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Engineering honor society under investigation

SHELLEY WILSON
STAFF WRITER

Eta Kappa Nu, UCF's Electrical and Computer Engineering Honor Society, is being investigated as to why money prospective members paid during the past three years was not reported to its national headquarters.

Engineering senior Esteban Garcia wrote a \$55 check made payable to Eta Kappa Nu for membership on Nov. 30. The check was cashed at the UCF Federal Credit Union on Dec. 9. His initiation was on Dec. 2 and was attended by 15 other new members.

But Garcia e-mailed Eta Kappa Nu's national headquarters on March 30 to find out where his and senior Brad Plank's membership certificates were. A representative told him on April 2 that Eta Kappa Nu's national headquarters had not received a requisition of new members from UCF's Zeta Chi chapter since April 14, 1996. Until a new requisition was received, it is not possible to have a certificate processed and membership granted.

Attempts by The Central Florida Future to reach nationals were unsuccessful.

Garcia asked David Siegel, who was Zeta Chi's president during the

December ceremony, what was happening.

"Siegel told me all of the money went to nationals and that nationals takes forever," Garcia said. "First, it was we should receive it before Christmas, then it was during Christmas. He never gave us a real answer and that's why I e-mailed headquarters."

Siegel is listed as acting president for the honor society on UCF's website for engineering clubs and societies. He is also chair of the Organizations, Appropriations, Finance (OAF) Committee and the Activity and Service Fee Committee. Attempts by the Future

to contact Siegel for a response were unsuccessful.

The Director for Judicial Services, Dr. Garth Jenkins, and the Judicial Program for University Administration are looking into the situation.

"It is still too early to determine if there will be any charges brought or not," Jenkins said. "We are still investigating this matter."

The Zeta Chi chapter is not a registered organization with UCF. The organization is, however, on the 1999-2000 A&S Fee Budget to receive a proposed \$10,000 starting

**National:
missing
membership
fees for
past three
years**

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Greek expansion fight continues

MELODY CARPENTER
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Four groups of people are fighting a battle over a piece of UCF land. The land is part of a war between the environment and UCF expansion that began in 1995.

The Facility Planning Office and the Greek Affairs Office at UCF want to build the Greek Housing Expansion Project on the land. The Sierra Club, a state conservation group, wants to keep the land natural, and the Biology Department at UCF wants to use the land as an educational tool.

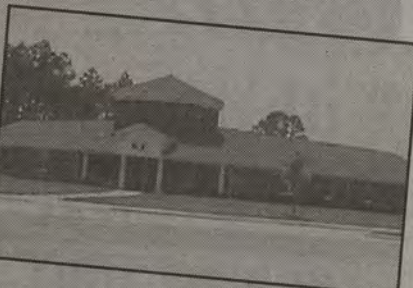
The proposed Greek Housing

be a campus-wide effort involving many organizations."

Judy Hancock, a member of the Sierra Club, said, "I think the Greek Housing Expansion Project on that piece of land is a really bad idea. They try to get the project passed every couple of years. It is a dedicated conservation area. Why can't they build it somewhere else?"

Greg Mason, director of Greek Affairs at UCF, said, "We desperately need more Greek housing. Some organiza-

Kappa Sigma
is the most
recent Greek
house to be
built on
campus.
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The
Zeta Tau Alpha
house is one of
twelve Greek
houses on
campus.
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tions are ready to build. It would provide the much needed bed spaces." Professor I. Jack Stout

from the UCF Biology Department said, "The idea of that Greek Housing Expansion Project proposal coming up again is terrible. We use that piece of land for environmental research and for teaching students."

If the proposal is passed, the land will be used to build five to seven more Greek houses. Only 10 percent of the student body are members of a Greek organization

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SPECIAL TO THE FUTURE

The UCF Student Health Center provides health services to students on a \$1.2 million budget.

UCF health services struggles to maintain care on tight budget

APRIL KEIFFER
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The Student Health Center recently finished renovations that almost doubled the facility in size. With almost twice as many examination rooms, students have more opportunities to see the medical team with less of a wait and at the same price. For the 1999-2000 semesters, medical fees for each student will remain the same despite the need for additional revenue.

According to Larry Bridgman, coordinator of Administrative Services for Student Health Services, 75 percent of the Health Center's income comes from student fees per semester. The remaining 25 percent comes from services rendered in the facilities. Bridgman is in the process of creating the 1999-2000 budget for Student Health Services. He says that there is a plan to request a fee increase for the following years to cover the facility's almost 50 percent square-foot increase.

The fee for the fall 1999 semester is \$47.30,

an estimated 26,906 students will enroll, providing Health Services with around \$1.2 million.

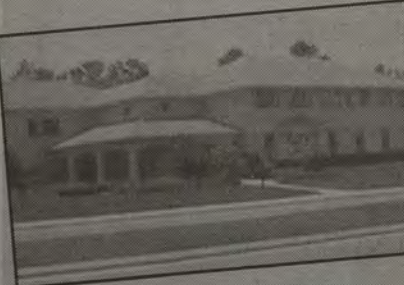
The spring semester is estimated at about \$60,000 less than fall. The summer semester brings in \$35.20 per student, and with an estimated 15,375 students, at around \$540,000.

According to Bridgman, the revenue numbers will hopefully increase in the fall 2000 semester, after a request for fee increases has been put into place. No exact number for the increase has been calculated yet. According to Bridgman, almost all of the universities in Florida have had increases of 10 to 50 percent, while UCF has not had a medical fee increase in six years.

In addition to the square-foot increase, Student Health Services also has a staffing need to fill.

According to the University Operating Budget, there was 52 positions in Student Health Services for the 1997-1998 year, and an estimated

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Expansion Project land consists of about 10 acres and is near Gemini Boulevard in the northwest quadrant. The land is on the opposite side of Alafaya Trail from the Knight's Crossing apartments.

"We're taking another look at the Greek Housing Expansion Project proposal later this year," said Peter Newman, the Facility Planning director at UCF. "It is viable that it will get passed. It will



Closer to home?

Classes available at the
Downtown Academic Center
during upcoming semesters.

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'99 budget calls for new staff, equipment for center

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53 positions in the 1998-1999 year. Bridgham said for the 1999-2000 year, Health Services plans to request an additional 5 to 6 positions.

The clinic needs four new employees in different nursing areas, and there is debate on whether or not to hire an additional pharmacist. Other departments will experience upgrades in positions, but no new positions are planned to open.

In the meantime, Student Health Services must supplement their income to cover the new space and expenses. Many new programs are being brought in, and many more are expanding, according to the Associate Director for Clinical Services, Dr. J. Yoshida.

The Women's Clinic, which offers women the chance to discuss personal issues and have gynecological exams, has expanded from one exam room to three. A coposcopy program has been brought into the clinic one afternoon a week to treat women with abnormal Pap smears.

Dr. Frank Karcsh is heading up the new Men's Clinic, which is operating on Wednesday evenings from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.

According to Yoshida, the Men's Clinic offers men a chance to get information on sexually transmitted diseases, receive testicular exams, or discuss other personal matters.

