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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 over to the Organization Appropriation of Finance committee. It is a long process that begins in May and is not completed until July 1, when the fiscal year starts.

"Last year about $1.4 million was over-requested, so that is why it is really difficult," McDonald said.

M&M’s first order of business is going to create a group of cabinet and staff members with energy, drive and available time to dedicate. With this core of people, M&M plans to initiate a Welcome Back Week for students and incoming freshmen the beginning of the fall semester.

Homecoming is another important issue McDonald and Montague want to focus on. Working side by side with CAR, the SGA wants to elevate the enthusiasm level for all students.

Once the Special Events Coordinator is selected for the cabinet, “Blackout” is one event they plan to implement. They are hoping it will be a concert-type rally held at the Citrus Bowl, complete with cheerleaders and fireworks.

“We want to get the Orlando community involved, as well as our alumni. Right now homecoming caters to Greeks, and we want to change that,” Montague said.

Expanding 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.

“SGA definitely wants to play a larger role in the Provide-A-Ride program this year — $30,000 is being requested from the budget, and we want to support them as much as possible,” McDonald said.

The pair is enthusiastic about their new position and said they would like to see M&M, Page 7.

Scavron to leave satisfied
By NORA R. KULLESII
Managing Editor

As the current Student Government administration finishes the last days of its term, SG President Aaron Scavron prepares to step aside to let a new president take his place.

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In an effort to expand the new Student Union, Scavron talks about the agreement made with President Hitt.

“We made an agreement with President Hitt to put more money into expanding the capabilities of our Student Union, and made progress toward a multi-million dollar Recreational Services facility which will serve UCF students.”

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Remembering the victims
The Clothesline Project was presented on April 9 at the reflection pond. The Clothesline Project was a visual display of shirts created by the victims of violence to stand in testimony of the pain, survival, healing and hope that they have experienced.
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Student's car stolen from sorority house

By LINDSAY MALANGA
Staff Writer

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.

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.

The suspect was later notified by police over the phone to come in for an interview but he refused.

The victim is willing to prosecute and the witnesses are willing to testify, police officials said.

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 breathalyzer test and his blood alcohol level registered at .170.

• Terence O'Keefe, Erica Louwenberg, 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.

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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 Takacs, 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 $5. 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
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 raised 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.

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

By DIANA IMANUEL
Opinion Editor

After four years of disappointment and anticipation, I finally was able to view 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 overcame 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 student body 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 present a genuine 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 morale deficiency 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 Knighbro 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 cohesiveness.

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 misappropriation atrociously disrespectful.

Andrade’s article condemned Gardner’s work ethic by basically calling him a “sell out” for resigning as attorney general and for being dismissed from the Student Senate for accumulated absences.

How dare Andrade “even go there” when he knows the mysterious circumstances of both Gardner’s resignation and Gardner’s_multi-pilot_analysis” of the Senate.

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 consistently got pigheaded and decided it wanted to dismiss 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.

Andrade’s article condemned Gardner’s character, not his opinion, turning an otherwise intelligent debate into a cat fight (which is typical of some UCF student politicians). Also, the notion a person who resigns from office before the end of his or her term automatically has a questionable work ethic is absurd. Sure, there are people who get bored and move on to find other interests. However, there are people like me who resigned because and integrity of Student Government had died hard. The system was not as genuine in its desire to help 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 metamorphized 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 foundering ship. —Shannon Martin, Former Student Body VP and three-term senator.
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improve Student Government's image.

"We want some sort of positive image created for SGA," Montague said. "We are trying to do the best we can to show some optimism and hope. At one time, UCF's Student Government was No. 1, and I think we can be No. 1 again," she said.

Student Government is now located in the new Student Union. This is an advantage, McDonald and Montague say.

"It's good that we're in the Student Union because a lot of people will be in here and Student Government will be more easily accessible," Montague said.

However, Montague said they will need students' interaction.

"There's only so much we can do to build that bridge, but it is up to the individual themselves to take the steps to cross it. We are trying our best to offer services for students, to make things available, to get people excited.

The best thing we can do is increase PR and let the students know we are available for questions and concerns." McDonald and Montague will officially be sworn into their offices on April 25. The ceremony will be held downtown in a banquet hall and all Student Government members are invited.

"Karen and I are just really excited," McDonald said. "The transition is going really well. We have a lot of time to expand and a lot of great things going on."

