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Asbestos clean-up continues on campus

By DEREK GONSOLIN
Staff Writer

After removing asbestos from Computer Center II and the library last fall, UCF's Environmental Health and Safety department plans to clean asbestos from three other buildings.

Steve Mammino, UCF's Industrial Hygienist at EHS, said the asbestos is not dangerous in its current form, but has to be removed in accordance with Environmental Protection Agency standards.

"We have a lot of buildings with asbestos in them," said Mammino, who oversees asbestos matters on campus. "But if the asbestos is in good shape, it's not a hazard to anybody."

The buildings due for asbestos abatement (the removal process) are: the Health and Physics Building, Computer Center I (next to CCI) and the Chemistry Building.

During renovations to Computer Center II, the mechanical room in the Health and Physics Building will be abated of asbestos, a material that has been found to cause cancer over years of exposure.

The Health and Physics Building and CCI have asbestos in the form of water pipe insulation, floor and ceiling tile, and the glue used in securing carpet, tile, insulation, etc. (called mastic). The Chemistry Building has asbestos in its floor tile and will be dealt with at a later time, Mammino said.

The three buildings' asbestos is non-friable (or unable to be crumbled by hand and inhaled), Mammino said. In that form, he said, the asbestos does not pose a risk to the worker.

Phil Maynard, industrial hygienist at the University of California at Berkeley, agrees with Mammino.

"The ceiling and ceiling tiles are not friable," Maynard said. "It is difficult to make [asbestos] release in those situations."

Damaged, asbestos-containing materials (ACM) could release asbestos fibers, Maynard said, but he found it unlikely to happen.

"A big flood could degrade [the tiles], but unless some physical harm comes to the tile, it's not a problem."

Asbestos had to be removed from CCI and the stairwell in the library due to renovations to the buildings. Both buildings are being cleaned by a contractor, with the asbestos from CCI being removed and the stairwell still in need of cleaning.

"We have a lot of buildings down there, asbestos everywhere. It's a mess," said Mammino.

According to a report article, there are four clues in the material that will help NASA with some clues where to look.

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By DANNIE HELM
Staff Writer

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The President's home is among the flurry of construction activity on campus.

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Campus construction continuing

By ORLANDO MONTOYA
Staff Writer

The University of Central Florida may want to adopt the motto "Pardon Our Dust" as construction continues on five projects with 27 others in various stages of development.

The Student Union, one of the most anticipated of these projects, will open next month for office workers, Peter Newman, Director of UCF's Facilities Planning division, says food and retail shops will serve students and faculty in August.

August seems to be the anticipated date for other projects, too. Newman said workers are putting in the footings on the new parking lot.

The Education Building lot was replaced with several dirt lots near the UCF Arena.

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Lecturers hit campus for a week

By NORA KULIESH
Staff Writer

Community leaders will turn in their traditional job assignments on Feb. 17 for stints as lecturers in UCF's classrooms during the school's first "Distinguished Lecturer Week."

More than 100 government, arts, business and media participants from the Central Florida area will lecture on subjects in their fields in a program designed to extend students practical insights into their careers of choice.

The program's aim is to strengthen the connection between UCF and the Orlando community, said Karen Jennings, UCF's director of Constituent Relations.

She said UCF has been "Orlando's best-kept secret" for too long.

"We don't want to be a secret anymore," Jennings said.

Bringing in Orlando's leaders will not only offer students an opportunity to hear from professionals, she said, but it will let the community see firsthand what a dynamic institution UCF is.

All Weiss, President of Walt Disney World Resort, will be among the honored guests. A UCF alumna, Weiss is informed of UCF's growth.

Now it's time for others to find out.

Also expected to appear are Bob Oppsahl

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Noriega volunteers her helping hand

By TRACY WEBB
News Editor

Graciela Noriega is leading the UCF community into the 21st century.

Noriega, a combination political science and liberal studies major, has wanted to help others early in her college career. A year ago she was an active volunteer with Americorps, a national service program started in 1993 by President Clinton. Noriega volunteered in the Bithlo community where Americorps determined school-aged children are at risk.

"My primary focus was parks and recreation at the Bithlo community park where I still volunteer every Friday and do a Culture Shock program. I did mentoring and tutoring with after-school kids at Columbia Elementary School. I also did community building, where we did community clean-ups," Noriega said.

In total, Noriega averaged about 1,700 hours of community service in one year. She says, "It was all worth it."

Noriega says the major influence in her life is her father. "He has always been pushing me to do good," she said. "He is not happy with B's because he knows that I can do better."

She gives this advice to any aspiring student who wants to follow her lead in the community. "It's a lot of hard work and dedication. You have to have a goal. Once you have a goal nothing can stop you. If you put your mind to it you can do whatever you want. "I know that's so cliché but it's so true, if you really want something you can find the resources and work it. You need to be positive, determined and strong."

Graciela Noriega and her friend Rico Brown enjoy a fun time at a rally for President Clinton.

