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Some students soaked over new sprinklers

By GINA HAWKINS
Staff Writer

The new irrigation system at the University of Central Florida has been watering the grass and some students. Aaron Scavron, UCF student body president, said he has dodged sprinklers at night when leaving student government meetings. He also said he has been sprayed during the day while walking through the Green, the area between Health and Physics and Volusia Hall.

"I'm thoroughly pleased the Green is looking better," Scavron said. "But, the sprinklers can be an inconvenience to the students."

Richard Metzger, UCF superintendent of landscape and grounds, said the Green is the only area of campus not programmed for watering by Maxicon, UCF's new computerized irrigation system. He said the $120,000 system automatically waters the campus at night when students are least likely to be there.

Metzger said the Green has new grass which requires daytime watering. Sprinklers may also be on during the day if grass was recently fertilized or if the sprinklers need to be tested.

Metzger said the sprinklers are not designed to spray the sidewalks, but may do so if damaged. He said if anyone notices a problem they should report it to the UCF Physical Plant.

Only two people are in charge of fixing the sprinkler heads on UCF's 450 irrigated acres, he said.

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Police focus on false identities

By BRIAN SMITH
Staff Writer

"I remember that it was really cool having a fake ID," Jeff Woeb, 23, a student at Valencia Community College said. "I could go to any bar I wanted and drink beer. If the bartender thought any ID was fake, what's he going to do? Call the cops and have me arrested".

Yes, actually that could happen.

"Fake IDs are felonies. Just to have a fake ID or a counterfeit driver's license is a third-degree felony in the state of Florida," Sgt. Troy Williamson of the UCF Police Department said.

He said a person with a fake ID will face a felony charge and have their driver's license taken away for a year. In addition, the person could be given a year of probation and a year. In addition, the person could be given a year of probation and community service. A prior history will face a felony charge and have their driver's license taken away for a year. In addition, the person could be given a year of probation and community service. A prior history will face a felony charge and have their driver's license taken away for a year. In addition, the person could be given a year of probation and community service. A prior history will face a felony charge and have their driver's license taken away for a year. In addition, the person could be given a year of probation and community service. A prior history will face a felony charge and have their driver's license taken away for a year. In addition, the person could be given a year of probation and community service. A prior history will face a felony charge and have their driver's license taken away for a year. In addition, the person could be given a year of probation and community service. A prior history will face a felony charge and have their driver's license taken away for a year. In addition, the person could be given a year of probation and community service. A prior history will face a felony charge and have their driver's license taken away for a year. In addition, the person could be given a year of probation and community service. A prior history said the person's cooperation helps determine the penalties.

"Hey man, having a fake ID and being able to drink is worth the risk," Woeb said.

On the UCF campus, Williamson said fraternity parties are a common place to find a person with a fake ID.

"When Williamson works a fraternity party, he said he checks the IDs of people who look underage. If it doesn't look like my driver's license, there's something wrong with it," Williamson said.

When Williamson finds someone with a fake ID he said he has the option of arresting them or turning the matter over to student affairs. Williamson said the person's cooperation helps determine what option he will choose.

"I want to know where they came from, who made them," Williamson said.

However, Williamson said some people will not cooperate.

"A lot of people are stubborn because they're young and immature. They don't understand that when they're 30 years old this is hanging over their head," Williamson said.

"I don't know if I would get a fake ID because after I graduate, I would not want a felony charge on my record," said Jie Hu, a UCF freshman.

Williamson pulled out his collection of fake IDs which he has collected over the years and began to explain how they are made.

Williamson said the poster board system is the most common method to make a fake ID. He said a person will stand against a poster board made to look like a driver's license background and a Polaroid will be taken. The picture then is cut and laminated. Williamson said the average price of an ID is between $25-50.

"If you paid $50 for one, then you just ripped off," Williamson said.

Williamson would not comment on current investigations by the UCF police.

"The only thing I can tell you is we're always looking into people," Williamson said. "They could be your neighbor next door. Last year, a group making fake IDs was discovered just a few houses down from one of our officers."

Williamson said the purpose of knocking out fake IDs is to help lower DUI's on campus.

Professor's study is one for the ages

By ANA BUTTERFIELD
Staff Writer

"If you want to avoid old age, hang yourself in youth."

This Yiddish proverb summarizes how undesirable old age is to most people, but Dr. Richard Tucker, a psychology professor at UCF for 25 years, does not feel this way.

As director of the university's program on aging and longevity, Tucker lives to study aging.

Tucker offers several reasons for his fascination on aging. He said it is an interdisciplinary unit; it does not concern psychology alone, but is used in conjunction with other disciplines.

Trained as a developmental psychologist almost

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the system.

"Now if I want to shut down the entire irrigation system, I can do it in four minutes," said Metzger, who can turn the system off from his home or office computers.

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Professor keeps pace with students

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30 years ago, Tucker realized most courses offered analyzed only children and adolescents. When he began teaching, more chapters in the development process were added, indicating, as he says, "that there might be life after adolescence.

To learn these new facets, Tucker would offer to teach a class and attempt to stay half a step ahead of his students. "For 20 years now, I've been trying to stay a half a step ahead of the student," Tucker said, smiling.

Tucker said his parents aged in different ways — his father being vigorous and healthy into his 80s and his mother having a stroke in her late 50s which left her without the use of her cognitive abilities.

Because of this, Tucker felt a personal interest in the interworkings of aging. Changes he noticed as he got older made his study useful. Aging is always changing, always in motion, Tucker said. He points out our grandparents aged differently from our parents and that we will become older in a unique way, too.

The environment in which we grow and the changes we experience directly affect the way we age. Thus, he says, aging can never really be monotonous. The way we age has a lot to do with our outlook on aging. You cannot avoid getting older, Tucker says, and we start aging when we're 25-30 years old. If you react negatively to the changes, they can become worse.