The Wellness Center is offering a class called Straight Talk that is geared toward young women and their boyfriends. The class offers couples who are thinking about experimenting with sex an opportunity to learn about different types of contraception.

"It's not just the pill or a condom any-

more," Yoshida said. The class also addresses sexually transmitted diseases and common relationship problems of the age group involved.

An Eating Disorder Team has been established, which has identified several disorders campus-wide. Along with a dietitian, the team is participating in several National Eating Disorder Week programs and has contracts with several referral programs that help students and offer lenient payment options. The Eating Disorder Team also has a contact that allows the students having such problems to meet with a psychiatrist one time free of charge.

The Wellness Center also offers the CHAMP test, which is a comprehensive health assessment for students. The student fills out a form that gives the care team some information about their lifestyle, and then undergoes strength and endurance tests, flexibility tests, body fat analysis, and blood pressure screening.

After analyzing the results, the care team will tell the student what their health risks are and what they can do to control the risks. The student then receives a coupon for a \$5 lipid profile test at the clinic. If they choose to do the test, the clinic analyzes the results, such as cholesterol levels, and sends the student back a referral on how to control such problems.

Student Health Services is looking at possibly bringing in a physical therapy program in conjunction with the physical therapy studies on campus. A mobile ultrasound unit is also being brought in once a week to help screen for such problems as kidney stones.

A contract has been established with an

emergency dentist off-campus for students with severe problems.

The clinic now has two observation rooms, which will be used this summer, Yoshida said, for administering I.V. fluids to students. All the nurses are going through training at Florida Hospital so those students can be treated with fluids on campus, rather than having to go to the hospital.

The Health Center's new x-ray machine is a main revenue provider. The machine has a 90 second processor and the staff does a "wet reading" to see if they can see any damage right away. A student's radiographs are then sent to a radiologist and results are typically received within 24 to 48 hours.

Another source of revenue for Health Services is the laboratory, which can read almost all the tests students need. The lab can generally provide needed results within 24 hours.

Student Health Services is also offering a Travel Clinic for students who travel in the United States or internationally. Students can make an appointment with a travel consultant, and the consultant can tell the student what the Center for Disease Control has declared endemic or epidemic in the area they are traveling to. The consultants can also let the student know what immunizations are required or recommended before traveling to the specific area.

The Travel Clinic is also working on providing students with a travel kit, which would include products such as bandages and anti-diarrheals. "Things that you should have when traveling but forget to pack," Yoshida said.

With all the new programs and recent expansion, students have mixed reviews on

the quality of treatment at the Student Health Center.

"The medical center does seem to be a bit on the 'get you out as quick as possible' kick sometimes," said Norrin Dias, 20. Dias said he would return because "we pay for it, so we might as well use it."

Others felt differently.

Ashley Maher, a 20-year-old accounting major, said, "On several occasions I felt like the staff seemed uninterested in helping me, like I was a burden or something." She continues to use the Health Center though because of the convenience of the location.

To address the concerns of students, Student Health Services has named Marsha Bradford the Patient Advocate. Bradford has been with UCF's Health Services for almost 21 years. As the Patient Advocate, she tries to resolve any problems that students might have with their visit.

"Sometimes I am a mediator, sometimes I am an explainer," Bradford said. Some students have a problem with their bill, and Bradford tries to help resolve that because she said she feels that the students do have a right to be informed of the charges. For other students, it is just a simple matter of wanting to feel like they have been heard.

Bradford encourages students to fill out the comment cards located in the Health Center lobby, and she tries to respond to each one of them. Although students can remain anonymous if they wish, Bradford finds it more beneficial if they leave a name. With identification, she can research their records and see who their provider team was and what they came to the clinic for. This way she can see if there is a problem in an area that may need to be changed.

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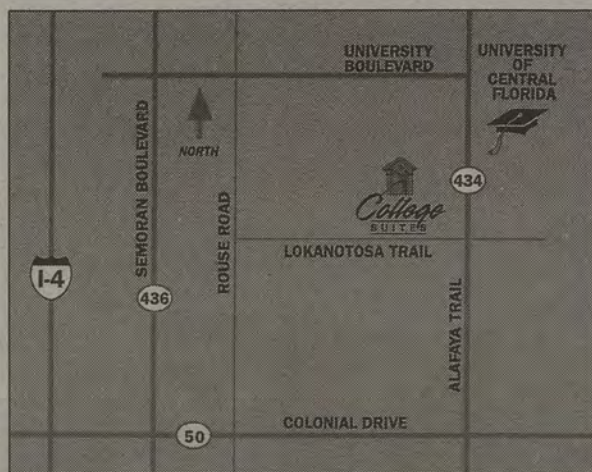
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Project on hold, pending revision of master plan

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and there are 31 Greek organizations at UCF. Twelve houses are on-campus and about 10 houses are off-campus. The Zeta Tau Alpha Greek house was the first built in 1986 and others soon followed. The newest Greek house is Kappa Sigma that was built in June of 1996.

Mason said "The Greeks were brought to UCF to get away from the commuter status as a school. It creates a collegiate atmosphere. It helps student life. The Greeks have a big tie to the university. Fifty percent on the board of the UCF alumni are past UCF Greeks. When they graduate, a lot of them become donors to the school."

The university's Greek Housing Expansion Project is currently on hold and waiting for a Master Plan revision. The Master Plan designated the land as a donor site for displaced gopher turtles. In order to build on that site, there must be a revision to the Master Plan, and the few remaining turtles must be moved.

The university hired a consultant to do an environmental assessment of the land when they first wanted to build there. The consultant determines whether the turtle burrows are active or not, and then moves the turtles to a nearby donor site. The consulting firm of Ivey, Harris, and Walls Inc. did the assessment in 1995 and again in 1997.

The gopher turtles are at the third level of protection as a species of "special concern." "Endangered" is number one and "threatened" is number two.

Angela Bowen, from the Environmental Department of the firm said,

"We first assess the habitat, analyze the chances of species living there. We make a basic ecological assessment. We look at the percentages for animals to live there."

There are three types of gopher turtle burrows: active burrows, inactive and abandoned. Active burrows are clean, include a sand apron, and have fresh tracks. Inactive burrows have leaves and cobwebs. An abandoned burrow has nothing living in it. The survey in 1997 found that 90 percent of the burrows are abandoned.

The survey also found that there are about two gopher turtles left. In 1997, they found 31 burrows, one active, two inactive and 28 abandoned.

"We came to the conclusion that two gopher turtles could live there," Bowen said. "Most of the burrows were old. The other turtles left on their own because the habitat was no longer suitable. The habitat is overgrown and it is less desirable for turtles."

There are many conflicting opinions about the status of the animals on the land.

"We think most of them were moved except one," Newman said. "We're not sure."

Mason said the Greeks would not build on the land if endangered species still lived there.

"The consultant declared the land very buildable," he said. "There are no animals or wildlife left on the land."

The Associate Dean for Graduate Affairs in the College of Engineering, Martin P. Wanielista, said, "The consultant assessed the land one year ago. The consultant said there were no endangered species there. But, there are other animals living

there still."

