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Elected officers discuss plans for future

By LINDSAY MALANGA
Staff Writer

With a budget of $4.89 million, you may be wondering what newly elected student body president Keith McDonald and vice president Karen Montague have in store for the University of Central Florida during the 97-98 school year.

Better yet, you may be wondering where all the money comes from.

The budget, which gets $6.95 per credit hour from each student, is divided among student agencies, recreational services, student activities, and the campus activities board.

Each organization requests funds and presents its platform to a committee that makes the final decision. This committee is made up of the Student Government President, Vice President, four senate members, Vice President of Student Affairs, and various other non-voting members.

After this committee reviews all requests, the proposed budget is turned into the Provide-A-Ride program also is a major goal. They are working on getting the program to provide rides from downtown one night a week, and possibly paying those who volunteer for the program next semester.

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Janelle Wilson reported grand theft auto on April 4 after two males entered her car in the Kappa Delta parking lot and abandoned it later near a restaurant, according to a UCF Police Department report.

Witnesses to the theft called -911 and an area search was conducted by campus police with negative results. The Orange County police department was notified and eventually the car was found blocking traffic on Collegiate Way near Boston Market.

A truck driver delivering a shipment there told police he witnessed the driver abandon the car and then get into a black pick-up truck.

Witnesses to the theft said he refused to come in for an interview but he refused.

In other news reported by the UCF Police Department:

• A female student, 19, reported threats on April 4 when she said another female told her she was going to "slice her up." She told police she had seen the girl carrying a razor and is willing to prosecute if anything further happens.

• Mark McDonald was arrested for disorderly intoxication on April 5. McDonald was reported causing a public disturbance and threatening the safety of others while intoxicated at the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity house. He was given a breathalizer test and his blood alcohol level registered at .170.

• Terence O’Keefe, Erica Lowenberg, Nathaniel Grattan and Edward Downey Jr. were arrested for possession of cannabis (under 20 grams) and/or possession of drug paraphernalia on April 2. The four defendants were found in Polk Hall smoking marijuana.

• Kenny Justice was arrested for driving with a suspended license and resisting arrest without violence on March 29.

• Derek Lindahl reported his credit card stolen on March 31. Lindahl gave police names of suspects and said he is willing to prosecute the guilty party.

• Mark Stora reported $50 stolen from his wallet that was located in the common room of his Osceola Hall dorm. Stora has no suspects, but is willing to prosecute.

To report a crime call the UCF police department @ 823-5555.
What improvements would you like to see the new presidential administration make for the coming term?

"I think they need to improve their relationship with such organizations as the AASU, the National Panhellenic Council, and CSA. These organizations deserve money for events just as every other club."

— Robert McClinton, Jr., Senior

"Less golf carts, more parking and more school spirit."

— Jeff Takaes, Freshman

"Financial aid should not take as long to be processed. It takes too long for a person to get his or her money. Then he or she has to take a loan to buy books, which costs the person an extra $3. If the students can get their money at the start of the semester, they won't have to spend extra to take out loans."

— Jeannette Victoria, Freshman

"I read that extra parking arrangements were being made for around the arena. When will this happen?"

— Steve Murphy, Junior

"Something has to be done about parking. It is pretty ridiculous that I pay for a parking decal and still have to circle the parking lot for one half hour before finding a spot."

— Ana Butterfield, Freshman

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Renzi brings word of the world to UCF

By DANELLE MARABLE
Staff Writer

The Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual student union presented its LesBi Gay Awareness Night in the Student Center Auditorium on April 9, highlighted by an appearance from Dan Renzi of MTV's Real World. Renzi was on Real World's South Beach cast. He has been traveling the country to colleges talking about his experiences as a gay man and what it was like being on the Real World.

Renzi, 22, was born and reared in Kansas, outside of Kansas City. He is enrolled at Rutgers College, graduating May 22 with a degree in Environmental Policy. This summer he will work for the Center for Disease Control on a study about New York City and AIDS. He says he wants to save the world.

Renzi says he was picked to be on the Real World for three reasons: he is opinionated, argumentative and he is gay. He is very open and comfortable with his sexuality.

Although he is happy he worked on the Real World, he said it was not like what we see on TV. "It is not a vehicle for social change, but rather a way to make money off of 16-year-old girls who watch it," he said.

Knowing this when he went into the setting, he was proud he could represent the gay community.

"The only thing that will make people change their minds about minorities is being proud of what and who you are," Renzi said.

Renzi answered questions from the audience. Someone asked what the good and bad things are about being on the Real World and being a celebrity.

"The perks are great but the annoyances are hell," he said. "It's great when people thank me for representing the gay community on TV, but my friends won't go to the mall with me anymore."

He then was asked if he ever used his fame for anything. "Only once — to get an airplane ticket on the way home the day before Christmas," he said.

The program also included an introduction from GLBSU faculty advisor Ken Kazmerski, a retrospective, a performance by alumnus Cybil Ann Storm, presentation of GLBSU and community awards and presentation of the new executive board.

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Opinion

Student union: ‘I’ll have some fries with that’

By DIANA IMANUELI
Opinion Editor

After four years of disappointment and anticipation, I finally was able to view how a portion of my money was being spent. That’s right, I ventured off to UCF’s newest addition, the Student Union. A place where the talk and hype overcome the reality. A place where an imaginary concept came to life. A place in which I thought would forever remain to be “make-believe land.” But the opening of the facility about a month ago me and most of my fellow students. And like most graduating seniors, I had to check out what I’d be eventually missing out on.

As I strode across campus (as the geographical location is technically the center of an uncompleted campus but in essence behind campus), my heart raced with excitement. I was on a mission and nothing could stop me (even if I was barely breathing by the time I reached the building from the other end of campus).

As I reached the front entrance of the union, I was amazed by the building’s architectural appearance. The red bricks established familiarity (as all UCF buildings are in brick) and the glass window of the UCF seal ignited a spark from within.

