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CFF ownership points to new beginnings

By TRACY WEBB
News Editor

The Central Florida Future has a new look, a new style and a new owner.

The Future was purchased Jan. 16 by Windsor Hall, owner of Sports Whirl Marketing, which also publishes Into The Knights, a UCF sports magazine.

Hall became interested in the Future after watching its growth on campus during the three years he has published Into The Knights.

The Future has been on the UCF campus since 1968. It has always been a student-run publication and Hall has no plans of changing.

"First and foremost we want to make sure this continues to be a student publication," Hall said. "We plan to manage and operate it as a business, of course, but it's a unique business. It's a business of education and business combined."

Hall intends to use the Future as a learning tool for students who wish to pursue a career in communications. His hope is to eventually offer university approved internships so students can receive the hands-on experience from the new publisher, a veteran professional journalist.

Hall said the university has given its endorsement for the first time in many years.

"We are working to forge a relationship to where we want the school to get out of the newspaper what they expected. Not necessarily from a censorship standpoint but what's good and representative because it carries the Central Florida masshead and it is important to us to be considered the publication of the university," Hall said.

Scott Wallin, a 32-year-old former editor for The Tampa Tribune, joins Hall's company as the newspaper's publisher.

Wallin, a 1988 UCF journalism graduate, is a former sports editor of the Future. He spent eight years at the Tribune, resigning as the paper's Regional Sports Editor.

He is hoping to improve the publication's image as well as share his extensive newspaper background with students.

"I hope to return the newspaper to the students, to get it away from the Mad Magazine concept and to make it what real journalism is all about," said Wallin.

Go Greek

UCF Greeks begin their push to attract new members this semester as evidenced by the signs surrounding the reflecting pond.

Program providing safe way home

By JASON FOOS
Staff writer

For UCF students who may have had too much to drink, the Student Government Association has a sobering and safe solution.

SGA, in conjunction with Mears Transportation Group, started a one-way taxi service on Jan. 9 for students who need a ride home.

The Provide-A-Ride service will cover a 30-square mile area nightly from 10 p.m. until 3 a.m. The area boundaries are: Alafaya Trail and a short stretch of Lake Pickett Road on the east, Semoran Boulevard on the west, Lake Underhill Road on the south and Aloma Boulevard and West Broadway on the north.

"Provide-A-Ride was created by students out of concern for the consequences of college students driving under the influence," said Steve Conti, the service's student director.

"We need a safe alternative to drinking and driving for students at UCF, knowing full well that too many student drivers don't know when to say when."

"Students don't have to be 21 to use the program."

"Students have listed alcohol as the biggest non-academic problem in their student conduct survey."

"Provide-A-Ride offers people an alternative to drinking and driving at risk, as well as endangering innocent parties who may be encountered on the road," Conti said.

Since 1994, DUI arrests by University police have risen from 24 to 42.

UCF students have listed alcohol as the biggest non-academic problem they face. In a survey conducted last spring, 67 percent of students said they had been drinking within the previous month.

This is the highlight of my career," Conti said.

Delfyett came to UCF in 1993 for the opportunity to help the school become a leader in the 21st century.

Delfyett teaches mostly graduate courses that focus on optics and lasers.

His interest in science grew at a young age when he wanted to be a paleontologist (study of fossils). Delfyett liked to explore different methods of setting up science experiments.

"When the teacher said, don't set it up this way, that is what I'm going to do. I'm going to set it up that way because I'm not supposed to do it. That means something interesting is going to happen and she is not going to tell me the whole story, so I must investigate it myself."

Delfyett started playing the drums in high school and wanted to study music in college, much to his parents' dismay.

"My father said, do anything but don't become a musician," Delfyett said.

Since there was no recording engineering program offered at the City University of New York, he chose to study electrical engineering. While there, he took a course in optics and enjoyed it so much, he was determined to pursue a doctoral in the optics-lasers area.

Delfyett holds six patents in the area of high speed optics. The goal is to find new ways to generate...
Lavely is one spectacular Knight

By TRACY WEBB
News editor

Jessica Lavely is the director of the Spectacular Knights committee of the Campus Activities Board (CAB) and president of the Delta Delta Delta sorority. Lavely, a junior majoring in health service administration, has been active in many activities on campus since graduating from Colonial High School in Orlando.