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Black History runs deeper than one month a year

By Dr. Felix Boateng
Knight-Ridder/Tribune News

A full appreciation of the celebration of Black History Month requires a review and a reassessment of the social and academic climate that prevailed in the Western world, and especially in North America before 1926 when Black History Month was established.

It is important to recall that between 1619 and 1926, African Americans and other peoples of African descent were continually dehumanized and relegated to the position of non-citizens and often defined as fractions of human beings. It is estimated that between 1800 and 1925, an African American was lynched every two and a half days.

The academic and intellectual community was no different than the bulk of mainstream America. Peoples of African descent were visibly absent in any scholarship or intellectual discourse that dealt with human civilization. African Americans were dehumanized and their history distorted in academia that "slavery, segregation and lynching" were considered justifiable conditions. In fact, Professor John Burgess, the founder of Columbia University graduate school of political science and an important figure in American scholarship, defined the African race as: "a race of men which has never created any civilization of any kind ..." It was this kind of climate and the sen­sional, racist scholarship that inspired the talented and brilliant African American scholar, Dr. Carter Godwin Woodson. Woodson dropped out of mainstream academia to devote his life to the scientific study of the African experience in America, Africa and throughout the world. Under Woodson's direction and contributions from other African American and white scholars, the "Negro History Week" was launched on a serious platform in 1926 to neutralize the apparent ignorance and deliberate distortion of Black History. Meetings, exhibitions, lectures and symposia were organized to climax the scientific study of the African experience throughout the year in order to give a more objective and scholarly balance to the study of African history as it related to the scientific study of the African experience throughout the year.

Today, this national and international observance has been expanded to encompass the entire month of February. The expansion, of course, has increased the number of days for celebration, but its strength and significance lie in the new meaning that has emerged. As Ralph L. Crowder points out in an article in the December 1977 issue of the "Western Journal of Black Studies," it is no longer sufficient to devote the entire month to the celebration of great Negro contributions to the American mainstream. I believe, like Dr. Crowder, that it is necessary to use the occasion to examine the collective ingenuity, creativity, cultural and political experiences of the masses of African Americans and other peoples of African descent. In North America, a variety of programs, including lectures, exhibitions, banquets and a host of cultural activities are presented throughout the month of February to commemorate the occasion.

At Vanderbilt University, the Black Cultural Center has been in the forefront of programs developed to mark the observance. The activities will include lectures, a Black History Month community banquet, dance performances, Black oriented movies and an exhibition. The intention of the founders of Black History Month was not, and is still not, to initiate a week's or a month's study of the universal Black experience. Instead, the observance portrays the climax of a scientific study of the Black experience throughout the year. The month of February is significant and recognized in African-American history for the birthdays of great African American pioneers and institutions. These include the birthdays of Frederick Douglass, W.E.B. DuBois, Langston Hughes, Eugene Black, NAACP and the first Pan African Congress.

Historians may also recall that the first African-American senator, Hiram Revels, took the oath of office in February 1870. Black History Month takes on a paramount significance as we approach the 21st century. Civil rights laws and celebrations such as Black History Month have exposed the legal consequences of overt discriminatory practices and racial harassment. The struggles for civil rights in America and achievement of independence by African countries in the 20th century have shown the strength, the humanity, the ingenuity and the contributions of Black people to human civilization.

However, these revelations have not neutralized the prevalence of prejudicial attitudes which generate discriminatory acts both on a national and in the international arena. Behavior may be controlled by laws, but attitudes can only change through education and the elimination of ignorance. I believe strongly that Black History Month should be the reaffirmation of struggle and determination to change attitudes and heighten the understanding of the Black experience.
Opinion

Valentine’s Day: an exercise of conforming, or not

By DIANA IMANUEL
Staff Writer

As I was in the department store the other day, wandering through the collection of balloons, teddy bears and heart-shaped candy boxes, I had reached a milestone. By February 12, I had reached a milestone. It had occurred to me that I began thinking about Valentine’s Day the day before the day. It had occurred to me that I began thinking about Valentine’s Day the day before the day. It had occurred to me that I began thinking about Valentine’s Day the day before the day.

Lecturers to visit campus

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of WFTV Channel 9; Sandra Quinn, President and CEO of Orlando Science Center; Philip Crosby, internationally recognized authority on quality management; Thomas Trochan, President and CEO of Barnett Bank, Central Florida; Rick Walsh, Senior Vice President for Corporate Relations, Darden Restaurants; Peter Panos, President and CEO, CIRENT Semiconductor and Frank Brogan, Florida Commissioner of Education.

Students wanting more information on lectures offered in their field should contact the dean of their college. The Office of Constituent Affairs has a schedule and also is available to answer questions.

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Student arrested for possession

By LINDSAY MALANGA
Staff Writer

Patrick Marc Gagne, 19, was arrested for possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia on Jan. 31. Officer J. Frank was dispatched to the Lake Claire Apartments in reference to a fire alarm, and upon entering the suite he detected the smell of marijuana.