Immediately, the building was able to tap into my pride as I thought, “Wow, what a cool place. It makes UCF so much better.” (Note: The idea that the student union is a necessity is not an original concept. It establishes cohesiveness among students as it creates an environment where student can congregate together.)

After exploring the inside of the building, it did not take long to realize something was missing (besides the vendors and restaurants to be held on the first floor). I found that the building neglected to portray a general UCF theme. Instead, I noticed names of lighthouses were used to name individual rooms within the building. You would think that a school with a maritime theme would strategically showcase itself to its greatest potential (as we do have several achievements to be proud of). Maybe add some black and gold interior decor as well and display mementos of knights in shining armor and UCF’s certificates and trophies of glory.

The union should offer some historical background of the university for students to become familiar with, considering it is to be the centralized meeting place. Could you believe some students in my class asked who Knightro was the other day? This is pathetic. Administrators are well aware of the student apathy that prevails here and could use the union to the entire university’s advantage by using it as an advocating tool for spirit and cohesive-ness.

Hell, if we can’t conjure spirit from sporting events or entertainment events, as some students feel they “don’t get anything out of them so why should they help pay for it?” maybe we can increase one’s integrity through the student union.

Perhaps the only impressive aspect of the building that continues on with the UCF theme is the tiled-image of the UCF Pegasus seal in the center of the lobby. Why not embellish on this — most students are amazed by this!

As my friend Steve and I were conversing on the second floor, he pointed out something very interesting. The union staff not only has neglected to wear black and gold, but their uniforms look as if they are employed by Burger King or McDonald’s.

What is this? One would think that those UCF student union employees would question the green and purple attire. However, I don’t see these people questioning authority in the near future. Their not-so-friendly appearance and lack of desirability to assist people assure me I would not want these people handling any important affairs for me.

So, there you have it. My critique of the soon-to-be most popular place on campus. Though I may seem petty and pretentious to some, I feel that my opinion is well substantiated.

And though it may seem I am constantly complaining about one thing or another in an effort to upset every organization on campus, this is not my intention. I am an opinion columnist... I get paid for this. And by the way, who cares? I’m out of here in two weeks!
Coming to defense of another senator

I found Student Senator Richard Andrade’s rebuttal of Joshua Gardner’s article about Student Government’s funding of another senator to be otherwise intelligent debate into a cat fight (which is typical of our school). Andrade’s article condemned Gardner’s character, dismissive of his direction and violate physics. Would you stay in a job out of office because the same people who wanted him to stay in office somehow lost, ironically, by the same people who wanted him out of office.

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How dare Andrade “even go there” when he knows the mysterious circumstances of both. Gardner was hospitalized with a broken nose and back pain when a drunk driver smashed into him while Gardner was driving home from a senate meeting. His written excuses were somehow lost, ironically, by the same people who wanted him out of office.

Gardner ended his tenure as attorney general because the Senate was not as genuine in its help to students when I left office last February as it was when I first joined Senate three years before. A wave of self-importance and self-righteousness flooded the Senate, creating cliques and parties, making every day senate business a hassle.

And I was not a wallflower. I held the chair position of some of the most important Senate committees. I was even voted “Senator of the Year” at the end of my second term, so I’d like to think I have a little credibility. The virtuous organization I was so proud of metamorphasized into something filthy and corrupt.

Was it just me? Not hardly: one month to the day after I resigned, the chains were fastened the doors of Student Government. I did not go down with the founding ship.

Shannon Martin,
Former Student Body VP and three-term senator

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Travelling the country roads with pros and cons

By DEAN G. LEWIS

Entertainment Editor

Jack Green, Clint Eastwood’s longtime cinematographer (and Oscar winner for “Unforgiven”), takes the helm as director of “Traveller,” a road picture of many sorts — part character play, part comedy, part crime caper, all meshed into a little film about a group of traveling con-artists on the lam through North Carolina.

Bill Paxton is Boss Jack’s (Luke Askew) main prize, a smart-mouth who knows how to wheel and deal for big bucks even if it means ripping off people by spraying down their driveways and roofs with cheap oil. A score turns sour early in the story when a pair of suspicious farmers find out about the scam they’re ankle deep in.

Brandishing a rifle and one deep southern twang, the fellows push Paxton and young Mark Whalberg off their property with bullets, not words. Whalberg, a slightly naive, timid man, penetrates Paxton’s gypsy clan by attending the funeral for his father who himself was part of these wayward hillbillies. Dressed in a suit and tie, Whalberg cries at the grave of his old man, instills a bit of distrust and contempt in the scary Boss Jack, and sneaks in his spare time in search of Jack’s beautiful daughter. Soon though, he finds fatherly guidance in Paxton, and the two set off to make a profit.

“Traveller” is distributed by October Films (which also released “Breaking the Waves”) which must have speculated that the little things— in “Traveller” are sure to spark the most interest, as “Traveller” is scheduled to open in Orlando on May 2.

** 1/2 (out of four) B-. 1 hr. 40 min. Rated R.
By TRACY WEBB
Staff Writer

The drum beat is felt in our chest, and as we sit and watch the early American scene, we wait in anticipation for the opening scene. A spotlight is shining on an old American flag which sends shivers across the audience.

This is the opening of the spring season for the Orlando-UCF Shakespeare Festival as its production of "The Merry Wives of Windsor" took center stage on April 4 at the Walt Disney Amphitheater located at Lake Eola Park in downtown Orlando.

The old west gains new life from an old tale. The Festival again has lived up to its reputation of producing fine productions. The Merry Wives of Windsor, directed by Tony Simotes, is set in the old west just after the Civil War and before the reign of the cowboys.

The set is sparsely decorated with a saloon and that American flag waving over the set as if it were swaying the audience. "It's not the wild west, it's more the prairie west," Simotes said.

"It's the sense that the wild west was just beyond us. That's why we send shivers across the audience.

"The guys in the old west, they're much more dignified in their speech and their clothes..." Simotes says.

