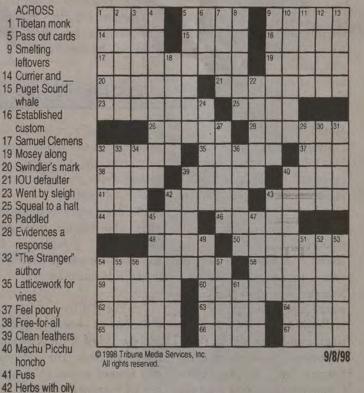
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Taking a bite out of the education challenge

By VICKI DeSORMIER Staff Writer

Sharon Lawrence hasn't always been a

As a matter of fact, she hated school when she was a kid. At 16, she dropped out of high school to take a job at Taco Bell.

She got married and had two children and continued to work at one dead end job

"I didn't think of it as dead end, of course," she said. "I just figured that's what I could do so that's what I did."

As her children got older, she found that she wanted more for them.. And she wanted more for herself.

She said that she discovered in talking to women she admired that the key to success was education.

"I figured out after years and years that I was gonna have to finish high school if I was going to get anywhere," she said.

"So I studied my butt off and got that GED."

She found out pretty quickly, however, that that wasn't enough. She'd have to go to college.

"It scared the heck out of me," she said. "Me? In college?"

It took her five years to get up the courage to even try, but she said she got angrier and angrier every time someone with more education stepped over her on the climb up the ladder.

"Experience and ability can only get you so far," she said. "Most places want that piece of paper."

With her children in middle school and high school, she said she gained more time to do something for herself. She said her husband has been very successful in business, so she doesn't "have to" work. She does it because she wants to.

Lawrence said she could just sit back and go to the gym and get her nails done.

"I could get a face OLDER AND WISER

lift and get my tummy tucked," she said, "but I want to get my brain lifted."

She said she enrolled in a class at a time at first, but now as a sophomore, she has taken on a full load of classes.

"I think I'm able to handle it now," she said. "Besides, my kids keep me going. I can't very well get on them about doing their homework and getting good grades if I'm not doing it."

She said she is majoring in business and hopes to get back into the food and beverage industry when she graduates.

"But I'm not going back into the fast food business," she noted. "I'm going into business for myself. I want to either open a restaurant or go into catering. I've got all that experience and I can add to it the things I'm learning about running a business and I think I can do a damn good job running my own place."

Going back to school has hardly been easy, she said. She has had to work hard just to keep her head above water.

"I was out of school for a long time and I wasn't a very good student when I was in school," she said. "I've had to learn just how to be a student on top of learning the subject matter."

Lawrence said she will stick it out until she graduates, even if it takes her another decade to do it. Earning a college degree will be the highlight of her life, she said...except for seeing her children graduate as well.

Many older (non-traditional) students are taking on the challenge of a college education at a later point in life than most. If you, or someone you know, is doing this, let me know about the special challenges facing the older student. Email me at wordgal@rocketmail.com and give me your name and a phone number where I can reach you.

September is Sexual Assault Awareness Month

By GWEN R. RHODES Assistant News Editor

The UCF Police Department's Victim Services Unit, along with other sponsors, have a month-long series of events planned to promote Sexual Assault Awareness

Every Wednesday, REACH: Peer Education will have information tables set up at the flea market outside the Student Union. In addition to picking up facts, statistics and campus resource information at the tables, visitors will also be able to sign "Stopping Violence Against Women" signature cards which will be sent to Washington, D.C. for legislative purposes.

Displays will be set up Library and at the Libra Claire Commons.

of date rape, "A Reason to Believe," will be shown Sept. 16 at 7:30 p.m. in the Key West Ballroom in the Student Union.

Then on Sept. 22, "Sexual Assault Issues in the New Millennium," a presentation by Franklin Nooe, director of the Daytona Rape Crisis Center, will be held in the Sand Key Room of the Student Union from 12 - 1 p.m.

For information on upcoming 3403. events, contact Kim Williams or Erin Brown at 823-6069 or 823-5841.

IN OTHER UCF NEWS:

•Robert J. Holmes, Jr. has been named vice president for

Development and Alumni Relations at UCF. He will also serve as president of the UCF Foundation, Inc., the university's fund-raising arm with assets of about \$69 million.

BRIEFLY

Holmes led a volunteer and staff-run fund-raising campaign for the University of Maine over goal when they raised \$68 million.

Holmes replaces Jonathan Flint, who resigned in August vice president of Development and president of the UCF Foundation.

•The Office of Public Relations is soliciting photos for the 1999 UCF Calendar Photo Contest. The calendar will feature scenes of campus Community Center at the Lake or UCF-related events and activities. Photos (slides are A film dealing with the issue preferred), are to be turned in no later than Nov. 2 to:

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

A plea to the Greeks

In this year of much excitement regarding the UCF Golden Knights 1998 football campaign, there is a serious concern that I have over a certain group of UCF fans. I am a Knights fan, I have been to every game since I have been at UCF and being that I am also a huge college football fan, I have noticed something that takes place at the Citrus Bowl that I have not seen anywhere else. What bothers me is that seated in the student section, among the die-hard fans proudly displaying their black and gold pride, you-will find traces of greens, blues, and reds. What I am talking about is the fraternities, and their choice to wear not UCF colors, but their own "jersies" to games. I have no problem with the greek system and their choice to display solidarity and pride. But in a season where we hope to grow as an NCAA respected program, the fan support will be crucial. I have been to football games at the Orange Bowl and Ben Hill Griffin Stadium in Gainesville, and I was hard pressed to find anyone not decked out in school colors. What is so hard about supporting UCF and refraining from boosting greek egos for one Saturday afternoon? I applaud the fraternities for their ability to bring busloads of fans to the games when at-large student support has been weak in the past, but going to a football game to be noticed and not to support the men who sacrifice their bodies each Saturday to give our school much needed recognition is a complete

-Gary Cahen

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

Lead Stories

•In separate incidents over a three-day period in July, three cousins in Shasta County in northern California lay down on or dove onto Highway 89 directly in front of approaching cars, apparently on purpose, resulting in the death of one and serious injuries to the other two. There was no evidence of suicidal intent, and according to the Redding Record Searchlight newspaper, "Authorities are baffled ... and fear more members of the large family may partake in (this) odd behavior." Killed was Lance Wilson, 19; injured were Mark Wilson, 20, and Lee Alex Gonzalez, 18.

•Dickson and Cynthia Unoarumhi of south London, England, told reporters in May that they believe they hold the record for the largest number of white children (three) born to a black couple, and the Guinness people apparently agree because they are inaugurating the category next year with the Unoarumhis' achievement. Possible explanations for the children's fate include a genetic regression, a parent's carrying a pigment-changing gene, or a parent's carrying an albino gene.

•In August, Sony Corp. announced it would modify its popular Handycam video camera after a Japanese magazine revealed that a \$7 filter used with the lens's infrared feature could enable users to see underneath the clothing of lightly dressed people. An Associated Press reporter likened the effect to seeing a body through a thin curtain rather than viewing someone nude, but that did not stop a brief run on the cameras before Sony's announcement.

Milwaukee's Blood Sport

In June, in a Target department store parking lot in Milwaukee, Dawn

Chapman, 25, allegedly tried to run down a woman whom she had just accused of butting in line at a checkout. And in April, Etharine Pettigrew, 41, was arrested in Milwaukee after allegedly trying to run down a 27-year-old woman in the parking lot of a Kohl's Food Store. The victim had been invited into the express checkout line by the cashier, even though she had more than 10 items, and Pettigrew took offense. Both victims required hospitalization.

What was Biology?

In June, the New York City Board of Education revoked the diplomas of 61 Brooklyn high school students (and was reviewing the records of 113 more). Principal Marcia Brevot had waved them through with full credit for "interdisciplinary" courses such as "Wiffleball theory" (physical education), "flower-arranging" (botany), and "sports 'rotisserie leagues'" (math).

Dog Heaven

A May Associated Press dispatch reported that the "dog (owners") culture" in New York City adds about \$500 million to the city's economy every year. Included in that figure must have been sales at the 19 upscale restaurants that serve dogs, featured in a July New York Times review; dog psychics; a limo service for dogs; a workshop for dog actors; a mechanical automatic dog wash; and an upscale dog fashion industry (selling tuxedos, wedding dresses, kilts, blazers, and a teddy designed to hold a diaper).