Also, if you attribute the changes you go through to aging and do not do anything about them, you might be living with a problem that has a cure. This problem may not be related to aging.

Tucker said many things associated with aging are caused by the environment. One such thing is tooth loss; when picturing someone who is old, we usually visualize a person smacking his/her gums together because of having no teeth. Tucker said tooth loss is not related to aging. He said it is less likely any of us will experience that as we age because we have more fluoride in the water than people did years ago.

Other symptoms, such as Alzheimer's, cannot be avoided; the older you get, the greater chance you have of getting this disease. UCF offers a certificate in Gerontology which can be of great benefit to students.

Tucker said students in many fields are pursuing this because it is helpful and is not a long program. Students who intend to live in Florida can benefit from Tucker's knowledge since Florida has a higher percentage of older people than any other state.

It also helps students understand what their parents and grandparents are going through. As Tucker assures, we all will become older someday, too, so there is great benefit in knowing how to cope with the changes.

Get used to it because growing old is better than the alternative.

For more information on the Gerontology program, students can contact the School of Social Work at 823-2114. For information on UCF's Initiative on Aging and Longevity Program contact Tucker at 823-2566.

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Math baffles 80 percent of community college students

By LINDA KLEINDIENST
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TALLAHASSEE — Four out of five students entering Florida's community colleges cannot do college-level math. The numbers are almost as high for students who do not have adequate reading and writing skills to take college courses for credit. "The numbers are pretty high," said Clark Maxwell, director of the state's community colleges. "It's depressing. Math is the bad one."

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The number of college students who must take remedial classes jumped this year because of stricter state testing requirements. Maxwell said it costs at least $52 million annually to teach students the skills they need to perform at college-ready levels, the teacher would let them take a remedial course, and almost as many need help with reading and writing.

"The mission of our education system is to educate students," said Senate Education Chairman John Grant, R-Tampa. "If we're giving a high school diploma to people who can't read it when they put it up on the wall, we're not getting what we pay for." In many cases, Maxwell said, students scored low especially in math because they had not learned the subjects in high school or have been out of school for several years. "You're not really talking about remediation. You're talking about skills they're not taught," he said. "That's why we're trying to get them away from taking basic skills courses (in high school)."

Colleges spend about $11 million on remedial classes for students who graduated from high school in the past three years and $11 million on students who have been out of school more than three years. Nancy Walters, 40, was out of school for 20 years before she decided to go to Broward Community College for a pharmacy degree. She took remedial grammar and algebra. William Burke, 23, was out of Hollywood Hills High School for three years before going to BCC. He had to take remedial English because of his test scores and chose to take remedial math as a refresher. "I think high school is a joke down here," he said. "Some of the education is lacking." Others share the blame, said Darla Carter, a Broward School Board member. "I honestly feel (colleges) are turning out teachers who are not fully prepared to enter a school and teach today's students," she said. It's a combination of students and teachers, but teachers are not being prepared to teach. "Julia Cousins, 20, who is studying pre-law at BCC, had to take remedial math even though she earned A's and B's at Hollywood Hills High School. "The teacher should set a higher standard for you to learn," she said. "It used to annoy me that people who could work (at higher levels), the teacher would let them take a stupid class."

On average, students coming out of Broward County public high schools seem to fare better than their counterparts across Florida. Among those graduating from Broward schools in 1996 and entering BCC this year, 40 percent needed remediation, 42 percent needed reading remediation, 54 percent needed writing remediation and 54 percent needed math remediation. The Senate Education Committee report noted that in Dade County "at least 40 percent of students who were ranked in the top 20 percent of their high school class needed remediation when they entered Miami-Dade Community College. Students can take the college entry level exam as early as 10th grade or as late as the day they apply to get into college. Maxwell said students should be required to take the test in 10th grade so they know what skills they must have before graduation if they want to go to college. He has also recommended the state look at establishing a college-ready diploma for students who take a recommended curriculum and get a 3.0 average. "Then they can skip the testing and go right on to college credit work," Maxwell said. Rep. Bob Sindler, D-Apopka, chairman of the House Community College Committee, likes the college-ready diploma idea. "It's a symbol that says, if you take the rigorous courses in high school you'll be able to get into a community college and do college level work," he said. "But if you don't, you'll probably need remediation." Grant and Sindler said that increased high school graduation standards if passed by the Legislature this year would help prepare students for college. Legislators want to mandate that all students pass Algebra I before they can graduate a requirement in effect in many school districts. "A high school diploma should not be a reward for longevity," Grant said. Although community colleges offer two-year degrees, many students do not take the course work for the degrees, said Tony Tice, interim president at Palm Beach Community College. "We have people who can take 10 years to graduate," he said.
Greek Week has turned into an uneventful event

By DIANA MANUEL
Opinion Editor

Opinion

The traditional event of Greek Week, anticipated by UCF's fraternities and sororities, has become a major disappointment for the majority of Greek members. What used to be a fun-filled week of games, activities, competition, and wholesome entertainment has diminished into a week of apathy lacking the traditional sense of integrity and spirit that once energized the Greek system.

One can't help but tocompare Greek Week to the Summer Olympic Games. Who could forget the moving moment when Muhammed Ali, in guarded yet shaky steps, rose to light the Olympic torch, a tradition in which we have been survived by our earliest heroines and achievers. This is TRADITION at its best.

Although new events are constantly added to the Olympics in an attempt to make them better, the core events remain the same. Thus, one can take comfort in knowing that hoolidredding will be on the agenda four years from now.

Yet in a school such as UCF that has few traditions, does changing the format and style of Greek Week make sense? When considering UCF's Greek system, members can see the historical tradition has failed to accomplish its main intent and that is to unite the Greek system with competition, integrity, and achievement.

