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Distance learning bridges gap for students

By MARK DEMAIO
Staff Writer

Imagine a student living and going to school in Pensacola, yet getting a graduate degree in Engineering from UCF. It’s a puzzling concept for some, but others understand it as distance learning.

Ron Eaglin, distance learning director for UCF’s engineering college, explains the concept he heads. For approximately the last 10 years, UCF has been offering video-taped classes around the state at different sites.

Almost all the engineering graduate classes are offered on video tapes that we can send to sites around the state. Right now we send to about 30 sites, but we have approximately 100 sites we can send to,” Eaglin said.

Just recently UCF has started an interactive program which presently offers these interactive classes at the Daytona Beach and Brevard campuses.

By next fall or spring it could very well be active with any number of sites. Engineering offers all eight core classes over interactive television already. We are ahead of the rest of the country. We are probably the most mature infrastructure of graduate engineering education of all the states,” Eaglin said.

So, while this seems like a great advantage to students, Eaglin also stresses it is much more valuable for students to partake in the campus experience by physically coming to classes.

“We don’t want to replace the college experience. We just offer alternatives for people who can’t make it to campus,” Eaglin said.

One of the several instructors teaching distance learning courses is Avelino Gonzalez, P.H.D, P.E. Gonzalez has been teaching video-taped courses since the beginning of UCF’s distance learning program on the Florida Engineering Education Delivery System (FEEDS).

“Takes two days to a week later for tapes to get to sites,” Gonzalez said. “It is a week delay, it becomes a problem. To adjust for these problems, you have to use advanced planning and a lot more care.”

Another problem with distance learning is the “loss of learning facilities by doing it on tape” Gonzalez said. “We have to get on advanced machines and e-mail have helped improve on teacher — distant students” relations. Unfortunately, instructors have to spend several hours each day answering e-mail and phone calls. Professors’ work loads are expanded a lot by having to teach distance learning courses, Gonzalez said. Because of this, and other related factors.
The average student probably doesn't know professors on campus make $85,877 a year, that 93 percent of the students are from Florida, and that there are 1,003,362 books, serials and government documents in the UCF library.

The female students also outnumber the males: 14,048 to 12,277.

All of these facts and statistics are gathered by Dr. Daniel Coleman, Director of Institutional Research and Planning Support.

Coleman has been in this position since July of 1972. He is a native of Minnesota and attended St. Cloud State University. There, Coleman received his bachelor's in mathematics and physics. He then earned his master's in math and secondary school administration. From Minnesota, Coleman went to Florida State University where he received his Ph.D.

Coleman works with a team that gathers statistics. He gets standard reports from data bases and surveys graduating seniors, parents of those currently enrolled, alumni, employers and clients.

Coleman is the one who makes it possible to know there are 2,734 UCF employees (including 163 maintenance and service people), that the students' average SAT score is 1,030, the average SAT score is 23 and the average grade point average is 3.3.

Through 1996, UCF has awarded 67,296 bachelor's degrees, 11,498 master's and 406 doctorates.

Also, Coleman's research reveals expenditures from 1995-1996 were $259,630,777 — 18 percent of which was used for construction.

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THE GROCERY BOX
Volunteer UCF dishes up free lunch to seniors

By BRIAN SMITH
Staff Writer

Within the faded baby blue walls of the East Orange County Action Center every weekday morning, about 75 people play card games, read newspapers and socialize over a cup of coffee and a pastry.

This isn't a typical hangout for UCF students. In fact, it is a place of accumulated life experience and people seeking companionship during their golden years.

From 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. the East Orange County Action Center, 12050 Sophia St., serves as one of 14 Orange County locations for the Seniors First Neighborhood Lunch Program. This non-profit organization is one of the many programs Volunteer UCF supports.

"We've had UCF interns for over a year," Rebecca Rourk, director of community relations, said. Why would any UCF student volunteer for the lunch program? Chal Silberg, site supervisor, offers a reason.

"I live by Universal Studios and the first time I came here I didn't like driving all of the way and paying the tolls," Silberg said. "But after I got here it was a different story, I loved it. It's like I have so many moms and dads." Silberg said she arrives at the center to help set up the games and activities every weekday.

"The seniors really run the place," Silberg said. "They're so vital. For a lot of these people, this is the only good meal they get. A lot of these people are also homebound, so we go and pick them up."

The program has a fleet of vehicles that takes the seniors to the center and grocery shopping. There is a suggested donation of $1.25 for the food and 25 cents for the bus trip but the seniors don't have to pay if they don't want to or can't. The food for the lunch program is donated and it usually arrives in the morning by the company's driver or a volunteer.

The seniors like to visit the center for various reasons. "I come about twice a week," said Trinidad native Ena Whitman, who has a grand-daughter attending UCF. "I like it here because I get to leave the house and socialize with other people my age. If I stayed at home, I wouldn't be doing anything and I don't want to do that."

"People my age need to stay mentally sharp by doing some sort of activity. Otherwise our minds might start failing." Clara Galvin, program administrator for the community care for the elderly, agrees.

Galvin said the seniors use their mind the more alert they are.

"That's documented," Galvin said. "Anybody's ability to stay active increases their health and in the program many can be very beneficial to seniors. A lot of them are delighted to be able to talk with somebody."

While Whitman, 80, spoke of the reasons she visits the center, others simply like to talk about their life.

"Most of us are widows or widowers," Jane Nelson said after taking a sip from her milk. "We barely have two cents to rub them up."

"My first husband was a professional boxer and I remember going to Madison Square Garden to watch people like Rocky Marciano fight," Julia Coleman said. "I also got to meet Jackie Robinson at his bar down in Harlem one night."

"My second husband was a bluegrass musician who got to play with George Jones and Jerry Reed."

Coleman also spoke about her brassy guitar, her prized possession.

"It's possibly one of only five in the world, but I can't track down who made it or where it was made. I think it was made somewhere in Germany during the war."

"I'm sure it's worth a lot of money but I would never sell it for anything in the world. It's still got it's original strings on it."

"Soy de Puerto Rico," an elderly woman kept repeating.

"That's all she keeps saying," Whitman said. "We keep trying to teach her English but it's not working."

Loraine Stoenmar, director for neighborhood services, said about 475 seniors use the lunch program every day. Rourk said the program has 32 vehicles; 29 were bought by a federal grant and three were donated by the United Way.