Two More Cool Things You Can Say

The Virginia Supreme Court ruled in February that the Virginia Tech student newspaper's labeling of a school administrator as "Director of Butt-Licking" did not amount to slander because the term could not be taken literally. (A dissenting judge said he understood that the name connoted "a lack of integrity.") And in May, the Equal Opportunity Commission in Perth, Australia, rejected a claim of racial harassment by American Jon Debellis, 41, who said co-workers had forced him into psychotherapy by constantly calling him "the Yank"

Compelling Explanations

•In April, a California Court of Appeal upheld an \$80,000 judgment to a right-leg amputee against the El Torito restaurant in Burlingame because the customer could not access the restaurant's second-floor rest room and was denied entry to a ground-floor, employees-only toilet. The restaurant's owner claimed that it could not permit customers to use the employee rest room because they'd have to go through the kitchen to get there, and they might steal food.

•In June, Rob Sherman, prominent anti-religion media activist around Chicago (known as The Atheist Guy), was charged with misdemeanor domestic battery for allegedly punching his 16-year-old son. Sherman told reporters he was disciplining the boy for refusing to do his chores and merely wanted to "put the fear of God into him."

•At first Diane Guiles, 43, complained to a New Britain, Conn., judge in March that ex-boyfriend Clarence Lloyd, 41, was bothering her despite the judge's stayaway order against him. However, as the judge questioned her, it looked more and more like Guiles was not particularly bothered. She reluctantly admitted that Lloyd still has the key to her house and that he "sneaks in" every night. Judge: "Let me get to the bottom of this. Does he sleep with you?" Guiles: "I got me two fold-out beds." Judge: "You didn't answer my question." Guiles: (pause) "Against my will, yes." ... But I keep a big pillow between us."

•Eleven men, ranging in age from 17 to 62, were charged in May with sexual assault and incest in a Hutterite religious sect community near Calgary, Alberta. Among the sentences meted out was one to a 31-year-old man who had relations with his daughter and another woman and who attributed his lapse to a feeling of excessive confidence after having been made boss of the community's pig barn.

Least Competent Criminals

Two Tacoma men were arrested in Lynnwood, Wash., in July and charged with robbing a Lynnwood Key Bank branch. The robbers were not much of a challenge for the police because they made their getaway in a motor home that belonged to one of them, which became ensnarled in typical noontime traffic several blocks from the bank and was overtaken by patrolmen on foot.

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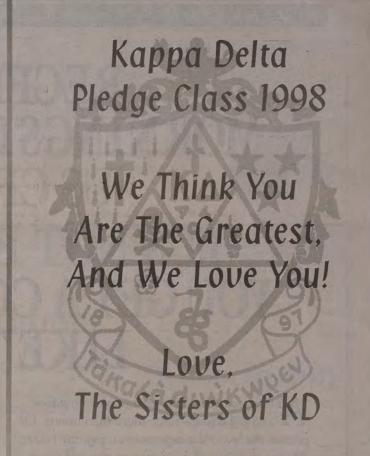
News of the Weird reported on Milwaukee's Gary Arthur Medrow in 1991 and 1997 for his obsession with telephoning women at random and persuading them through various ruses to lift another woman in the room and carry her around. Police have filed more than 50 charges against him in the last 30 years, mostly for his favorite method of persuading the women, namely, impersonating a police officer, and he has spent a total of about five years in prison. In June, a judge committed him to a state mental hospital for his latest adventures, even though a court-appointed psychologist said he had no idea why Medrow does what he does.

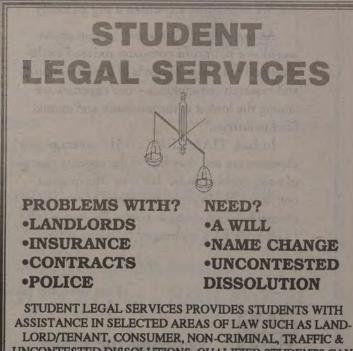
Just Field-Testing His Theory

Kenneth E. Kartman Jr., 39, was charged with attempted murder of his father in Menomonie, Wis., in July after he allegedly viciously swung a hatchet at his head twice, connecting once. According to court records, the younger Kartman had just spent four days with little sleep while working on a graduate school thesis, and police said that his work included a technology-religion theory that a person could kill another and be reunited with him and that Kartman apparently set out to prove it.

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Reserve Heisman Trophy now for infallible Daunte

By BRIAN SCHMITZ Knight-Ridder Newspapers

RUSTON, La. - Reserve the limo, write the acceptance speech and clear a

space for the trophy.

Beat the rush: Give Daunte Culpepper the Heisman.

What else does anybody need to see? Want him to play linebacker and pick off a couple passes or something?

If there are any questions, just ship Saturday night's Daunte Culpepper highlight package to Heisman voters across the coun-

Sure, I'm biased — just like all the others packing ballots.

Observers in Kentucky today are no doubt backing quarterback Tim Couch, who threw for seven TDs and 498 yards against Louisville. Big deal. Watching Culpepper will get you off the

Nobody's going to tell me there's a better player in college football at the moment after Daunte knocked Louisiana Tech into next week. The Bulldogs probably thought they were playing Nebraska again seven days daunting.

All he did when the polls opened on the Culpepper Campaign was account for six touchdowns in UCF's 64-30 demolition of La. Tech, four passing and two rushing. Another TD pass was dropped (and that kid was immediately expelled.)

Daunte was 24-for-37 for 370 yards and led UCF in rushing with 85 yards on 11 carries. And to think he got off to a shaky start.

Picking out Culpepper's best play is like selecting Sinatra's greatest hit.

Let's see. The way he completed a pass while ignoring a tackler who had wrapped himself around his leg? Or maybe it was a run where he seemingly weaved through downtown Ruston for a TD?

The favorite for me was the play where he had no receivers open or even off the line. He magically turned the chaos into a 27-yard run to set up his TD plunge. No such thing as a broken play with

As a reward, UCF coach Mike Kruczek allowed him to play with the game in hand so he could break the school record for career

later, the force of Daunte was that completions (614) — and pad his stats.

> Unfortunately, Culpepper has to compile extraordinary numbers to get attention of Heisman voters who eye superstars of Top 25 teams. That's the only way he can even the playing field while performing for an off-Broadway squad. "He's earned the right to play full-time," Kruczek said.

> Critical to his Heisman hopes is whether the rest of the team is as good and can build a platform for him with a sterling record. The Knights shockingly delivered in what had been projected as a shoot-out, but a competitive shoot-out.

> They buried the Bulldogs with an unexpected fury on special teams and played decent Arena League Football defense. They gave up miles of inconsequential yardage to the battery of Tim Rattay and Troy Edwards, as did Nebraska, but limited their trips to the end zone.

> Now the Golden Knights should be 2-0 heading to Purdue on Sept. 19 (after eliminating I-AA Eastern Illinois at home on Saturday), setting up another grand chance to beat the first

"name" opponent in school histo-

For Culpepper, it is the beginning of the end of his era at UCF. Same might be said for Kruczek, who wears the unsteady crown of interim head coach. Kruz has to erase the asterisk.

Five more wins now likely will do it, although a total of seven would totally eliminate suspicion.

Kruz' stomach hasn't churned like this after serving in relative safety as offensive coordinator the past 13 years. He could have been tutoring Peyton Manning against Miami today had he not turned down the Indianapolis Colts. "Biggest thrill in my life," Kruczek said after Victory No. 1. "I told the kids, 'I've been to Super Bowls, but I've been looking for this moment all my life."

UCF A.D. Steve Sloan acknowl-

edges that a "winning season" would land Kruczek — a backup for Terry Bradshaw as a pro and aide de camp to Gene McDowell at UCF -the lead part perma-

Sloan conceded that the best scenario for all concerned is for Kruz to hang onto the position. Budget-conscious UCF couldn't find a better coaching bargain at \$80,000 per than Mike.

Culpepper is a senior, and can't buy Kruczek time after this season. But he got the Kruz Era off to a rousing start, putting Heisman voters on alert.

A few weeks ago, Culpepper flatly refused to appease a photographer and give him a stiff-arm Heisman pose. The kid's humble,

See, what else do you need to

Roommate rules: set expectations early

By CHRISTINE TATUM College Press Exchange

So, your beer-swilling roommate has yacked on the front porch almost as much as her cat has hacked on the living room rug - and somehow you've gotten stück cleaning up the mess.