Stout wishes the Greeks would look for another place to expand. The Biology Department was conducting environmental research on the area. They want to keep the land protected.

"There are very few tortoises left," he said. "They left on their own, since the habitat was no longer suitable to them. Tortoises don't live where tall trees create a canopy. They like grassy and sunlit areas."

Stout was against the project in 1995, and still is. He said the Biology Department has used that land as an educational teaching tool for at least 28 years and considers it an outdoor laboratory. They teach students about the different plant communities, soils, animals, and aquifer recharge that are there.

"We need to keep parcels of natural land for the students," Stout said. "It takes little expense to show them the things on the land than to do it in a laboratory room. A laboratory room reduces the effectiveness of teaching, when you can see the real thing in the field."

"I am absolutely not against the Greeks or their housing expansion. It's where they want to put it. You can put Greek housing anywhere. This piece of land can not only be saved for the students in 1999, but for students in the years to come. It is a learning opportunity for a large number of students. It could benefit the future generations."

Wanielista is a chair on the University Master Plan Committee. The Committee votes on projects proposed by the Facility Planning Office. Wanielista was a member of the committee that voted on the Greek Housing Expansion Project in 1995 and he

voted for the expansion. He said he is not sure how he would vote if the project were proposed again.

"There were 14 voting," he said. "The votes were split right down the middle. Seven voted for and seven voted against. I voted for the expansion because I think we need more space for students on campus."

Wanielista said the others voted against the proposal for many reasons; the plan was not well presented, they didn't present all the alternatives around campus, the environment, and the land may have a better use.

The Sierra Club would like to keep the land the way it is.

"Just because a few turtles are left, it doesn't mean there are no other animals living there," Hancock said. "The many other animals living there are songbirds, a variety of snakes, and frogs. The other animals that use the gopher turtle burrows are foxes, possums and raccoons."

The proposal will come up for reconsideration later this year, but the controversy over university expansion will no doubt continue.

"UCF is readily becoming a total metropolitan university," Stout said. "It is engulfed with development. The Greek Housing Expansion Project piece of land is not a piece of waste, just because there is no building on it."

Hancock questions the project's priorities.

"We can't just have patches of protected land here and there," he said. "What about saving the environment for our children to have when we are gone? What's more important? Is it the environment or

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Downtown Center offers summer, fall classes

NICOLE KING
NEWS EDITOR

The UCF Downtown Academic Center is offering several classes during the 1999 summer and fall semesters. Courses in the following fields of study will be available:

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IN OTHER UCF NEWS:

BRIEFLY

•The UCF Early Music Ensemble gave a concert at St. Alban's Anglican Cathedral in Oviedo on April 24. Eleven college and community musicians played a selection of music from the Renaissance and Baroque periods and written before 1750.

The Ensemble included Michael Borodkin, Nancy Eshenaur, Keith Koons, Angela Mosteller, Ann Singleton, David Hauptman, Brian Sicca, Reid Riordan, Harry Schwab, Heather Strayer, and Eladio Scharron.



SPECIAL TO THE FUTURE

UCF's Early Music Ensemble performed at a local church on April 24.

•The President's Commission on the Status of Women has a new website. The Commission is asking for input from students, faculty and staff about issues they consider important related to the women at UCF. The address is <http://www.engr.ucf.edu/csw/>

•Registration for Summer B will be online again on June 3. Fall registration will be off-line from July 30 to Aug. 16. Summer withdrawal deadlines are as follows: Summer A - May 28; Summer C - June 16; Summer D - June 4.

For more information, contact the Registrar's Office in the Administration Building, Room 161, call (407) 823-3100 or email registration@mail.ucf.edu

•UCF's Department of Recreation is offering classes in aerobics and kickboxing.

The aerobic schedule for the summer is: Monday - Saturday at noon; Monday - Friday at 4:15 p.m.; Monday - Friday at 5:30 p.m.; Monday - Friday at 7:15 p.m.

Kick Boxing will be offered on Mondays and Thursdays at 5:30 p.m. The aerobics classes began on May 17. Water Aerobics classes began on May 24. Classes are on Tuesdays and Thursdays at noon and on Mondays at 5:30 p.m.

Schedules are available at the Fitness Center, Recreation Department or on their web page at <http://pegasus.cc.ucf.edu/~rec>

Participants must be recreation members. For more information, call 823-2408.

Supervision called for

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July 1.

Dr. Christian Bauer, a UCF engineering professor, has become advisor to Zeta Chi and believes more supervision should be given to advisors to prevent a situation like this from occurring again.

"Sometimes you have people that can't function independently that need oversight and there should be more financial

oversight given to the role of the advisor for issues like these," Bauer said.

The students, though, just want the recognition for membership so they can be accurate on resumes upon graduation.

"I've already used the name of Eta Kappa Nu for experience," Plank said.

"If employers check to verify it and it's not there, we're losing our character and that's worth more than money."

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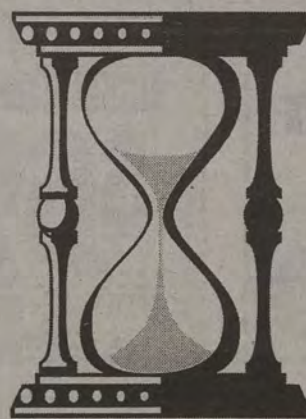
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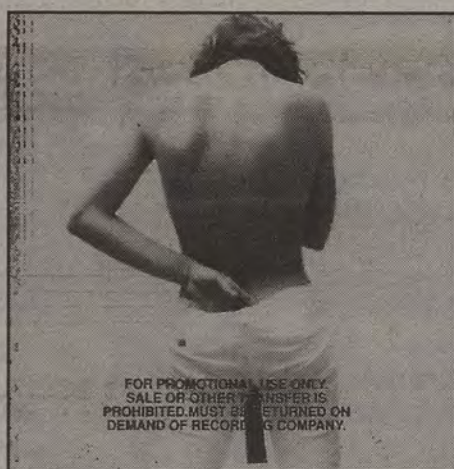
Not since the days when Lita Ford and Warlock used to get airplay on the Headbanger's Ball have female singers made such a strong impression on the Metal scene. What makes bands like The Gathering and Lacuna Coil different from their 80's sisters is that their music has a female sensibility that is usually associated with the Lilith Fair. Lacuna Coil is heavy without being brutal. Melodic without being wimpy and dark without being depressing. Technically the group has one male and one female singer but when it comes down to it Cristina Scabbia is the front woman. Guitarist Cristiano Migliore does a good job juggling acoustic and electric guitar melodies especially on "My Wings." In perfect world metal fans, the Lilith fair crowd, and all the girls who mistake that Tiffany wannabe known as Alanis Morisset for a serious artist could equally appreciate Lacuna Coil. That is if their perspective on new music went beyond that of eMPTv and vh1.