Today, members of the Greek system are having a difficult time in putting their hearts and souls into this festive week. Four years ago at UCF, Greek Week was a campus-wide event that received intense participation from all members of the Greek community. I can remember the excitement that was drawn from the games on the Green. These games were held four days in a row as opposed to limiting the activities to one day. Such games consisted of the three-legged race, the human pyramid, the egg toss, the obstacle course, and dizzy bat. These games brought about harmonized competition and allowed the Greeks to compete for recognition and to allow their true colors to shine. Greeks also participated in a blood drive, allowing for the most donors to receive recognition. Skins highlighted group talent, chalk drawings, and building creative objects out of household appliances (sic) also contributed to the traditions of Greek Week. Again, traditions of this week helped to reaffirm to individual members what it meant to be Greek.

In contrast to the past, Greeks has become burdensome to members in many ways. To begin with, "KXY" organization is now paired up with "ABC" and "EFG" organization in an attempt to decrease competition. Note, as long as two groups of organizations exist, there will be competition between them. Therefore, the whole idea of combining Greek groups together to decrease competition falls far short of its goal. Another change for the worse is the fact that when these groups are combined, they receive a group name, such as "Team Alpha." Instead of taking pride in one's own organization, individuals are forced to forego praising their own accomplishments and praise the accomplishments of two other organizations in which they were assigned to.

In some instances, one of the organizations may not even participate, hence, hurting the entire group's morale and performance.

Another negative aspect of Greek Week was the lack of publicity and commitment by Greek members put into this week. In the past, Greek Week used to be a chance for a large group of Greek members to hang out and socialize, regardless of the letters they represent. I've seen a better turnout in my self-defense class than I did at certain Greek Week events this year. Why is that? It's possible that most members were unaware or perhaps misinformed about the week's events.

Or maybe even more realistically, members simply don't care like they used to. This week has been reduced to a mismanaged nightmare that barely resembles the Greek Week of the past. Who won Greek Week? Not only could I not tell you, but I really don't care. In fact, I bet most Greeks probably don't.

So, what's the solution? Is getting back to our traditions really the answer? Possibly. I think we need to take a pragmatic approach that accommodates both sides. Sure, we must adopt new events and activities to make Greek Week dynamic and exciting, but we must retain the traditions that make Greek Week the event that it once was.

I'm not opposed to changes. In fact, I welcome them when they are conducive to the betterment of an event. But not only are these changes unproductive, they also are detrimental to the Greek system.

It's a well-known fact Greeks make up the majority of spirit and participation on campus. By compromising the integrity of one of the few traditions that exists on campus, we are, in fact, affecting the entire spirit and morale of this university.

But hey, that's just my opinion. I could be wrong.

Commentary

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IFC earns highest conference honors

By DAWN MYERS
Staff Writer

UCF’s fraternities have received marks of excellence. The Interfraternity Council (IFC) Executive Board attended its annual southeast conference in Atlanta, Feb. 13-15. IFC received exceptional evaluations in all nine categories.

The conference brought together 700 men from 11 states, representing nearly 100 schools. The purpose is to strengthen fraternities by working together.

Andy Cupicha, of Sigma Chi, said he was relieved to see UCF did not have the problems other schools did with Greek relations. "If those problems ever do arise here at UCF, we now have an idea on how to correct them," he said.

The conference helped IFC establish new goals for the year. "We really want to get more of a healthy Greek system by eliminating problems between individual chapters," said Delta Upsilon’s Kurt Pennypacker.

The conference featured motivational speakers such as Billy Porter Payne, CEO of the Committee for the Olympics. Mike Green, a collegiate consultant on drugs and alcohol, also spoke.

In addition to motivation, educational workshops were offered. UCF presented its philanthropy event entitled "Trick or Treat on Greek Street." The event allowed underprivileged children from the Orlando area to participate in safe Halloween games.

Cupicha and Pennypacker, the only student speakers, instructed a workshop entitled "Mission Impossible." Their presentation informed schools on how to handle diverse community service events.

IFC won an excellence award for every category of service: Philanthropy, Legal Concerns, Public Relations, Management, Social Programs, Judicial, Leadership, Service, Publications, and Recruitment. A board evaluated each category by reviewing the activities and programs IFC organized from the previous year. In addition to these awards, IFC also won the Fraternal Excellence Award.

At each conference, new executive board members are elected for the upcoming year. For Area II, which covers Florida and Georgia schools, Sigma Chi’s Andy Cupicha was elected Vice President. He hopes to improve communication throughout all schools.

Above, several students compete in last week’s Greek Week Games. Left, IFC members gather in Atlanta after earning the highest marks possible at the Southeast convention.
Jones inspires packed house at UCF Arena

By TRACY WEBB
News Editor

The voice of Darth Vader welcomed everyone who attended his lecture Feb. 19.

A current of excitement could be felt in the crowded UCF Arena, all to hear the voice so many have grown up knowing in their childhood memories of the Star Wars Trilogy.

When James Earl Jones made his entrance, the applause was deafening.

Jones brought the crowd to life again when he opened his lecture by imitating Darth Vader, to welcome everyone in the room.

"Since my childhood I tried to step away from the mythological influences of racism," Jones said.

Jones also spoke of what a minority culture has had to endure and learn in order to survive and where he thought racism got its roots.

"I believe the roots of racism are developed from the psychotic side of society," he said. "The minority knows the majority better than the majority knows the minority. That is because their survival depends on it."

Jones said it is OK to be seen as a minority, yet no one should be treated as one. "It is no harm in seeing someone as a black person as long as that perception stops with color," Jones said.

After Jones' lecture, he answered questions from the audience, including many about his film and stage careers.

"You all think I'm rich from the [re-release] Stars Wars Trilogy. I'm not. I'm considered special effects," Jones said.

He also answered questions about his involvement during the civil rights movement in the 1960s when he had just gotten out of the Army. "I found a way to use my mouth instead of my gun," he said.

Jones also talked about his stuttering, which left him almost mute for much of his childhood. He also gave advice to stressed-out college students.