Then there's the hairy soap she leaves in the tub and the dirty dishes she piles into the sink. Still worse are those ear-splitting, nocturnal noises coming from her bedroom when her food-mooching boyfriend spends the night - six times a

Welcome to the world of cohabitation, your own personal

Hashing out your differences before trouble starts - whether you're in a cozy two-bedroom apartment or 10' x 15' dorm room - is the best way to ensure that yours remains a home sweet home, many counselors and resident hall advisers say. Smart roomies, they add, set rules for their living arrangement - and even get them in

"Ignoring the problem won't make it go away," said Casey Cressman, a resident adviser at Syracuse University. "We suggest that roommates sit down and talk one-on-one and try to come up with a solution. Unless you speak up, your roommate might not even know you're uncomfortable."

"Rules," she added, "are definitely underrated."

Amy Coutee, a graduate student in journalism at the University of Iowa agrees especially now that she's seen how rules have improved her live in relationships. Early on, she sensed trouble when one of her roommates

frequently invited a boyfriend to stay the night. To ease tension, Coutee and her two roomies established rules stipulating that no audible sounds come from the couple at night and that the boyfriend leaves their apartment before the other two women wake up each morning.

"It's worked out better that we have been open (about rules) from the beginning," Coutee said. "We'd all had problems in the past, and this is a much better situation."

Housing departments at many colleges and universities offer lists of suggested topics - visitation, cleaning responsibilities and borrowing policies for starters - that roommates should address shortly after they move

SWOON - a 'zine devoted to dating, mating and relating - is offering its own interactive contract to help co-inhabitants define potential sticking points. The contract, available at www.swoon.com, gets down to the nitty-gritty with structured agreements for even the smallest details, such as the finer points of telephone use ("All call-waiting chimes shall be religiously observed."), decorating ("No bold expression of personal style ... shall be introduced into any common areas ... sans vox populi.") and bathroom etiquette ("TP shall roll over the top.") The contract can be tailored to fit individual households and as funny ("Cigarette smoking is permitted on the premises at least five feet from anyone wearing polyester.") or as serious as you want it to be.

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Bust out the remote: Fall TV preview

Favorites return to hoorays and hisses

BY STACEY COPELAND Staff Writer

After two weeks of intense studying (ha!), I'm sure everyone is ready to chuck their books out the window and reach for the remote. We'll discuss a few returning shows then catch a glimpse of some new programs being offered this season. Let's get down to the good, the bad, and the well...unwatch-

•Friends (8pm, Sept.24) - It seems like most of America will be tuning in to this season opener to see if Ross will go ahead with his marriage to Emily after calling her Rachel at the altar. NBC execs aren't telling, but I seriously doubt that they want to deal with millions of angry TV viewers leaving nasty messages on the studio's answering machine if Emily gets her man.(NBC)

•Frasier (9pm, Sept.24) - Okay, boys and girls, meet Seinfeld's replacement. Dr. Frasier Crane is looking for employment after getting himself (and all his friends) fired for the radio station. Sounds promising, but will this quirky comedy be able to fill Seinfeld's shoes in the eyes of viewers?(NBC)

•Beverly Hills, 90210 (8pm, Sept.16) -When you have to bring back Luke "Big Hair" Perry to save a dying show, it's time to call it quits. Jason Priestly and Tiffani-Amber Thiessen are even abandoning ship mid-season. I think it's time someone put this aging show to rest.(FOX)

•Dawson's Creek (8pm, Oct.7) - What now? That's the question being asked after that fateful kiss between Dawson and Joey in last season's finale. What does it mean? Are they a couple? And what about Jen? With plenty of people tuning in to get the answers to these questions, this new show is expected to thoroughly kick it's competitor 90210's respective hiney.(WB)

•ER (10pm, Sept.24) - The most expensive TV series in history (\$13 million per episode) is playing musical characters this season. The show welcomes Kellie Martin as first year med student Lucy Knight and says goodbye to George Clooney at the end of the season. The ultra-popular drama will no doubt stay afloat despite the tears of many females over the exit of the "sexiest doctor on television". Don't bother handing me one of those tissues.(NBC)

•The Drew Carey Show (9pm, Sept.23) -It seems like the writers decided to get a little funky this season with Drew dating both a senior citizen AND Mimi (?!?!). Also take into account the plotline that has Oswald getting breast implants as part of a scientific experiment..They must be going for that "bizarre" affect this season.(ABC)

•Just Shoot Me (9pm, Sept.22) - Expect a repeat of last season with lots of David Spade's dry humor and plenty of guest stars (including SNL's hilarious Molly Shannon.) (NBC)

•Ally McBeal (9pm, Sept.14) - Calista "My Emmy weighs more than I do" Flockhart is back as the neurotic, insecure Ally in the comedy/drama's second season. WIll they be able to hold onto the popularity they amassed during their debut season? The



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shows execs are telling us to just sit back and end up married to cocktail waitresses. Not watch. Well, they didn't have to get "snappish" now did they?(FOX)

•Melrose Place (8pm, July 27) - Oh, joy. Another season of cat-fighting, hair pulling, man stealing and dating everyone in sight. It sounds like this cast needs to hook up with Jerry Springer. Execs say look for an "allabout-Amanda" season. Umm, excuse me while I look for the remote to change the channel.(FOX)

•Boy Meets World (8:30pm, Sept.25) -Cory and Topanga are tying the knot?!?! They've graduated high school?!?! This show is still on the air?!?!

•The Simpsons (8pm, Sept.20) - It's an eventful season for the Simpson household. Homer becomes a hippie, Bart and Lisa get zapped into the tv and Flanders and Homer your typical American family, eh? Also look for holiday spectaculars and guest stars like Ed McMahon, Jerry Springer and Regis Philbin.(FOX)

•Party of Five (9pm, Sept.16) - This show is back on track after getting a tad too melodramatic last season. Bailey and Sarah are back together, Julia is headed for divorce court, Claudia is off to boarding school and Charlie is cancer-free. Looks like life will be a little easier for the Salinger clan.(FOX)

•Buffy the Vampire Slayer (8pm, Sept.29) - Don't fear, Angel fans, he isn't gone for good! He'll return from the dead (again) to haunt Buffy and wreck havoc on her life. Execs also promise much more romance in between all those nasty slayings. Sounds..umm..diverse?(WB)

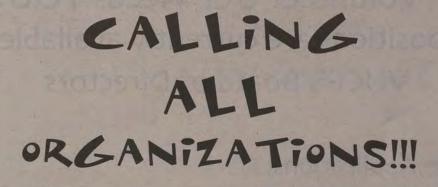
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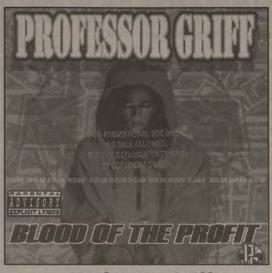


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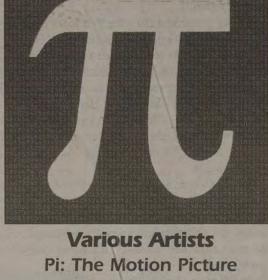


Professor Griff Blood of the Profit (Mercury Record

Professor Griff another talented rapper goes the distance on his new CD "Blood of the Profit." With songs containing explicit lyrics like "Black Beauty and the B**ch," Griff does have a niche for rapping. His word choice, although semiprimitive, colorfully describes his feelings about life. However, if you are person who doesn't like to here about "hoes" and "b*tches" don't pick up this CD. For example, his song "Vicious Cycle," contains the lyrics "Vicious Cycle, the word is so complex, everybody wants more sex and cash more checks." He definitely gets props for rhyming and the background music was decent and didn't take away from his rapping. Sometimes rap artists hide their voice under the background music, but not Professor Griff, whose talent takes stride above the music. Pick this CD

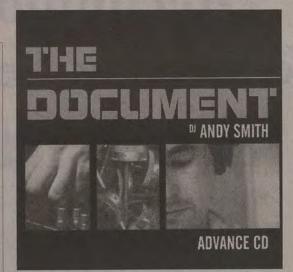
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- Mercedes McElmurry