CFF: What activities have you been involved with since you started at UCF?
JL: My freshman year I pledged Tri Delta in the fall. I was Greek Week chair. My sophomore year I started with CAB as Spectacular Knights director and I was philanthropy chair for Tri Delta. I did Student Government Election Commission for a short period of time. I did Volunteer UCF. My freshman and sophomore year I volunteered 10 to 15 hours a week. I volunteered at about 25 different places. I was also on the cinema and the homecoming committee for CAB.

CFF: What awards or titles have you earned?
JL: I received volunteer of the year my sophomore year and I got CAB director of the year. Those are the two biggest ones.

CFF: Tell me about your new position as President of the Tri Delta sorority.
JL: I am excited. I think we have a great chapter and I'm happy to lead such a wonderful group of girls. It's like a dream come true. It's a huge honor. I want to be the best president I can for them. I think we need to continue in campus involvement and sisterhood. I want to strive for all of our ideals in our chapter.

CFF: What are your plans for the future?
JL: After I graduate in May I am going to go to law school. I want to practice health law. That is why my four-year bachelor's is in health care administration to give me a good background in the health care profession. And my minor is in legal studies so I am prepared for it.

CFF: Where do you see yourself in 10 years?
JL: I want my own law firm.

CFF: How will your leadership skills help you to obtain this goal?
JL: I think that everything that I have done leadership wise is going to help me because it has given me confidence and communication skills and that's very important. It has also given me direction and ambition.

CFF: What advice would you give anybody who wants to follow in your footsteps?
JL: Take each day one day at a time and do everything that you possibly can because you don't get second chances. Your college career is the best time of your life so make of it, everything you want. I don't want to look back on my college years and say I wish I did that or I wish I did this.

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Professor’s award helps continue optics research

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short bursts of light. With ultrafast optics, in one second, one trillion bits of information can be sent. For example, 1,000 video cassettes could be transmitted into a television in one second. Delfyett’s patents deal with trying to accomplish these tasks in efficient and cost-effective ways.

Part of Delfyett’s grant will support research to develop new ways to use light in telecommunications, computer networks and information processing. He also wants to develop a community outreach education program.

“If the community is comfortable with how science and technology can enter their lives, when they have to vote on legislative measures they can make knowledgeable and rational decisions concerning technologies,” Delfyett said.

Delfyett serves on the scientific advisory board for the Orlando Science Center. He hopes to establish a distance learning network between the science center and Orange County Public School System.

“If you ask a kindergartner to draw a picture of a scientist, you’ll get a picture that looks like Beakman or Bill Nye, with the glasses, pocket protector and calculator, fumbling all over the place, and that’s not necessarily the case,” he said.

“We in fact are real people who want to give back to the community to show young people that they too can become a scientist or engineer.”

Delfyett’s research plan also includes creating new UCF engineering and physics courses in photonic and optical technologies.

Program aims to cut campus DUI’s

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year, 62 percent of students listed alcohol use as a serious problem. Students in need of a ride can call 823-FREE. When a student calls, it will be verified through a computer check that the individual is a UCF student. A taxi will then be dispatched to the location.

Conti said Mears Transportation is funding the cost of the service and printing informational fliers. SGA and Wayne Densch Inc. are covering other promotional costs. This service has been endorsed by the UCF Police Department, the UCF Alumni Association, the Intramural Council, and the Panhellenic Council.

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Student cyclist hits bus

By TIM SPRINGER
Sports Editor

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Privacy issue focuses of public access bill

By Katie Wang
Michigan Daily (University of Michigan)

ANN ARBOR,Mich.--A comprehensive bill intended to improve public access to documents under the Freedom of Information Act could actually have the opposite effect.

Michigan House Bill 4849, which amended the state's Freedom of Information Act, contains a provision that completely denies public access to letters of reference or recommendation about candidates for presidents of public universities.

Prior to Gov. John Engler signing the bill Wednesday, requests for these letters could be denied on the basis of protecting the privacy of the person writing the recommendation. But even if the request was fulfilled, the letters were often heavily edited, said Lewis Morrissey, the University's chief FOIA officer.

"I believe it is an unreasonable restriction to the public's right of access to a person who is paid a salary of upwards to $150,000," Phillips said. "An applicant for that kind of position should not be shielded from public access."

The latest provision to FOIA further tightens the search process for public university presidents. At the end of the state's 80th Legislature, lawmakers passed bills that restricted access on the Open Meetings Act.

In addition to the amendments to the Open Meetings Act, the new law provides a blueprint for future presidential searches, said Vice President for University Relations Walter Harrison.