Yet, throughout the speech his message remained the same: racism should not keep a person down. "I will never not make it because I wear black skin," he said about how he overcame racism in his career.

"I'm not a success story, just a story," said.

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Theatre UCF offers beginnings for many hopefuls

By RANDY CULZAC
Staff Writer

Exciting times are on the horizon in the entertainment industry as we enter the second millennium. Broadway continues to produce shows of artistic and commercial value, television has raised the standard by producing quality programming such as ER, Chicago Hope and Homicide, and a new breed of independent filmmakers are taking Hollywood by storm. (Just take a look at the Oscar nominations.) In the midst of this uproar, is the actor. Ah, yes, the actor; pinching pennies, waiting tables, getting evicted, and hoping to land an acting job on the side. No, this can’t be true. Actors make millions, drive slick, black limousines, and own large two-story mansions. Well, same do.

Actually, less than half enjoy these benefits. Chances are, unless you are a Denzel Washington or a Tom Cruise, these benefits are nowhere to be found.

So how does one go about the process of becoming a working actor and live a financially balanced life at the same time?

This question is answered by the many Hollywood and Broadway success stories out there. Unfortunately, not every acting story is a success. Some of the most talented and hardworking performers have not lived up to the successful standards they have set for themselves. As we approach the year 2000, a whole new generation of performers will be graduating from college and will begin to pursue their versions of stardom.

Among this new generation of performers are students at Theatre UCF. The goal of Theatre UCF is to produce artists of the highest quality through its BA and BFA degree programs. With a combination of classroom instruction and hands-on experiences, students prepare themselves for professional careers as performers, designers, managers and administrators.

For someone who wants to be an actor, theater may seem to be an obscure major. Some may feel a degree is not needed to become a performer. True, it’s not a necessity, but let it be known that most of the highest paid and respected Hollywood actors come from a theatrical background.

Examples are Denzel Washington, Tom Cruise, Angela Bassett, Meryl Streep, Emilio Estevez, Wesley Snipes, and the list goes on. It all depends on what sort of actor one wants to be. It doesn’t take a degree to be a flash in the pan, or a well-known actor with a string of bad movies. (Kenaza Stones.) Theatre trained actors such as Robert Deniro and Al Pacino have been around for decades, and have played a variety of characters. Performers at UCF learn the skills needed to become versatile, and well-rounded actors, who intend to be around for a long time.

Everyone who loves movies and loves going to the theatre has seen a performance that made them feel they could have done much better. Few people realize there is a technique to acting just as there is a technique for playing the piano. The voice should have certain inflections, the movements should be in line with what the character is trying to accomplish, and the character should be believable.

These techniques are taught at UCF theatre and as the actors become older they begin to develop their own technique through voice, movement, and acting classes. The acting classes concentrate on adding more substance to the lines of a script and will not take the words for face value.

For those uninterested in Hollywood, but have their sights set on Broadway, a theatre education is a must. Every year thousands of college graduates are moving to New York to find their place in the industry. The jobs will usually go to the most qualified.

To better prepare students for a theatre career, a musical theatre program is in the works at UCF.

Speaking of such, the second show of the semester is a musical comedy called “Oklahoma!” and it opens on Feb. 27. The last show of the semester is a comedy called “Boys Next Door.” It’s about a group of mentally retarded men who lodge together. The cast of Boys are currently doing research for their roles and will begin rehearsals soon.

The entertainment industry is a very exciting business. It can also be very cruel and is never governed by laws of fairness. Whatever challenges lay ahead, theatre students at UCF are ready. This column will keep UCF students in touch with the many events that take place within the theatrical community on campus, and will serve as a springboard to celebrate and discuss the art we call theatre.
Danish director Lars von Trier ("The Element of Crime", "Zentropa") dives head first and deep into human tragedy with "Breaking the Waves", a soulful conviction about the forces that separate lovers and the miracles that bring them together.

British stage actress Emily Watson makes a startling screen debut as Bess, a young woman from a remote Scottish village on the coast. Bess is madly in love with an off-rig worker named Jan (Stellan Skarsgard). The two soon marry in the town's church, a commune of strict Calvinists who judge their own parishioners solely by the hand of God's strength. At the top of the church's altar are two newlyweds. In a secluded cabin on the shore, Bess becomes intimate with her husband for the first time. In bed, when Jan snores in her ear, Bess learns to laugh at the discomforts of married life. Their intimacy is cut short when Jan gets orders to go back to the rig. Naturally, Bess can't handle Jan's departure. Left distraught, she receives support from her overprotective sister-in-law Dodo (Katrin Cartlidge), who's just gotten over the death of her husband. Daily conversations with God allow Bess to pray for Jan's early homecoming. When a freak accident on the rig brings him home, Bess has to come to terms with her husband's paralysis. Jan, pumped on medication and wrecked with bouts of unconsciousness, pleads with Bess to find other lovers and relate to him her sexual experiences. This eccentric turn-around prepares us for an unforgettable climax that brings von Trier's stabs at metaphor full circle.

Bess, who also wrote the screenplay, tells "Breaking the Waves" in seven chapters and an epilogue, each accompanied by a rock song (from Elton John, Rod Stewart, Leonard Cohen, and others) and a superbly colored-in landscape. The director aims for an in-your-face contrast of images between these vistas and the grainy texture of Robby Müller's ("Dazed and Confused") hand held camera work.

From the wind, rain, and clouds to the crackling waves of the North Sea, von Trier creates an unsettling world to balance the equally emotional subject matter. No film last year, with the exception of Mike Leigh's "Secrets and Lies", is as overwhelming and profound. With a story that eerily transcends cinema's standard love narratives; "Breaking the Waves" delivers. It shatters the surface, giving us a forceful examination of spirituality, devotion, and sex. **** (out of four) A+ 2 hours, 38 min. Rated R.
Surf the WWW to make Spring Break travel plans

By BRANDY GILL
Web Editor

It's almost here! That mid semester break we all look forward to but never seems to come soon enough. Spring Break '97? What are you doing this year? Haven't thought about it yet? It's just around the corner and if you're the type of person who likes to plan ahead use the internet. It'll save you time and money.