When the officer entered the room, he saw a pipe and a cannabis cigarette in a cup of water. Further investigation of the room led to the findings of two bottles of Testosterone Cypronate and a pouch. The theft occurred when Mauldin left his bike unlocked in the weight room. The theft occurred when Mauldin left his bike unlocked in the weight room.

Professor renowned for Mars study

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Center and Lunar and Planetary Institute, both in Houston. "I'm very excited to have the opportunity to combine teaching, research and public outreach [at the Robinson Observatory], that's why I applied when I heard about the new Astronomy program," she said. The Robinson Observatory has periodic public viewing sessions.

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SEPS brightens image

By LINDSAY MALANGA
Staff Writer

If you didn't know where SEPS was before, you'll know now. The Student Escort Patrol Service has begun using three-sided, illuminated toppers for its golf carts that patrol campus.

Chief Richard Turkiewicz, Director of Public Safety and Police, wanted to develop something that would give the SEPS program more visibility on campus. Sergeant Thomas Grosser came up with the idea for the toppers.

"These toppers will definitely improve the program by providing more visibility for students," Turkiewicz said. "There are about 8 million golf carts on campuses that ride around all day, but now the SEPS carts will be specifically identified." The toppers read "SEPS Escort Patrol 823-2424". Grosser welcomes any comments or suggestions for the SEPS program.

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Searching for a man called Oscar

By DEAN G. LEWIS
Entertainment Editor

On Tuesday morning, Hollywood embraced in its best of 1996 with nominations for the 69th Annual Academy Awards. While the actual nominees are not available (this article went to press before nominations were announced), I will reveal MY choices from all the great films that graced countless multiplexes, twin cinemas and art houses across the country.

For Best Picture, no film since, perhaps "Schindler's List", delivers an elegy full of spirituality, devotion and sex. His film won the Grand Jury Award at the Sundance Film Festival and the Los Angeles Film Critics Award. My Best Film picks for 1996 are "Big Night" and "The English Patient".

For Best Director, I am still overwhelmed by Emily Watson's tragic portrait of Bess McNeill in "Secrets and Lies". My other nods for Best Director are Anthony Minghella ("The English Patient"), Joel Coen ("Fargo"), Mike Leigh ("Secrets and Lies"), Lars Von Trier ("Breaking the Waves"), and Scott Hicks for "Shine".

In my Best Actor sweepstakes, Tom Cruise ("Jerry Maguire"), Anthony Hopkins ("Surviving Picasso"), Denzel Washington ("Courage Under Fire"), Liam Neeson ("Michael Collins"), and the delicate duo of Stanley Tucci and Tony Shalhoub ("Big Night") will have to go up against the big three: Ralph Fiennes ("The English Patient"), Geoffrey Rush ("Shine"), and Woody Harrelson ("The People vs. Larry Flynt")

My Best Supporting Actress choices are Frances McDormand ("Fargo"), Diane Keaton ("Marvin's Room"), the freaky Courtney Love ("Larry Flynt"), Debbie Reynolds ("Mother"), and the lesbian duo of Jennifer Tilly and Gina Gershon who got "Bound" after stealing millions from a mob boss. Other candidates include Laura Dern ("Citizen Ruth"), Geena Rowlands ("Unshock the Stars"), and Malcolm McLaren for "Mr. Handicap".

The race for Best Supporting Actor should spark some intense rivalries. My picks go to Ian Holm, as the flamboyant Italian restaurateur in "Big Night", the bold Edward Norton ("Primal Fear"), Samuel L. Jackson ("A Time To Kill"), Cuba Gooding Jr. ("Jerry Maguire"), Kevin Corrigan ("Walking and Talking"), Armin Mueller Stahl and Noah Taylor ("Shine"), and Gary Sinise ("Ronin").

My Best Supporting Actress picks are Marianne Jean-Baptiste, so good in "Secrets and Lies", the lovely Juliette Binoche ("The English Patient"), Natalie Portman ("Beautiful Girls"), Marius Ross ("The Evening Star"), and Joan Allen ("The Crucible"). I also enjoyed Pam Ferris as the cruel school principal in "Matilda", Janeane Garofalo ("The Truth About Cats and Dogs"), and Elizabeth Pena ("The Muse").

1996 saw a bountiful number of screenplays, both original pieces and risky adaptations. My picks for Original Screenplay go to "Big Night" (Stanley Tucci and Joseph Tropiano), the literary "Love Story" (John Sayles), "Breaking the Waves" (Von Trier), "Jerry Maguire" (Cameron Crowe), "Secrets and Lies" (Mike Leigh), the Coen brothers for "Fargo" and Reggie Rock Bythewood for Spike Lee's "Get on the Bus". Other good scripts include "Larry Flynt", "Everyone Says I Love You" and "Flirting With Disaster". I'm glad I get to study all the existing story and still keep the integrity of that work is a laborious undertaking. However, Anthony Minghella transformed Michael Ondaatje's lyrical novel, "The English Patient", into one of last year's best penned scripts. Minghella will most likely win my award, but who can blame Philip Haas for his clever "Angels and Insects", John Hodge for "The Full Monty" and "Gettincar Farm", Laura Jones for "The Portrait of a Lady", Arthur Miller for "The Crucible", and the late Scott McPherson for "Marvin's Room" for trying their hearts out? I can't. I have yet to see Kenneth Branagh's 4-hour translation of "Hamlet". That could really well sneak into my list.