"We can now avoid long, drawn-out court cases which have plagued many state searches," Harrison said. "The University should be concerned about learning, not legalities."

"If we lose next is the city saying, "We want to choose our police chief this way," she said. "Why is it that a public university with this type of situation should have secrecy? What is so special about them?"

Joan Lowenstein, an Ann Arbor attorney who specializes in media law, said the latest bill continues to chip away at public access to letters of reference or recommendation by candidates for presidents of public universities.

"Phillips said she feared the relaxed provisions may have a domino effect on other municipalities, which may now demand the same privileges.

"What we'll have next is the city saying, "We want to choose our police chief this way," she said. "Why is it that a public university with this type of situation should have secrecy? What is so special about them?"

"If anyone wrote a letter that was derogatory and said something about the candidate that was unflattering, that will remain unknown to the public under this legislation," Lowenstein said. "I think more information about candidates for public office is better than less information."

Jeffrey Lehman, dean of the University Law School and former chair of the Presidential Search Advisory Committee, applauded the provision. He said it will guarantee honest candidate evaluations because the fear of releasing the letters to the public would be eliminated.

"If you're working for someone and you're asked to give a candid opinion, you will often give strengths and weaknesses," Lehman said. "You will often be happy to say them, but you would not be happy to say them to the newspapers."

Other provisions of the new law include:

A requirement that all requests for information be in writing. Requests by fax or e-mail are also acceptable. The University rarely has received verbal requests in the past.

A requirement that each public body appoints a FOIA coordinator, who will receive and respond to all requests. Morrissey already serves in this capacity for the University.

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37. Bums
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47. Young horse
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Saxon not shy about being Knights’ leader

By DEREK GOSOULIN
Staff writer

Away from the basketball court, Shantrice Saxon is unassuming, managing a shy smile, a shrug of her shoulders and a soft hello. Teammates, though, see a different person once the games begin.

"On the court, she’s a loud mouth," Kelli Murray said matter-of-factly. "Shantrice takes it a step further: "I told the coach that if I sign here I’m not going to be sitting on the bench,"" Saxon said. "I’m going to do what I have to do to be in the starting lineup and that’s what I did." Saxon, a criminal justice major, grew up with two brothers playing little league football. She was the only one, though, who played high school sports.

"My brothers had to work because my mother is a single parent," said Saxon, who ran track and played volleyball for Tavares High School.

She didn’t play basketball until a friend talked her into it. By her senior she knew she had made a good decision.

"I played against guys that the coach brought in and I think that’s where I improved,"" Saxon said. At CFCC in Ocala, Saxon played with a pair of All-Americans now at Ohio State and Kansas. Still, she managed to average double figures in scoring and rebounding her sophomore year.

After transferring to UCF, Saxon made the TAAC all-tournament team after helping the Knights win the 1995-96 tournament.

This season, she is averaging 19 points and nine rebounds but is far from satisfied.

"We need to stay focused and get on a winning streak," she said. "We worked too hard in practice to come to a game and lose. We need to do what we do best for 40 minutes." When asked if she has any intentions of playing in the newly-formed women’s professional league, Saxon simply grinned and said she plans to give it a try. Don’t let the shy grin fool you.

Forward Shantrice Saxon

Saxon has been a leader for the Knights since leaving junior college. She is averaging 19 points a game.

coach Lynn Briand said, "That’s cut and dry. Everyone in our conference knows that. Shantrice has a competitive fire that is just unbelievable."

But Saxon let UCF know that long before the season opener. While at Central Florida Community College, she told then-Coach Jerzy Richardson she would be a starter.

"When I say we hate to see him leave," Football coach Gene McDowell said. "I’m sure I speak for all the players and coaches at UCF when I say we hate to see him leave," Coach Gene McDowell said. "He did an outstanding job while he was here."

Martinez, a 1985 graduate of the University of Miami and a member of the Hurricanes’ 1983 national championship team, came to UCF in 1995 from Central Michigan where he helped the Chippewas to the 1994 Mid-American Conference title.

- A CFF Staff report

Football coach leaves post

UCF defensive coordinator William Martinez resigned on Jan. 17 to take a coaching position at Eastern Michigan.

Martinez spent two years at UCF and also coached the secondary.

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Upperclassmen step up for women

By DEREK GONSOULIN

District writer

After beating the College of Charleston on Saturday night, UCF coach Lynn Bria laughed after being asked how her squad stopped the best team in the TAAC.

"To be very honest," Bria said, "we didn't!"