"This play is really a celebration of women. Mistress Page and Mistress Ford cunningly set Falstaff straight on where their loyalties lay. With wit and skill Falstaff is cut down to size."

All these characters and elements come together to recreate one of Shakespeare's most comic plays. The emotions are real. We can see the greed in Falstaff's face and feel the misguided jealous rage in Frank Ford. It is easy for the audience to cheer for the romance as well as the downfall of the villain. There is something for everyone in this play: suspense, scandal, revenge and romance. No one will be disappointed..."

Majesty, and darkness overcome the set of "Richard III" which opened April 11. A distinct contrast from "The Merry Wives of Windsor," the set is decorated as an ancient castle with tapestries and a golden throne which adds to the static undercurrent of this impressive play directed by UCF's Jim Heslingter.

"The play is a deeply dark and disturbing piece. Richard (Don McWeary) will do anything to gain the crown of England. He enters the stage on horseback to deliver one of Shakespeare's most famous speeches.

"The darkness, deception, and revenge in "Richard III" and the riotous comedy in "The Merry Wives of Windsor" will showcase the company coming back for more year after year to the Orlando-UCF Shakespeare Festival. It will announce its season April 14.

"Richard III" is filled with murders which, in this brilliant production, are illustrated by rip­ping down the tapestry of each person who is killed, until none are remaining and the stage is bare for the coronation of Richard as king.

"I show, I thought, should be the murders as Richard claws his way to the throne. So I started to look at how to characterize these murders and how each murder is different, one guy gets drowned, one guy gets hung, one person gets his head chopped off. They're all different, and I thought that if I can illustrate these, the visceral effects of death," Heslingter says. "At first the set looks very flat and then it sort of becomes a skeleton as the flesh gets ripped off it figuratively by..."

Of the many people Richard has killed, one was of his many lovers. The character of Buckingham (Mark Rector) who falls out of favor with Richard and leaves to start an uprising against the king. Buckingham is then captured and executed. "He (Buckingham) is a political scheme, I didn't use a person in history as my inspiration. He's very duplicitous," Rector says.

In the end, Richard has achieved his goal but is left to defend himself in order to keep it. With his severe deformities he is left this left one foot to stand on stage to battle the Earl of Richmond (Richard Width) and his men, all the while muttering, "A horse, a horse. My kingdom for a horse." And so the play ends, with the rightful ruler in the throne.

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• Medical Breakthrough: In February, surgeons removed a cataract from the eye of the National Zoo's 6-foot-long Komodo dragon "Murphy" in the hope she would better see how studly the male "Friendly" was and thus would mate with him. And in January, doctors in Johannesburg, South Africa, performed spinal surgery on a 10-foot-long python, which had been run over by a car. (Contrary to what our eyes tell us the python has 306 vertebrae and 266 ribs.) And in Jackson, Mich., in February, veterinarian Timothy England fitted a stray rooster with artificial legs after he had amputated his natural ones because of frostbite.

• Gas in the News: Janesville, Wis., police responded to a 911 call in December over a domestic disturbance. Two men, the wife, and the husband inappropriately passes gas as they were tucking into bed.

• Pet Care: In March, Ms. Nadean Cool won a settlement of $2.4 million in her lawsuit in Appleton, Wis., against her former psychotherapist, Dr. Kenneth Olson. She claimed she had first persuaded her that she had a multiple-personality disorder (120 personalities, including Satan and a duck) and then billed her insurance company for "group" therapy because she had to counsel so many people. (Olson, seeking greener pastures for his psychotherapy business, has since moved to Montana.)

CREME DE LA WEIRD

• In October, the Washington Supreme Court reversed on a technicality the conviction of Benjamin R. Hall, who had been found guilty of defrauding the state worker compensation office. Hall admitted he got a friend to help him blast a hole in his left leg below the knee with a shotgun, but insisted it was not to get compensation (he received $96,000) but because the knee had been so painful to him since 1973 after it was injured in an accident. (Five years earlier, he tried to take the leg off with a chain saw, but got only part-way through because the saw kept malfunctioning.)

• In January, the Australian Medical Journal reported a case of lead poisoning by an electrician who chewed electrical cable to satisfy his nicotine urge when he was forced to work in no-smoking buildings. The man said he chewed almost a yard of cable a day for nearly 20 years because it had a sweet taste, especially near the center.

• Larry Doyen, 22, was hospitalized in December after chaining himself to a tree just outside the town of Mexico, Maine. He was rescued by the state Warden Service after spending two weeks with the tree. It was the third time he had done that in recent months.

• In November, a 50-year-old man was arrested in Albuquerque, N.M., on a complaint by his 13-year-old stepdaughter that he made her perform a series of bizarre acts written out on index cards which were supposedly to toughen her in her quest to get a learner's driving permit. According to the complaint, the girl was allowed to drive the truck until the man turned up the index card with an instruction, which she had to follow before driving some more. Among other things, the cards called for her to pour shampoo and dirt into her hair; wear a dog collar; do sit-ups; stand naked in the glare of the truck's headlights; and stand tied to a bar with a ball in her mouth.

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• Continental Airlines filed a lawsuit in November in Newark, N.J., against Deborah Loeding, the airline said endangered passengers in order to get revenge on her ex-husband/pilot. Ms. Loeding had bailed him some bread, but unknown to him, had laced it with marijuana so that he would fail the airline's drug test and get fired, which did happen, although he was later reinstated when Continental learned what happened.

• In Jakarta, Indonesia, in January, Reuters news service reported that a 29-year-old woman, upset with her unfaithful boyfriend (identified only as Tu), went to the crowded karaoke bar where he works and released a half dozen cobras onto the premises.

FIRST THINGS FIRST

• On an Israeli TV program in January, Hamas militant Rashid Saggar, who was captured by the PLO last year before he could carry out a scheduled suicide bombing in Israel, waxed rhap­todic about his love of soccer. He said he was such a fan that "I couldn't (kill myself) in (an Israeli) soccer stadium. Yes, they are Zionists (and unbelievers). But I couldn't do it (there)."