To volunteer for the Seniors First Neighborhood Lunch Program, contact Katharine Zimmerman, Volunteer Manager, (407) 292-0177 or ask for information in the Volunteer UCF office located in the student union. Volunteer groups or individuals are encouraged to donate items such as games, arts and crafts and puzzles.

The Student Wellness Advocate Team cordially invites you to attend the 10th Annual SWAT 5K Run/Walk at Greek Park

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Diana's Top 10 ways to improve UCF

By DIANA IMANUEL

Opinion Editor

Because I have two weeks of classes left for the rest of my college career, I am constantly reevaluating my experiences at UCF. I often reminisce about my first few months when I completely detested UCF because I was anti-social and locked myself in my poor-excuse-for-a-run-down-Holiday Inn-hotelroom at Collegiate Village Inn. And I have also had my fondest memories here in which I formed my absolute love for this place through campus involvement and meeting incredible people (Mr. Labruzzo). And like everything else in today's world, I believe there's always room for improvement.

So, after watching Dave Letterman last night, I have chosen to compile my Top 10 list of things that would make UCF a better university.

After all, I've had four years to evaluate this place.

• 1. Build an on-campus football stadium and basketball complex. In addition, provide students with a multi-purpose recreational building where weight lifting equipment, an indoor swimming pool and track, and various concerts and entertainment could be held.

• 2. Solicit desirable concerts to be held on campus. (Personally, Saigon Kick doesn't really appeal to today's audience.)

• 3. Library hours. I don't think about relocating to Tallahassee. Stores want to make a profit. If these stores lose patronage because they don't carry quality UCF clothing, I guarantee you they will make every effort to satisfy your demanding needs.

• 4. Increase on-campus student housing. By increasing student housing, the level of student apathy decreases as more students venture out into campus involvement as well as attend campus events.

• 5. Have a university-wide advisement policy. Through my experiences as a freshman and as an O-teamer, I have found the advisement services on this campus are extremely lacking. I had to go on a mission to seek out my own advisor. Many people who are "assigned" as advisors are not even knowledgeable about the requirements of the college and have no experience counseling students who are desperately trying to figure out their major prerequisites. UCF should assign each student an advisor in his or her major who are trained with a substantial amount of knowledge to create a bond with the student. In addition, UCF should host an advisement social with students and their advisors to create familiarity. Maybe then, UCF would improve upon its less than 50-percent graduation rate.

• 6. Graduation dates. As I am preparing to graduate, I have learned UCF's graduation is on the same day as UF's. Why would two state school schedule their graduation ceremonies for the same day? In my situation, as a twin sister (scary, huh?) is graduating four hours later than I am. My parents and I have to race from Orlando to Gainesville on what is presumably one of the most exciting days of my life. With only 10 state schools, is it really that difficult to have separate days for graduation? I think not.

• 7. Parking. I don't know about the rest of you, but I am definitely a night owl. In fact, because of my schedule, I rarely get to open a book before 10 at night. I would like to see student government put our money toward a truly beneficial use and increase the library's hours, even if its only until 2 or 3 in the morning.

• 8. Roommate matching service...the last time I checked there were extremely lacking. I had to go on a mission to seek out my own advisor. Many people who are "assigned" as advisors are not even knowledgeable about the requirements of the college and have no experience counseling students who are desperately trying to figure out their major prerequisites. UCF should assign each student an advisor in his or her major who are trained with a substantial amount of knowledge to create a bond with the student. In addition, UCF should host an advisement social with students and their advisors to create familiarity. Maybe then, UCF would improve upon its less than 50-percent graduation rate.

• 9. Solicit desirable concerts to be held on campus. (Personally, Saigon Kick doesn't really appeal to today's audience.)

• 10. Student apathy. For anyone who has ever read my column before, this was obviously a given. It is hard to get excited about football games and other events when I am one of 20 in attendance. Come on people, what does it take to get excited? For whatever reason, better or for worse, you chose this university. And in my opinion, that was a damn good choice!
More thoughts on student government

After reading the article "Time to challenge value of student government," I would like to explain my colleague's "apathy" of the student body regarding student government elections.

I cannot speak for other students, but I can only guess that, outside study time and work schedules consisting of classes (either full- or part-time), students have hectic lives (either full- or part-time load), and am sorry to say that reading the paper is not rated high on my priority list.

Furthermore, I am aware that many of us are industrious, as many of us are, they may partake in other extracurricular activities, such as sports, fraternities or clubs. I try to practice time management and am sorry to say that reading the paper is not rated high on my priority list.

However, I have accumulated several CFF articles for future reference. For example, the Jan. 23 edition of CFF is still on my desk at home in the event that I might celebrate a "mental health maintenance" day and need a sober ride home (see "Program providing a safe way home").

Also, one of CFF's articles warned (OOPS! I mean informed) me to renew my auto tag registration. I have to thank you guys for saving me on that one.

In conclusion, please do not think that students are apathetic toward the student government. We all tend to take things and people for granted. And if it has not been expressed lately, then I would like to speak on the behalf of my fellow students and thank the student government for their efforts. Now if you'll please excuse me, I must close this letter to work on Delta Sigma Pi stuff!!!

— Ingrid Richrath
There’s plenty of blame to go around

I am writing to a recent letter to the editor written by Joshua Gardner. As a senator on the 27th, 28th, and 29th Student Senates, I feel that I am also qualified to evaluate complaints against our Student Government Association. During my involvement with the UCF Student Government Association and the Senate in particular, I have done my best to look out for student interests and to safeguard their rights against an administration that seems determined on taking them away. I take my elected position very seriously. In my opinion, Mr. Gardner’s letter seems to be nothing but against the Executive and Judicial branches of SGA should stand up and take their share of the blame. Aside from SGA proper, there are several external organizations which contribute to Student Government’s problems. I would serve the remaining part of my term as a senator to attend at least six committee meetings a week and see to various other duties that our Statutes mandate, I would carry a briefcase, too!

For those reading this letter, I urge you to take some time and attend a Senate meeting. I cannot deny on some nights the proceedings are more colorful than on others, but only after attending a Senate meeting will you see what the Student Government Branch really does. Who knows, you may want to become involved.

Meetings are Thursdays at 7 p.m. in the University Dining Room. Contact the SGA offices at 823-2391 to find out where Senate is being held. Why not check us out? After all, there has to be a reason why Florida State Law mandates that a Student Government Association be established on such state university campuses.