"WITH CLASSES AND A PART-TIME JOB I DESERVE A PAID VACATION."
Entertainment

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 (Lake 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 Wahlberg 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.

“Pat” (Mark Wahlberg), left, and “Bokky” (Bill Paxton), right, in a scene from Traveller.

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By TRACY WEBB
Staff Writer

The drum beat is felt in our chest, and as we sit and watch the early American scenery, 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 a fine production. 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 is just beyond us. That's why we were saluting the audience.

The characters consist of a cur-petbugger named Falstaff (John Ahlin) whose main purpose is to seduce Mistress Page (Jean Tafner) and Mistress Ford (Jeanmie Naughton) out of their fortunes and their clothes.

"He's a big jovial man. I like to think of him [Falstaff] as the anti-Santa Claus. He's Santa Clause-like, except his life is really hard and he never got a break in his whole life. He's always looking for advantage to try to get along and get ahead and to make it," Ahlin says.

All the white, Frank Ford, Mistress Ford's husband (Eric Hissen), discovers the endeavors of Falstaff through a clever disguise, becomes obsessed and jealous over his wife and this man and then decides he has to take it to a place of ridiculousness. "It's not the wild west, it's more the prairie west," Simotes said. "It's the sense that the wild west is just beyond us. That's why we were saluting the audience."

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"The guy is upright and sort of rigid and a little detached and unfeltling. When the jealousy kicks in is he not used to having that much passion and this much rage and confusion about what's going on and he's not used to it and it drives him a bit mad," Hissoon said. "This was where I was trying to get. I wanted to take it to a place of ridiculousness."

There is a second story line about Anne Page (Kelly Collins Lintz) and three suitors (Mark Rector, Richard White, and Paul Kierman) who all hope to gain Anne Page's hand in marriage. And throughout this there is a fiddler (UCF student Cooper Ladnier) who appears at different occasions on the stage to give his musical comment on the situation. I like what he does in terms of the inimitability of someone performing for us and not on tape," 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.

Then there is Mistress Quickly (Kathleen Huber) who makes herself the richest for her nosy fiddler (Jim Page's student Cooper Ladnier) who appears at different occasions on the stage to give his musical comment on the situation. I like what he does in terms of the inimitability of someone performing for us and not on tape," Simotes says.

"The play is a deeply dark and disturbing piece. Richard (Dan 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.

"Now is the Winter of our Discontent."

"Made glorious by this sun of York."

In the opening sequence Richard tells his sad story of not being loved because of his misshaped body and other deformities, and that now he must "become" a villain.

"I have to believe that there is some reason that Richard was born like this," McWeary says. "Once Richard recognizes that yes he does look like this, yes he been to battle, and no he never had any love. His mother never gave him any love. His father only taught him how to fight. He's grown up in a war and now they don't have any war anymore, and he looks like what he is like, and he can't dance and who's going to be around with him? Once these things get admitted to the people around him then Richard can do anything he wants to. It wasn't my idea to make him a sympathetic character, but it was my idea to make him have human dimensions."

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 think, I thought, should be the murders as Richard kills his way to the throne. So I started to look at how theatricalize 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 effect of death," Heslinger says. "At first the set looks very flat and then it sort of becomes a skeleton as the flesh getsipped off it figuratively."

Of the many people Richard has killed, was one of his many suits, Sir John Falstaff. The role of Buckingham (Mark Rector) who falls out of favor with Richard and leaves to start an uprising against Richard is then captured and executed.

"He [Buckingham] is a political character. 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 to stage a show, a battle of the Earl of Richmond (Richard White) 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.

The darkness, deception, and revenge in "Richard III" and the notoriety in "The Merry Wives of Windsor" will continue coming back for more year after year to the Orlando-UCF Shakespeare Festival. It will announce its season April 18.
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LEAD STORIES

• Medical Breakthroughs: In February, surgeons removed a cataract from the eye of the National Zoo’s 6-foot-long Komodo dragon “Muffin” in the hope she could 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 268 ribs.) And in Jackson, Mich, in February, veterinarian Timothy England fitted a stray rooster with artificial legs after he had to amputate his natural ones because of frostbite.

• Gas in the News: Janesville, Wis., police responded to a 911 call in December over a domestic disturbance begun, said the wife, when the husband inappropriately passes gas as they were tucking into bed. Dr. Kenneth Olson. Ms. Loeding had baked 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 and there he works and released a half dozen cobras onto the premises.