• According to Vladimir Zelentin, 40, testifying in January in New York City against his cousin Rita Gilmazan, 47, Rita planned the murder of her husband, talked Zelentin into being the hit man, and calmly bought all the murder supplies at Home Depot. However, according to Zelentin, when he went to light up a victory cigarette in her kitchen after the ax slaying, she screamed at him, "No smoking (in here)!"

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Sigma Chi’s Jordan wins Xi-Man Competition

By ALEX FERNANDEZ
Staff Writer

Alpha Xi Delta held its annual Xi-Man Competition on April 17 at the Student Center Auditorium.

The competition consists of four categories: Business Attire, Question and Answer, and Talent. Sigma Chi’s Scott Jordan won first place overall and was followed by runner-up Jason Murphy of Lambda Chi and Kappa Sigma’s Mike Lowe.

During the event, the most spirited fraternity was awarded to Kappa Sigma and the most spirited sorority was presented to Kappa Delta and the most spirited fraternity was awarded to Kappa Sigma.

Alpha Xi Delta would like to thank everyone for their participation and congratulations to their new Xi-Man, Scott Jordan!

• Holds onto your hats — Derby Days is back! Sigma Chi held its annual spring philanthropy, Derby Days. A week-long event, Derby Days came to a close on April 4. Sigma Chi raised more than 1,000 toys for the Children’s Miracle Network! Sororities competed against each other by accumulating points by obtaining Derbies from the brothers, collecting smile cards and by donating toys. Kappa Delta took first place, followed by Alpha Delta Pi, Zeta Tau Alpha and Delta Delta Delta. This has been one of the best times we have had all year,” said Kappa Delta’s Traci Albano. “The real winners are the children of the Children’s Miracle Network.”

• Participating in other philanthropy events is something Kappa Delta has always enjoyed. These past two weeks have been no exception. Kappa Delta also placed first in Pi Beta Phi’s Sorority’s Rock the Arrow dance contest. Kappa Delta also had several sisters honored this past week. Congratulations to Regina Elentri, Angela Lyons and Lisa Miller for being selected as members of the President’s Leadership Council and congratulations to Traci Albano, Michelle Jamusch, Angela Lyons and Jill Yavorsky for being inducted into Order Of Omega.

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Director of Libraries.

Baker said. "It should be an innovative, exciting environment where new technology and traditional means of access come together to provide the library user with the materials needed."

Joel Hartman, Vice Provost for Information Technologies and Resources, says Baker will start April 26, succeeding Anne Marie Allison, who retired in February after serving as Library Director for 14 years.

Baker graduated from Appalachian State and South Carolina.

Baker graduated from Louisiana State with a BA in history in 1966 and received his MS in library science the following year.

Children-parent group plans April 26 auction

The UCF Creative School for Children Parent Association will hold its first auction on April 26 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

The event is planned for the Barbara Ying International Student Center on campus. Admission is free.

Proceeds benefit the school and its Outdoor Environmental Learning Center. The project is being funded solely by donations.

For information or donations, call 823-2726.

Awards lunch honor 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 Nap Ford, Commissioner of the City of Orlando.

'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 communally.

This touching play, which runs April 20, 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.

Library announces April exhibitions

The following items will be on display in the library throughout the April:

1. Voyages to Freedom, by Eva Ritt, Holocaust Center.

2. Foreign Languages: Language and Cultural Studies, by Professor Maria Redmon, Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures.

3. In Celebration and Recognition of LesBiGay Awareness Week, by Don Ruiz, Gay Lesbian and Bisexual Student Union.

4. Art by UCF for UCF, by Terry Phelan and Lee Anne Tobias, co-presidents, Arts Alliance, Department of Art.

5. College of Education Faculty Publications, by Dr. Larry Hudson, College of Education.

6. Hospitality Management, by Dr. Robert Ford, Chair, Department of Hospitality Management and Ellen Lawrence, Office Manager.

Health services to close May 2

The Student Health Service will be closed May 2 for staff recognition and training.

There will be an opportunity for acutely ill students to be seen between 10 and noon on May 2. No appointments will be necessary.

Summer hours, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, begin May 5.

UCF offers course on Jewish experience

The Jewish Studies program at UCF will offer a course in "The Modern Jewish Experience" during the summer A term. The three-credit course will begin May 13 and meets Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. for the six-week period.

The course will focus on the collective heritage of the Jewish people in modern times, from the 19th century to the present day. It will encompass the Jewish history, culture and literature in modern times. In addition, the course will examine the roots and development of the Zionist movement, immigration to America, the pioneers, the Holocaust, the creation of the state of Israel and current peace trends in the Middle East.

The course is designed to give degree and non-degree seeking students a broad understanding of the place of the Jewish people in the modern world. It will allow an appreciation of the collective heritage of the Jewish people in general terms while focusing on specific trends, developments and directions.

For information, call professor Moshe Pelli, Judaic Studies Program at 823-5907.

Walk-a-thon benefits hearing, speech impaired

The "Walk the Talk" for better speech and hearing will take place April 19 at the University of Central Florida Research Pavilion.

Sponsored by the UCF chapter of the National Student Speech Language and Hearing Association, the 5k fund-raising walk-a-thon will begin with registration at 8 a.m. The walk is from 9 to 10 a.m.

The event benefits two charities: the UCF Speech and Hearing Clinic and the National Stroke Association.

Pledge forms are available at the UCF Speech and Hearing Clinic and from various sponsors or by printing the pledge form from NSSLHA's Internet web site: http://pegasus.cc.ucf.edu/nsslha/ For information, call 381-9742.

Course offered for community college faculty

Dr. Tom Kabuda, Director of the University of Central Florida Community College Dental Program, will be teaching an internet course this summer called "The Community College Curriculum" for community college faculty and administrative staff in Florida. The course will provide students with an examination of contemporary community college curricula including rationale, needs assessments, design structures and outcome measures.