—Ramiro Vazquez

ThisWay This Way

If for some strange circumstance you happened to purchase this CD you too would feel ThisWay. Standing in your room shirtless bowing your head wondering WHY THE HELL DID I BUY IT. As if the New Radicals weren't annoying enough along comes ThisWay. Maybe if they would have taken 30 seconds during one of their sleep inducing songs to criticize Marilyn Manson then they too might have potential to become a one hit wonder. Music like this ALMOST makes me happy that She 100 is off the air. That is if a crappy Oldies station didn't replace it. The lead vocalist sounds so sissy that he makes Michael Stipe look like Gene Simmons. The band has no recognizable trait of creativity whatsoever. "Wanna Be" sounded better when REM played it on *Automatic for The People*. This CD has no place in anyone's record collection. Unless you have trouble sleeping and pills don't work the way they used to then, ThisWay could lead to a good nights rest.

—Ramiro Vazquez



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Brendan Fraiser (center) stars in "The Mummy".

'The Mummy' may be better off buried

RAMIRO VAZQUEZ
STAFF WRITER

From what I understand this movie was meant to be a remake of a 1938 movie of the same name, but the end result looks more like *Indiana Jones IV* mixed with *The Twelve Commandments* and the funny looking skeletons from the *Sinbad* movie. The plot of the movie looks like it took ages to figure out (well not really). A group of adventurers travel to a mysterious city in the middle of the desert looking gold and glory. Underneath that city lies a cursed mummy, and if awakened the Mummy (I bet you didn't see this one coming) could

destroy the world. Of course the Mummy is awakened otherwise THERE WOULD BE NO MOVIE. Thus, all hell breaks loose as he tries to rescue the woman he loves.

The character development is every bit as impressive. You have the lone adventurer (Brandon Fraiser), the damsel in distress, her incompetent brother (can you say "comic relief"), the weasel thief who also serves as comic relief and a bunch of American cowboys. As far as acting goes Brandon Fraiser was a good choice for the lead. He lies somewhere between a younger Indiana Jones and a less cheesy Bruce Campbell (a.k.a. the world's best bad actor). Maybe if Harrison Ford gets too old to play Indy he might have a chance for the role. The rest of the cast is as impressive as the cast of a 90210 spinoff. I bet the WWF

wrestlers can act better than these idiots. Most of the movie is bad Indiana Jones rip-off; the mysterious murderers in black, the gunfights, booby traps and even the constant arguing between Fraiser and the love interest. All that was missing was the giant ball chasing Fraiser around, Nazis and snakes.

When the Mummy resurrects the movie shows some potential. It's true that the whole deal with the ten plagues is straight out of the Twelve Commandments and elements of Dawn of the Dead can also be seen, but for a short moment it seems to stand out of its Hollywood predictability.

ON SCREEN ★★ (of 5)

Maybe if the studio wasn't so concerned with

a PG-13 rating to target a wider audience the movie could have been better. I would have preferred the film focused more on the elements of suspense than lame jokes. If someone like Lucio Fulci was directing the film he could have put those flesh-eating bugs to better use. Of course the movie would also include someone getting stabbed in the eye.

The Mummy is just another in the list of predictable summer blockbusters. There's nothing here that hasn't been recycled over three thousand times. The movie is watchable if you have an immense urge to go watch something at the local theater. There are much worse things you could do with your time like listening to the latest ThisWay CD. Then again, I would rather watch any of the movies I mentioned in my review.



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Chuck Shepherd's NEWS OF THE WEIRD

Lead Stories

• According to a May Boston Globe report, the town of Sydney, Nova Scotia, is the country's most polluted place (arsenic, naphthalene, lead, PCBs, oil, raw sewage) but is hopeful of exploiting the situation to become a research facility for environmental technicians and possibly a tourists' center to showcase its spectacular levels of contamination, as a warning to others. The mining industry, however, is opposed, and its continued operation adds to what the Globe termed the "mountainous slag heaps" and "rivers of toxic ooze." Last year, the rest of Cape Breton Island, on which Sydney is located, was named by Conde Nast Traveler magazine as the world's most beautiful island.

• A beatification ceremony was held in Rome in May for the proposed saint Padre Pio of southern Italy, who died in 1968. Padre Pio was wildly loved by his parishioners but viewed skeptically by critics, including two popes and other Vatican officials. According to his supporters, his hands bled from the crucifixion holes similar to those of Jesus, to the point where light passed through them; he once had a wrestling match with the devil, who gouged Padre Pio's eyes; and various parishioners (including a friend of the man who later became Pope John Paul II) were inexplicably cured of illnesses after praying through Padre Pio. He will need two posthumous miracles to become a saint.

• Practicing Up for Yugoslavia: In April, an Air Force pilot training at the Warren Grove Bombing Range in New Jersey missed his target by a mile and a half, landing in a state forest preserve and starting a fire that burned more than 18 square miles.

Leading Economic Indicators

The government of Hungary recently agreed to investigate massive scams in which 30,000 farmers paid their life savings (totaling about \$42 million) for earthworms to breed under fanciful assurances that Western entrepreneurs would buy all the worms they could produce, according to an April London Daily Telegraph report. And in Malaysia, where men rely on snake-blood tonics as their own Viagra, the bounty on cobras is now about \$35 each, compared to 75 cents in the 1970s, according to a February Times of London story. And in Fort Walton Beach, Fla., in March, a 60-year-old man was assaulted by a woman after he made a derogatory comment to her while receiving fellatio, for which he had paid \$2.

Low Hit-Man Unemployment

In October, Brandon Lund, 16, was convicted of hiring a hit man to kill his father because, according to the prosecutor, "He just didn't like the way (he) was running the household." And in March, landlord Alvin Weiss, 46, was sentenced to seven years in prison for hiring a hit man (unsuccessfully) to kill two of his tenants so he could re-lease their apartments at higher rents. And in Lahore, Pakistan, in April, according to police, a 32-year-old woman was shot to death by a hit man hired by her father because she had shamed him by seeking a divorce from her husband.

Cliches Come to Life

• In March, two professors reported that results of their identical polls on ethical questions, asked of graduate business students and then of inmates at three Midwestern prisons, yielded remarkably similar results. In fact, inmates were judged more loyal to employers than were the MBAs. And the San Diego Union-Tribune reported in April that 25 business-ethics students at San Diego State University flunked the course, for

cheating on an exam.

• In March, the Burlington Homes housing development near Bakersfield, Calif., rejected the application of attorney Timothy Liebaert and his wife for a five-bedroom home, citing the company's aversion to lawyers, which the company believes are quick to litigate and thus impose higher legal and administrative costs, which frustrates Burlington Homes' efforts to keep its prices down. Of course, when informed of Burlington Homes' rejection of his application, Liebaert sued.

• In March, John Killick, 57, who was being held in a maximum-security prison in Sydney, Australia, on armed-robbery charges, was sprung from the exercise yard by a helicopter, which his girlfriend had hijacked at gunpoint. The couple are still at large.

Awesome!

• Three cows escaped from a barn in Ancaster, Ontario, in April, and when cornered by animal control officers, two escaped by leaping over a police cruiser and remained on the lam for two more hours before being tranquilized. And a week later, following a one-truck accident on the Capital Beltway near Alexandria, Va., the driver's dog Tito was found in excellent condition. He could not have crossed the Beltway on foot at that point; the only way he could have been where he was was to have been ejected over a four-foot concrete barrier and four lanes of traffic and to have landed in the soft grass.