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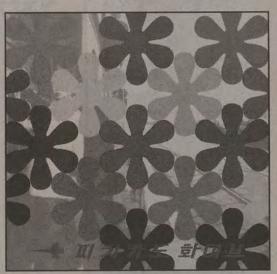
If the movie is aş good as the CD sounds, we should all be in for a treat. In it Max Cohen is a number theorist who is obsessed with the pursuit of the infinite. "What the story uncovers is the deeper link between the mysteries of life and other topics of consciousness as seemingly disparate as the stock market, the kaballah, technology, our DNA, and the stars in the sky." This CD is a compilation of several artists including: Clint Mansell, Orbital, Autechre, Aphex Twin, Roni Size, Massive Attack, David Holmes, Gus Gus, Banco De Gaia, Psilnaut, and Spacetime Continuum. Everybody on this CD explores the ever increasing popular sounds of the electronic evolution that seems to be increasing with new talent each day. Some of the sounds were a bit bizarre, but that's what's so great about this type of music, its experimental. Some of the better songs on the CD were "Watching Windows" by Roni Size and "We got the Gun" by Clint Mansell. Keep your eyes open for the movie, and in the mean time pick up this CD. -Mercedes McElmurryDJ Andy Smith



The Document (Phase 4)

Can you imagine hip-hop gurus Jungle Brothers, soul crooner Barry White, and turntable master Grandmaster Flash mixed together on one compilation? This funky wet dream is a reality, and it all comes courtesy of Andy Smith. Also known as the DJ for moody trip-hoppers Portishead, Smith spins an odd but funky set of old, new ,and really old styles including the ones above and even throws in classic R&B, deep jazz, and straight-up rap. Such a unique taste might have you skipping around the CD alot (the Tom Jones song brought an image of Austin Powers to my head), but don't be surprised if you're cranking up the volume at the same time, especially when Deaf Mick increases the energy level in the second half.. A discriminating CD for discriminating tastes. -Corbett Trubey

Correction: The Liz Phair and DJ Icey reviews were written by Steve Unger. The Infinite Posse and Kid Rock reviews were written by Mercedes McElmurry.



Pizzicato Five Remix Album: Happy End Of You (Matador)

Pizzicato Five is a Japanese duo that take loungey, go-go music and give it a funny, cheesed-out 90's twist. On this remix album, producers from all corners of the world of electronic music pu together a weird, hit-and-miss smorgasbord of delights. From jungle to hip-hop to tripped out experimentalism, producers like DJ Dara, Gus Gus, and Tortoise definitely give a whole new spin on each song that's somewhat enjoyable, but the formula works best when Pizzicato Five's sweet chords and angelic voices are allowed to shine through. The CD seems to cater towards die hard fans of Pizzicato Five and underground music enthusiasts but probably won't click for those not acquainted with either one. Still, you gotta give them props for trying new sounds.

-Corbett Trubey

The ups and downs of the new shows

BY STACEY COPELAND Staff Writer

Ones to watch!!!

•Felicity (9pm, Sept.29) - The WB looks like it has a winner on it's hands with this one. Oh a whim, the normally level-headed Felicity Porter withdrawals her acceptance to Stanford and follows the object of her affection (the resident high school stud) to New York City. Her parents are ticked and her life is thrown into turmoil as this small town girl struggles with college life and the big city. Sounds like one emotional ride. I know I'll be tuning in.

•Cupid (10pm, Sept.26) - Jeremy Piven is a Cupid banished to Earth to unite 100 couples before he can go home to Mt. Olympus. He also clashes with a relationship expert (Paula Marshall) one more than one occasion. It's being called "quirky good" in a

season full of "quirky©bad" shows. If Piven is his usual entertaining self, he should do just fine. (ABC)

•Jesse (8:30pm, Sept.24) - This is almost a guaranteed hit with it's cushy timeslot between Friends and Frasier. A single mom/waitress (Christina Applegate) experiences constant interference

from the men in her life. Umm, what woman doesn't? Well, it's from the producers of Friends anyway, so it's worth a shot. (NBC)

What were they thinking???

•Encore, Encore! (8:30pm, Sept.22) - Nathan Lane stars a former opera singer who returns to the family winery when he realizes his career is over. Huh? (NBC)

•Wind on Water (8pm, Oct.17) - Bo Derek is a ranching matriarch whose two grown sons are champion surfers. Yep, I think that sentence says it all. But wait, the show even has it's own mustachio-twirling villain rancher. Could it get any more

cheesier? (NBC)

•Charmed (9pm, Oct.7) - Shannon Doherty stars as one of three sisters who all realize they have the power to become witches. HAH! I think we've all had enough of the notoriously bratty Doherty being witchy to last a lifetime. (WB)

•Two of a Kind (8pm, Sept.25) - Oh, boy! Mary Kate and Ashley Olsen are back as twin sisters plotting to find the perfect girl for their dad. Okay, these bubble gum twins were annoying when they were three years old on Full House. It's even worse now. No thanks.



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SEC schools shutout UCF on victories, goals

Staff Writer

The UCF women's soccer team suffered two tough losses in Athens, Georgia at the hands of the 17th-ranked Georgia Bulldogs and the Syracuse Orangewomen during the Nike Classic on Saturday, dropping to 0-3 on the season. The loss to Georgia was the second of the season against a top 20

team after losing the seasonopener against fourth-ranked Florida 3-0.

The Bulldogs got a goal from Jennifer Ahern with 25 seconds remaining in regulation to defeat the Knights 1-0. The Knights difficult loss followed a 2-1 loss against Georgia in overtime last season. UCF played Syracuse on Monday in the consolation match after the Orange fell to Florida State 3-2. Erin O Grady had a hat trick leading Syracuse to a surprising 5-1 win. UCF's senior Kim Shrum scored the Knight's lone goal.

Georgia dominated the entire game against UCF, not allowing a shot in the second half. Ahern's goal came on the Bulldogs 24th, and final shot, on a cross from Leah Polaski. The Knights managed just two shots in the contest.

UCF almost took an early lead in the game with a rare scoring opportunity. Danya

Harris, who played for Georgia in 1995, slipped behind the defense, but her shot from 15 yards hit the post.

During the season-opener, the fourthranked Florida Gators traveled to Orlando last Tuesday and left with a 3-0 victory over the UCF women. The difference between the two teams was not only evident in the score, but the fact that the Gators out-shot the Knights 25-5 during the contest.

Florida dominated both halves, but only held a 1-0 lead at halftime. Forward Melissa Pini gave the Gators the lead in the 40th minute with a goal from eight feet from the left side of the box after the UCF defense could not

"We were real disappointed when they scored that goal late in the first half," Richter said. "We thought we would get to the half at 0-0 and be able



Future File Photo

Alyssa O'Brien became UCF's career saves leader during the 5-1 loss to Syracuse. O'Brien now has 341 saves in her career.

to make some adjustments, but we shot at the Gators and Bulldogs unless were still in the game."

However, UCF could have trailed by much more in the first half if it were not for keeper Alyssa O'Brien, midfielder Claire Kohake, and both goal posts. The Gators missed a scoring opportunity in the 10th minute, but in three successive shots, they hit the right post, the left post, and Kohake who stopped the final shot. Then again in the 37th

minute, O'Brien and Kohake stopped Abby Wambach twice from point blank range. The Gators out-shot the Knights 15-4 in the first half and continued to hold the ball in the Knights half of the field for most of the second half.

"That's the best offense we'll see all year, no doubt about it," Richter said. "From that standpoint, it was a great first game for our defense because now we've seen the best."

> The Gators gained a 2-0 advantage in the 72nd minute when midfielder Erin Baxter put the ball in the left corner on a cross from Karyn Hall that deflected off two UCF defenders. Wambach then got revenge in the 84th minute when she headed the ball in the right corner on a pass from Keisha Bell.

> The Knights chances of an upset were dashed due to the fact that their first shot in the second half came in the 86th minute. O'Brien played a solid game in net making 12 saves, but could not hold the Gators at bay.

> "She (O'Brien) was phenomenal, and she kept us in the game," Richter said. "She made the big time saves which frankly we expect her to do now."

The loss to the Gators was the fourth consecutive loss in the series for the Knights, who have now been shutout in three contests after losing the first game 4-2 in overtime. The Knights will

until next season to get another they meet in the post-season.

UCF must now rebound after a difficult start as they enter Trans America Athletic Conference play. The Knights, predicted to win the TAAC East Division, travel to Stetson on Thursday after winning both games against the Hatters last year. Then they return home for a non-conference battle against Miami on Sunday.