Students must have access to an Internet-connected computer with graphical web browsing capabilities and e-mail account and basic computer competencies in word processing to successfully complete this course via distance learning. Acceptance as a graduate student at UCF and a minimum of a bachelor's degree is required.

Students who have not been accepted into the UCF graduate program must complete and submit an application form no later than April 23. Registration for the course must be completed by May 5.

For information, call Dr. Kabuda at 823-2007 or Sue Halff, Information Technology Coordinator, UCF-Brevard Campus at 632-1111, ext. 65560.

Volunteer opportunities

Volunteers are needed for Workout for Hope on April 19 at Pleasure Island. Call (800) 272-2310 for information.

If you would like to volunteer your services, call Volunteer UCF at 823-3518.
Theatre UCF presents comedy with heart

By CINDY ELAVSKY
Staff Writer

Theatre UCF is closing its spring season with the heartful comedy, The Boys Next Door by Tom Griffin. Boys is a glimpse into the lives of four mentally retarded men: Arnold, Lucien, Norman and Barry. The play begins as a lighthearted look into the lives of these men. Arnold is the upright, compulsive planner who assumes the role of the "brains" of the group. 

Lucien is a middle-aged man who is obsessed with Spiderman and his new library card. Norman is newly employed at Donut World, constantly smiles and has an unusual attachment to donuts and keys.

Lastly, there is Barry, the uneasy schizophrenic who thinks he is a professional golfer. The characters all share an uneasiness about their disabilities. The characters and of this play have captured the essence of their characters and of this play perfectly. With Rinaldi's delicate, yet driven direction the entire cast has come together to create a truly beautiful show.

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Scavron leaves office with no regrets

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greatly enhance our university," Scavron said.
Scavron's administration continued to facilitate UCF's clubs and organizations by allocating more than $200,000 for conventions and activities.

"SG continued its role in helping students get more out of UCF life [by its club funding]," Scavron said.
Out of all the achievements made by Scavron, Provide-a-Ride is the one he is most proud of. The highly successful program was started this semester, largely due to Steve Conti, in an effort to reduce the number of DUs and drunk driving-related accidents. Students who use the service can have a free ride home when they have had too much to drink. Since the beginning of the semester, Provide-a-Ride has received more than 300 calls and dramatically reduced the number of DUs on campus.

"You can tell we are saving lives," Scavron said.
Student Body President has been a huge privilege for Scavron, so much that he welcomed the tremendous responsibility he assumed in October.

"Chris Martin, the 1993-94 Student Body President, said it best when he summed up this job, "You have to be prepared to work 60 hours a week and give everything for people that don't care what you're doing for them," said Scavron.
It doesn't bother Scavron that in his election only 2,800 students voted because UCF stayed with the national voting average, which is 10 percent, he said. Scavron believes that as long as things are running smoothly, students don't see the need to involve themselves — it's just when there is controversy that students become more active. This is a reality he has come to accept. Although he agrees more students should make an effort to be informed about their school, he would rather know SG is doing its best to maintain the high level of order.

The positive aspect of the job far outweighs the negative in Scavron's opinion.
"The job has been extremely educational. You couldn't buy this kind of experience. You're put in a position where you're forced to learn how to deal with many different people in many different situations. You're forced to deal with the whole university and have been given a unique perspective into the university because I am involved in every aspect of it — with the exception of law schools.
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Ioffer this word to my contemporaries, the future leaders of this campus: One must always remember the purpose of one's job and attempt to keep politics out of the reasoning process so as to best serve the interests of the collective," said Scavron.

"Stay true to yourself because in the end that is all that matters."

Scavron hopes to be remembered as someone who came in and dedicated himself to representing the students to the best of his ability.

"I only hope I was able to make this university a little bit happier than when I started. I've done some cool stuff. If I am remembered for that and staying true to myself I will be happy."
Family, dedication keys to Bria's recruits

By DEREK GONSOLIN
Staff Writer

A gym rat, a model and a nurse. Welcome the next three members to UCF's women's basketball family.

When Coach Lynn Bria recruited at UCF for the first time, she looked at three things: speed to run the press, dedication to basketball and, most of all, the player's family background.

"I want players who come from good families, who are self-motivated and determined," said Bria.

On April 8, she got them. Kelli Ely, Latoya Graham and Camille Howard signed letters-of-intent and faxed them to Bria's office last Wednesday.

Ely, a 5-foot-8 guard from Indianapolis, Ind., spends hours in the gym, according to her coach, Denise McClanahan.

When asked about Ely's personality McClanahan said, "Basketball."

"I'm a gym rat," said Ely, who shot 40 percent from three-point range her senior year. "I don't care, it's what I am."

Ely's mother, Cindy Ely, said the entire family loves basketball. "During basketball season, ESPN is on constantly," Cindy Ely said.

Bria hopes Ely can play point guard next season, moving guard Chariya Davis over to the off-guard slot.

"Told Chariya that if she works on anything to work on her three-point shot," Bria said.

Six-foot-one forwards Latoya Graham and Camille Howard of North Miami Senior High could fill back-up roles at UCF behind veterans Chasity McClendon and Stacey DeVeaux.

"We really need depth at forward and center," Bria said. "Latoya and Camille could step in immediately for us."

Both players averaged double figures in rebounding and scoring their senior seasons. "If Camille ever had trouble scoring, I stepped it up and vice versa," Graham said.

Latoya's mother, Sharon Smith, said both players had their achievements read aloud in church the following Sundays.

"Every Sunday Pastor Anthony Brown would announce what they did during the week, win or lose," Smith said.

Despite the attention Howard's mother said she couldn't play basketball if her grades dropped.

"I told her if her marks lowered at all, she was off the team," Mrs. Howard said.

All three players have at least a 3.0 GPA. "We stress education first," Bria said. "These three have proven they can maintain their grades, and still play basketball at a high level."

2 athletes selected for leadership conference

A CFP Staff Report

Two University of Central Florida athletes have been selected to represent UCF at the 1997 NCAA Foundation Leadership Conference.

