**Team takes $1,500 in business contest**

**JULIAN MURPHY / Staff Writer**

It's an unusual equation: business students ridng a limo, circle around the Indianapolis 500, pitching their business plan, but it all adds up to big money.

David Brehm, Scott Wall and Carl Henderson of the UCF team were named finalists in the National Nissan USA Business Plan Competition March 28 and received $12,000. Their team went on to win first place in UCF's Business plan competition, The Start Tournament, on April 11 and took home $30,000.

In the national competition, each team was given eight minutes to pitch its business plan to a group of three judges in a 1,500-foot wide circle circling around the speedway. In addition to the eight-minute pitch, each team was able to tour the Indianapolis Motor Speedway hall of fame Museum.

The UCF team pitched its idea for an online networking Web site called Group Table. Group Table is designed to bring group work on campus and allow the exchange of resources, networking and other links.

"Group Table was created to help modernize the time and get better grades by maximizing the power of their group interactions," said Scott Wall, a junior business major.

"We want to bring all of the teams together and all of the professors together," said Carl Henderson, a junior business major.

"The profits from Group Table will go to the UCF Police Canine Program and the UCF Police Canine Program and the UCF Police Canine Program will get a little more money," said Scott Wall.

**CATCH IT ON THE FLY**

**JIM BRIDGES / Staff Writer**

One of two ultimate disc teams at UCF finished second in an annual sectional tournament that took place April 3 and 4 in Orlando.

The UCF Accent, Dogs of War, ranked No. 24 in the nation by the Ultimate Frisbee Magazine, easily defeated the Central Florida Heat, 4-0, in the first game on the All-Pool in NCAA college football.

UCF's Accent teams, however, finished seventh in the nation.

Because of its top three ranking, the team advanced to the Atlantic Coast Regional in Statesville, Ga., with UF and either Florida State University or the UF B-Team. This third-place game was postponed due to lightning in the Orlando area and will be made up on Sunday in Lake City.

The sport, called "frisbee," is played with two teams of seven players trying to pass the disc from end zone to end zone. The team that catches the disc with their hands is awarded a point and gains possession of the disc.
CROWNING MOMENT
Student dreams of Miss USA title

CAITLIN SMITH
Senior Staff Writer

January Coburn was one of the estimated 280 million viewers worldwide Friday night as Miss Texas USA, Crystal Stewart, accepted her crown, the sore Miss USA 2004. "Wow, that really could be me next year," she said.

And that could turn into reality — soon. The 23-year-old interpersonal/organizational communication major earned the title of Miss Polk County USA on March 22 in the Lake Hollingsworth Ballroom at The Lakefront Center.

Coburn will compete for the Miss Florida USA title in July against about 120 other contestants and will represent Polk County. This will be her second trip to the Miss Florida pageant in the past four years. "I competed in two other pageants before winning the Polk County title last month," Coburn said. "I really wanted to compete in Central Florida, so I chose Miss Polk County USA.

Contestants hire professionals to teach them how to perfect their walk, their talk, the way they stand and how they present themselves to an audience. The women practice as if winning a pageant is their job, and most of the time, it is. They use Vaseline as both a lip gloss and as a mess of making their teeth shine while keeping their lips from sticking to their teeth when they smile for the audience, families and, most importantly, the judges.

"Winning a pageant title is like her Hallmark Trophy," said Lakefront's Miss USA pageant director, Britt Fughi Legg. "It takes a lot of discipline and commitment, constant practice."

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Audiences packed the UCF Black Box Theatre last weekend to watch student-directed and written plays that included controversy and laughter. Several dozen UCF students, professors and family members filled the lobby an hour before opening each night to receive tickets to the One-Act Festival. Some were turned away the first night due to limited seating.

The One-Act Festival is a semi-annual event presented by Project Spotlight, a student organization that is designed to give students an opportunity to explore the world of theatre. Students are invited to write, direct, act and produce shows for the festival.

"We really want to give everyone an opportunity to stage manage and direct," UCF theatre major Brian Kabbash said. He added that most campus productions are directed by faculty and stage managed by theatre students.

According to John Shafer, a faculty adviser for Project Spotlight, when the organization first started, it was limited to only theatre majors. Today, anyone can participate, as evidenced by the variety of majors involved, including finance, public relations and communication.

"I try not to predict what they'll come up with next," Shafer said. "I love when they knock me out of my chair with new ideas."

The One-Act Festival has been held semi-annually for five years and has featured student-written plays since its second year. Several student-written plays at the One-Act Festival have gone on to win awards and honors at national competitions.

Talya Adams, a student at UCF, wrote the play Growing Pains, which was directed by Penny Jackson, for the One-Act Festival. The play exposed the horrors that can occur in abusive relationships.

"I have never been there, but I know a lot of people who have," Adams said. "I wanted to expose an epidemic that has affected a lot — an epidemic of staying in dysfunctional, abusive relationships."