• During an April sunset in Brooksville, Fla., Lucy Dover, 79, was knocked to the ground by a 15-pound red fox, breaking her hip and rendering her unable to get up. Periodically, the fox attacked Dover, clawing and biting her repeatedly, until she grabbed it behind the head and by the tail and held it at bay for the next 12 hours, until her landlord happened by on a routine visit and rescued her.

• Patricia Dolinska, 27, was arrested for shoplifting from a grocery store in Ottawa, Ontario, in April. According to police, underneath Dolinska's long skirt were three whole chickens, a pork roast, a beef roast and a duck.

Well, Sure ...

• According to a March report in the London Daily Telegraph, Saddam Hussein has delayed deploying his planned 60-member suicide-pilot task force, saying he does not trust the recruits. (Saddam's strategy is for pilots to lure U.S. and British pilots into range of Iraq's air defenses so he can shoot the planes down and show the world that he has inflicted his first casualties of the Desert Fox confrontation.)

• In January, Theotis Hall, 51, was arrested in Brunswick, Ga., and charged with assisted suicide after he allegedly complied with a woman's wishes and locked her inside her car's trunk, with the engine running, for about eight hours. According to police, the woman paid \$140 to Hall, whom she had recruited service because it was a temporary job." (She was rescued by her son and is alive.)

• A 27-year-old man in Springfield, Ill., called the local State Journal-Register newspaper in April to say that he is the one police have been calling "Sock Man" and that he promised to stop his antics if editors would not print his name. According to police, he approached two women and promised them \$100 each if they would go home, get some of their socks, and leave them for him at designated points. One took him up on the offer, but he reneged on the payment. Police Lt. Carl Sprinkel said the man would not be charged: "It's no crime to be weird."

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Amigo is located on Alafaya next to Giovanis on the second of three shopping centers in Alafaya that have a Publix. The place is decorated in Mexican fashion (of course) complete with Mexican music but they don't overdo it like Don Pablo's. There was Corona banners all over the place so it's not hard to guess what kind of beer do they

serve.

The place looks well kept and even the bathroom looked pretty clean. If the bathroom of a place is clean it's safe to say that the rest of the place is.

From the moment you sit down a waiter comes with a plate full of tortilla chips. I'm all for free chips myself. If I didn't know any better I would just eat as many chips as I could and leave without ordering, but I did not.

The price range is from six to ten dollars, which is pretty cheap. Their most popular plates are the Quesadillas. There are different kinds of quesadillas like chicken, Amarillo, cheese and fajita. Like most places around

RESTAURANT REVIEW

they do offer free refills on sodas, but their glass is twice the size of the average restaurant, and at 1.50 a glass that's not a bad deal.

I ordered a Carne Caliente and as the title might suggest it was a spicy dish. The service was friendly and quick. I don't know if it's always this quick since it seemed a little too quick, but I'm not complaining.

You get your money's worth at Amigos. They serve a lot of food for the price. The Quesadillas here were twice the size of the ones in Applebee's and, if memory serves me correctly, the ones in Applebee's cost more.

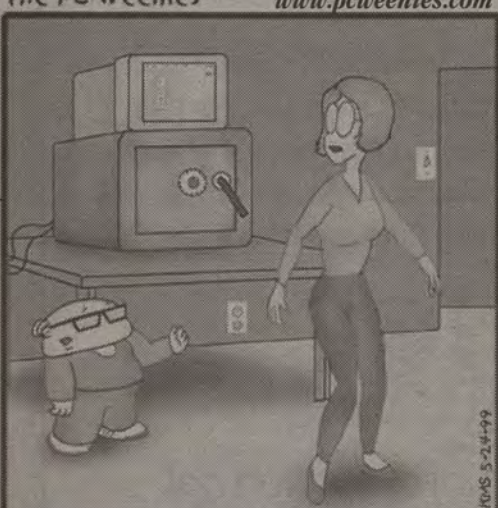
The price of desert range from three to four dollars. The waiter recommended the

fried ice cream. He seemed to love this plate a lot. He even claimed that it was the reason why he started working there. My first thought was how do you fry ice cream. Do you mix it in with all the French fries? How about grilled ice cream?

Apparently what they do is cover the ice cream with cinnamon and syrup and fry the outer shell. After tasting it I would say that the waiter's obsession is understandable.

The restaurant also has a satisfaction guarantee so if you don't like the food you get your money back. If you are economically challenged and are taking a date or family member out to eat, Amigo's is not a bad choice. You could save some money and enjoy some good food without looking cheap.

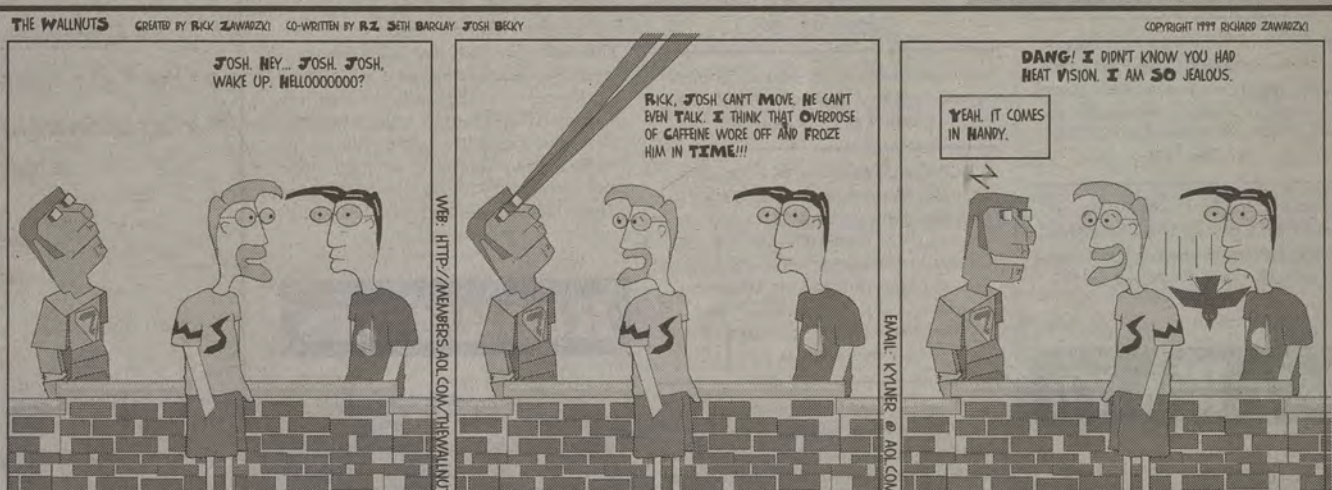
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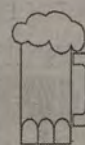
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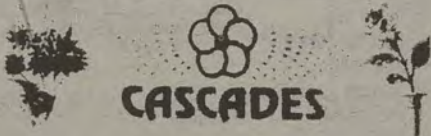
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FROM the SPORTS desk

Bowser to try out for National Team

Sophomore left fielder Matt Bowser was one of 38 players selected last week to try out for the 1999 USA Baseball National Team.