The 69th Annual Academy Awards will be presented live on ABC Monday night, March 24 at 9 p.m. It's the Super Bowl of cinema.
Kevin Spacey, left, directs Matt Dillon in “Albino Alligator.”

This Alligator lacks real bite

By DEAN G. LEWIS
Entertainment Editor

In Kevin Spacey’s film-noirish directorial debut, “Albino Alligator”, Gary Sinise and Matt Dillon play brothers Milo and Dave, two small-time thieves on the run from a botched heist with fellow delinquent Law (William Fichtner).

The three retreat to Dino’s Last Chance Bar, a Prohibition-era speakeasy joint buried in the basement of an old city building. Dino’s has no windows, no back doors, and no exits. Along with its cranky owner (M. Emmett Walsh), three patrons (Skeet Ulrich, John Spencer, and Viggo Mortensen), and Janet the wise-cracking bartender (Faye Dunaway), our modern-day James Gang welcomes us into its joint buried in the basement of an old city building.

Afternoon” (both films have animal names in their titles). An ingenious Oscar-winning script made the 1975 Sidney Lumet classic, featuring Al Pacino as Sonny, the bank robber, far superior to this white gator.

Spacey, who won an Oscar for his sly turn as Keyser Soze in “The Usual Suspects”, directs admirably, producing a low-key suspense yarn filled with pacing, overhead action, and close-up shots. Yet Spacey is like a prisoner, chained regrettably by Christian’s Forte’s hybrid of a script. “Alligator” doesn’t take long to thrust itself into tired, clichéd situations. For instance, as G.D. Browning, the nervous cop who’s got a million SWAT team sharpshooters readying to dice Dino’s water hole, Joe Mantegna turns into a parody, especially when confronted by a TV reporter for the local news.

Their quibbles are nothing new and forces Spacey’s film to plod along much like a mediocre, direct-to-video pic.

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Sixo ready to strike the chords of success

By STEPHEN UNGER

Music Critic

From their hometown in Miami, Sixo hopes to play its indie rock sound to a melody of success. Influenced by the Police and the Replacements, the four-piece band began playing only a couple years ago, and now it's looking for some exposure.

"Rescue", their new release, is bound to give them what they want. The EP contains six samples of down to earth rock sounds, and a nice set of lyrics to go with it. "Rescue" is a good foundation for a band such as Sixo to start a famous career.

Goldfinger is exposing their ska-punk rock world. Their tour, which hit the Sapphire Club in Orlando Feb. 6 is supporting the works of their self-entitled CD. After a successful attraction with their EP "Richter", Goldfinger is exposing their first full album on college radio stations across the U.S. Twenty years ago the Sex Pistols began punk rock, and today Goldfinger attempts to extend its long tradition of chord strumming and performing at quick tempos.

They intend to show audiences their music is able to jingle along with other performers such as No Doubt, Green Day and Rancid. Like most punk bands, the sound from Goldfinger drives from the fast lanes in sunny California, and eventually winds up echoing throughout the rest of the nation. Goldfinger's music is neatly linked with the ska-punk style, which offers speed and emotion that immediately follows from one tune to the next.

Goldfinger's sound originated in California.
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Asbestos clean-up scheduled for 3 buildings

This means the asbestos-containing mastic on the landings (or large, open areas between steps) had to be replaced as well. Chris Barr, a sophomore majoring in computer science, is a lab consultant in CCI. He said it would not make sense for UCF to endanger its students.

"It would be kind of crazy to let us work in [CCI] if there was actually any health hazard," Barr said. "There might be a fractional amount, but other than that, I doubt it."

Building Occupant Notifications (which inform the public the building has asbestos-containing material) are posted on the front doors or hallways of each building by Environmental Health and Safety to comply with Environmental Protection Agency standards. Each notification contains:

* Known locations of ACM and a complete list including rooms, floor tile, pipe insulation, black duct mastic, etc.
* An underlined statement showing there is no risk to the public: "The presence of ACM in the building does not necessarily mean that an asbestos exposure hazard exists. Asbestos exposure comes from fibers that have been released from the material and inhaled. ACM in good condition and if not disturbed is not hazardous."

* A list of suggestions on what the public can do to maintain safe conditions, including familiarizing oneself with ACM locations and to not disturb the areas.

Mammino said private businesses clean the asbestos on campus. Law Engineering of Orlando is the consultant in asbestos abatements at UCF and Simpson & Associates, Inc. of Trilby is the contractor that cleans asbestos. Contractors who remove asbestos wear full body coveralls, disposable head covers, boots, or sneakers and respirators. The building is sealed with polyethylene similar to the material used in plastic, garbage bags and the asbestos is soaked in a mixture of water and soap.