FIRST THINGS FIRST

• On an Israeli TV program in January, Hamas militant Rashid Sagger, who was captured by the PLO last year before he could carry out a scheduled suicide bombing in Israel, waxed rhapsodic 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, 41, testifying in January in New York City against his cousin Rita Glickman, 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)!”

• The New York Times reported in November on the project by the Picaniny Arsenal in Rockaway Township, N.J., to create more environmentally friendly bullets while still maintaining the bullets’ killing power. (Three years ago, the federal government closed a nearby firing range because spent, lead bullets were contaminating the soil so as to endanger people and animals.)

UPDATE

• In 1995 the Brazilian government’s AIDS-awareness campaign made news of the Weird because several men named Brasilia had complained publicly of their humiliation that the main character in the advertising spots—a talking penis—was named Brasilia. In January, the campaign reemerged with the main character an unnamed, variously costumed turkey (which is itself a double entendre).

LEAST COMPETENT CRIMINAL

• In January, Michael Coulter, 32, was arrested for shoplifting in Cookstown, Ireland, having made off with shoes, socks and boxer shorts. Coulter was not difficult to spot during his getaway. He is reported to be the tallest man in Ireland, at 7-foot-5. Said one officer, “Everyone knows him, and you can see him coming a mile away.”

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

During the event, 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! • Hold 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. Jordan won Xi-Man Competition on April 17 at the Student Center Auditorium. • Liahehed lnetball Court • Lighting lnetball Court • Two Llglued Tennis Courts • One Llge Tennis Court • Two Llglued Eiste Tennis Courts • Lighted lnetball Court • Two Llglued Tennis Courts

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Pi Beta Phi Sorority's Rock the Arrow dance contest. Kappa Delta also placed first in Pi Beta Phi Sorority's Rock the Arrow dance contest. Kappa Delta also had several sisters honored this past week. Congratulations to Regina Elentia, Angela Lyons and Lisa Miller for being selected as members of the President's Leadership Council and congratulations to Traci Albano, Michelle Jamstch, Angela Lyons and Jill Yavorsky for being inducted into Order Of Omega.
UCF hires new Director of Libraries

A CFF Staff Report

Barry B. Baker, a 30-year veteran of university libraries, has been named UCF's new Director of Libraries.

"It is important to take advantage of the rapid advances in technology and traditional means of access come together to provide the library user with the materials needed," Baker said. "Library 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."

Joe Hartman, Vice Provost for Information Technologies and Resources, says Baker will start April 1, succeeding Anne Marie Allison, who retired in February after serving as Library Director for 14 years.

Baker has worked at several universities and currently is Assistant Director of Technical Services at the University of Georgia. He has held that position since 1980.

Before that, he held positions at 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.

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Health services close to 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 11:50 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 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 also enhance the appreciation of Jewish heritage 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 website: http://pegasus.ucf.edu/nsslha/

For information, call 381-9742.

Course offered for community college faculty

Dr. Tom Kubala, Director of the University of Central Florida Community College Doctoral 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. Kubala at 823-2007 or Sue Halflill, Information Technology Coordinator, UCF-Brevard Campus at 652-1111, ext. 6556.

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 823-3318.
Theatre UCF presents comedy with heart

By CINDY ELAVSKY
Staff Writer

Theatre UCF is closing its spring season with the heartfelt 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 light-hearted look into the lives of these men. Arnold is the uptight, compulsive planner who assumes the role of the "brains" of the group.

Norman is newly employed at Donut World, constantly smiles and has an unusual attachment to donuts and keys.

Lucien is a middle-aged man who is obsessed with Spiderman and his new library card.

Lastly, there is Barry, the uneasy schizophrenic who thinks he is a professional golfer.

The characters all share an apartment together and are supervised by their compassionate social worker, Jack. Jack acts as a father figure for the men and becomes their main anchor in reality. Without the help of Jack, simple everyday life could get difficult and overwhelming.

Arnold would buy nine boxes of Wheaties or Norman would indulge in donuts.

As we get to know these characters through the dialogue, their monologues and fantasy sequences the audience feels a connection to these men; a common ground.

They have the same hopes, desires and fears the audience has experienced. They are seeking love, understanding and attention. In their search for these things, sometimes they achieve their goals and sometimes they don't - just like you and I.

Dr. Nicholas Rinaldi has brought together an amazing ensemble of actors who seem to 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.