Bowser, who hit .371 with 13 home runs and 62 RBIs in earning First Team All-TAAC honors this year, begins USA Baseball trials June 9 in Tucson, Arizona. The team consists of all freshman and sophomores, including four players selected to the Baseball Weekly All-America Team. He joins fellow First Team All-TAAC selection Lenny DiNardo from Stetson. If selected, Bowser would begin a summer schedule that spans June 12-August 17.

Trio of Golden Knights receive All-Conference honors

Pitcher Jason Arnold, left fielder Matt Bowser, and first baseman Dustin Brisson were selected to the Trans America Athletic Conference First Team. Arnold, a Freshman All-American last year, was picked for the First Team for the second straight season. Arnold finished the year 7-4 with seven saves. He also struck out 75 batters in 56.1 innings with a 2.67 ERA.

Bowser's First Team selection follows up last year's Third Team pick, when he also earned Freshman All America honors.

Brisson set school records with 17 home runs and 76 RBIs while hitting .388. Brisson was selected Third Team last year.

Second baseman Tim Boeth joined Brisson as a Third Team selection last year, but he improved to a Second Team pick this season. Boeth hit .361 as the leadoff hitter and stole a team-high 44 bases.

Pitcher David Rankin and catcher Brent Spooner rounded out the honors for the Knights as Third Team selections. Rankin was 8-5 with a 3.94 ERA, and he

recorded 95 strikeouts in 102.2 innings. Spooner hit .306 with 39 RBIs, and he threw out 42 percent of opposing base runners.

UCF has now received 28 All-TAAC selections since joining the conference in 1993.

UCF announces student ticket distribution for UCF-UF game

The procedure for obtaining tickets to the Sept. 11 game between UCF and the University of Florida at Gainesville's Ben Hill Griffin Stadium has been announced.

With only 700 tickets available, students are encouraged to mark the week of August 23 on their calendar.

Distribution of the student tickets will be by lottery. UCF students must have a valid All-Campus Card to participate in the lottery. Old Student I.D. cards will not be honored. Numbered vouchers will be distributed the week of August 23, 1999, starting at 9 a.m. on Monday and going through 5 p.m. on Thursday at the UCF Ticket Office, located at the Wayne Densch Sports Center.

Each student must present his/her own All-Campus Card and will be able to pick up only one voucher.

At the end of the week, one voucher number will be drawn. Beginning with that number, the next 350 voucher numbers will be eligible to purchase tickets the week of the game: Monday, Sept. 6 through Thursday, Sept. 9, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Ticket Office.

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UCF returns plenty of depth at all positions

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with two home runs in 24 starts, and Johnson hit .385 with 12 starts.

Sophomore Mike Fox started 32 games at shortstop batting .265, but he was at his best in the field. Medical redshirt freshman Joe Sadler could provide a challenge for the starting job. Sadler had 19 home runs and 65 RBIs during his senior year of high school.

Pete Gavillan and Bill Oakley platooned at third base and combined for 69 starts. Gavillan hit .325 with six home runs and 33 RBIs, while Oakley hit .302.

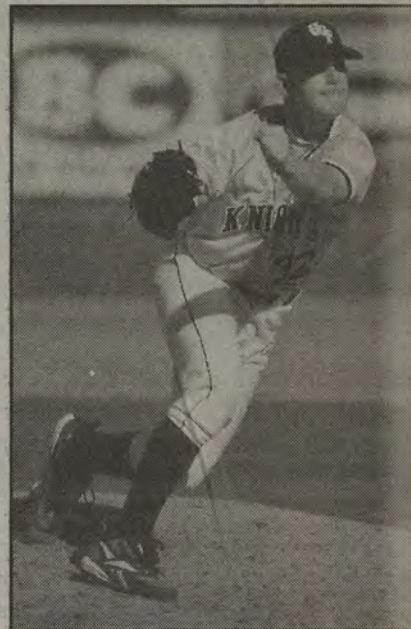
Sophomore Left fielder Matt Bowser anchors the returning outfielders. He hit .371 with 13 home runs and 62 RBIs. Junior Mark Batia, freshman Jeremy Frost, junior Ivan Trujillo, and sophomore Darryl Stephens split playing time in center and right field.

Batia hit .378 in 44 starts. Frost struggled in midseason, but hit .276 with five home runs. Trujillo hit .329 with 18 steals in 47 starts, while Stephens hit .281 with four home runs, and came on late in the year as the only Golden Knight to earn All-TAAC Tournament honors.

Junior Brent Spooner was a much-needed addition at catcher. He hit .306 with five home runs and 39 RBIs and threw out 42 percent of attempted base stealers.

The pitching staff needs the most help, but it settled down after feeling the effects of losing six players to last year's draft. Junior David Rankin and sophomore Jason Arnold anchor what would be an experienced staff next year. Eleven pitchers who saw action on the mound this year could return.

Rankin was UCF's number one starter, and went 8-5 with 3.94 ERA in



Freshman Bay Paul

102.2 innings. Arnold was 7-4 with eight saves and a 2.67 ERA. He appeared in 24 games and struck out 75 in 56.1 innings. Freshman Justin Pope and sophomore Brian Freeland are the only other pitchers returning with more than two starts. Pope threw 86 innings and showed flashes of brilliance but finished with a 6.07 ERA and 7-5 record. Freeland started five games, and went 4-0 with a 4.02 ERA.

Chris Youngberg emerged as an important set-up man for Arnold. Youngberg had a 2.57 ERA in 12 appearances with 23 strikeouts in 21 innings. Bay Paul pitched in 20 games with a 3.16 ERA. Zach Sutton and Scott Keller got significant time as they each pitched in 12 games.

So as the Knights recover from not making the NCAA Tournament for the second straight year, they can take solace in the fact that next year looks like a possible return to the form they enjoyed from 1993-1997, when UCF received four NCAA bids.

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BASEBALL NOTEBOOK

Jacksonville ends UCF's hopes of NCAA bid

UCF's season ended at the same place it began, but with a different result. After opening the year at Kissimmee's Osceola County Stadium in the Olive Garden Classic by defeating Duke, UCF's TAAC Tournament ended against Jacksonville starter James Ray and the Dolphins, 5-1.

The Knights (38-21) have missed the NCAA Tournament for the second consecutive year.

"We had a young team and we played hard," Coach Jay Bergman said. "This team in my estimation accomplished more than last year's team in terms of playing the game to the maximum. They gave us everything they had."

The Knights managed only seven hits in the elimination game, and a four-run first inning by Jacksonville provided all the offense necessary to vault the Dolphins into the finals. Senior starter Troy Satterfield recovered from his first-inning struggles to throw seven strong innings, allowing seven hits and five runs in his final career start.

"With a young team, when we've gotten behind we've had a real hard time in trying to play back from that," Bergman said. "You could see it at the plate because we were a little overanxious."

UCF opened the tournament by losing to third-seeded Mercer, 5-4. Tournament MVP Jeff Nebel held the Knights to nine hits in 7.2 innings.