The asbestos is scraped with large, spatula-like devices attached to broom-stick-length handles. The scraped-off material is then packed into 55-gallon drums and the building is left without ventilation for 24 hours to let any remaining fibers settle. The areas are then sprayed and cleaned again.

Students offered differing opinions on the presence of asbestos on campus.

Paul LaGrone, a sophomore majoring in radio and television, said he would not go into the computer lab if knew asbestos was present.

"From what I have heard," LaGrone said, "that stuff can be dangerous to your health in the long run."

When told the asbestos in CCI was stable, LaGrone said if he had to use the computers he would.

"You could get killed in a car accident, so why not?" LaGrone said laughing.

Brian Becker, a senior majoring in physics, said he knew the labs contained asbestos from the postings and knew the harm asbestos causes, yet it did not bother him.

"It somewhat concerns me," Becker said, "but I basically go by what the sign says, that it is not hazardous to your health as long as it is left undisturbed."

Mammino said: "I explain to people who see asbestos projects going on and tell them not to worry about it. Because when people don't know anything about [asbestos] they get scared of it, because they see asbestos signs hanging up that say 'cancer causing' and they get concerned."

Asbestos, installed when UCF was built in the 1960s, is an excellent fine-rented material used in insulating pipes, vents, walls, etc. due to its ability to maintain heat and cold.

The problem is that if it is friable, or able to be crumbled by hand and inhaled, it can enter the lungs and in 20 to 40 years can cause a form of lung cancer called Asbestosis. Damaged asbestos material on pipes, ceiling, ducts, attics, etc. pose the greatest risk.

To learn more about the asbestos abatement on campus, call Mammino or the Environmental Health and Safety department at 823-6300.
Kids engineering event set for Saturday

A CFF Staff Report

More than 100 Central Florida high school students have been invited to UCF on Feb. 15 to participate in the 1997 Tests of Engineering Aptitude, Mathematics and Science (TEAMS) competition. TEAMS is a dynamic academic program and competition for high school students across the country. TEAMS invites thousands of high school students in a one-day event held each year. Students work together to solve problems and answer questions related to technology, mathematics and science.

For information, call 823-2455.

Nurses association plans drawing

The Student Nurses Association will hold a drawing for two limited edition Disney lithographs, a crystal clock and a numbered Disney lithograph. Tickets can be purchased at a bake sale on the Green or through the SNA. The drawing will be held Feb. 26. For information, call (904) 427-8111.

Art exhibitions set at library

The following items will be on display in the library during February:
- Fan Xin Lin, the well-known Chinese artist, by Fan Xin Lin.
- Black History Month, by Andrea Patterson, President, African American Student Union.
- Florida Before Written History, by Bill Wildfong.
- You are a Mechanical, Materials, and Aerospace Engineer, by Dr. Louis Chow, Chair, Department of Mechanical, Materials, and Aerospace Engineering.
- Edward Albee, by Cheryl Mahan, Reference Librarian, Library.
- UCf Exchange Students Abroad, by Dr. Karl-Heinrich Barsch, Office of International Studies.

For information, call Chang Lee, Special Collections Librarian at 823-5427.

Health Center makes change

The Student Health Center will accept appointments only by telephone.
To make an appointment, call 832-3850.

Volunteer opportunities

- Visiting Nurses Association needs volunteers for its book sale on Feb. 18 and Feb. 22-23. Please contact Karen Hilbert at 975-2274.
- Into the Streets is volunteering at a Renaissance Festival for the elderly on Feb. 22 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- The Special Olympics is looking for volunteers on March 1. Contact Suzanne at 481-7935 for information.

* Volunteers are needed for Workout for Hope on April 19 at Pleasure Island. Call (800) 272-2310 for information.
- If you would like to volunteer your services, call Volunteer UCF at 823-3318 for information.

UCF-Brevard forms business club

The newly-formed UCF-Brevard Business Club held its organizational meeting on Jan. 30. Items discussed included: meeting schedules, guest speakers, workshops and possible Florida Public Relations Association student chapter membership.

The co-founders for the Business Club are Ben Abramowitz, UCF-Brevard College of Business Administration Coordinator, and Dan Speicer, College of Business Cornerstone instructor.

For information on the club, contact Stephanie Olson at 632-1111, extension 65573 or Student Affairs at extension 65566.

Visiting Nurses Association plans drawing

For information, call 823-2455.

Presidential message

President John Hitt speaks during the opening ceremony to celebrate Black History Month. Events on campus continue throughout February. For more information call 823-2450.

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Intramural Junkie: Sickness or Art form

By TIM SPRINGER
Commentary

Being a college student is not only about studying, writing papers and talking to other students for their parking space. It’s about competing, finding your killer instinct, and stepping up when the pressure is on.

Regardless of your athletic ability, you still have a chance to compete at the collegiate level. You won't get a scholarship. You won’t go pro. But you will learn a lot about yourself and your teammates.