Michael Dressel is perfectly cast as the high-strung Arnold. With his thick glasses, slicked-back hair and overwhelming gestures, he has created a hilariously comic character without falling into the trap of caricature.

Kris Diehl is wonderful as Jack, the mild-mannered social worker.

Randi Culzac and Randy Petrides play Lucien and Norman with gentleness and vulnerability and still manage to be endearingly funny.

They are able to make the audience laugh with them about their trials and tribulations, never at them.

Sarah Taylor is fantastic as Sheila, Norman's love interest from the community center. Taylor gives Sheila a wide-eyed innocence that makes her scenes with Petrides a joy to watch.

One of the most impressive performances of the evening was Joshua Abraham as Barry. From his fidgety mannerisms to his deadpan line deliveries to his disheartening fear of his father, Joshua is compelling to watch. His scene with his father (played by a charismatic Jim Hall) is perhaps the most engaging, yet most disturbing of the entire play. Abraham and Hall create a moment so tense the audience is almost afraid to breathe.

A cast of spirited supporting actors rounds out this talented ensemble. Amanda Moss makes for a delightfully funny, hard-of-hearing neighbor, Mrs. Fremus. Ben Duvbo creates his three characters, Mr. Hedges, Mr. Corbin and Senator Clarke as distinctly separate and believable people. Kelly Jean Fitzsimmons and Ramona Garcia are very entertaining as Mrs. Warren and Clarie.

Theatre UCF's production of The Boys Next Door is bitter-sweet, yet uplifting. As Arnold would say: "You definitely, I repeat, definitely need to see this play!"

The play runs through April 20. For ticket information, call 823-1500.
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 $280,000 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 DUIs 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 DUIs 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; from state legislators to student senators to President Hut to office receptionists," said Scavron.
"I have learned the finer points of communication and management and have been given a unique perspective into the university because I am involved in every aspect of it — with the exception of the classes I am in."
When asked to explain his position, Scavron smiles and says it can't be described to anyone who hasn't held the position or a similar one.
"All I can say without sounding too [politically correct] is that is has been the best and worst experience of my life," said Scavron, who is awaiting replies from Georgetown, UCLA, Yeshiva University and FSU law schools.
In Scavron's immediate future, he sees two things taking precedence: graduating with his psychology degree and Keith McDonald and Karen Montague taking office.
"SG is doing its best to maintain the high level of order."
"I offer 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 will matter."
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."

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Family, dedication keys to Bria's recruits

By DEREK GONSOULIN
Staff Writer

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

When Coach Lynne 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 players' 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 Charnita Davis over to the off-guard slot. "I told Charnita 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.

Camille'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 could not 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 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 Elyse 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 127 games. Her average of 11.44 assists a game ranked her first in the final Trans America Athletic Conference standings and earned her her 1996 second-team All-TAAC honors.

The co-captain set a school record with 75 assists against Louisiana Tech last season as well as career highs in attempts (316), kills (112), service aces (34), digs (205) and block assists (51). Schneider's 1,453 assists and 1,597 career assists places her fourth and second in the UCF record books. The Dean's List student and 1995 and '96 TAAC All-Academic honoree will pursue a career in advertising and public relations after graduation in May.

DeVeaux, who was chosen as a finalist for this year's National Student-Athlete Day Giant Steps Award, is a pre-law major. She was named TAAC All-Academic for her athletic and academic efforts for two consecutive years (96 and '97) and is a member of the Dean's List.

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.
Father's preparation driving Brisson

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 tosses pitches.

"Dad, 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 it 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 .281 batting average, leads the team with 14 doubles, nine home runs and bat third. "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 fast-balls," Bergman says. "But he helps us form a young nucleus for the future."

Bergman was referring to one other dubious stat Brisson leads the team in — strikeouts.

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 Johnny Rosenblatt Stadium in Wichita, Kan., before his career is over.

And his father hopes it rains. Hard.

By KEN JACKSON
Staff Writer

"This 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."

Brisson got to work from the 'get-go' too. In only his third collegiate at-bat, he hit a grand slam against Rollins, then hit a two-run home in the second game. His third came in the Olive Garden Classic against then nationally ranked South Florida, and had his first multi­ home run game a month ago against Maine in a losing effort.

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

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Basketball recruit used to adjust diftenants

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 two hands on 6-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 Pfeger.