Mercer held a 5-1 lead before the Knights scored three runs in the eighth inning, but the rally ended with runners stranded on first and third. UCF failed to get any offense in the ninth inning, and fell into the losers bracket, forced to play top-seed Florida Atlantic.

Freshman Justin Pope held the No. 13 Owls to seven hits and three runs over 6.2 innings to earn the victory, 7-4.

"The big thing was that we kept them from having the big inning," Bergman said. "That's what we felt like we had to do to win, and Justin pitched his best game of the year."

UCF got a four-run first inning off five singles and two walks. FAU cut the lead to 5-2 in the sixth, but Jeremy Frost's single drove in Pete Gavillan and Dustin Brisson. The Owls got single runs in the seventh and eighth innings, but Jason Arnold threw the final two innings to close out the victory.

Stephens named all-tournament

Right fielder Darryl Stephens was the only UCF player to earn TAAC

All-Tournament Team honors. Stephens was 4-for-12 with two doubles, three RBIs and a run scored.

This was the first tournament UCF failed to have at least two players on the team. Last year the Knights had two, and they had four in 1993, 1995 and 1996. UCF had six players on the 1997 All-Tournament team.

Big batters fall into slump

First baseman Dustin Brisson and left fielder Matt Bowser had carried the Knights all year, but their struggles in the tournament reflected in the team's early exit.

Brisson went 3-for-12 with his hits coming against FAU. Bowser was 2-for-11 with four strikeouts.

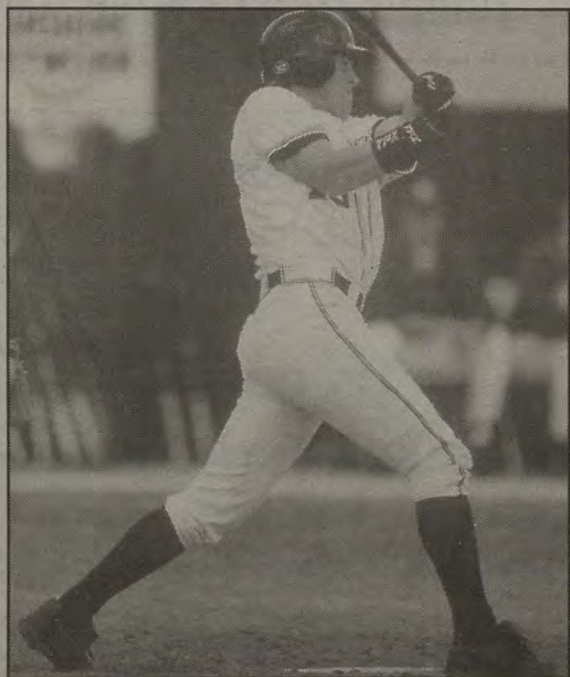
"They're a big part of our offense, but good pitching is gonna stop good hitting," Bergman said.

Brisson and Bowser batted .397 and .383 during the season. They accounted for 30 home runs (47.6 percent of the team total) and 137 RBIs (31.9), but they combined for no home runs and only one RBI in three tournament games.

— TRAVIS BELL

Sophomore Matt Bowser will get a chance to exhibit his talents in a bid to make the US National Team.

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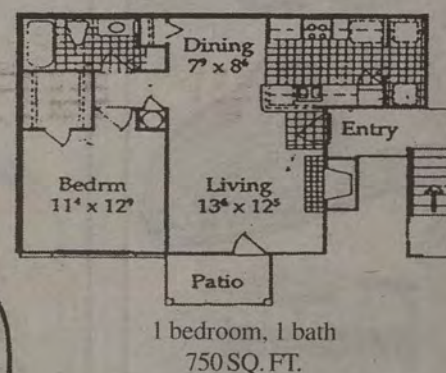
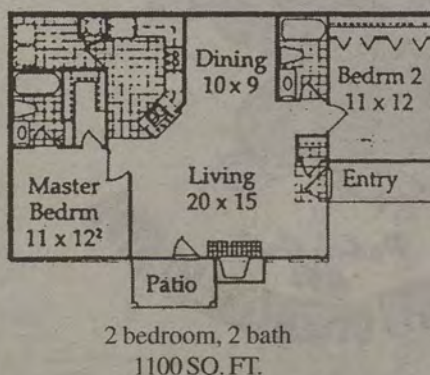
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Brisson has major decision to make

TRAVIS BELL
STAFF WRITER

UCF first baseman Dustin Brisson has a major decision to make this summer.

After his junior season ended at last week-end's TAAC Tournament, Brisson officially became available to be selected in the June 30 major-league draft.

Brisson had a breakout season as he set UCF's single-season records for home runs (17) and RBIs (76), while hitting .388. He only hit .303 with 15 home runs and 74 RBIs during his first two seasons combined.

"Some days I can't wait to go (pro) when teams are interviewing me," Brisson said. "But I'm keeping all my options open."

Brisson excelled in the field and as UCF's clean-up hitter. Coach Jay Bergman has referred to Brisson as "the best fielding first baseman I've ever had." But despite being one of the veterans of a young team, Brisson has a quiet way of leading.

"I've tried to lead by example," Brisson said earlier in the season. "I've never really been a vocal person in the dugout."

Brisson let his bat do the talking, as the

junior from Wellington accounted for 27 percent of the team's home run output and 17 percent of its RBI production. He followed last year's third-team All-TAAC honor with a first-team selection.

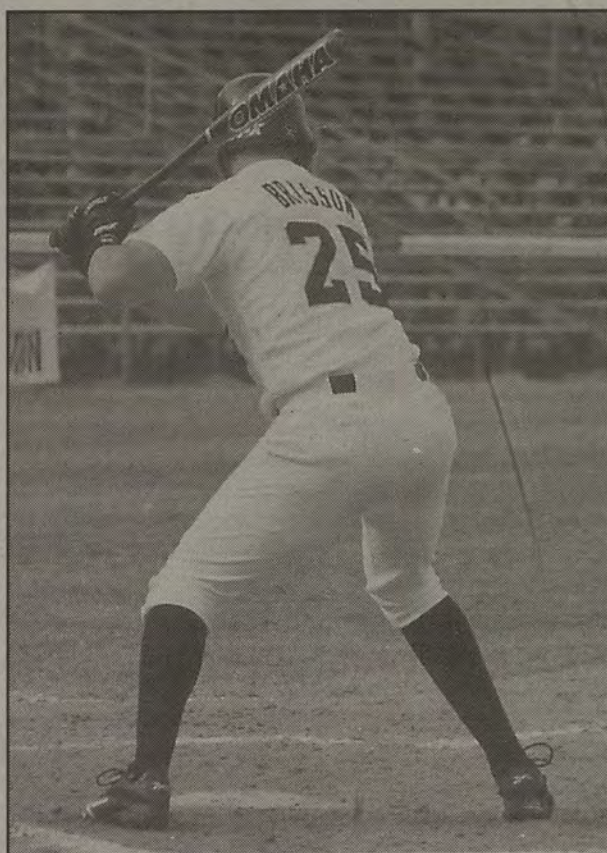
As the end of the season approached, Brisson couldn't help but think about his decision. He saw firsthand what the effects of last season's draft had on UCF. The Knights lost 10 players to the draft, including seven juniors.