Saviors was written by UCF theatre majors Chris Metz and Kyle Adkins.

"Some of it was semi-autobiographical, while others came from my invention," Metz said. "It's the course to define reality and what it means to find your own voice."

Last year, Metz was sent to Waterloo in a theatre-writer swap program to present a reading of another play he had written.

Attendees at the festival responded well to the student-written plays.

"The student-written ones are really mar­ velous," said Troy Brooks, a freshman theatre major.

"I have friends in the One-Act Festival, and that just makes it even more exciting," he said.

Arturo Sierra directed the play Work in Progress, which integrated film and stage by placing a projector on stage that actors worked with.

"It was difficult because the film portion had to be filmed first and then integrated with the stage production," he said. He explained that the diffi­ culty came in integrating the video clips with the script because the lighting and sound provided limitations that could not be predicted. However, he said that this integration is only one step in a process to come.

In addition to the One-Act Festival, Project Spotlight also presents Spotlight Arts and numerous sponsored full­ length shows throughout each semester.

The final Project Spotlight event will be a Black and White Ball geared toward theatre majors, faculty and guests. Jessi Grossman, vice president of Project Spotlight, said that if the event does well, it will become an annual event for the theatre department.

Attendees receive tickets for the One-Act Festival last weekend. The semi-annual event features plays written and directed by UCF students. The festival has a great turnout, but some fans were unable to get tickets for the final night's performance.
\section*{Bombs, suicide attack kill almost 60 in Iraq}

\textbf{KING GABRIEL}

BAGHDAD - Car bombs and a suicide attack struck crowded areas in Baghdad and former insurgent strongholds to the north and west of the capital Tuesday, killing nearly 60 people and destroying a recent lull in violence in the predominantly Sunni areas.

The attacks occurred a day after U.S. forces pulled away from a nearby turpentine factory. Critics have said that the withdrawal left the factory in a vulnerable position.

``It was an ongoing pattern of violence when the U.S. forces were there, and it has continued since then. We don't have the resources or the capacity to protect the people from these attacks. We need international assistance to help us,'' said a local resident.

\section*{HIGH EDUCATION}

Where's the news of the day? The state of higher education in the U.S. is a topic of concern for many. While some universities are thriving, others are struggling to remain competitive in a rapidly changing world.

Increased funding for research and development is crucial to maintaining the nation's standing in fields such as medicine, technology, and the arts. However, this money is often hard to come by, especially in the current economic climate.

\section*{REGIONAL NEWS}

While the national news may capture headlines, local events can often be just as important to the community. From town meetings to parades, these smaller stories can provide valuable insights into the issues that matter most to everyday people.

``It's important to keep these events in perspective. While they may not seem as significant as what's happening in Washington, D.C., they can still have a big impact on the lives of people in our community. We need to make sure we're paying attention to these stories and engaging with our neighbors,''

\section*{AP Photo/Ricardo Arduengo}

Gunmen killed 60 people in Baghdad's Sadr City neighborhood Tuesday in a twin bombing that killed nearly 60 residents. The attacks were the deadliest in Iraq this year and coincided with clashes in the city of Basra.

\section*{AP Photo/Tamir Kalifa}

U.S. forces in north-
Dogs cost $4K to $20K

Web site simplifies projects

Extremely difficult given the basics of most college students. After talking to other students, they found that there weren't alone in this problem. They partnered with Henderson and began work on their Web site. They released Group Table to the public in February. Next years across the country are now utilizing this online environment to work on everything from simple group projects to law school mock trials. With a predicted increase in college enrollment in the next few years, the team hopes to continue expanding its Web site and help ease the common stresses of college students.

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There are already many students taking advantage of Group Table and more who would consider using it. Andrew Wood, an engineering major, said he feels that it's not that difficult to gather groups together for a project, but he would consider using Group Table.

"There are a lot of projects that require you to work with people in order to complete it," Wood said. "I would use Group Table, but I wouldn't use it in the same way.

"Group Table is currently looking for additional Web developers to join the team. Anyone who's interested should contact David Brim at dave@grouptable.com. For more information on Group Table or to register an account, visit www.grouptable.com.

Thinking about undergraduate research?

Furthermore, the force has two effective dogs with two others in training.

Authors note that Mesloh surveyed were also willing to pay $10 or more per month to fund this program, and 15 percent of those were willing to pay $50 or more per month for dogs to be on campus.

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—OFFICER JEANETTE EMERT

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Crotty: technology helps training

The 18-year-old political science major said she was instructed to act the same way, but if police came and pointed to the two men, she would try to tell Click it was OK to go with them.

Hart, an attorney for Lamar, said that exercises such as Monday's have a "key piece." "When you look at the real thing, you see what they've done right, you see what they've done wrong. And that's about training," Kerner said. "We're not about dying to do this perfectly each time."