"Do not be too modest, Coach," the Lady Knights (6-6, 3-2) relented to defeat the Lady Cougars (8-7, 4-2), 67-58, thanks to outstanding performances by its underclassmen.

While UCF seniors Gylaunda Henderson and Shaniotre Saxon were in foul trouble, the rest of the team picked up the slack. Juniors Charinya Davis and Stacey DeVoeaux combined for 46 points and Kelli Murray hit a clutch three-pointer in the closing minutes to help UCF finish a two-game homestand 2-0.

With the Knights leading 55-54 with 2:32 left, Davis beat her opponent, forcing the top of the Cougars' zone defense to collapse. She then dished the ball to a wide-open Murray. The rainbow three-pointer hit all net as the shot clock sounded.

The Knights' only three-point shot of the game highlighted a second-half comeback that saw UCF outscore the Cougars 27-13 in the final 15 minutes.

"Awesome shot," Bria said. "That was the break we needed. If I had to pick a play that made the difference in the game, it was that shot."

The trey was Murray's first points of the game. She scored five of the Knights' eight points in a 1:37 span that put UCF up by five with less than a minute to play. Her two free throws were part of a 6-for-6 effort from the line that sealed the game.

Campbell has now lost back-to-back conference games on the road after winning their first four. Campbell was picked last in the TAAC preseason poll.

Bria said the Cougars have the best conference team UCF played this season.

"They are going to do real well in conference," Bria said. "They can shoot from outside and penetrate even on a zone defense. They're going to be tough to stop."

Going to the four-low set, a one-on-one play set up for Davis, the Knights drew a foul or scored almost every possession.

UCF rallied past College of Charleston to boost its record to 6-8.

Photo by Tim Spring

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Football team recruiting the Knight-a-way

By TIM SPRINGER

Out of the Know

If college football were a recipe, recruiting would be the single most important ingredient. Sprinkle a few junior college transfers over a dose of talented freshmen, let them marinate throughout the spring, and by fall mix them with the veterans. By the first game, the taste test begins. If the opposition gobbles them up, leaving behind only crumbs, it's back to the mixing bowl. If the opposition bites off more than it can chew, well then the UCF cooking ... or coaching staff may be on to something.

So far, things are looking good for the Golden Knights' recruiting efforts. Heading the signings are 6-foot-3, 245-pound offensive lineman Richard Bryant (younger brother of former standout linebacker John Bryant), 5-11, 250-pound fullback Dosssey Robbins and 6-foot, 165-pound cornerback/receiver Siaha Burley. These players enrolled in school in January and will participate in spring practice.

While the perception is UCF's recruiting efforts will suffer having to compete against Florida, Florida State and Miami, UCF coaches see a different picture. UF, FSU and Miami most likely will get who they want. But it's the South Carolinas and Georgia Techs that may suffer. The Gamecocks and the Ramblin' Wreck carried 47 Florida athletes combined in 2003. UCF is currently working on its 2004 recruiting class. They have already signed 19 players. It was rumored Thames turned down UF, FSU and Miami most likely will get who they want. But it's the South Carolinas and Georgia Techs that may suffer. The Gamecocks and the Ramblin' Wreck carried 47 Florida athletes combined on their rosters last season.

The Golden Knights took notice and are trying to get the point across to recruits that home is where you hang your helmet. UCF coaches seem to have convinced one player that Central Florida is where he should spend his college years. Blake Thames, a 6-foot-4, 196-pound standout quarterback from West Palm, has reportedly committed to UCF as a receiver. It was rumored Thames turned down Ohio State, Auburn and Miami.

In the recruiting wars, this is a significant accomplishment. In living rooms across the country, UCF coaches are spewing their best sales pitch like a Kirby salesman well short of his quota. And it seems to be working.

But until the recruiting wars reach a cease fire, the names of future UCF stars will have to remain on the downlow. Getting names of potential recruits is like trying to thumb through the coach's playbook since NCAA regulations dictate that names must be withheld until national signing day. Shhhhh... it's a secret.

Sophomore Brad Traina has contributed greatly in the Knights recent win streak.

Men's team finding its stride

By TONY MEJIA
Assistant sports editor

The UCF men's basketball team has hit its stride and it can be traced to one specific moment on Jan. 4.

"The comeback win at SLU really brought this team together. It gave us a special type of confidence in ourselves and in each other that hadn't developed prior to that game," freshman guard D'Quarius Stewart said. "From this point on, I think we're going to blow up."

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