Senator Richard J. Andrade
Chairman of the UCF SGA Elections and Appointments Committee

Distance learning not expected to replace classroom

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Gonzalez doesn’t think it will ever completely replace campus life. While distance learning has offered viable alternatives for students unable to enjoy campus life, it is in no way going to replace regular classes any time soon. With new technology such as Web-courses and Interactive classes, it is becoming more user friendly for students considering it as an option. An additional bonus for students interested in distance learning is never having to find a parking spot, but as Eaglin or Gonzalez will assure you, distance learning will never be as important as the experience of attending classes.

For information on distance learning contact Ron Eaglin at 823-9937.

BETA GAMMA SIGMA

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This induction ceremony will be in the Business Administration Building, Room 307 on Friday, April 11, 1997, at 4:00 p.m. Mr. Michael Thomas, Vice President with Marshall Corporation, will be the speaker. A reception will follow the induction ceremony in the Atrium.

Below are the names, majors, and graduate students who have accepted the invitation for membership in this chapter.

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Petrides hopes 'Boys Next Door' not his final

By RANDY CULZAC
Staff Writer

Graduation is an eagerly awaited dream. As the spring semester comes to a close, many students will see their dreams realized. Theatre major Randy Petrides is among the graduation hopefuls.

After a busy year that included directing a one-act play, he has eased into the last semester by preparing for his final show at UCF. Petrides is enjoying his experience with the cast of misfits from the "Boys Next Door." In this comedy about the mentally handicapped, he plays Norman Bulansky, an obsessive compulsive young man.

"The Boys Next Door" opens April 18 and student night will be April 16. Before beginning his rehearsal, he took time to reflect on his career.

CFF: What are your plans after graduation?
RP: This summer I plan to attend Shakespeare and Companies' Summer Training Institute. It will last throughout the summer. After that I'll just hunt for work and maybe think about graduate school.

CFF: Is it your main goal to do theatre or film?
RP: I've always wanted to do theatre. I haven't really explored the film and television market, so I don't know. I might really enjoy film.

CFF: Is film where the money is?
RP: That's what I've always heard, but I have yet to make any of that money, so I really can't confirm that.

CFF: Do you think the acting profession is too commercial?
RP: Yes and no. When you look at the Broadway theatre district it's obvious to see how commercial that community can be. Still, there are hundreds of theatres around the country performing pieces that are cutting edge or avant guard. They might not be making tons of money, but they're doing what they love.

I think as far as films are concerned, the Oscar nominations may demonstrate what people are beginning to look for: more independent studios doing projects that they feel are relevant yet entertaining to society.

CFF: Do you feel your degree will give you an advantage in the entertainment business or life in general?
RP: Both. The more education you have, the higher tolerance you will have. I must admit, I stole that from my government teacher, but I feel that education will help me as an artist as well as an individual.

CFF: What do you enjoy most about theatre?
RP: It's the tie between the actual creative process itself and the opportunities performers have to influence the emotions of the audience members. Whether you're making them laugh or cry, it's rewarding nonetheless.

CFF: How has it been, working with the cast of Boys?
RP: I can honestly say that it has been the best working conditions of my career. I have never been with or seen a cast so dedicated to the cause. And through that dedication, a bond has been reached. It's wonderful to see the gang together in the lobby working on various scenes throughout the day. It is truly a wonderful group of individuals. I am fortunate that my last show at UCF will be an experience that I will cherish.

I cannot stress enough what a beautiful group of people this cast is.
Heronymus breaks

BY JAMIE TEPPER
Staff Writer

Who says no good music comes out of Orlando?

UCF graduate Timothy Williams and current UCF students Robby Houle, Joshua Chiet, Matthew Brown, Jonathan Brown and Daniel Boissy comprise Heronymus, a musical force that lies somewhere between your favorite play and a mental asylum.

Combining intellectual lyrics with an indescribable sound (think Talking Heads meets Pink Floyd at Jethro Tull's dinner party), these local boys are breaking new ground. They are one of the more innovative, inventive bands playing the local scene. In a generation filled with the distorted scream-es of bands ripping off bands, who rip off bands ripping off Pearl Jam, it is refreshing to see someone trying to explore new territory. And it’s happening, in our backyard.

There are many things that set this outfit apart from mainstream music. One of the key elements seems to be the differences within the band. For example, each member has different musical influences, ranging from jazz and blues to classic rock and roll. Another oddity is the presence of two horns, which may lead people to assume the band sounds like Dave Mathews, when they prefer to shy away from labels.

"As the front of the room we are peak, at the back of the room we are R&B, and somewhere in the middle we are a dance band," said Chiet, the bassist. "We play waltzes for people with five feet."

It is almost impossible not to notice the theatrical elements. Heronymus incorporates into its music and stage presence. The audience may never know what to expect. Whether frontman Williams works himself into a trance, twisting his body into a pretzel, or leaving the stage to sit with the crowd, it seems obvious the performance is as important as the sounds.

Another theatrical element lies in the fact that Williams’ lyrics tie into a continuing storyline with recurring characters.

"I don't want to butcher Tim's story," guitarist Houle said. "There are a lot of characters ... Billy the cowboy, Suzie, who is Billy's girlfriend; the rich man; the pusher man."

"It is one of those things that works itself in the sense that any time something new happens to Tim, there is a new chapter," Chiet said. "The more messed up life gets, the more interesting the songs get."

The name "Heronymus" was taken from the 15th-century painter Nezonymus Bosch, who was schizophrenic, and painted pictures of people crucified on musical instruments. The band, in its current incarnation, has been playing together for a short time, but some of the members have been working together longer.

"Tim and I have been together for three years, Joel and I have been playing a year and a half, and Heronymus, as a band, has been playing for a year," Houle said.

Upon hitting the music scene, reaction to the band has been enthusiastic.

"Since we were the theater department’s pet band, we had kind of a built-in audience. Our friends would always come to the shows, so we got very used to playing for crowds who were big into the music," Chiet said.

"We have started playing out of town more, and every time we leave town, there are people there who have never seen us. We have had some really weird, adverse reactions when we first started because usually if we are playing in a new place, we like to pull out the crazy stuff in the beginning."

"We will get people standing there not knowing what to do. We'll get people who don't know to come up to the dance floor and dance. We had some people last show yelling for us to play country music, so we'll bust out playing country music for 10 minutes, make it really obnoxious, and then by the end of the show everybody will be up. It is always cool. We put at least 50 names on our mailing list every time we play."