Senior volleyball player Elise Schneider and junior women's basketball player Stacey DeVeaux, have been chosen to attend the conference to be held May 27-30 at Disney's Wide World of Sports complex.

Schneider had a career-best senior season while leading the Golden Knights to a 23-13 record in 1996. Schneider, the only four-year member of the Golden Knights volleyball team, started every match last season at the setter position, recording a career-high 1,453 assists in 1,453 assists places her fourth and second in the school record books. The Dean's List student and 1995 and '96 TAAC All-Academic for her academic and athletic efforts for two consecutive years (96 and 97) and is a member of the Dean's List this year.

In her previous two seasons at UCF, she started in only one game and accumulated less than 30 points. This season, DeVeaux started 26 of 28 games, scoring 208 points for an average of 7.4 a game. Earlier this year she scored a career-high 23 points leading the Golden Knights to victory against the College of Charleston.
By KEN JACKSON
Staff Writer

It's a spring day a year ago.
Dustin Brisson and his father are playing baseball in a park near their Wellington home. Dustin stands at the plate while father Terry throws pitches.

"Did, what are we doing out here?"
Dustin couldn't see out of the infield. It was pouring down rain.

"Sure, Terry was hard on his son. But it wasn't abuse, he was simply trying to prepare him for the rigors of college baseball at the Division I level."
It seems to have worked. Dustin, a freshman, has held the starting first base job since the beginning of the season for UCF.

"My biggest influence is my dad," Dustin says. "He's helped prepare me for this since I was back in Little League."

"I probably was a little too hard," Terry says. "But I was trying to prepare him for adversity. I'd hit him rubber baseballs in the rain, make him hit in the dark ... but if I could prepare him in the worst possible conditions, he'd be more than prepared when he played for real."
The preparation seems to have worked. Dustin holds a .325 batting average, leads the team in — strikeouts, 5 FCA Men 1-5, 6 BSM II 0-5-1

Brisson's goals include a trip to the College World Series. "I used to watch it on TV," he says, "and dream of one day making it there."

"We've talked about taking this team there one day," fellow freshman infielder Scott Biernacki says. Brisson hopes to be at the plate in the championship game at Rosenblatt Stadium in Omaha, Kan., before his career is over.

And his father hopes it rains. Hard.

Dustin Brisson has provided UCF with some power in his freshman season, hitting six home runs.

UCF Athletic Services Intramural Floor Hockey 1997 Season Standings (through 4/9)

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4. FTF 4-1-1
5. Tailgaters 3-4-2
6. War Pigs 4-1-1
7. Greeks 0-6
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Top 3 on Front Board:

1. Eta Sigma 4-1-1
2. Pi Beta Phi 3-3-1
3. Delta Delta 3-2-1
4. Alpha Xi Delta 1-4-1
5. Alpha Xi Delta 0-6-1
6. Sigma Alpha Eta 0-6-1

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"I've always had high expectations for myself," Brisson says. "My own expectations are so much higher than other people set for me."

"Before the season, Coach [Bergman] brings everyone in to talk about their personal goals for the season. He told me that freshmen usually average around .230. He asked me what my goals were and I told him, 'I'm going to hit .350 and hit 10 home runs and bat third.'"

"He still has some things to learn at the college level, making decisions and working on hitting things other than fastballs," Bergman says. "But he helps us form a young nucleus for the future."

Bergman was referring to one other dubious stat Brisson leads — because members of the coach's staff told him he would have the opportunity to play right away.

"He has exceeded all expectations we had of him in the fall, and they were very high from the start," Coach Jay Bergman said. "We told him that we expected him to start from the get-go, and he hasn't disappointed."
Basketball recruit used to adjustments

By DEREK GONSOLIN
Staff Writer

Beronti Simms played good enough his junior year at his Chicago high school to earn UCF's only basketball scholarship this past November. Despite the early signing, Simms may not tell you how good he is.

Take for instance, how Simms describes the best single play of his high school career.

"It was a Thanksgiving tournament against the third best team in the nation, Thornton High. While in the post, Simms took a pass from teammate Justin Denis, drop-stepped to the basket and dunked with both hands on 8-foot-10, Fresno State recruit Melvin Ely.

"It was as if no one was even there," said Denis. Simms's response to the play: "Yeah, that was good." If he seems humble, it may be the unorthodox route he had to work through to earn his scholarship:

• Born in Chicago but reared in Sol, Korea, to an absentee black father and Korean mother, Simms grew up at an English-speaking Christian missionary school.

• For his ninth-grade schooling, he traveled to Chicago where he attended Brother Rice, a Catholic school. He was without his mother for the first time and had to adjust to the first father figure of his life in Father Mike Pfieger.

• A natural athlete, Simms had never played an organized sport until his friends talked him into playing basketball his sophomore year.

• After sitting on the bench on the J.V., Simms played in summer camps, working the extra hour after practice to get better and became an all-metro selection as a junior on the varsity. After his senior year, Simms was second in the voting of the year in basketball-rich, Chicago area.

"It's been pretty hard for me, but I got used to it after awhile," said the 6-foot-7, 205-pound Simms. "I think I matured at a young age when my father wasn't with me.

Simms's legal guardian, Pfieger, said he has been impressed with his adopted son's improvement as a person as well as an athlete.

"It's kind of amazing to see what he can do when he's not playing on any organized team as a freshman," Pfieger said. "He's really dedicated himself." It's the story of a kid who really wants something and makes himself good enough through hard work.

UCF assistant Chris Mowry said after seeing what Simms has accomplished in only three years of organized basketball, there is a tremendous upside to the player's ability.

"Like all other freshmen he'll probably struggle early, but he's shown he's willing to work hard and that's one of the reasons we signed him," Mowry said.

Pat Richardson, Simms's varsity coach, said Beronti is a better person off the court than he is on it. "He's loyal, dedicated, polite, well-mannered and simply not cocky at all," Richardson said.