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If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions e-mail me at bg7360@pegasus.ucf.edu.

Lynch's dark stretch of highway comes to dead end

By DEAN G. LEWIS
Entertainment Editor

In David Lynch's first big-screen acid trip since "Wild At Heart", Bill Pullman tries in vain to shake the nice guy mold ("Sleepless in Seattle") he's been in for years and keep up the change of pace ("Independence Day") he's recently stumbled upon. The weird, independent mind of Lynch hired him to "Lost Highway", a proggy tale about a late-night saxophonist who finds himself framed for the dismemberment of his wife (Patricia Arquette).

Sentenced to the chair; he sits alone in his cell, stares at the ceiling and, in time, mutters words into Pete Dayton (Balthazar Getty), a troubled teen who hangs with the ranks of a local crime boss named Mr. Eddy (Robert Loggia). Mr. Eddy is laughable. He has no idea what he's driving himself into.

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Woman, 53, accosted by 2 males in parking lot

By LINDSAY MALANGA
Staff Writer

A 53-year-old woman was approached by two black males on Feb. 13 at approximately 7:15 p.m. in the Administration Building parking lot, according to a UCF Police Department report.

The males grabbed and shoved her against her car and touched her against her will. The woman was able to yell and scare them off.

The attackers have not yet been identified.

In other campus crime news reported by the UCF Police Department:

- Lisa M. Casanova reported on Feb. 17 a stolen Magnavox portable CD player from her 1994 Nissan pick-up truck. Casanova returned to her car to find the passenger-side door had been broken into. Nothing else was taken.

- Efrain Jimenez was arrested on Feb. 17 for driving with a suspended license.
- James F. Kopp, 29, was arrested on Feb. 13 for possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of burglary tools and loitering and prowling.
- Stephanie Swingle and Ronald Uhland were charged with possession of alcoholic beverages under the age of 21. Both students were at the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity house on Feb. 13 wearing wrist bands indicating they were of legal drinking age. Steven Herrlich and Matthew Belkinson also were charged with possession of alcohol under the age of 21 at the Pike house.
- Ryan Jess, Heath Tapscott and Jason Taddei were charged with possession of open containers of alcoholic beverages on Feb. 8. The three men were all older than 21, but they were found walking on a public sidewalk.

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Minter optimistic of repeat effort

By KEN JACKSON
Staff Writer

The UCF men’s golf team kick off their quest for another conference championship this weekend at the First Bridges All American Intercollegiate Invitational in Biloxi, Miss., hosted by the University of Southern Mississippi.

The team’s spring schedule includes four more tournaments as a prelude to the Trans America Athletic Conference championship at the end of April. UCF has won the team competition the last two years, and Golden Knight players won the individual titles in 1995 (by Eric Tuscan) and 1996 (Jason Opal).

A three-peat isn’t out of the question, according to head coach Kip Minter.

“We can win that,” Minter said. “Some schools in the conference do have good teams. The [TAAC] tournament course is a hard one.”

But Minter is content to focus on this weekend’s tournament and the following weekend’s event, the San Diego State Invitational.

“I’m reasonably happy with our squad right now,” Minter said. “It isn’t as deep as it ought to be or has been in the past. Production from our number three, four, and five guys in the line-up is important for our team score.

In collegiate golf, five players compete each day, with the lowest four scores combined to form a team score.

The team got off to a slow fall season start but finished carrying momentum by placing in the top five in their final three events. In the last two, junior Jason Opal finished second in individual play.

“I hope to be in position to win a few tournaments this spring,” Opal said. “That’s all you can ask for — to get out quick and win one early.

Things weren’t settled down for the team in beginning of Fall, but we jelled and the new guys got more experienced.”

Opal was the team’s key player during the fall season, compiling a consistent 72-38 stroke average.

The “new guys” — freshmen Jeff McPherson and Simon Sainz and sophomore Brian Bombard — along with senior captain Jeff Brunelle (second on the team with a 73.47 stroke average), form the five-man team Minter selected to play in the first two spring tournaments.

Freshman Jeff Whitman and sophomore Josh Waring both played in fall events and are available to bolster Minter’s squad.

Consistency should linger from the final fall events. Minter feels the new players are now comfortable with Florida’s warm playing conditions. They also are more comfortable with Minter, considering the fall season was his first as a collegiate golf coach.

Minter took over the reigns in April of last year after former coach Mike Schumaker was relieved by Athletic Director Steve Sloan for alleged financial improprieties.

“We need to push each other as a team,” Jeff Brunelle said. “I intend to push Jason this spring to maybe elevate his game. If we all do that as a group, we should elevate as a team.”

“I think well see a tough field in Mississippi,” Minter said. “We can win against the field we’ll see in California. And in Alabama [at the Blue-Grey Invitational in late March], the SEC schools we face will give us a lot of competition. This is a challenging schedule overall.”

Workshop in the woods

Patrick Massa of the Florida Project Learning Tree Workshop instructs students Saturday at the UCF Arboretum. The workshop stressed environmental education and featured numerous educators, pre-service teachers and faculty. Project Learning Tree is an environmental educational program designed for teachers to prepare students about conservation practices and resource use. Massa will be on campus in April to hold another workshop. For more information, contact Massa at (904) 428-1840 or Cindy Stuebben at the College of Education, 823-3742.

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Baseball

Second baseman Eric Riggs is currently riding an 11-game hitting streak, the longest of all the Golden Knights. Rightfielder Frank Facile needs five hits to record his 100th as a Golden Knight.