For information on the band or to hear its sound clips, check out its web page at http://pegasus.cc.ucf.edu/~jdb21332.
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The band between Foo Fighters and Live.

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Stern takes his Private Parts to the big screen

By NORA KULIESI Managing Editor

Frontal nudity, sex, perverse discussions, wisecracks, fighting, disdain toward authority, a woman who can put a 13-inch sausage down her throat — what more could you ask for in a movie? The King of Radio you say, then Howard Stern's Private Parts is for you.

During the '90s, I am almost ashamed at how much I enjoy Stern. The first few times I listened to him on the air, I must admit I turned off the radio and obsessed publicly about how degrading he was to women. Why did he have to make so many breast references in a three-minute span, how could he actually ask what this poor Playboy model likes to do in the bedroom. And why is there always someone affiliated with Playboy on his show? Secretly though, after cursing his name to anyone who would listen I laughed to myself for days. It is not that I now encourage everyone to let go of their reserve and discuss sexual experiences, preferences and fetishes openly, but I no longer feel disgust toward Stern — especially after seeing "Private Parts."

The movie opens by showing Stern's Furman performance on the MTV Music Awards. The following day he finds himself on an airplane next to the beautiful Carol Alt where he launches into the story of his life. Unfortunately, the movie doesn't go into much detail about his adolescence. The audience does not get a complete sense of what he went through growing up to become such a candid, sexual, wisecracking, exposed man. We do see that his dad continually called him a moron, he didn't have many friends, so he took up smoking pot in his bedroom and the only real interaction with his mom was when she called up to him: "Howard! I smell smoke!" from downstairs.

Oh wait, there also was the immature car ride with she and Stern and two friends where she said they were pregnant. Isn't that what memories are made of?

College life was depicted briefly as well, but that is where he met Allison, who would become his wife. After his first job as a disc jockey, failed and he become his wife. After his first job, as a disc jockey failed and he become his wife. After his first job, he met Alison. Briefly as well, but that is where they were part negro. Isn't that what memories are made of?

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this job with a traffic report from
"Manalikahbobool" where he chants "kill the white man..." through a megaphone. The station manager, news­
woman and other onlookers are
appalled at this display, but it wasn't until Washington, D.C., that Stern actually felt he wanted to do on the air. With the approval of his wife and the help of Quivers, Stern turned into the voice of the unconscious. Nothing was safe from the audience's ears after that metamorphosis, even the unfortunate news of Alison's miscarriage and the details of Stern's sexual fantasies the night before. From D.C. Stern went to New York City to work for WNBC where he grew to be No. 1 and the King of Radio. It wasn't an easy progression, as we see in the movie, but he conquered the tough New York market at WNBC, battled with station execs successfully, homed his style and became a nationally recognized celebrity.

The movie itself lets you see the mocking, ridiculing, juve­
nile and sexually obsessed side of Stern. More so, it lets you see the vulnerable, intelligent, virtuous, confident Stern through his valuable storytelling. Private Parts won me over mostly with its hilarious dialogue, though Stern, when on his radio show, the cornerstone of his empire, is infectious. Watch him, on the big-screen along with his actual co-stars and sit back for a fast­paced movie with honest, chemistry, warmth and most of all raw comedy that will leave you longing for a sequel.

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AIDS and Literature class makes inaugural run at UCF

By DEAN G. LEWIS
Entertainment Editor

In recent years, literature has formed a genre all its own, a distinct collection that exists through fiction and memoir, essays and poetry, film and theatre — all unified by a disease that has wrecked havoc on the world.

This year, as the spring semester commenced, a welcomed change to the English Department's curriculum took front row. Dr. John Schell, the Department Chair, approved special topics course LIT 3930 (The Literature of AIDS) as an upper-level elective open to all majors, making it the first class that deals with the writings on AIDS ever taught by a university in the country.

The course is the pet project of Vicky Brain, an Associate Professor of English, who has taught at UCF for more than a decade. Her effort to get the course on the schedule took two and-a-half years. In that time, she gathered an impressive range of literature, which includes everything from mainstream films, news segments to revolutionist monologues and protest plays. Recently, the CFF talked with Brain.

CFF: What drew you into the AIDS crisis?
Brain: I've had four ex-students die of AIDS, and also a close friend. My attachment goes back more than to my students. Everyone is infected and affected by this disease. What I'm hoping for through this class that the message can at least be spread throughout this campus.

CFF: Do you feel AIDS in its portrayal through the arts has become a separate genre?
Brain: There are people who would say no. Some people still consider gay literature the one area lacking in this kind of genre. AIDS definitely is the work of the straight community. Some have used plague to describe this literature as a genre, some even compare it to the Holocaust. Major writers like Stylon have not taken up this topic. I believe they could. Benjamin Saenz has written a book called "Carry Me Like Water." It's actually the first novel about AIDS written by a straight person. Unfortunately, only got a hold of it two weeks before the course started. I feel like we've got a lot of legitimate books and films could be written about straight people who have AIDS.

CFF: One of the requirements in the class calls for volunteer work. Why do you think volunteering is necessary in the fight against AIDS?
Brain: I think it's all well and good to sit in a classroom and read articles on AIDS, poetry on AIDS, but I think in order to come into the reality of AIDS you need to talk to people who are the victims and work with people who have it or in agencies who deal with people who have the disease. Some are working through America On-Line where there's a chat room devoted exclusively for discussions. There is an AIDS benefit night coming up on April 12, which will raise money for the Hope and Help Center here in Orlando. What's important is to work directly with people who are infected or affected outside the classroom. This is a very real world topic.

CFF: Would you ever teach this course again?
Brain: Even if I don't get to, I plan on keeping up with the literature. I think the guest speakers we've had this term have been dynamic. We've had Sharon Douglas, who's head of the AIDS Institute here at UCF. We've had Greg Patrick who came in and performed his one-man play, "Sermon." We've had Will Braun who played music from a composition called "Eggs," he wrote as an AIDS project for Douglas' class. We've really had some fine guests and performers this semester.