Freshman Ari Nurmi impressive in debut

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minute and two more in the 74th minute, just 36

The victory over the Chanticleers followed the Knights victory over Long Island, moving the Knights to 2-0 on the season. In the two games, UCF outshot their opponents 44-18 while netting the 17 goals.

"This was a good start to our season," Ritvanen said. "We played well as a team, and we were able to create a lot of opportunities."

UCF proved that their #25 ranking by Soccer America was no fluke on Saturday as they defeated Long Island 9-2. Nurmi, Ritvanen, and Hariz led the charge for the Knights, accounting for seven of UCF's nine scores.

Tom Hulkko began the scoring for the Knights in the ninth minute on an assist from Arno Nurmisto. Following a goal by the Blackbirds, Hariz, who scored 66 goals last season in high school, proved his worth before the first half ended, netting goals in the 27th and 29th minutes to give UCF a 3-1 lead heading into the half. However, Nurmi and Ritvanen dominated the second half as the Knights blew the game open while scoring at will. Ritvanen scored an unassisted goal three minutes into the second half before Nurmi exploded.

Nurmi, who netted a hat trick in the second half, scored his first goal unassisted in the 60th minute. After a LIU goal, he scored his second goal in the 74th minute on a pass from Vehmas, then added another unassisted goal three minutes later for a 7-2 UCF lead. Abede Edwards then recorded assists on the Knights final two goals by Ritvanen and Rehmas. Ritvanen netted his at 81:51 while Vehmas put his in at 85:27.

"We don't know much about the two teams we play this week, UNLV and UC-Santa Barbara,' Ritvanen said. "The good thing is that it's a long trip, so we have plenty of time to prepare.'

The Knights now hit the road for the UNLV Soccer Classic in Friday and Sunday in Las Vegas. On Friday, UCF battles UC-Santa Barbara, and then they play host-UNLV on Sunday. UCF will be looking to improve upon their first ever ranking before an upcoming contest against national-power Indiana.

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Volleyball hopes to break even against FSU

By JEFF CASE Staff Writer

UCF women's volleyball coach Miriam Ochoa is somehow relieved her team returned home with a 1-2 performance at the Mortar Board Purdue Premier Volleyball Tournament.

"This helped prepare us for Florida State University," Ochoa said before Tuesday's game against the Seminoles. "I'm glad we had the experience there and we realized what we have to do to beat these kinds of schools.

The Golden Knights lone victory of the tournament came on Sept. 6 in a five-game series against UAB. Ochoa said the team had played well against host Purdue on Sept. 4, only to lose in a five game set, 11-15, 17-15, 4-15,15-10, 11-15.

Ochoa said Purdue's home court advantage may have gotten the best of her team.

"When we played them, they had

their band there, they had cheerleaders, they had a packed house," said Ochoa, whose team returns only five players from last season's 28-4 team. "They had to scream just to hear the play being called. They had more obstacles to overcome."

Facing the University of Kentucky on Sept. 5, the team hoped to rebound against a Wildcat team that went 14-17 last year. The Knights were caught off guard by the Wildcats, as they defeated UCF in three games.

Drained by their five game loss to the Boilermakers the night before, Ochoa said the team had several mental lapses.

"We were very surprised [they beat us]. We expected to beat them pretty handily," Ochoa said. "There were a lot of mental errors and we were coming off a tough loss from the night before. A couple of times, we would play balls going out of bounds or we were out of position.

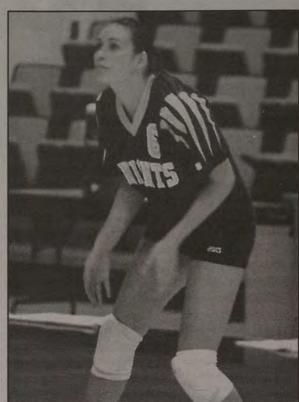
"It wasn't physical exhaustion, it

wasn't that at all, it was mental exhaustion. The night before we had to overcome more obstacles and when we played [the Wildcats], no one was there [in the gym] except for a few fans, so it was more relaxed. I think we let ourselves get too relaxed."

The Knights must now face a team ranked 24th in the American Volleyball Coaches Association poll, the Seminoles. UCF was defeated 10-15, 2-15 and 3-15 by FSU the last time they met in 1992.

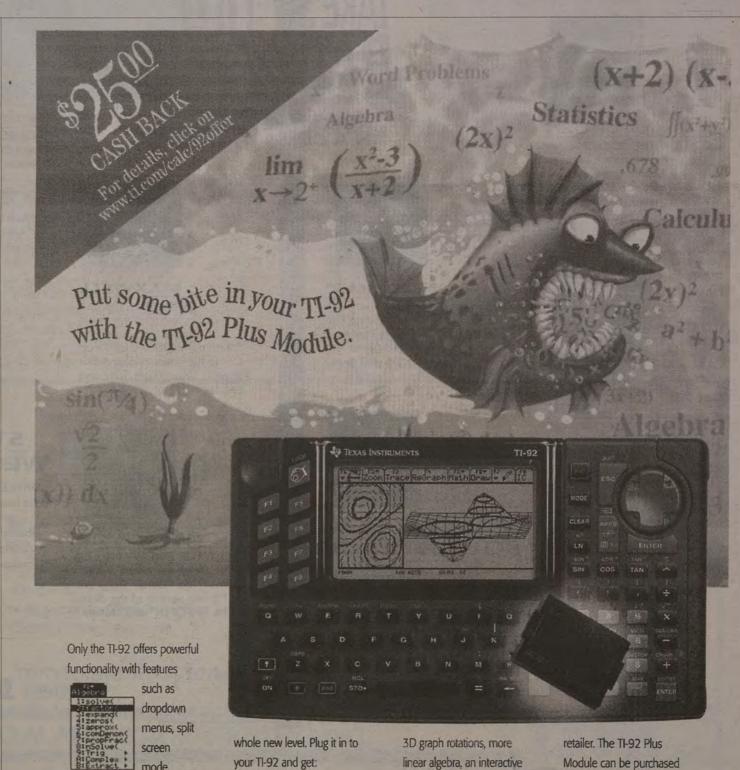
Ochoa said she hopes her team has learned from their tournament showing and will be ready to face the Seminoles.

"I know they are really excited to go and play Florida State," Ochoa said. "They know what it takes to beat these teams, the Clemsons, the Auburns, the Florida States. Luckily we have a lot of people on our team who can't stand to lose and I know they don't like [being 1-2]."



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Appearance in both polls is first indication of national recognition

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Now, starting out the way we did, dominating a team that was supposed to be favored in the football game, was big. All the hype was about how close this thing was going to be. A lot of points were going to be scored. Well, they were right about one thing, there was a lot of points scored, but it was all on one side. I t was monumental to win the game like that."

Despite the fact that Louisiana Tech can't substitute for not getting that bigname win UCF was so close to achieving last season, the victory against a respected school will do wonders confidence-wise.

"It got us over the hump. It reinforced in our kids' minds the confidence they have in themselves that they can beat a quality opponent," Kruczek said.

Still missing is that big name win against that Big Ten or SEC school. Purdue comes up after the home opener against Eastern Illinois. While the players won't be looking past anybody, the nationally televised showdown is coming up. UCF vs Purdue on ESPN. Think a win there won't produce some votes?

"This is our first indication of national recognition," Kruczek said. "Hopefully, we can build on it. We can't afford to go backwards. Got to keep going forward."

The fact that UCF is talking bowl and Top 25 in their third year is amazing. It will be interesting to see just how far the Knights have come when Eastern Illinois comes to the Citrus Bowl. A little more

than two years ago, the Panthers were our equal. Now, while they opened with a convincing win over daunting Division II rival St.Joseph's, PA, UCF is receiving votes in the national polls after disposing of a fellow I-A foe coming off an impressive showing against the defending national champions. Actually, UCF, in their second year, led the future national champions at halftime last season. As an 0-3 team, the Knights received their first vote in the national polls in '97. Now in this year's opener, Louisiana Tech fell, and fell hard. While the nation may not be privy to Tech's talent, UCF's players were.

"I don't really think that many people realize the caliber of the team we just beat," said defensive lineman Jeff Mauldin. "A lot of our players didn't either. They aren't a real big name and aren't considered a big time team. We knew they had a real high powered offense."