Football

Spring football drills kick off Saturday at UCF with the Golden Knights conducting their first of 15 practice sessions in preparation for the Spring game April 5. Among head coach Gene McDowell’s agenda items this spring will be finding replacements for four defensive starters and two offensive starters.

The biggest hole to fill will be the vacancy left by linebacker where all three starters, John Bryant, Nakia Reddick and Kendrick Thomas were lost. McDowell will also attempt to find a replacement for Charlie Forse who handled all of UCF’s kicking and punting duties for the past four seasons.

Men’s Golf

The men’s golf team will resume this spring, making their first appearance at the First Bridges All-American Intercollegiate tournament. March 3-4 in Bay of St. Louis, MS. The two-time, defending TAAC champions continue to follow the lead of juniors, Jason Opul and Jeff Brunelle.

Women’s Golf

The women’s golf team will return to competition this weekend at the Lady Gator Invitational, Gainesville where the four-time defending TAAC Champion will have a chance to win its 9th Overall. Jenny Hagman and former Golden Knight Kristen Putnam tied for 25th.

Women’s Soccer

The UCF women’s soccer coach Karen Richter announced the signing of four players to national letters of intent on Wed. as Cally Howell (Winter Park), Alice Uhiler (Libburn, Ga.), Sarah Leathers (Athens, Ga.), and Claire Kobake (Cincinnati) all inked with the four-time defending TAAC champions.

“We’re very excited about this talented recruiting class,” said UCF coach Karen Richter. “We still expect to sign a few more players as well.”

Crew teams win events

By MIKE BRAMSON
Contributing writer

The University of Central Florida crew began its much anticipated season last Saturday at Lake Biscarrosse in Deland. Taking on crews from the University of Florida, Embry-Riddle and host Stetson, the Golden Knights hit the water for their first test of the 1997 season.

Of 13 events that spanned the day, UCF took first place in five. Against UF, the Varsity Men’s Four won by open water. The women also had a strong showing as they took first in the Lightweight Four, Junior Varsity Eight, Varsity Eight and the Novice Women’s Eight events. This week the team will be preparing for the Keuper Cup held in Fellsmere this Saturday.
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Foundation in place for Knights to prosper

BY TONY MEJIA
Assistant Sports Editor

Despite this season's lackluster performance, the building blocks may be in place for one of the finest seasons Central Florida can put together—next season.

Sure, the battle cry for a rebuilding season is always Wait 'til next year, but in this case it appears to be true. The freshmen who have suffered growing pains through this season will be sturdy sophomores next year, capable of providing solid play. Offensively, despite the loss of the top three point shooters in school history in Harry Kennedy, UCF appears to have found a gold mine.

Mark Jones, the highly regarded transfer from Minnesota, will bring instant credibility to the Knights' backcourt by providing solid play at the point and shooting guard. Look for Jones to fill those duties while the younger Cory Perry and D'Quarion Stewart platoon around him.

"I hope to bring leadership and court presence to this team next season," said Jones, whose decision to leave the Big Ten shocked many around the country. "This season has been really difficult to go through, watching my younger teammates struggle and not being able to help them on the court. It's been very frustrating."

Jones has seen improvement in all of UCF's freshmen, especially Perry and Stewart, and made a bold prediction.

"This has been the first time since playing basketball in the sixth grade that I have been on a losing team. This will not happen again. These teams better get it while they can, because next year we will be vying for the TAAC championship," said Jones.

Joining Jones through the transfer ranks is Georgia Tech transplant Bucky Hodge, who figures to be a fixture in the middle for the Golden Knights. Hodge will eat a lot of space in the middle of the paint while allowing Devon Granberry and Scott White the opportunity to join him in a potentially giant frontcourt.

Hodge has the excellent ability of facing the basket and showing off his solid jumper, despite his 6-9, 250 pound frame. In fact, with Hodge, Granberry, White, Joe Cooper, Mario Lovett, co-captain Tony Marlow, and newcomer Beronti Simms, UCF will have interchangeable parts at the post positions, a luxury that few teams in the TAAC have, and even fewer can handle.

Brad Traina will take his spot as UCF's leading returning scorer, while having Inyo Cue, Stewart and the aforementioned Jones alongside him at the wing spots. Of course while, Jones will see his share of time at the point, Perry and Chad Stockline are scheduled to return along with ever-improving walk-on Brian Connor. "Yes, the Knights will be deep and talented next season but will need an x-factor, according to Jones to be truly successful."

"I was a little bit surprised by the lack of fan support UCF receives. I'm used to playing before 16,000 people and folks already in the gym during pre-game shoot-arounds," said Jones. "The fans have to get behind this team. There is no reason we shouldn't be getting 5,000 people to come out for every ball game, especially for winning basketball, something they'll be treated to next year."

UCF fans can only hope.
Knights will take early bow to new conference champion

BY TONY MEJIA
Assistant Sports Editor

When the crown of TAAC Conference Champion is passed to this year’s winner, the defending champion won’t be there to take a bow.

Central Florida bowed out early.

The final two-game homestand of the regular season saw UCF officially miss the playoffs with a 91-75 loss Thursday night against Florida International. UCF came out strong to take a 19-8 lead early in the game. UCF was defeated by its first round opponent could be a wall.

The Knights are ready to fight for the third straight tournament in conference right now," said Wayne Allen, the coach at Mercer. "I really haven’t figured out where we stand in the conference opener for both teams, has been the surpass of the TAAC." They are my pick to win the conference tournament," said Wayne Allen, the coach at Florida Atlantic.

“With a few more free throws, we would have been in position to make a run at them.”

Kirk Speraw
UCF men’s basketball coach

first time in his career. Not dwelling on the past, he insisted on having his team ready for the finale, Saturday night against Florida Atlantic.