CFF: AIDS has obviously made a difference in your life. How have you benefited from this class?
Brain: I've learned greatly from my students. I've learned from their out-of-class contacts and projects. This experience has made a profound impact on my life. I only hope that it will make one on others as well. With films like "The Cure," "Longtime Companion," "It's My Party" and "Silverlake Lake: A View From Here," Brain's class is not confined only to literature. In the last couple months, her students have studied a diverse range of readings by prominent AIDS activists and writers such as Mark Doty ("Heaven's Coast"), Paul Monette, David Rimsberg, and playwright Larry Kramer ("The Destiny of Me," "The Normal Heart"). Brain has screened specials from CBS' "60 Minutes" whose report, "Ward SA," explored an AIDS care floor in a San Francisco hospital. HBO's episode on Henry Nichols from its "Lifetimes" series touched hearts back in 1993 when it chronicles the young Eagle Scout's bout with the disease and his struggle to live. Poetry from an openly gay doctor named Rafael Campo ("Distant Moon," "Artifice") also found its way into Brain's syllabus.
1. A 10-percent tuition increase has been proposed. How will this affect your status at UCF?

2. Also, a rally took place in Tallahassee on Friday to represent more than 200,000 students. Do you think this influenced legislators' decision?

Chris Torrioni, Freshman

1. It won't really affect my status, it just means that I'll have to dish out more money next fall. I really don't have a choice. I still have to go to school.

2. I don't think it will have a big effect.

Chad Steckline, Junior

1. It will not affect me too much, but I'm sure a lot of kids won't be having Christmas this year.

2. I think it may have some influence over some legislators' votes but they probably already have their minds made up.

Melanie Boden

1. I feel that tuition is high enough as it is and we spend so much money on books and other expenses already. I feel that an increase is not necessary and if anything, it should be decreased.

2. Personally, I don't feel that it will affect the legislators' decision at all. They will do what they feel is appropriate regardless of what students do and say.

Bill Meyers, Freshman

1. Hopefully, it won't affect me because I have Florida prepaid. I'll keep my fingers crossed.

2. I think the support will help. I plan on attending. Make that 200,001 supporters.

Katie Kavallauskas, Freshman

1. I will still be here but I will have to work more hours at work to pay for it.

2. Hopefully they will realize that they shouldn't do it.

Johane Benychuda, Freshman

1. If there is a 10-percent increase, then this will cut down on the amount of money I'll be allowed to spend on books, food, etc.

2. I don't think a rally would convince Tallahassee not to pass the increase. I think that there should be a petition, if that is possible.

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Awards luncheon recognizes outstanding humanitarians

The Dr. John T. Washington Awards Luncheon will be held at the UCF Student Center Auditorium on April 9 at noon. Local citizens will be recognized for their outstanding humanitarian service and scholarships will be awarded to worthy UCF students. The luncheon is a fund-raising activity to support the Dr. John T. Washington Scholarship Program with speakers including the Honorable Aap V. Ferebee, Commissioner of the City of Orlando.

Visual display advocates strength from survivors

The Clotheline Project will be presented on April 9 at the reflection pond from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

UCF Police Department, Victim Services and Responsible Education and Action for Campus Health (REACH) will sponsor this event. The Clotheline Project is a visual display of shirts created by the victims of violence to stand in testimony to the pain, survival, healing and hope that they have experienced.

'Boys Next Door' closes door to theatre season

Theatre UCF closes its Fall/Winter season with "The Boys Next Door" a warm story of four mentally retarded men living together community.

This touching play, which runs April 9-11, is an excellent reminder of how the handicapped, like everyone else, want to laugh, love and find meaning in their lives. For show times, ticket prices or more information call the Theatre UCF Box Office at 823-1500.

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Students who have not been accepted into the UCF graduate curriculum will be able to submit an application form no later than April 23. Registration for the course must be completed by May 2.

For information, call Dr. Kubala at 823-2007.

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Unauthorized calls cause friend to phone cops

By LINDSAY MALANGA
Staff Writer

Ronald J. Uhland III reported petty theft on March 24 when he said a friend used his phone card without his approval or knowledge on 28 occasions between Feb. 22 and March 13.

According to a UCF Police Department report, the calls totaled $86.56. Uhland's friend confessed to police he had made the calls and is going to pay for them.

In other news reported from the UCF Police Department:

• Arthur Robert Weeks reported grand theft and burglary on March 29 when he said an unknown person entered his vehicle and stole a Hang Tag for a reserved 24-hour parking spot. The tag is valued at $334. No suspects have been named.

• Sunet Rajput reported criminal mischief to his vehicle on March 24. Rajput said he parked his car in the Institute for Simulation and Training parking lot at approximately 8 a.m., and when he returned two hours later, he noticed two scratches on the passenger-side door. No suspects have been named.

• Tujan Rashid reported criminal mischief done to her vehicle on March 25. Rashid's 1996 dark green Chevrolet was keyed in the H-5 parking lot. She said this was the fifth time it has happened, but he is not willing to prosecute.
GMAT scratches pencil and paper format

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Bria receives permanent job

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weeks after Richardson’s death in a car accident.

“I didn’t want the job under those circumstances,” she said, “I don’t get me wrong, I love a challenge but that almost overwhelmed me. I knew I could not do it alone.”

Bria said her favorite time of the season came in the final six games when UCF finally started playing as a team. “At that point I wish we could have played another month,” she said.

But for now, Bria has to wait a few months before practice begins. “Next season we’re not going to have to go through some many changes and adjustments,” Bria said. “They’re going to know my expectations are very high.”

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Students produce literary magazine

By KELLY FITZPATRICK

Special to the Future

The Fig Leaf, a UCF literary magazine which was distributed on April 1, was created by two UCF students for only $7, and that is not a typo, said Elise Anderson and Becca Bernstein, creators of the magazine. (both 21 and junior in the English department), worked around the clock for three weeks to produce the independent, literary magazine.

"The entire magazine was produced with desk-top publishing software called Adobe PageMaker and then photocopied numerous times," Anderson said.

"Amazingly enough, working pretty much all day and everyday, we managed to produce the magazine from start to finish in only three weeks."

The magazine, which contains short fiction, poetry and art work from UCF students, is intended to be a free publicaion. To accomplish this, a photo copier and black and white print for the front cover were used and the cost totaled only $7.

Anderson and Bernstein enjoyed the freedom of putting together a magazine that held no affiliation with the school or a UCF organization.

"Naturally it's nice to be your own boss," Bernstein said. "This magazine is entirely a reflection of our own merit and accomplishment without any outside motivation or interference."

Miranda said this is the only time

Andersson said the purpose of the magazine is to give people who like to write feedback on their work.