With one down and ten to go the talk will start. A convincing victory over Eastern Illinois will solidify the significant strides UCF has made. A win over Purdue would be monumental, spurring talk of a possible undefeated season. I had a friend ask me what would happen if UCF is undefeated at season's end. Would they be included in the Bowl Championship Series? That's getting a little ahead of ourselves. Actually, a lot ahead of ourselves, but in two weeks, if UCF travels into West Lafayette and topples Purdue, you may not have to look under the 'Others receiving votes' to see the Knights in the Top 25.

UCF's record setting third quarter overwhelms Edward, Bulldogs

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ing Kenny Clark down the sidelines on a 54-yard score. Clark was UCF's leading receiver, tying Mark Nonsant with six catches for a team-high 120 yards. Edwards caught a second touchdown later in the half to pull the Bulldogs within 21 points, but Dwight Collins scored on an 8-yard pass from Culpepper, and tailback Eddie Mack rattled off runs of 20 and 23 yards, the latter for a touchdown to give the Knights a commanding 57-22 lead after three quarters. The 30 points scored by UCF in the third quarter was a new school record.

"If we executed our game plan like we did, I knew we'd put some points on the board," said Culpepper, who finished 24-37 for 370 yards and set a new school record for most career completions. "We have greater depth than it's ever been since I've been here. If someone goes out on the first team, and we bring somebody in, the skill level isn't going to decrease. We're two-deep at every position, so that's a big difference from last year and the year before."

Another big difference was the improved field position and special teams play, which was exceptional thanks to the efforts of Paul Miranda. Miranda, UCF's fastest player, returned five kicks for 198 yards, set-

ting up UCF for numerous touchdowns. Miranda was one tackle away from returning a pair of kicks for touchdowns, and added to his impressive performance by tying Porter with a team-high eight tackles.

Louisiana Tech gave up the most points it has ever allowed in a home game in losing by a wider margin to UCF than it had to defending national champion Nebraska, who it lost to 56-27 in the Eddie Robinson Classic. Edwards, who set a new NCAA record with 405 receiving yards in that loss, caught 13 passes against the Knights for a game-high 206 yards. Rattay, who threw for 590 yards against the Cornhuskers on 68 attempts, put the ball up 64 times against UCF, throwing for 524 yards. Despite the tremendous numbers, both were extremely disappointed after the loss.

"I was going out to prove a point that we could still win and we fell way short of that goal," Edwards said. "This is a hard loss. Everybody thought the game would come easy to them, but everybody is out to beat us. I think the defense was a bit more motivated to stop Nebraska and they kind of overlooked Central Florida, but UCF is one of the best teams out there."

If a 34-point loss is the price to pay for overlooking UCF, don't expect any team to repeat that same



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UCF won't look past Eastern Illinois

By TONY MEJIA Sports Editor

A nationally televised contest at Purdue looms next week for UCF, but don't expect the Golden Knights to take Division I-AA Eastern Illinois for granted. The Panthers, who come to the Citrus Bowl for a 6 pm contest this Saturday, are a competitive squad with a tough secondary. Besides, although UCF's talent base is far superior, the Knights are only two years removed from I-AA, making this a valid measuring stick.

"We're not going to take anybody lightly. We want a shutout. Every time we go into a game we're looking for a shutout. This week is the same. We're going to be concentrating on making no mistakes," defensive back/kick returner Paul Miranda said.

Mike Kruczek's debut as head coach went beautifully, and although it will be hard to improve on many aspects of their game, UCF will still look to work to get better. Daunte Culpepper settled into a groove throwing the ball in last week's second half and will look to continue it. Defensively, the Knights won't be thrown at 64 times. A solid test for the defense is that Eastern Illinois likes to run the ball, an area the defense obviously got little work against versus Louisiana Tech.

"We're really going to have to change

gears this week. Last week it was pass, pass, pass, run, where as this week it will be run, run, run, play action," said defensive tackle Jeff Mauldin. "As a defensive line we're going to have to stand a lot lower this week and work on our play level, plan our blocks, front gaps, stuff that we may have been a little sloppy on against La. Tech because they didn't run that much."

Despite all the talk of not looking past anyone, it would be far-fetched to assume that Purdue isn't lingering in the back of the players mind. In addition, with the tremendous emotion and effort displayed in the opener, it's hard to believe UCF being at that same level for what will most likely be the weakest team on this year's schedule.

"I don't think there's any doubt that there could be a let down emotionally. When you spend all of your waning moments training and conditioning for one team and that's spent. After you come out victorious how do you recoup the same energy for the next one. But, great teams are able to do that and I think we have the qualities of a great football team.



J. Lynch

I think we'll find out this week," Kruczek said. Eastern Illinois features a pair of solid running backs in senior Justin Lynch and junior Jabarey McDavid. Last season, the duo finished second and sixth, respectively in Ohio the Conference. Panthers opened the season with a 24-7 win at home over Division II St.Joseph's (IN) and will be up for this contest,

which will undoubtedly be their toughest of the season. Eastern Illinois faces their second and final Division I-A opponent next week, when they take on MAC-member Northern Illinois, whom UCF hosts on Oct.10.

"They are a competent I-AA football program who had a great season last year. They've done a great job of recruiting in the junior colleges to reinforce their needs and should be very competitive against us this week," Kruczek said. "I think our personnel kind of puts us in a position where we're well past the I-AA level. We jumped into the I-A level very quickly and very competitively. That was evident last year against some great football teams. You don't find programs being

able to jump those levels as fast as we did and the reason being we have some skill guys who can flat play. This is kind of a unique place."

After the rousing 64-30 victory over Louisiana Tech, a big crowd is expected to welcome UCF to the Citrus Bowl for the '98 season. After starting 0-3 last year, UCF drew a home record 41,827 fans for last year's opener against Idaho. With the growing aspirations and attention surrounding the Knights, an even larger turnout would not be out of the question.

"Anytime we get an opportunity to play in front of the home crowd, we look forward to that. I don't think they should take the opponent we're playing as part of the evaluation as to whether they should come or not. This is a very special for this program for a lot of reasons, the biggest is Culpepper only has five appearances left in that stadium," Kruczek said. "It's real good entertainment. They should be proud of what's been put out on that field. It's brought recognition to the city of Orlando. Once it was known as a tourist, Mickey-town kind of thing. Now we've got a growing college program down here."

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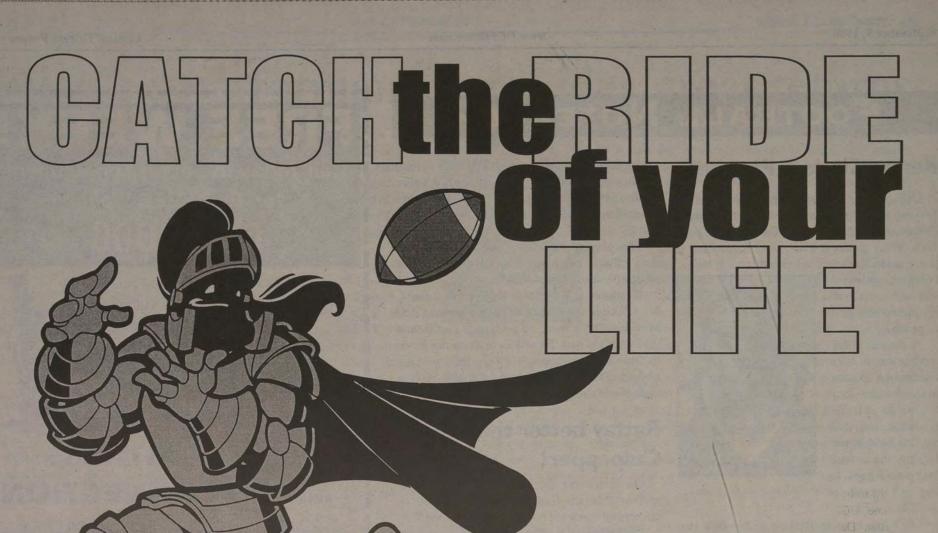
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Kenny Clark: A Prophet?

UCF wide receiver Kenny Clark caught a 54-yard touchdown pass from cousin Daunte Culpepper in Saturday's 64-30 win at Louisiana Tech. What makes it even more impressive is

that aside from being a talented receiver, Clark appears to be a gifted prophet.