- 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 become an all-metro selection as a junior on the varsity. After his senior year, Simms was second in area player of the year voting in the 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 around." Simms's legal guardian, Pfeger, 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 after not playing on any organized team as a freshman," said Pfeger. "He's really dedicated himself.

- "It's the story of a kid who really wants something and makes himself good enough through hard work," said 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 to be the best player, he's better than anybody else. I found myself rooting for him a lot when he first started playing."

- When Simms came to America in 1993 for his freshman year, he had never played organized basketball. "I didn't play any organized sports," Simms said. "But I started making friends and they wanted me to play basketball for the school."

- "Until we I go to know him, Beronti was real quiet," Denis said. "But once he got comfortable, he was always laughing and having a good time."

- Denis, who played with Simms all three years, remembers the summer after his freshman season. "He had played street ball before," Denis said.

- "I remember him being extremely athletic, but somewhat disjointed on the court those first few years. He had trouble remembering plays, but he was playing 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 couches after practice that summer."

- Denisse said Simms proved he wanted to get better than his sophomore and junior seasons.

- "That summer the assistant coaches and the returning players spent an hour working on kids who wanted to try out for the team," Denis said. "The team then practiced for one or two more hours and then Beronti worked with the couches on their shots."

- 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 everything the media too much," Richardson said.

- "He was well known throughout Illinois. We began seeing him in all the major papers."

- Richardson said the sudden press put not found the player. "The attention never changed his personality," the coach said. "He just became more personal. He took all the compliments good and was not shy." If there was one knock on Simms 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 a athlete, it's hard to tell he plays hard."

- His senior year, numbers tell how the hard work paid off: 52 percent from the field, 87 percent on free throws while shooting 77 percent (174 of 226) from the foul line. Simms averaged 11.1 points and 10.5 rebounds (9.8 a game). Brother Rice won 22 games this season before losing to eventual Class 3A champion Thornton in the playoffs.

- "He's gained more confidence over the years, but he's still quiet," Richardson said.

- Unwilling to "embarrass" himself by playing with his adoptive son, Pfeger has been the emotional support for Simms, "I stick with what I know," the 5-foot-11 minister said with a laugh. "I can play him, but all I could do is kick him in the shin. As a parent I would have no problem doing that."

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

- "Kids need emotional support, love and discipline," Pfeger said. "I try to give kids direction. Parents now want to be their kids' friend and you can't do that and give them discipline."

- Pfeger said he didn't think he would have survived through the tough years if he had to do it on his own. "I would be less than honest if I said I'm not proud of him," the kid's got a lot of character. He's a strong young man."

- Now, as Simms takes the ACT to qualify for UCF, he worries 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 Twyner 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,'" Twyner said. "You want to do better in front of others, you see more often."

Coach Marcia Mansur-Wentworth said this meet offered a better chance for the team to succeed.

"I think after what we faced [April 5], anything we face the rest of the year will seem easy," Mansur-Wentworth said. "I think our athletes learned a heck of a lot and looked at it as a learning experience."

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 Nikeisha Skyers both finished in the top 10 in the 100-meter hurdles. Boike completed the event with 15.05 seconds (fifth) while Skyers' time of 15.7 seconds put her in at eighth.

Boike also finished in the top 10 in the high jump and long jump. She tied for 10th (along with teammates Misty Green and Kelly Putnam), landing on a school-record 1.53 meters in the high jump. Boike also reworked 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 freshmen Olsen McLellan's two-year mark of 5.08 meters.

The throwing events team of Twyner and senior Kelly Kobia had a strong showing from Miami, USF, FAMU, B-CC and Jacksonville.

Twyner rejoined Kobia in the top 10 in the javelin, tossing 36.10 meters to finish tenth, only 0.36 meters behind the ninth-place finisher from FSU. Kobia reset her school record in the event, sending the javelin 40.12 meters, better than the mark.

Mansur-Wentworth was impressed with freshman Molly Kieffer, who placed eighth in the 400-meter hurdles. Kieffer missed seventh place by 35 seconds, quite respectable for her first time in the event.

"Molly Kieffer did a heck of a job for a first time ever to run the 400-meter hurdles and to finish eighth is fantastic," Mansur-Wentworth said. "She could be a big surprise for us next week at the conference meet."

Mansur-Wentworth said the team's performance may have turned the heads of some other state programs.