"We wanted to develop a forum where artists could come to discuss and receive response on what is working within their art and what could use some improvement," Anderson said.

The Fig Leaf became available in the English department on April 1 which was not coincidental, Anderson said.

"I've always considered myself an April fool, besides it's a light, fun day and I associate it with a day of promise and good luck," Anderson said.

Entries for the fall issue will be accepted through Oct. 31 and may be sent to The Fig Leaf c/o Elise Anderson, UCF Box 166275, Orlando, 32816.

Football concludes spring

passing and a TD, the star quarterback finished only 9-16 with two interceptions.

Calcipper vented afterwards.

"I could play the best in the world but I'm only as good as the line in front of me," he said.

You'll have to forgive Culpepper, for he watched back-up quarterback, junior Jason Thorpe, complete 17 of 22 passes for 198 yards, including a 3-yard TD pass to wide receiver Rufus Hall, which gave the Black squad the lead for good.

Calcipper spoke well of the offense's development over the spring, but some players took the loss more seriously.

Senior and back-up strong safety Altmann Carter said the opportunity to move up on the depth chart motivated the players beyond having fun.

"This may be fun but you got to play hard today if you want to play with the season starts," Carter said.

"All I know is that I was on the Gold team and I wanted to win!"

Other players have to prove themselves now before the new recruits come in the fall.

"Listed as the fourth-team corner back entering the spring," Paul Miranda said this is the only time he can prove himself in game situations. "I either am, or close to, the fastest player on the team."

"Miranda said, "I haven't seen the guys coming in (the fall), but knowing the caliber of recruits we get, they'll be pushing for playing time like me."

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Sports Notebook

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Junior center Stacy DeVeaux was awarded the Courageous Student-Athlete award by Northeastern University on Sunday. DeVeaux, a 4.0 student and three-time all-academic TAAC selection, has undergone two reconstructive knee surgeries in her first three years as a Golden Knight. She returned last season to start every game in which she averaged 7.2 points and 5.0 rebounds.

GOLF

The Golden Knights placed fourth overall at the Ryder Florida Women's Collegiate Championship in Coral Gables this past weekend. The women's team was led by sophomore Emma Soderlindh, who scored 231 to tie for eighth place.

The men's team, third-place finishers in last weekend's TAAC tournament, April 13-15, will go after their first TAAC Tennis Championships this week in Macon, Ga.

MEN'S & WOMEN'S TENNIS

The nationally-ranked UCF men's and women's tennis teams will go after their first TAAC Tennis Championships this week in Macon, Ga.

The UCF women, TAAC runners-up a year ago, bring a 19-1 overall record and a national ranking of 46 into the tournament.

The women's team, ranked 49th in the nation, will travel to DeLand this weekend to compete in the TAAC Tournament, April 13-15.

The men's golf TAAC Tournament will be April 20-23 in Jacksonville, Ala.

Crew overpowers Florida Tech in Governors Cup Regatta

By RAQUEL MARCANO
Special to the Future

The UCF women's crew team found itself in smooth water this weekend as it competed at the Governor's Cup Regatta in Melbourne. This was an opportunity for the team to fight its way past FIT, which previously had a field day defeating the UCF Crew on March 1.

The first contest came from the Second Varsity 8, which rowed in the Women's Varsity 8 and won with a time of 3:38.1. The boat defeated FIT's Varsity and JV eight.

Second-year rower Sara McKenna was very pleased with her boat's victory. "This win demonstrates the boat's hard work and commitment towards our goals for state competition this weekend," she said.

The second victory was captured by the Varsity Lightweight 8, comprised of rowers less than 130 pounds, in a time of 3:39.0. They raced with energy, though it was their third event of the day.

The novice 8 placed third in their event, missing the first-place medal by only 5 seconds. Their coach, Chris Dierick, said this was an improvement over last week's times for the novices.

The regatta was the last race in preparation for the state competition to be held in Tampa on Saturday.

The men did not attend the regatta in order to get quality practice time at Lake Pickett.

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• Dick Shields, who made the Pittsburgh newspaper on his 75th birthday on Jan. 11 for his remarkable recuperative powers. Among the medical traumas from which he has recovered: a broken neck (once while falling off in bed during recuperation), a broken back; triple-bypass surgery; a grapefruit-sized blockage of a blood vessel; a fungus infection on the piece of tape. Said Shields, apparently I've been truly blessed.'

THE CONTINUING CRISIS

• Member of the First Husband Club: In October, welfare workers found a 50-year-old man living alone in a cave in the Afghan province of Zari. According to the workers, he had lived there 30 years ago when his wife dumped him.

• Reuters news service reported in October that seven women and eight newborn babies were being held in the King Baudoin Hospital outside Kinshasa, Zaire — some as long as three months — because they could not pay their mandatory bills. Said a hospital official, "The patients are using unusual means to force the patients to find the money.

THE WEIRD-AMERICAN COMMUNITY

Buffalo State University professor Scott Isaken, 44, was arrested in December, allegedly in connec-

tion with his course work, which is described in the uni-

versity's bulletin as "original thinking" and "approaching sit-

tuations with innovative tech-

niques." According to police, he had given a truant male student the option of writing a paper on

stress of actually meeting with Isaken in private for a series of

stress exercises, and the student chose the latter, which included allowing Isaken to handcuff him

and to put a rope around his

neck in a motel room.

UPDATE

• Convicted child molestor Lou Torek, who made News of the Weird in 1995 from his

Kentucky prison cell for per-

sisting several governors to

declare Oct. 7 as "Love Day," has written a "powerful new screenplay," he says, about the

Salem witch trial. "One of the

main characters, who is believed to have innocently incited the famous trials and eventual hangings of 19 accused

witches, is a Carib Indian

woman from Barbados, mold-

eled after the personality of Whoopi Goldberg." Torek also says he is working on a second script, "The Burley Boys," "the

story of comedic Bob Hope's

sponsoring a home for troubled boys in Cincinnati.

(Send your Weird News to Chuck Shepherd, P.O. Box 8306, St. Petersburg, Fla. 33738, or 74777.32b00@com-

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Senior shortstop to return

By KEN JACKSON
Staff Writer

After spending the last three weeks in counseling, senior shortstop Bryan Bruce is ready to help the Golden Knights' baseball team back to winning ways.

Bruce was suspended after an incident with then-roommate and relief pitcher Marco Ramirez, who was charged and later released on charges of domestic violence with a deadly weapon. Ramirez turned down counseling and was expelled from the team by the coaching staff.