"I dreamt about scoring on a long touchdown pass twice in the last two weeks. A trainer on the staff told me that he saw me scoring on a real long pass. I guess it was just meant to be, "Clark said.



Clark

Clark has been ineffective in his first two years at UCE. The redshirt sophomore had three catches his freshman year, where he redshirted after three games, and had two all of last season. His six-catch, 120-yard performance were both career highs that Clark hopes to duplicate often this year.

"I've been waiting three years for this opportunity. I just wanted to make an impression and help the team win," Clark said. "On the touchdown, I ran a flag route, so I spinned inside and came up and gave the corner a post move like I was going to the post. He bit on it, so I broke back outside and he (Culpepper) put the ball right on the numbers and I took it down the sideline."

Wonder if that's just the way Kenny "The Prophet" envisioned it?

Kruczek ecstatic about first coaching win

Winning his debut as a collegiate coach was a tremendous feeling for Mike Kruczek. After being distracted by Culpepper late in the fourth

quarter, Kruczek was drenched as his team gave him the traditional Gatorade shower. As if anything could dampen his mood.

"I've been to Super Bowl wins twice. I've had a lot of personal highs in my career, but this is something I've looked forward to all my life. The feeling is indescrib-



Kruczek

able," Kruczek said. "I'm so proud of the way the team played. Everybody contributed in the win. They played for sixty minutes, getting after it the whole time. There was no letdown."

One of the interesting changes in Kruczek's role is the fact that he came down from the coaching box onto the sidelines. According to him, the change was easy.

"Piece of cake. I'm a sideline guy now. I really adjusted well to the atmosphere. I communicated with everyone real easily. No big deal. I like the sideline."

Chizik's defensive scheme pays dividends

Defensive coordinator Gene Chizik also made his UCF debut, and was pretty much pleased with what he saw.

"I think the plan was executed fairly well. The thing that you always try to guard against against a team like this is giving up the big plays. We did that twice and it cost us. It's a young secondary and we're young defensively, but they played hard all game. If you don't give up those two huge plays, then you hold them to 16 points, which means our defense is pretty good."

The players themselves are satisfied with their efforts, but more than anything, they're satisfied with their new coach.

"It makes it a lot more fun for the defense. It's effective too," said defensive lineman Jeff Mauldin. "He's more of a player's coach than we had in the past. He relates to us on our level. Rather than us working for him, he's working with us. That's a part of being a coach. Having your players want to play for you."

Rattay better than Culpepper?

On an amusing note, always quotable receiver Troy Edwards from Louisiana Tech had an interesting comment to make following the loss.

"Culpepper's a Heisman Trophy quarterback. He's a winner and a good quarterback," Edwards said. "He's not as good as our quarterback, but he's a winner."

Whose team won 64-30?

Bumps and bruises

A couple of players were nicked up after the ball game. Among them was Miranda, who suffered with cramps all the way home on the plane ride. The most significant injury appears to be Mike Grant, who is questionable for the home opener with a sprained ankle.

Grant will miss a few days of practice this week before being evaluated prior to the Eastern Illinois game. No other players are even questionable for this week's game.

Record watch

UCF's safety, which was recorded by Deon Porter, was the first one recorded since October 12, 1996 against Samford.

Daunte Culpepper broke the school's career mark for completions during Saturday's game. Darin Hinshaw held the record which stood at 614. Culpepper currently has 617 and counting. Ironically, the completion that got him the record was subsequently fumbled by Mark Nonsant.

Culpepper should break the career total offense mark of 8,865 yards, also held by Hinshaw, sometime in the first half of the home opener. Currently, Culpepper has amassed 8,724 yards of total offense (passing, rushing, receiving) in his career. Culpepper's six touchdowns responsible for ties for second in UCF history. The game mark is seven, held by Darin Slack, against West Georgia in 1987. Culpepper has now thrown a touchdown pass in fifteen consecutive games. His 370-yard passing performance is good for seventh all-time, and is his third-best effort as a Golden Knight. It was his record-extending ninth 300-yard passing game.

Paul Miranda's kick returning performance of five returns for 198 yards is second in school history behind Bernard Ford's single game record of 213 yards. Miranda's 39.8 yards per return, however, is a new UCF one game record.

Mark Nonsant recorded his seventh 100-yard receiving game, good for fourth in UCF history. Fred Waczewski's eight extra points in a game tie him for second in history, despite the fact that his consecutive field goal streak ended in the first quarter.

As a team, UCF's 30 third quarter points sets a record, while their 64 points is a Division I-A record. The 104 passes attempted between the two teams is the first time that UCF has been involved in a game where the attempts figure goes over the century mark.

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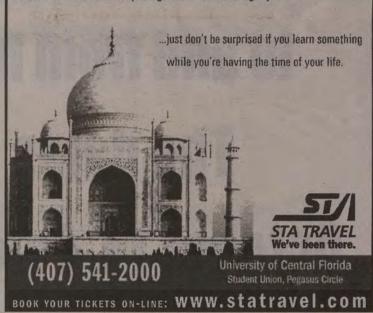
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Miranda's performance provides great returns

By TONY MEJIA Sports Editor

Paul Miranda returned a kick for a touchdown in last year's season finale against Toledo. Although the Rockets kicked off to Todd Cleveland, UCF called for a reverse to Paul Miranda with Cleveland serving as a decoy. Miranda took the reverse and went untouched into the end zone for an 88-yard return, the only kickoff returned for a touchdown all year. In this year's opener, there were no reverses. There were no decoys. Miranda didn't need them. He simply ran right by every-

Miranda, a senior from Thomasville, GA, returned five kicks for 198 yards, a singlegame performance that ranks him second in school history behind only Ted Wilson, who in 1984 returned seven kicks for 213 yards against Eastern Kentucky. Miranda's 39.6 yard average per return breaks

Wilson's mark of 30.4, also set in that game. To top it all off, Miranda tied linebacker Deon Porter with eight tackles to pace the UCF defense. All in a day's work for Miranda, who is one of the Knights' top athletes, leading the team with a 4.29 40-yard dash, a 10'7" broad jump, and a 38' vertical jump.

"Paul is unbelievable. What a job he did giving us great field position on kickoffs. It was incredible," UCF head coach Mike Kruczek said. "He was a big asset back there. I think his runs were the key to the game. Having the ball in the plus territory was great. It was like Arena Football. You're only going 50 yards."

Miranda got off to a shaky start in his debut as UCF's primary kick returner. The opening kickoff in Saturday's game was fumbled by Miranda, who recovered his own miscue at the UCF 17-yard line. After that error, however, Miranda was unstoppable. His second return netted 44



yards to set what up would ulti-Miranda mately be a Culpepper 1-yard touchdown run.

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Miranda's fourth attempt saw him return a Todd Wierick kick 21 yards, but he saved his best for last, taking a Bulldog kickoff 69 yards and missing a touchdown by failing to beat one defender. Despite his terrific effort, not being able to bring one all the way back was prevalent on his mind in the locker room.

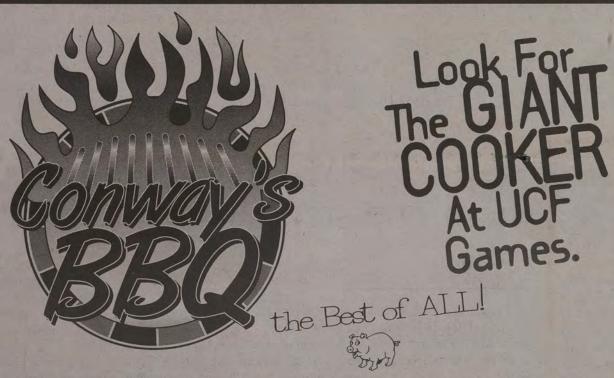
yards and let "Above all, I have to give thanks to the guys who blocked for me on those returns. Without them making the legitimate blocks, things wouldn't have happened like they did," Miranda said. "I had a good night, but it wasn't good enough for me because I wanted to score. Maybe next week....'

> That means trouble for Eastern Illinois, a I-AA school who will be UCF's opponent when the Knights open up their home slate this week. Even though he doubles as a defensive back, Miranda makes it his priority to make the offense's job easier.