The score is tied. Your team has the ball, and you just know the ball will be back in your hands immediately for the know of it. "Give it up ... give it up ... here I am ... right here ... pass it here!

Your teammate looks off and throws up an air ball that goes out of bounds. Welcome to intramural basketball. Where wannabees are still wannabees, where coaches are nowhere to be found. It’s tearing tournament time for 3-on-3 intramural basketball. And if you’re involved you know nothing else matters. Whoever said "It’s just a game!" must’ve lost a lot. It’s never just a game — especially in intramurals. There’s a competitive nature in all of us whether we acknowledge it or not. If you participate in intramurals you know what I’m talking about.

Take the test and find out if you have what it takes to be an intramural 3-on-3 basketball junkie.
1. Do you always want to guard the person who keeps scoring on your teammates?
2. Do you tell your teammates "I got him/her" even though you’ve given up five consecutive points?
3. Do you stand outside the three-point line calling for the ball while your teammates fight for rebounds?
4. Do you call fouls only at the end of the game when the score is close.
5. Do you forget your I.D. at least once per season and try to talk your way into being able to play?

If you’ve answered yes to any of these questions, you’re a true intramural junkie. It’s a pain in the @$* to your teammates, the other team, and Recreational Services. But you can be on my team anytime ... just make sure you pass me the ball after you get the rebound.

So, as the semester blows by like an Allen Iverson cross-over, students all over campus are scrambling to keep from falling behind in their studies. To some, six weeks deep into the semester means mid-terms are right around the corner. But to others, six weeks means there’s a championship to be won. Each team has battled through its short schedule and now it’s time to decide the champion. Ask every team in the Education Building on Wednesday nights who will win the title and most will predict themselves.

It’s not about being cocky. It’s not about bragging. It’s about knowing when to say win.

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Yumi Yotsukawa, an international student from Japan, catches study hours near her reflecting pond.

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McDowell likes balanced 1997 recruiting class

By TIM SPRINGER
Sports Editor

The University of Central Florida has inked its reinforcements for Round 2 of the Division I-A battle. Coach Gene McDowell feels confident in the players the Knights have landed and considers this class to be one of the most balanced to date.

"This recruiting class is so balanced we could switch a player or two to the other side of the ball and play 11-on-11 against each other with just freshmen," McDowell said. While some fans remain unsure of UCF's ability to win at the I-A level, McDowell has a vision that has the football program sprinting toward the light at the end of the tunnel. With two solid recruiting classes behind them, the Golden Knights hope to be close to full I-A strength in the near future.

"Four strong years of recruiting should allow us to compete." McDowell said. "If we can get 15 I-A players in each recruiting class, we'll be in good shape." McDowell and his staff may feel confident about the latest additions, but they know it's still too early.

"Most football players don't develop to their potential in high school," McDowell said. "We've had players [at UCF] that were never recommended to us by their high school coaches and went on to play in the NFL. So you really never know what you have in a player."

The 1997 Recruiting Class:
Richard Bryant *, DL, 6-5, 250 — brother of former UCF Linebacker John Bryant; enrolled in December.
Shaka Burly *, WR/DB, 6'-0 — played at Mesa Community College in Mesa, Ariz.; is already enrolled at UCF.
James Burroughs, WR/DB, 6-2, 185.
Dwight Collins, RB, 5-9, 205 — Lake Charles, La.; runs a 4.50; first-team all-state, he was passed over by many schools because he is deaf.
Tavares Davis, WR, 6-2, 180 — Fort Lauderdale High.
Ahmed El-Hawary, OL, 6-7, 267 — Merritt Island; picked UCF over South Florida.
Ryan Ezell, DE, 6-3, 230 — runs a 4.8 40; from N. Pike High School in Summit, Miss.
Chris Gumm, LB, 6-0, 215 — East Miss Community College; 4.7 40; similar to former player Nakia Reddick.
Tony Hardman, RB, 6-0, 205 — Clearwater High; runs a 4.6 40; chose UCF over Maryland, Indiana, and Furman.
Shane Harpelt *, P — attended Northwest Miss. Community College; currently enrolled at UCF.
Mike Hedge, DB, 6-0, 200 — Clearwater High; also a long snapper and possible Linebacker or safety.
Derek Herndon, DL, 6-0, 300 — Lake Brantley High School.
Mike Hutson, DE, 6-3, 220 — Daytona Pine Ridge High; runs a 4.50.
David Hutchinson, LB, 6-0, 195 — Lemon Bay; runs a 4.57 40.
Maurice Lousibor, CB, 5-10, 180 — E. Arizona J.C.; attended Miami Edison High.
Josh McBibben, DT, 6-2, 245 — Wauchula Hardee High.

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FEB. 12
Men's Tennis vs. Stetson, 2 p.m.
Women's Basketball vs. Florida Atlantic, 7:30 p.m.
Women's Tennis vs. Jacksonville, 2:30 p.m.