Bruce was suspended for his role in the incident and agreed to enter counseling.

Bruce said his counselors at the Counseling and Resource Center on campus signed a letter confirming his satisfactory completion of a short program.

"I will be taking a letter to Coach [Jay Bergman] signed by my counselor saying that I have hoseability toward the situation and things like that," Bruce said.

"When he looks it over, hopefully I will be reinstated soon after that.

Bruce hopes to rejoin the team sometime this week, in time for its three-game series with TAAC foe Florida Atlantic.

"I want everyone to know that every student gets eight free hours of free counseling there. It's not just for athletes," Bruce said. "They're good people and really good listeners.

Bruce is eager to return. Before the incident, he led all starters with a .373 batting average out of the ninth spot in the order. He is also second on the team with nine stolen bases.

"I want to put this whole situation behind me and help the team win some ballgames," Bruce said. "I want to move on with my life and baseball career with as little damage as possible.

Baseball team drops 2 in Miami

By KEN JACKSON
Staff Writer

The Golden Knights' baseball team traveled away from home this weekend for the first time in nearly a month.

The road didn't suit them well, as they lost two of three games against TAAC opponent Florida International in Miami. Saturday, the Knights (26-13, 3-3) won the first game of a doubleheader 4-2 in extra innings. FIU (31-12, 4-2) bounced back to win the nightcap, 3-2.

Todd Bellhorn and Dustin Brisson drove in runs with singles to clinch victory for UCF. George Schmidt pitched the final two innings for the win.

In the late game, FIU first baseman Francisco Lebron powered the Golden Panthers with a double and home run. Matt Lubozynski (6-2) went the distance in a losing effort.

On Friday, FIU came from behind to win the series opener 7-5. Down 5-4, Joe Kramer and Jimmy Molina drove in three runs with doubles off Mike Marriott (1-2) in the eighth inning.

Little went well for UCF on Friday. Starter Travis Held和他的 worst outing of the year (3 IP, 10 hits, 4 ER), and although the Knights wacked 14 hits, all were singles.

Errors continue to plague the Knights. UCF committed nine in the three games. Eric Riggs, playing shortstop in place of the suspended Bryan Bruce, accounted for four of the misplays.

UCF plays at Florida Atlantic in Boca Raton on Friday and Saturday. The Owls are led by senior shortstop Kevin Connacher and senior pitcher Tony VonDoleren.
Ronen may give up volley to serve

By ABBY FEBLES
Staff Writer

Whether volleying at the net or making shots from the baseline, Hadas Ronen's presence is felt throughout the court. She has a style that may be described as a combination of passion, talent, and fierce determination. And, her results speak for themselves.

No. 3 in singles and with Itzel Soto-Rosa, No. 2 in doubles. Ronen is ranked 45th in the nation and has a style that may be described as a combination of passion, talent, and fierce determination. And, her results speak for themselves.

Still, there is more to this outgoing Israeli national than just a good forehand. Ronen is a marketing major with a 3.0 GPA in her first semester. She hopes to finish school and pursue a career in advertising.

Hadas' 24-match winning streak is still the best on the team this year and it has catapulted her season record to 25-1. But these impressive stats don't just tell a story of individual achievements. UCF women's tennis is currently ranked 45th in the nation and should be ranked first in the TAAC. Undoubtedly the effort Ronen has put forth and her enthusiasm have been a big part of the team's success.

Coach Gail Falkenberg emphasizes the importance of teamwork and the fact that every player has made a contribution. As for her No. 3 seed, Falkenberg notes her great sense of humor and compliments the way she has performed in her first year at Central Florida. Similarly, teammates think of her as energetic and funny, always ready to cheer them to victory.

Unfortunately, last week it seemed as if Hadas' dreams will have to be put on hold for at least 18 months. Like many other young women from Israel, Ronen must fulfill her duty and return home to serve in the army. Although women are not required to serve on the front lines, Ronen doesn't feel she will be in any immediate danger, such absence might have a negative effect on her game.

"I hope to stay here mainly because of tennis," Ronen said. "I know of many athletes who have seen their careers end once they enter the military. I will miss having a coach and practicing daily." However, the army is not ready to excuse her on political situation in Israel, Ronen's must fulfill her duty and return home to serve in the army. The service, compulsory to all young Israelis, is not welcomed news among several people who wish Ronen gets the opportunity to stay and play next year. Amid training both men and women's teams and last minute touches before the conference tournament, Falkenberg struggles to see this situation resolved.

Currently all they have been able to accomplish is delaying Ronen's entrance to military service by one month. Hardly more than a consolation prize, they keep fighting for a more lenient decision.

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Ronen feels the best thing for her is to get a postponement. This way, she will be able to continue her education and playing tennis without completely avoiding her responsibilities.

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When asked about the possibilities that Ronen may be able to remain at UCF for a longer period, Falkenberg replied: "I sure hope she can get it, for her sake as well as ours."

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Smooth stroke
UCF's No. 2 seed Rachna Ashar returns a shot during a recent practice. Ashar and her teammates are gearing up for the TAAC tournament April 10-12 in Macon, Ga.
Track team not content to sit and watch

By JEFF CASE
Staff Writer

As the UCF women's track and field team prepared for the Disney Invitational Meet on March 5, Coach Marcia Mansur-Wentworth stressed one phrase to her team during the week of practice.

"If you're not in the race, you might as well be in the stands watching it," Mansur-Wentworth said.

"I'd rather see them [the team] put their nose in and hang with the other competitors as long as they can. That way we know how long we can go at this level," she said.

UCF had some tough noses to hang with, facing squads from UCLA, Florida State and North Carolina.

Mansur-Wentworth looked at this race as an opportunity to grow.

"We knew coming in we were going to get it handed to us... this was mainly a learning experience. Facing UCLA, North Carolina and Florida State meant we were going up against probably three of the best women's track programs in the country," Mansur-Wentworth said.

The team finished last overall and failed to score team points in all events. However, it was able to set some school records while staying in the races as much as possible.

Senior thrower Kelly Kobia set a school record in the shot put, throwing 42 feet, 7 inches to finish seventh in a field of nine. The team also skimmed the record books in every event.

Kobia was disappointed by her performance.

"That was just the smallest things that I could have prevented that kept me from doing better, but everybody has their bad days. It was pretty much just stupid mistakes [that screwed me up]," Green said. "I do think this was good competition [for us], because to be the best, you have to compete with the best."