UCF again started quickly, building a 25-15 lead behind the surprising play of freshmen Cory Perry and Mario Lovett, who shared the team lead in scoring with seven each at that point. FAU came back in a game that was similar to the UCF loss two nights earlier. Freshman Audrick Cook led the Owls’ first-half rally with his inside scoring to deliver FAU a 42-37 halftime advantage. The second half too belonged to the Owls, who broke away led by 5-11 senior guard Philip Huyler, who nearly achieved a triple double, tallying 15 points, 16 boards, and eight assists.

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Tournament could prove to be a ‘Bear’ for women

BY DEREK GONSOLIN
Staff Writer

If earning a spot in the conference tournament was a hurdle, then defeating the first-round opponent could be a wall.

Mercer (15-12, 7-7), defeated UCF, 61-46 at Mercer on Saturday. The win gave the Bears a season sweep of the Knights, and perhaps a first-round pairing between the two teams, an scenario that Speraw said was "not a mirror image of the two teams, has been the surpass of the TAAC." They are my pick to win the conference tournament," said Wayne Allen, the coach at Florida Atlantic.

"The first time we played them it was a blur," said Bria, whose team was held to 15 first-half points in the previous meeting. "They had a first-half rally with their inside scoring to deliver FAU a 42-37 halftime advantage. The second half too belonged to the Owls, who broke away led by 5-11 senior guard Philip Huyler, who nearly achieved a triple double, tallying 15 points, 16 boards, and eight assists.

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Mario Lovett and his UCF teammates will be staying home for the TAAC tournament.
By DEREK GONSOLIN
Staff Writer

Coaches and recruiters used, "phenomenal athlete" and "play-maker" when describing Euistics High's all-time lead-
ing scorer, guard LaDonna Larry. 

One year later, she sits at the end of the UCF bench. 

Fate has made life tough on Larry since she signed with the Knights on Nov. 14, 1995. Coach Lynn Bria, Richardson, the reason she chose UCF, died in a car accident on Aug. 30. Interim coach Lynn Bria needed another forward, so Larry moved from the guard position that had made her all-state selection. An early-season ankle injury kept her out of three games and her play has not been the same since. 

"I think the adjustment to college basketball is generally has been rough for her," Bria said. "She is the only fresh-
man on the team, so she has no one to go through the tri-
als with her. She is basically alone." 

Larry's father, Albert Larry, said the events surrounding her freshman year have caused her to fall into a pattern many first-year players face. "She has set herself into a role that there is a next year," Albert Larry said. "I hope she gets out of that." 

Her senior year at Ennis, Larry said her only problem was the pressure of being a Division I signee with a year to play. "It was stressing because I just wanted to focus on my senior year and not worry about college," Larry said. 

"After I signed early, I worried a lot during the year that if I played bad they would say this is a division I player and look how she is playing," Larry answered, averaging 21.4 points, 9.3 rebounds and 3.8 steals a game. In a playoff game against South Disty, she was a rebound shy of a quadruple-double—40 points, 11 assists and 9 rebounds. It was those numbers that led Stetson coach Dee Romine to recruit Larry, "She definitely has a lot of talent and offensive ability," Romine said. 

"LaDonna is the kind of kid we thought could fit into a transition type game. We felt she was the type of player who would fit into our program in terms of academics and athletics." 

Sham Hart, UCF's women's basketball recruiter during the 1995-96 season, saw potential in Larry. 

"She played at a school known for athletics and her father was the men's basketball coach, so she should be knowledgable about the game. Plus, we needed a point guard and she appeared to be the answer." 

After traveling to Stevens on an unofficial visit, Larry went to UCF on the first of a five-school tour. But she never got past Richardson's personality. 

"Coach Richardson really made me feel like I could talk to him," Larry said. "It was like I knew him for years. It seemed like he cared so that was the deciding factor for me." 

"I thought he had an effervescence personality; he had a lot of charisma," Albert Larry said of Richardson. "The girl seemed to like him a lot, so I guess that did have an effect on her." 

Hart said the rumors that followed about who would be the next coach could have caused more problems. "Bria and I both felt bad about the way things happened," said Hart, now the coach at Mount St. Mary's of Maryland. 

"There were rumors that another former assistant or I would come back to coach the team, but things like that spread under such circumstances." 

Though she hardly knew Richardson, Larry said she could see how hard the tragedy hit the team. "He was a father figure," said teammate Kelli Murray. "The way things happened it was kind of shaky." Larry said. 

"I came into a program and this is what happens. Then you look at your teammates and everything seems like its going crazy and it kind of felt like you weren't secure, you know?" 

With Bria, the former Texas Women's University coach, Murray said the stabilized. "Bria and Richardson had very similar styles," Murray said. "It made it much easier to switch from one to the other." 

Larry said adjusting to college was as tough as adjust-
ing to a new coach. "It was hard because of what hap-
pended, but as far as getting used to Bria, this entire year has been an adjustment for me," Larry said. 

Albert Larry said Bria's straight-forward demeanor to

LaDonna Larry hopes to regain her high school form. 

"It's the way I like it," Albert Larry said. "That's the way I've done it. There is no other way to do it than to be straight forward and truthful. She's done that so far, so I think she's done well." 

Then came the position change. 

Larry had to fill the power forward and center positions. This forced Larry to move to forward behind leading scorer, senior Shantrice Saxon. "I definitely saw her as a forward," Bria said. 

"I was a type of player who might be a point guard," said Larry, "I think that her mobility is something the team and it sometimes takes longer than you would think to adapt to." 

Larry said Bria had to adjust each year player. "You have to make up for your weaknesses," Murray said. 

Corwin agreed with Murray. "Struggling is a matter of life for first year players," Corwin said. "When you first have to get used to the players around you. Then it's a case of trying to fit in and maybe you're not looking to score big numbers. Maybe you're looking to assume a role that you can get comfortable in and help the team, it's sometimes takes longer than you would think." 

Bria said Larry still contributes. "I think she is gaining back some of the confidence she lost early in the season," Bria said. "She may not put up the scoring numbers, but she fights for rebounds and contests with the other girls." 