FEB. 13
Baseball vs. Campbell, 3 p.m.
Men's Tennis vs. Marquette, noon

FEB. 14
Baseball vs. Campbell, 1 p.m.
Women's Basketball at Stetson, 7:30 p.m.
Women's Basketball vs. Florida International, 4 p.m.
Men's Tennis at Florida Atlantic, 1 p.m.
Women's Tennis at Florida Atlantic, 1 p.m.
Women's Track at Gamecock Invitational

FEB. 15
Men's Tennis at Florida International, 11 a.m.
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Stetson game to determine men's fate

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By JEFF CASE
Staff Writer

It has been said the skills of one athlete cannot be compared with another. Testing the vertical jumping ability of a 6-foot-7, 210-pound basketball player and a 6-foot-2, 320-pound defensive lineman would yield different results.

But there is one quality present in all athletes regardless of their sport — dedication.

Such relentless dedication can be seen on the UCF women's track and field team. It can be seen in its attempt to accomplish several goals: a conference championship, an NCAA berth and a winning season.

Coach Marcia Mansur-Wentworth summed up the dedication of her athletes, who practice as many as five hours a day: "[Track and field] is a seven-day-a-week sport."

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Dedication fueling track team's drive

By TIM SPRINGER
Sports Editor

Your mission, should you choose to accept it, is to row as fast as possible for 2,000 meters without puking.

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Junior Michele Boike is hoping to achieve greater heights next year.

Last year from the University of Tennessee, said her Jacksonville effort was "nothing ... I have to go 20 feet further to make the tournament." Misty Green, a junior college transfer participating in her first season at UCF, wants to qualify for the NCAA championships in the high jump and heptathlon.

Green, who placed fourth last season in the Junior College Nationals high jump, seems to be on a pace to reach her goals. She has established goals for each meet to reach the qualifying mark for both NCAA championships.

Green also serves as the team's emotional leader. Many teammates feel she will take over the role of team leader next season. Green, a physical therapy major, is reluctant to accept that role.

"I think we [the whole team] are all leaders and we all have to work together in a positive way," she said.

The team's depth runs beyond those three, however. Mansur-Wentworth has seen improvement in others. Sophomore April Vitori has improved her performance in the 5,000 meters during her first season of track competition.

Improved performances also have come from freshmen Amber Twyner and Jen Herron. They compete in the discus, shot put and javelin and have recorded top-three finishes this year.

Junior Michele Boike, a high jump, long jump and 400-meter hurdles competitor, said she has a good chance to make an NCAA appearance next year.
Knights turn in less than Classic performance

By KEN JACKSON
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The UCF baseball team could not repeat its success of last year's Olive Garden Classic, suffering three opening-round losses before beating Oklahoma State in the consolation for third place.

Last year UCF defeated nationally-ranked Wake Forest, North Carolina and Georgia Tech. Friday night, UCF opened up against No. 17 Tennessee. The Volunteers opened a 5-0 lead before the Golden Knights' bats awoke in the fourth inning. With two outs, Greg Pacitti and Erik Johnson clubbed back-to-back doubles, UCF's first hits of the game, to give the Knights their first run.

With Eric Riggs at the plate in the fifth, umpire Scott Chamberlain ruled Will Croud out after stealing second due to its success of last year's Olive Garden Classic. Marco Ramirez. Johnson struck out to end the ninth inning with Pacitti on base. During that stretch, Travis Held scored runs in the next 10th inning. With two outs, Greg Pacitti and Erik Johnson clubbed back-to-back doubles, UCF's first hits of the game, to give the Knights their first run.

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UCF scored once in the seventh, but Papa gave up two more homer as Oklahoma after a lengthy discussion, they called for Pacitti's runner to go 8-0 in his career at UCF. UCF pitcher Matt Lubozynski releases a change-up during Sunday's game against Oklahoma State.

Women begin homestand

BY DEREK GONSOLIN
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An Owl and a Panther could stand in the way of a No. 1 seed in the Trans America Athletic Conference tournament for the UCF women's basketball team. On a two-game winning streak, UCF (9-11, 6-4) gears itself for four of its last six games at home. The stretch begins when the Florida Atlantic Owls visit the UCF Arena Thursday night, followed by the AAC-contending Florida International Panthers Saturday afternoon. UCF coach Lynn Briu said the Knights are starting to play together at the right time.

"The team can sense the playoffs are around the corner, and three of our players [Seniors Shantrice Saxs, Gylane Henderson and Lakesha Anderson] won't be back next season, so they realize how important this time of year is," said Briu. After completing a season sweep of College of Charleston Saturday, 73-66, UCF will attempt to do the same to the Owls, UCF won at FAU on Jan. 23, 72-69.

UCF plays Campbell University Thursday at 5 p.m. and Friday at 1 p.m.

Bria respects FAU and its coach, Wayne Allen, for its quick, athletic style of play.

"I think they have us beat on [inside]," Briu said. "I think a few times a game we let up with our intensity and they don't." Yet, with a record of 6-13, including 2-9 in conference, FAU's hustle has not translated to victories.