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DOWN AND DIRTY

UCF beats Memphis 10-4 for first C-USA series win

BRIAN MURPHY

Golf wins second tourney

Men dominate in UK Invitational

BRIAN MURPHY

The UCF Men’s Golf team tied for first place after the second round of the University of Kentucky Invitational on Monday. The team posted a score of 290, two strokes better than the other three teams.

Women’s Golf in 2nd

PADDIE BREWER

The UCF Women’s Golf team got off on the right foot in the first round of the Conference USA Championship on Monday in El Paso, Texas. They finished in a tie for second place.

Softball leaves UTEP with triumph

Katie Employees with a great performance from Kime

HELLE MUNBERGER

The UCF softball team’s biggest success this season hasn’t come with wins or rankings. Instead, the Knights have excelled in ability to bounce back from small defeats.

Week in Review

The Knights (30-9 overall, 26-4 in Conference USA) faced losing a third consecutive game to Southern Miss on Saturday, followed by a 1-0 loss to the Miners on Sunday. But the Knights have won seven of the last eight games and are now back in first place in the league.

The Knights are back in first place in the conference after winning their first two games against the UTEP Miners. The Knights salvaged conference series with a 10-0 victory over the Miners.

The Knights won the rubber match against the Tigers with a 9-0 win on Saturday. The Knights improved their season record to 15-8 overall and 6-9 in Conference USA.

The Knights started the weekend with a 4-0 victory over Memphis on Sunday. Kallstrom went 2-for-3 with an RBI single from Carrera.

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Kime Ks 15 in win

Bennett and Carrera and give that lead to last long, scoring single up the middle to score over the UTEP Miners on Sunday. She had an RBI single in the second inning, which was the first run of the game for the Knights.

This weekend for their second-to-last Conference USA series, UCF will host the Memphis Tigers on Saturday and Sunday at the UCF Softball Complex.

All of Tuesday afternoon, Memphis sits in last place in the conference standings with a 4-10 record in C-USA and 22-40 overall. The Knights played a doubleheader Tuesday before heading to Orlando.

Game times for the series between the Knights and Tigers are set for 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Saturday and noon Sunday.
Beasley to NBA

Kansas State forward Michael Beasley holds a press conference with coach Frank Martin to announce that Beasley would be the No. 1 overall draft pick if he left school early.

Beasley dominated his lone college season, averaging 26.2 points and becoming just the third freshman in NCAA history to lead the nation in rebounds at 12.4 per game. He had the second-most rebounds and third-most points by a freshman in NCAA history, helping Kansas State to its first NCAA tournament victory in 30 years.

"Beasley was always the best freshman seasons to enter the NBA," Martin said. "I believe in him. He's a special talent, and I think he's got a chance to be a really good player in the NBA."
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Providence gambles on new coach Drake's Davis

ERIE TUCKER  Associated Press

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — Providence hired Keno Davis as its new coach Tuesday, less than two weeks after he was honored as The Associated Press national coach of the year.

Providence planned a 5 p.m. news conference to introduce Davis.

Davis won the AP award in his rookie year as a head coach. He took Drake to its first NCAA tournament since 1971, and led the Bulldogs to a school-record 28-5 record and their first national ranking in 33 years.

"I believe Keno Davis has the knowledge, passion, commitment and ability to bring Providence College basketball to another level," Providence athletic director Bob Driscoll said in a statement.

Multiple messages left on Davis's cell phone and to Drake athletic director Sandy Hatfield-Clark were not immediately returned Tuesday.

Davis replaces Tim Welsh, who was fired last month after helping Providence to make two NCAA tournament appearances in 33 seasons.

The hiring ends a protracted job search during which George Mason's Jim Larranaga, a Providence alum, and Massachusetts' Tom Penders turned down offers from the Friars.

Providence finished with losing records in three of the past four seasons. The Friars went 6-21 in the Big East and overall this season, playing all but one game without injured starting point guard Sharaud Curry.

Providence lost to West Virginia in the first round of the Big East conference tournament on March 12.

The Friars should return several key starters next season, including leading scorer Jeff Xavier, who averaged 12.4 points a game and led the Big East in steals with 2.26 a game.

Drake opened with a 36-36 record, cracked the national rankings in January and knocked off them-No. 8 Butler a month later.

The Bulldogs won their first MVC regular season title since 1971 and their first conference tournament title.

They entered the NCAA tournament as a No. 5 seed in the West Regional, but were upset in overtime by Western Kentucky 72-69.

Davis and his father, the first father and son duo to win the national coach of the year award, Tom Davis won it in 1987 as coach of Iowa.

The Associated Press

Tournament wraps up today

JESSY TANG

In a press release, "We started out rough and played very average for us on the front side," said head coach Steve Masiello. "But, we came back and played like we knew how to on the back. This team wants to win and I think the duties to do that is going to carry them through these next two minutes."

The Knights played the second round Tuesday, and they will finish the tournament today.

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