"When he walks into a room, he doesn't have the returning players spent an hour working out kids who wanted to try out for the team," Denis said. "The team then practiced for one more hour and then Beronti worked with the coaches before dinner.

Richardson said Simms was an athlete, but he lacked the basketball skills to play until he worked at it. "I found myself rooting for him," Richardson said. "I gained a lot of respect for Beronti that summer." After becoming the starting center on the varsity his junior year, Simms started gaining fame for his play. "Beronti was covering everybody. The media too much," Richardson said.

"He was well known throughout Illinois. We began seeing articles on him in all the major papers," said Richardson.

Simms said he was preparing to not follow the playman. "The attention never changed his personality," the coach said. "He just became more personal. He took the compliments good and was not shy.

If there was one knock on Simms's game from the media, it was laid-back personality while playing. "He doesn't look that intense when he plays," Denis said. "He's just smooth of an athlete, it's hard to tell he plays hard." After his sophomore season, Simms realized it would take much more work to continue playing on the varsity.

"I guess I wanted to get some playing time," Simms said. "I spent a lot of time on conditioning and staying with the coaches after practice that summer.

Denis said Simms probably wanted to get better between his sophomore and junior seasons.

That summer the assistant coaches and the returning players spent an hour working out kids who wanted to try out for the team, "I'm still with what I know," the 5-foot-11 minister said with a laugh. "I may not play him, but all I could do is kick him in the shins. As a parent I would have no problem doing that.

Simms appreciates all Pfieger has done for him. "He's been the only father I have had," Simms said. "He treats me like his son."

Kids need emotional support, love and discipline," Pfieger said. "The relationship was formed to give kids direction. Parents need to want their kids' friend and you can't do that and give them discipline at the same time."

Pfieger said he didn't think he would have survived through the years, "I would be less than honest if I said I'm not proud of him," said. "The kids got a lot of character. He's a strong young man."

Now, as Simms takes the ACT to qualify for UCF, he wonders how he will fit in at his new school. "I put a lot of commitment into what I do," Simms said. "I don't have to score, I just want to get wins."
2nd trip to Disney more memorable for track team

By JEFF CASE  Staff Writer

After losing on April 5 to national powers UCLA, FSU and North Carolina, the UCF women's track and field team was looking at last weekend's meet against state teams as a chance to regain confidence.

UCF returned to the Wide World of Sports Complex in Disney World, site of its April 5 defeat, to compete in the Florida Intercollegiate Track and Field Championships with the goal of proving it is one of the state's quality programs.

UCF found out it is in the middle, placing sixth of 11 teams.

Freshman Amber Twymer believed the competition put some pressure on the team.

"I think it is more intense. We thought on April 5, 'Well, we have no chance against a big school like UCLA, but here, it hits more to people you see more often.'" Coach Marcia Mansur-Wentworth said.

The education paid off.

After failing to score any team points last week, the team was able to put up 32.5 points. The team held fifth most of the day, but a twisted ankle to sophomore Khalea McLean minutes before the 4 x 100-meter relay race may have hurt the team's chances to stay in the top five.

Despite the injury, the team put up several top 10 finishes.

The team's first top 10 finish came in the 1,500-meter race, as freshman Susan Hartley finished ninth with a time of 5:41.81.

In the 3,000-meter steeplechase, Christy Miller finished fourth in a field of 13 (10.27.25), missing third by only 8.2 seconds. The time also shattered Miller's record in the event by 9.19 seconds.

Junior Michele Bolke and sophomore Nineisha Skyers both finished in the top 10 in the 100-meter hurdles. Bolke completed the event with a time of 15.05 seconds (fifth) while Skyers' time of 15.7 seconds put her in tie for eighth.

Bolke also finished in the top 10 in the high jump and long jump. She tied for 10th (along with teammates Misty Green and Kelly Parnami), leapfrogging to a school-record 1.53 meters in the high jump. Bolke also rewrrote the school record in the long jump, as her distance of 5.63 meters earned her a sixth-place finish in the field of 23. The distance defeated teammate Olen McLean's two-year mark of 5.08 meters.

The throwing events team of Twymer and senior Kelly Kobia finished in the top 10 in two of three events. Kobia became familiar with the number six, finishing sixth in all three events.

In the shot put, Kobia tossed her school record with a distance of 13.7 meters, beating her mark. Twymer finished ninth in the event, hurling a solid 14.5 meters, while placing ahead of competitors from Miami, USF, FAMU and Bethune-Cookman.

Twymer rejoined Kobia in the long jump. Boike also rewrote her school record in the event, hurling a solid 11.5 meters.

"We hoped our athletes learned a heck as a learning experience," Mansur-Wentworth said. (407) 570-5555

UCF's Michele Bolke clears a high jump at the Florida Intercollegiate meet at Walt Disney World.

Kobia is real young, and there are some people who can be competitive in every event, but we did place in just about every event." Mansur-Wentworth said. The meet provided the opening boost heading into the conference championship set April 19 at Sanford University.

"This helped our ego, [and got us] thinking we can maybe get first next week," Hartley said. "I think we have a really good chance [of defeating defending champ FIU] because not all of us ran all the events that we will next week. I think we have a really good chance of getting first."

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Women take title, men come in 2nd

By ABBY FEBLES
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“We think this is the best UCF team to ever go to conference. We have the best record and we won big.”

With these words and an air of satisfaction, tennis coach Gail Falkenberg described the men and women who traveled to Georgia this weekend to compete in the TAAC tournament.

Amid quick hellos and warm congratulations from friends and colleagues, Falkenberg called out the results that propelled the team into the conference and into UCF’s record book. No. 3 Hadas Rosen crushed the school record for straight wins (27) and single-season wins (25-1). In doubles, Rosen/Soto-Rosa posted another record at 21-5.

As a team, the women completed the season 22-1, which ties the 1994-95 results for most wins. It also earned a No. 46 national ranking and, for the first time in UCF history, brought home a conference title.