"I've got my lease signed, and I've got all my classes set up (for next year)," Brisson said. "I'm gonna go play summer ball, and they (pro baseball) are gonna have to pull me away."

If Brisson returns, he would provide UCF with senior leadership. Second baseman Tim Boeth was the only senior in the lineup this year and Brisson would be a big bat needed in the middle of the lineup alongside left fielder Matt Bowser.

Brisson gives much of the credit for his improvement to UCF's coaches and says that weighs in his decision.

"I'd love to play pro baseball, but this program has done so much for me. I owe my success to them," Brisson said.



Dustin Brisson set school records for home runs and runs batted in this past season.

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SPORTS

Women's tennis falls in opening round of NCAA's

TONY MEJIA
SPORTS EDITOR

Making only its second appearance at the NCAA Tournament in school history, the UCF Women's tennis team ran into the third ranked team in the nation, the University of Georgia.

The Golden Knights' appearance in the tournament was a brief one. Georgia defeated UCF, 5-0, in the first round of the 1999 NCAA Women's Tennis Tournament, held at the Dan Magill Tennis Complex on the campus of the University of Georgia.

The Bulldogs (22-3), who advanced to the NCAA semifinals last season, were eliminated by California in the quarterfinals this season.

Against the Golden Knights, Georgia struggled early on in its opening action of the tournament, but rolled past UCF once they got going.

After sizing up UCF in the first set of their matches, Georgia overwhelmed them in the second sets, losing a total of five games combined in the matches.

UCF had its most successful at the lower two seeds. Hadas Ronen led in the first set before dropping the set by a tough 6-4 score. Her match was halted after the Bulldogs clinched the win. Daniela Okal was tied with Jane Reid at number five singles at 3-3 before dropping the last three games. Reid won the match 6-3, 6-1.

No.54 Veronica Widyadharma had some success against No. 13 Vanessa Castellano at number one singles, but a late break of serve helped Castellano to win the set 6-3. Castellano then rolled in the second set, 6-1, for the win.

Ann-Jeanette Svantesson took on No.9 Marissa Catlin, who had been out for the last month and a half with a knee injury and returned to the lineup for the opening day of tournament play. Catlin, playing at number three, didn't miss a beat, dropping Svantesson, 6-0, 6-0. Aarthis Venkatesan, ranked 36th in the nation, defeated Gaelle Gouttefarde at number two, 6-2, 6-0, while No.45 Esther Knox defeated Sonja Prokopec at number four singles, 6-2, 6-1.

The loss saw the No.73 Golden Knights end their season with a record of 17-7.



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Number six singles player Hadas Ronen had the most competitive matches of those UCF played against Georgia, but it was called when the Bulldogs clinched the win.

Widyadharma loses in NCAA singles

GAINESVILLE — UCF junior Veronica Widyadharma lost 6-3, 6-2, to UCLA's Amanda Basica in the opening round of the singles competition at the NCAA Tennis Championships Monday.

Widyadharma, ranked No. 54 in the country, was the second alternate in the field of 64 and was battling illness Friday when she found out she had a spot in the tournament. By Saturday she felt well enough to accept the invitation but proved no match for Basica, the country's 43rd-ranked player.

Widyadharma finishes the year with a 22-7 record and is the first

player at UCF to compete in the singles competition at the NCAA Championships.

"I was very excited when I found out I was going to have the opportunity to play in the NCAA Championships," Widyadharma said. "It was a good experience to be there and have the chance to compete against such a strong field of players."

Widyadharma led UCF to a 17-7 mark and a Trans America Athletic Conference championship as well as a berth for the team in the NCAA Championships where it was defeated by third-ranked Georgia in the opening round.

BELL CHIMES IN

Next year's squad stacked, especially if it stays intact

TRAVIS BELL
STAFF WRITER

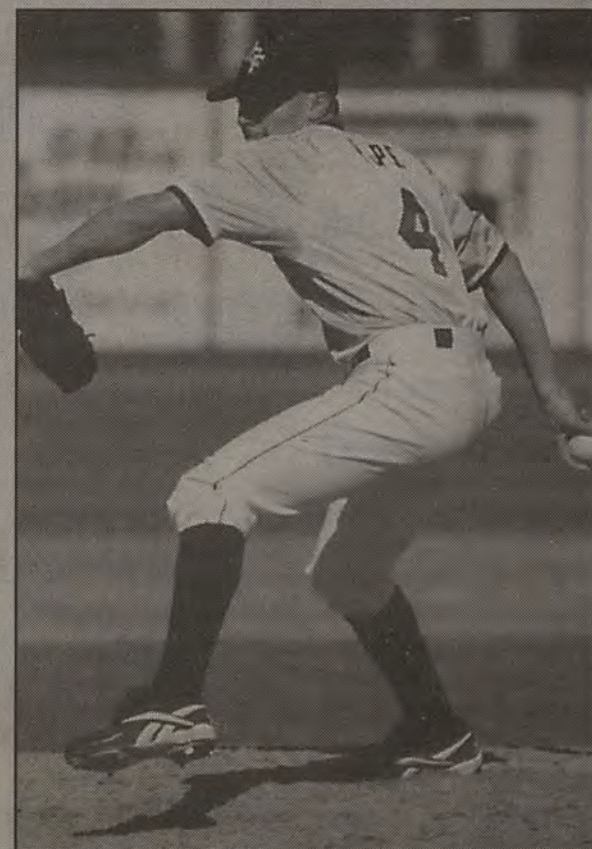
UCF's season came to an end Friday in the Trans America Athletic Conference, but there is plenty to look forward to next season. That is, if the major leagues don't raid the team's treasures like it did last year. Last year's Major League Baseball Draft took 10 players from the Knights, including seven juniors. This year's Draft, to be held June 30, could take more talent.

The Knights will definitely be without four players who played their final collegiate games this year. Second baseman Tim Boeth, infielder Keith Walsh, starting pitcher Troy Satterfield, and reliever David Kelly all completed their eligibility.

Boeth and Satterfield will be the most difficult to replace. Boeth hit .361 at the top of the lineup, and his 44 stolen bases will be missed. Satterfield struggled early in the year, but he started 15 games and threw 78.2 innings. UCF should be strong without its departing seniors, especially if the draft eligible juniors return. First baseman Dustin Brisson anchored this year's lineup and is probably the most likely to get drafted. He provides quiet leadership and a heavy bat in the middle of the order.

Sophomores Matt Meath and Andy Johnson saw considerable playing time, and look to be the frontrunners to replace Boeth at second base. Meath hit .286

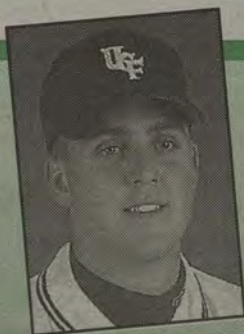
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Justin Pope had one of his best performances of the season in a UCF victory over Florida Atlantic that prolonged its stay in the TAAC Tournament.

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Stay or go?

Junior Dustin Brisson will have a decision to make with the Major League draft upcoming in late June.

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