"I want to give the offense the best position on the field where they can have room to work and not have to worry about driving 80 yards," Miranda said. "I try to get them as close as I can so they can run the score up and have our defense hold the teams down. Myself, my goal is to get four touchdowns this year. I think I can do it." That's really helping out the offense.

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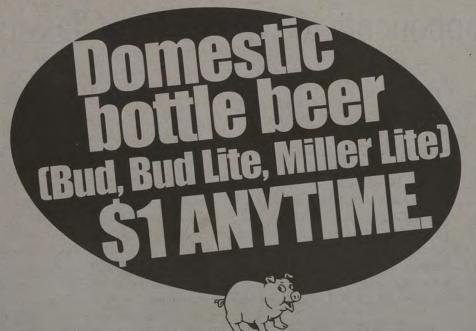
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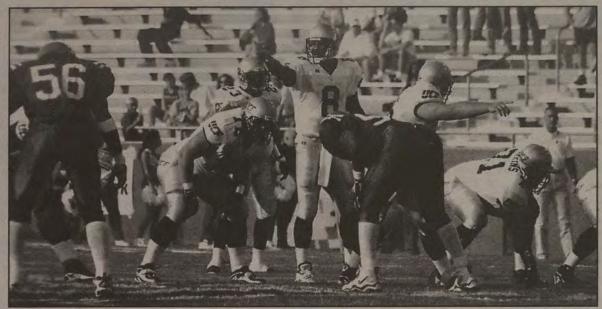
By TONY MEJIA Sports Editor

RUSTON, LA- UCF's 1998 season opener was nothing short of brilliant, as the Golden Knights exceeded even their own expectations in a 64-30 thrashing of favored Louisiana Tech. Senior quarterback Daunte Culpepper accounted for six touchdowns as head coach Mike Kruczek won his debut.

Despite having a game under their belt, the Bulldogs looked rusty throughout the contest, amassing 110 yards on 11 penalties and fumbling twice. Meanwhile, the

Knights executed perfectly from the beginning, driving 84 yards on the game's first possession to take a lead they would never relinquish on freshman Omari Howard's 2-yard touchdown run.

"I think we played an unusual first game. We didn't have any mistakes. We didn't have any substitution mistakes, we didn't have any dumb penalties," Kruczek



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Senior quarterback Daunte Culpepper audibilizes during UCF's rout in Ruston.

said. "I was trying to think back in all my years here if we had had games that had that few penalties, that few turnovers, that few mistakes. The answer is no."

UCF dominated play despite the fact that Louisiana Tech quarterback Tim Rattay and star receiver Troy Edwards put up the numbers that had vaulted them into the national spotlight in their opening loss to Nebraska. After freshman Kevin Johnson scored on a 1-yard plunge to tie the game in the first quarter, the Golden Knights scored 29 of the game's next 32 points. Culpepper scored on a 26-yard touchdown run to put UCF up 14-7. After two Fred Waczewski field goals, Culpepper answered a Louisiana Tech field goal with a 1-yard touchdown run to give

UCF a 27-10 halftime advantage. The Bulldogs drove inside the UCF 5-yard line late in the half, but elected not to go for the field goal and came up empty when Rattay's desperation pass to Edwards misfired. "I think that one of the biggest plays of the game was stopping them at the end of the first half," Kruczek said. "Instead of having seven points, they came away with none so they're down 17 instead of the 10 points they might have been down. It gave our defense a tremendous boost of confi-

The opening sequence in the second half proved that, as Deon Porter tackled Rattay for a safety after a wild snap sent the

ball flying into the end zone. Culpepper put Louisiana Tech in a 36-10 hole less than three minutes later, firing to Siaha Burley for his first touchdown pass of the season. After Edwards beat the UCF secondary for a 72-yard touchdown reception, Culpepper answered the big play by find-

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Daunte Culpepper, QB, UCF 24-37, 370 yds, 4 TDs, 2 TD rush Ricky Williams, RB, Texas 36 carries, 215 yds, 6 TDs Tim Couch, QB, Kentucky 29-39, 498 yds, 7 TDs Brock Huard, QB, Washington 24-47, 318 yds, 4 TDs Cade McNown, QB, UCLA Sep 12 vs Texas Jamal Lewis, RB, Tennessee 20 carries, 141 yds, 1 TD Joe Jermaine, QB, Ohio State 18-32, 301 yds, 2 TDs J.R. Redmond, TB, ASU 22 carries, 108 yds; 4 rec, 68 yds; 1 TD Kevin Faulk, RB, LSU Sep 12 vs Arkansas St 13 rec, 208 yds, 2 TDs Troy Edwards, WR, La. Tech Donovan McNabb, QB, Syracuse22-28, 300 yds, 2 TDs, 1 TD run DNP-Injured Bobby Newcombe, QB, Nebraska Jesse Palmer, QB, Florida 18-28, 301 yds, 4 TDs Amos Zeroue, RB, West Virginia 20 carries, 77 yds, 0 TDs Ron Dayne, RB, Wisconsin. **DNP-Injured**

UCF's victory over Bulldogs gets them one step closer to Top 25

By TONY MEJIA Sports Editor

Look at the latest AP and USA Today/CNN Top 25 polls and you'll see a familiar name. Right there under the 'Others receiving votes.' See it?

Perceptions are different when you get to 'Others receiving votes'. On the one hand, you have your disappointed teams like Michigan State or Miami, FL. These are programs that are perennial national powers who have fallen out of favor with the voters or slipped out of the Top 25.

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On the other side of the spectrum is a school like UCF, who one game into their third season in I-A has six votes in the writers poll and 13 in the coaches poll. This sort of recognition is like a red carpet brought out welcoming a new member into the brethren of the national elite. It cries out 'Welcome UCF, your time has come.' The question now becomes, who do the Knights have to beat to advance further up the ladder? That answer is simple: Purdue and

Auburn. The reason is simple. Although Louisiana Tech is well-respected, they're still an independent. They are not an established national power. They are still a tier below.

"I don't know that you put Louisiana Tech in with the same teams as Mississippi, Mississippi State, and South Carolina, those traditional SEC schools. This team is not perceptively the same as those people," head coach Mike Kruczek said. "Purdue, Auburn. They are.

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Knights rout opponents to win Soccer Classic

By TRAVIS BELL Staff Writer

The UCF men's soccer team used a record-breaking performance from Heikki Ritvanen and an outstanding start from freshman sensation Remi Hariz to outscore their two opponents 17-3 in the UCF Soccer Classic.

During the two games, Ritvanen netted seven goals with an assist, and Hariz scored three goals and added an assist. "To have three forwards account for 14 goals in a game is amazing," Ritvanen said. "Remi definitely had an impact on the field."

The Knights opened their season on Saturday with a 9-2 victory over the Long Island Blackbirds, then followed that up with an 8-1 win over the Coastal Carolina Chanticleers on Sunday. LIU and Coastal Carolina each left Orlando

0-2, while Florida Atlantic joined UCF at 2-0.

"Winning the first two games is a big boost for the season," Ritvanen said. "After those two results, we are getting ready for trips to Las Vegas (UNLV Soccer Classic) and Indiana."

Ritvanen, who was selected as preseason second team All-America by Soccer America magazine earlier this week, provided UCF fans with an all-star performance against Coastal Carolina on Sunday. Ritvanen tied his previous school record of five goals while outdoing his old record of 10 points by totaling 11.

Ritvanen got the game started with a bang, scoring 17 seconds into the first half, the seventh fastest goal in NCAA history. Hariz assisted the goal, which gave UCF an early 1-0 lead. Hariz then netted his first of the game less than two

minutes later on a pass from Ari Nurmi. UCF continued the offensive onslaught, scoring two more goals by the 17th minute. Nurmi earned his second assist of the game in the 11th minute as Rami Vehmas scored to give the Knights a 3-0 lead. Following a goal by Coastal Carolina at 12:56, Ritvanen netted his second goal exactly four minutes later on an assist from Vehmas.

The Knights took the field in the second half leading 4-1, but they were held scoreless for the first 21 minutes of play. However, Ritvanen took over during an eight-minute stretch, taking part in four goals, to put the game out of reach. Ritvanen's assist in the 66th minute to Nurmi gave UCF a 5-1 lead. Then Ritvanen proceeded to score a hat trick in seven minutes with goals in the 68th



Photo by Kevin Colbe

Senior Heikki Ritvanen scored seven goals this weekend including a school record-tying five against Coastal Carolina.

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