The women could not have done it better. The team added three crucial wins on the road against nationally ranked teams such as Tulane (52), New Orleans, and Nicholls State (66) before leaving for Georgia. At conference, it battled Georgia State, Samford, and FIU, blanking all three.

The Knights did it without losing a set.

As for the men, their record going to the tournament was 17-4. On the first day, the Knights took all doubles and all but one of the singles matches for a 5-1 victory against Samford. They played Georgia State, a team that had defeated UCF 4-3 during the season.

However, this time GSU was denied. UCF fought and finally dominated Georgia State 4-2 earning a place in the finals against FIU.

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Falkenberg does not consider this a mixed result. After all, both teams improved from last year when the men tied for third and the women finished second. “UCF’s men are ahead of us in the rankings,” she said. “When we played them the first time, we only won 4-3 and every match came close, so we knew it would be tough.”

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Men's golf team wins title
A CFF Staff Report

Coming off a one week-two tournament drive, the UCF men's golf team had an impressive showing as it held off host Campbell University and captured the tournament title at the Lonnie D. Small Invitational in Bluestone, N.C. The win marked the Golden Knights' second tournament title of the spring. Jason Opgal and Jeff Brunelle tied for runner-up with a -under par 215.

UCF later competed in the Billy Hitchcock Intercollegiate hosted by Auburn University, placing seventh among 12 teams. The men's team will travel to Jacksonville, Ala., later this week to compete in the TAAC Tournament. The Golden Knights won the TAAC title in 1995 and '96.

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• Baseball: Bethune-Cookman College, 7 p.m.

April 18
• Baseball: Florida International, 7 p.m.

April 19
• Baseball: Florida International, Noon
• Track and field: TAAC Championships, Sanford, Ala.
• Crew: Southern Intercollegiate Rowing Association Championships, Oak Ridge, Tenn.

April 20
• Men's golf: TAAC Tournament (Jacksonville, Ala.)

Kobia interested in coaching

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Kobia took a year off from college and then joined UCF as a sophomore walk-on. Kobia thinks she still has yet to make her big impact in college, despite holding school records in three events.

"I haven't had any [big accomplishments] yet ... not that I consider," Kobia said.

"I've just kind of hung in there and haven't done anything."

Kobia also senses urgency is a bigger motivating factor. If it doesn't happen now, she says, "I'm pretty sure it's not going to happen and I won't try.

This is my chance to make a mark.

Kobia is pursuing her nursing degree and is hoping to compete in adjunct meets. She plans to unite with other former collegians and compete in adjacent meets.

Kobia would also like to eventually coach track, whether it is at UCF or elsewhere.

"I wouldn't mind being a G.T.A. [general teaching assistant] here after I graduate. I think it would help the program and it would also help me train," Kobia said.

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UCF remembers Richardson with plaque

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Kobia finds winning ticket in track decision

By JEFF CASE
Staff Writer

UCF's reigning women's track and field MVP Kelly Kobia didn't think she'd get to college this way.

"They said after my senior season, I lost that year of eligibility, financially and otherwise," Kobia said. "My friends would call and my family would be all over me like "who is it, who is it? Get off the phone someone might be trying to call." It was an anxious day for everyone close to me."

Realizing Ekiyor was probably having a similar experience, Smith decided to add a bit of humor to the anxious moments. After dialing Ekiyor and reaching him after only one ring, Smith pretended to be representing the Philadelphia Eagles and congratulated the former Golden Knight for being their selection.

"I've never really paid attention to the draft," Thomas said. "But this year is my senior season and I'm just going to take it one at a time."

The school record holder in the javelin, which was chosen in the fifth round by the Carolina Panthers while Ekiyor signed with Tampa Bay as a free agent, Thomas, who was a Butkus Award candidate last season, finished his senior year with more than 100 tackles.

At 6-foot-2, 245 pounds, Thomas has an NFL-type body and good speed. And having already been contacted by numerous teams, including Dallas, Washington, Kansas City and Carolina, Thomas' future in the NFL seems to be in reach. Scouting reports predict the Melbourne native to be a middle- to late-round pick.

"I won't be sitting around with one hand on the phone, but I'll be looking to see who goes where," he said.

Other Golden Knights hoping to make an NFL roster are linebackers John Bryant, Nakia Reddick, fullback Howard Huzzie and kicker Charles Pierce. All will be listening for a ring, but probably won't be guarding the phone. Their best chance of making an NFL roster will be through free agency.

"As linebackers for the Golden Knights, Bryant (6-1, 225) and Reddick (6-1, 215) both compiled better than 100 tackles each. Speed played a major role in their success as linebackers at the collegiate level, but in the NFL speed is a given — and size is a taken," said Ekiyor's free agency future looks promising as he has already been in contact with Tampa Bay and St. Louis. His days at linebacker are probably over, but Reddick may have a shot at playing defensive back or special teams ... which is fine with him.

Huzzie, a solid blocking back with limited experience carrying the ball, has pass catching ability and may pursue a career in the Canadian Football League.

Pierce, UCF's all-time leading scorer, is an exceptional place-kicker, but his strength is his punting. Finding a home in the NFL is a difficult task. Choosing one is nearly unheard of. And Thomas contends that wherever he ends up he'll appreciate and take advantage of the situation.

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With the NFL draft only a few days away, former members of the college football family are preparing to track the moves of every team. Players from all over the country will be anxiously sitting by the phone, nervously staring at it from across the room or talking to it with hopes of a ringing response. It's not uncommon for young talent to practice such rituals on draft day. But it's even more common for friends to add a little humor to the tense moments and take advantage of their volunteers.

Draft day 1996:

As former UCF running back Marquette Smith awaited the phone call that would confirm his status among the top SEC running backs, his family and friends were preparing to track the winning ticket. From the Smith's home in St. Petersburg, they were prepared to track every move of every team. In the fall of 1992, Kobia decided to add track and field to her prep career.

"It was almost like time went out of the house on draft day," Smith said. "Every time my phone rang, everyone just looked at me. My friends would call and my family"