"They lost two key players before the year even started," Briu said. "Even without two of their better players, Allen's team is still pretty good." As for translating effort into victories, Florida International (13-8, 7-4) never has lost to UCF in conference play (16-0). Both FIU and UCF have four losses in conference, trailing Seton's three. The Knights, who defeated Stetson 60-55 on Feb. 3, must beat the Panthers to accomplish two goals: To get closer to the AAC's No. 1 seed and keep FIU from a regular-season title.

With UCF losing at FIU 56-54, Bria blamed her offense for wasting a good defensive effort. One reason for UCF's poor offense was leading scorer Shantrice Saxs, averaging 17 points a game, playing with the flu.
Crew team pulls same oar

By TIM SPRINGER
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To most people, the typical college athlete is one who travels around the country at their expense, and spending countless hours in the weight room, they may be a prime candidate for the University of Central Florida Men's Crew.

"We're just a bunch of guys that enjoy being on a team and doing something exhilarating," said team captain and coxswain Mike Braonn.

The feelings of camaraderie and exhilaration seem to keep the men's crew content. No scholarships are offered, nor is there a plethora of funding sent their way each semester. Recognized as a club, crew relies on dues, alumni contributions, fund raisers, and assistance from the Student Government Association to supply and maintain equipment.

"We make due with what we have," Braonn said. "We'll get by no matter what. We won't let funding be a determining factor or hold us in any way. We'll find a way around it."

It's determination that drives the 21-member crew. Each member has a drive that keeps their tradition alive. It may not be as rich as that at Harvard or Brown universities, but the determination is the same, maybe stronger.

Drive is Braonn's explanation for why crew continues to dig its oars deep into the waters of competition. They don't get pumped up by huge crowds. Rarely will you see fans tailgating at the President's Cup regatta or any other competition. It's not a sport in demand in the Central Florida area, yet the Golden Knights crew considers the Metro Cup — a battle between UCF and Rollins — to be one of the most important races of the season.

"We never want to lose, but losing to Rollins is unacceptable," Braonn said. "There's nothing better than beating a crosstown rival."

With the crew season lasting a month away, members are busy conditioning and training: three days in the weight room, three days on the glass of Lake Pickett. Coupled with school and work demands, it's hard to understand what keeps their boats afloat.

"It's all up here," Braonn said, pointing to his head. "There's a special something inside all of us that keeps us chasing the goals we set for ourselves.

"Our goal this year is simply to do our best and win every race. Every competitor is reaching for the gold medal, but we hope to be the ones bringing it home."

**GONZO'S GROWL**

International flavor gets first big test

By DEREK GONSOLIN

Commentary

After Sunday afternoon's 5-4 victory against Georgia Tech, UCF tennis coach Gail Falkenberg said if her team were a food, it would be "a pepper." Adjusting her shades and smiling, Falkenberg justified her reasoning.

"Because right now we're hot," she said.

Make that internationally hot. As UCF (2-0) faced a team that hosted the Olympics, the Knights looked more the international squad than the higher-ranked Yellow Jackets.

Tech coach Sue Hutchinson summed up what occurred during the match best. "It was the U.S. against the U.N."

While Hutchinson said she preferred her squad to be entirely of American-born players, Falkenberg is enjoying her current situation.

"It's been great," Falkenberg said of coaching players of different nationalities. "It's such a privilege to get to know all the cultures. They all come from different countries and yet they get along so well."

"It really is a pleasure to coach them." Sophomore Jodi Bell from Plantation is UCF's only American-born player.

From first through sixth seed, the rest of the "Knights International" are: freshman Veronica Widyarthya (Indonesia), sophomore Rachna Ashar (India), freshman Hados Ronen (Israel), senior Anna Strand (Sweden) and freshman Ilay Cayrifi (Turkey). Freshman Brit Patriarche (Switzerland) did not play Sunday due to an leg injury.

"Thank God they all speak English," said trainer Jenn Scallin.

The mix of cultures has not always been easy. Falkenberg said.

"It's hard," she said. "They're so far away from home. It takes a while to make friends and some of them have never been away from their homes before coming here."

Ronen, who was a winner in her singles and doubles matches, said what made the transition easier was the team's desire to achieve.

"We manage well because we all have the same goals: Tennis and studying," she said. "It helped us overcome the difficulties between us."

The charm of playing in Orlando was lost on Hutchinson after four hours of hearing six languages shout over many made and missed points.

"I'd rather have them speak English rather than native languages, but I understand that's what they're used to," Hutchinson said.

One would get the feeling Hutchinson was going to call Interpol after her team was upset by the Knights.

"It's just the way it's going to be. America is a melting pot," she said.

The importance of defeating a big-name school such as Georgia Tech wasn't lost on Falkenberg.

"This was a great win for us, because we're trying to get into a major conference like the Atlantic Coast Conference or Big East and when we can beat an ACC team it's great," she said.

"It's a good start, but we can still improve, though. Our goal is to win the Trans Atlantic Athletic Conference."

If the Knights do win the TAAC, they should have the right to rename it. How's Trans Atlantic Aquatic Conference sound? Peppers, anyone?