Albert Larry said his daughter should be playing better. "She hasn't contributed the way she can contribute. I realize she is playing a position that is completely foreign to her, but at Ennis she set all kinds of scoring records, it's unbelievable to look at her performances now and to com-
pare it with the past four years. She is not even close to being the same type of player."
Kennedy's career makes dreams become reality

By TIM SPRINGER
Sports Editor

UCF senior Harry Kennedy is surrounded by family, friends and autograph seeking children shortly after the final seconds expired on his college basketball career. His journey has been mentally strenuous and physically exhausting. And now Kennedy is hit with the realization that his basketball career may be over. Yet, the 22 year old is wise enough to realize he has lived a dream.

As a kid in South Florida, Kennedy could often be seen shooting hoops at his favorite court — an old weather-beaten backboard attached to a rusted rim that rarely had a net. It was always the same scenario when Kennedy was taking his final shot before going home for the evening. Pretending to be former Boston Celtic Larry Bird, Kennedy would begin the countdown, dribble through imaginary defenders and put up a high-arching jumper as the buzzer sounded. Whether or not the shots fell, Kennedy doesn’t recall. He was too caught up in his own world — eyes closed, arms reaching for the sky, while imagining a chanting crowd calling his name.

"Throughout my life I’ve dreamed about playing in the big game," Kennedy said. "When I was in high school I dreamed about playing in the state championship."

Driven by his dreams, Kennedy helped guide Hollywood Christian to a state championship. He considered the accomplishment a dream come true, but he wanted more.

"After we won the state title I needed something else to shoot for," Kennedy said. "I always wanted to play big time basketball ... division one basketball. And that was something that drove me even more."

While Kennedy was dreaming of playing at the Division I level, reality had him running the floor at Miami-Dade Community College. Over the weekend, Kennedy was named to the All-Southern Conference team after averaging 18 points and leading the nation with a 91.4 percent free throw average. The UCF coaching staff made sure he quickly became a Golden Knight.

"Harry proved himself to be one of the premiere shooters in the country," head coach Kirk Sprow said. "He's always been a threat from the three-point arc and that threat will be missed.

After joining UCF, Kennedy wasted little time leaving his mark in the record books. In his first season, "Hot Hand" Harry became an arc bish. His 94 three-pointers made in the 1995-96 season set a single season record and his efforts played a key-role in the Golden Knights' charge through the TAAC Tournament and into the NCAA 64-team battle. A year later he continued to add to his chapters in the record books by becoming UCF's all-time leading three-point shooter.

Kennedy soon became a game plan for both teams. For the Golden Knights, Kennedy remained the ace looking for the hole, while opposing teams tried to trap him with their best defensive stoppers.

"I got frustrated a lot this season," Kennedy said. "TAAC teams started playing with the theory — stop Harry, stop UCF. It was frustrating.

The frustrations continued as Kennedy and his teammates let conference games slip away until eventually they were eliminated from qualifying for this year's TAAC Tournament.

"Last year I was determined to get to the [NCAA] tournament," Kennedy said. "It was my drive. Now this season is over, so I have to find something else to shoot for, and right now I'm leaning towards playing in the European leagues."

First to worst is a tough road to travel, but Kennedy knows his next journey may be the biggest test of his life. His dreams of continuing to play basketball are shared by many other college level standouts that will be left with out a chair when the music stops.

"There's some great players trying to make it to the next level," Kennedy said. "I know I'm not ready to jump into the NBA right now, but maybe a few years in Europe will change that."

Watch-out world! Harry's dreaming again.

Plans for new recreational building lack funds

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It was a dreary Sunday afternoon at the rain-slicked, outdoor basketball courts at UCF. A few scattered students looking to shoot away their week-long tensions play tentatively; they are afraid to slip on the water-logged surface.

"It would be nice to have an indoor court for the weekends," said Curtis Hooper, a senior majoring in accounting.

But without proper funding, a planned recreational facility cannot be built, said Loren Knutson, UCF's recreational services director.

"We're trying to come up with a proposal that [President Hitt] can look at so we can take it to the Board of Regents and try to get funding," Knutson said.

Pete Newman, facilities planning director at UCF, said the current plan has the recreational building being built by 1999 or 2000. Newman said the building would be built over the current recreational offices, pool and outdoor volleyball, racquetball and basketball courts.

"It all depends on the funding," Newman said with a sigh.

Newman estimated the price of recreational building to be $10.5 million. Knutson feels the amount is underestimated.

"It will definitely cost more than that," said Knutson, indicating the amount would probably reach into the upper teens in millions.

"We have 10,000 students who live on or within a mile of campus. [Newman's estimate] would not be enough to satisfy UCF's needs," he added.

Student body President Aaron Scavron agreed with Knutson by saying the estimates he has heard were just below $20 million.

Scavron said a major reason for the high cost was the estimated 48,000 students that will attend UCF by 2010. "Our facilities are limited," he said.

"Student Government's feeling is that we need a new facility to meet the expected increase in student population."

The money to pay for a recreational facility should have come from the Capital Improvement Tuition Fund.

CITF, which is supported by state universities, provides a $2.34 for each credit hour, is awarded by the Board of Regents for projects to help the schools that need it most.

But in 1993, then student body President Chris Marlin and Hitt signed an agreement that left only $1 million of $10 million allocated to UCF for the recreational building project. Scavron said the $1 million helped pay for the development of a Greek lodge.

In December of 1996, Scavron suggested UCF borrow funds by using the Activities and Service Fund as collateral. The Activities and Service Fund supports the campus activities board, school legal services and the salaries for administrators in the Student Union.

The latest idea, Knutson said, has UCF bonding money off the next CITF allotment due in the year 2000.

"This way, we can build the facility without charging the students here now for something they may never use," he said.

"We want to build a multi-million dollar facility, but it's going to come down to finding the money," Scavron said.

"Where is it going to come from?"