In track events, the team kept up the pace, managing to break a record in one event and nearly breaking four others.

Sophomore Christy Miller broke her record in the 1,500-meter race, with a time of 4 minutes, 47.87 seconds, replacing her mark of 4:48.25. The team also skimmed the record books in the 100- and 400-meter dash, and 100-meter hurdles, coming up no more than a second short in each event.

Junior hurdler Michele Boike said UCF did as well as it could.

"Obviously, the throwers were outmatched by taller, stronger squads from UCLA and Florida State, but I think we did our best," Boike said. "This meet definitely wasn't a boost of confidence, but it showed where we need to be. This was definitely a learning experience.

The team travels to Durham, Ind., on April 11 to compete in the Duke University Invitational which will be the team's last test before the TAAC Championships at Samford University on April 19.

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Kelli Welsh touches down after a 12.03 meter triple jump Saturday at the Disney Invitational. Her effort was good enough for a third place finish.
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Tennis racket
Ronen's choice of weapon
By TIM SPRINGER
Sports Editor

Hadass Ronen of the UCF women's tennis team is finding her competition on the hard court to be a welcomed worry. Her 25-1 record proves she is in total control of the white lines, but away from the net Ronen is battling a service that even her best overhead smash can't beat her out.

The native of Nbariah, Israel has been called upon by Israeli officials to return to her homeland to serve her country. Israeli law dictates that all single women 18 years of age must serve their country for 18 months. Ronen, a 19 year old freshman, is hoping she will be an exception to the rule.

Caught in the midst of a political battle that may hinder her future as a tennis player forever, Ronen is making every effort to keep her tennis career alive. And with the help of her family in Israel, UCF athletic director Steve Sloan and head coach Gail Fulkenberg, Ronen may have dodged a bullet.

Originally called to return to Israel on April 14, Ronen has received word that she will be granted a postponement until May 15 — a date she hopes will free her from military obligation.

Planning to return home after the semester, Ronen will personally plead her case to Israeli officials in hopes that they will agree with her philosophies: "I feel I can do much more for my country by representing Israel in the United States and by earning an education and playing tennis," Ronen said. "If I can turn pro, I may be able to give my country some notoriety."

No question Ronen has been representing well. Her 25 season wins ties her for a school record with Coach Sloan and Attached Coach Steve Sloan said. "She's been through it before. Last year Patrick Sukfield (Sweden) went through the same thing," Fulkenberg said. "He was constantly getting postponements. We've been through this before, so we're not strangers to this kind of thing."

To return to Israel would mean the end of Ronen's tennis career while she's there. There is no option to play tennis at the collegiate level.

Ronen admits she lost a bit of faith in her people's efforts to live in a peaceful state when Prime Minister Rabin was murdered. As a strong supporter of Rabin, Ronen categorized the assassination as "the last straw" in her decision to come to America. Now irony offers her no choice but to return.

On the verge of 20 years of age, Ronen may be allowed to bypass military duty. But she's not getting her hopes up.

"Now that I am almost 20 I'm getting too old for the army," Ronen said. "I'm hoping they will let me go."

Her wishes may be a reach, but Ronen is not ruling out any possibilities. A faithful day in May will determine her future as a student and tennis player. "This is my weapon of choice," Ronen said, holding up her tennis racket. "I love my country, but I don't think the Israeli army will fall apart if I don't serve."

By DERICK GONSOULIN
Staff Writer

UCF public address announce Chuck Berry, who looks like a cross between Newt Gingrich and a retired football coach, com­ pared University High School's stadium with the Citrus Bowl as "My ability to play foot­ ball compared to Daunte Culpepper's."

That's how you could compare the Black and Gold game with the Golden Knights' season opener at Mississippi on Aug. 30.

Starting Black linebacker Darreby Devine put it best. "I've been thinking about Ole Miss the whole spring. We're concentrat­ing and focusing real hard on Ole Miss."

On Saturday afternoon at University High's football field, a crowd of about 1,200 fans watched the 1997 UCF football team in game action.

Well sort of...

"The coaches and players take this seri­ ously," said Coach Gene McDowell, who watched his assistants coach the Gold and Black sides of the intrasquad game. "But after all the spring drills they have fun in a game like this."

After the offensive and defensive coordina­ tors split the team in a draft on Friday, the teams practiced for about 30 minutes togeth­ er.

The lack of practice time showed on the defense.

A 54-yard run by sophomore running back Edward Mack; a 35-yard reverse option pass from wide receiver Eric Leister to another wideout, Ken Clark; an 18-yard touchdown run by junior running back Johnie Presley after he broke three open-field tackles.

The winning assistant, Offensive Coordinator Mike Knuczek, said games are used for evaluations mostly, but winning is good, too. "It gets a little competitive out there," Knuczek said. "But today is a day for the kids and coaches to have fun after a long spring program.

The lack of practice time with the back-up offensive line men also seemed to hurt quar­ terback Daunte Culpepper. After leading the Gold to a 10-6 first-quarter lead on 8-fo-11

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Bria now has team to call her own

And Bria's personality has plenty of supports at UCF. "She was always good in the clutch," said senior guard Gylaunda Henderson. "She kept her cool under pressure and it had a calming influence on the team." Steve Sloan, who retired Bria after Keith Freeman of Valpariso and Sandra Rushing of UTEP applied for the job, said she performed well considering the situation. "Under very difficult circum­ stances she showed poise and charac­ ter," Sloan said.

From March 7 to April 2, Bria has been recruiting as if she never stopped coaching. Expecting to sign six players April 8, Bria said the fact she didn't treat her position this season as tempo­ rary was why she was re-hired. "I like speed and running the press, so, I would rather recruit speed than just players who are big," Bria said. Two players expected to start next year, seniors-to-be Stacey Gingrich and Kelli Murray, offered insights into their coach's character.

"She's a great motivator," said DeVeaux, who had career highs in scor­ ing and rebounding her junior season. "She's real good at building a player up and keeping them up."

Murray said Bria let the players know a lot was expected of them, but the team was allowed to have fun, too. "You have to laugh sometimes to keep things loose," Murray said. "She still kept the team in order, though."

But those former almost didn't happen as Bria was named interim two

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Photos by TIM SPRINGER

Running back Mike Grant, above, and quarterback Jason Thorpe, below, had excellent showings at Saturday's Spring game.