"I think we've shown we have some people who can be competitive in some of the best programs in the state," she said. "Everybody we have other than Kobia is real young, and there are some good things on the horizon. People are starting to notice and realize 'Oh, you have a good disc thrower or you have a good middle distance runner.' We may not have everybody to be competitive in every event, but we did place in just about every event."

Hartley said the meet provided an important boost heading into the conference championships set April 11 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 of our events that we will next week. I think we have a really good chance of getting first."

Overall, Mansur-Wentworth considered the weekend a success.

"We did pretty good...we had a lot of personal bests, which was a big surprise to the team. We're going to be competitive, but everybody who beat us was good. And you don't mind getting beat when everybody who beats you is good," Mansur-Wentworth said.

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Women take title, men come in 2nd

By ABBY FEBLES
Staff Writer

“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 calls out the results that propelled the team into the conference and into UCF’s record book. No. 3 Hadas Rosnen crushed the school record for straight wins (27) and singles-season wins (28-1). In doubles, Rosnen/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.

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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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The last match between two Florida schools, both ranked, was the last barrier the Knights would have to overcome. UCF had played and defeated FIU before but now the roles seemed to be reversed.

No. 65 Florida International (16-6) applied pressure early on doubles matches and won the tournament, 4-2.

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. “EUI’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.”

Still, winning the TAAC is by no means the stepping point for the women. Due to their stats and tournament title, they might be able to qualify for NCAA competition. It all depends on the latest national rankings which came out April 15.

Falkenberg said “next year the system will be changed to allow the team that wins the TAAC to automatically move onto the NCAA. But the women at least have a good chance of getting there this year.”

And thus, with unprecedented accomplishments and newly acquired confidence, the best season ever for UCF tennis comes to an end. Or, as coach Falkenberg likes to add “maybe it’s not over yet.”
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 Blacks Creek, N.C.

The win marked the Golden Knights' second tournament title of the spring. Jason Opal and Jeff Brunelle tied for runner-up with a 1-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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have had this opportunity." 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 fueling her goals this year.

"I guess it [being a senior] is a bigger motivating factor. If it doesn't happen now [an NCAA berth], it won't ever happen," Kobia said. "I think I have a good shot [to make it]."

This is my chance to make a mark at UCF and have records that will last a little bit. I want to leave a mark."

Following graduation, Kobia plans to take a year off before pursuing her nursing degree further. She plans to unit with other former collegians and compete in adjacent meets.

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

Sports Slate

April 16
• 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.)

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audition begins 9AM Monday through Friday, from 10am to 2pm or 2pm to 5pm (except holidays).
UCF remembers Richardson with plaque

By DEREK GONSOLIN
Staff Writer

Can you remember someone who influenced your life greatly? Did you thank them? Do it now, because you may never get the chance again.

UCF senior women's basketball guard Lakesha Anderson knew what it is like to lose such a person. As a single parent, Anderson said no one would take a player who had a child. No one, except former Knights coach Jerry Richardson.

"Coach didn't look for the best athlete, but the best people he could make athletes," Anderson said.

On April 9, Anderson got her chance to say thank you.

UCF remembered Richardson by installing the following plaque just inside the second floor entrance to the UCF Arena:

In memory of Jerry C. Richardson (1956 - 1996)

For his service and dedication to the University of Central Florida Head Women's Basketball coach 1992-1996

Five people gave their speeches from a small mike stand in front of the plaque with two containers of peace lilies on each side.

Valarie King, director of Diversity Initiatives, said Richardson didn't just help others to gain fame, but he really cared for people.

"He was a black prince," King said. "He was someone that just exuded dignity."

Assistant Athletic Director Mary Kaufman, who said the presentation was informal and tastefully done, said, "King's speech was eloquent, but simple. It set the tone for the rest of [the speakers]."

Kaufman said Richardson wore two hats at UCF: one as a basketball coach and the other as the director of the southeast regional office for the study of sports in society.

"He was responsible for a number of schools for their awareness of racism in college sports and to make them more aware if need be," Kaufman said.

NCAA Faculty Representative Dr. William Callarman said when Richardson was nominated for the women's position in 1992, Richardson's work at the Navajo Indian Reserve in Shiprock, New Mexico, greatly overshadowed his the lack of coaching experience.

"I was impressed with him during the interviewing process and over a period of time we became good friends," Callarman said.

Quoting Richardson, Callarman said, "The best minute I spend is the one I invest in people."

Anderson spoke as the dividend to that investment.

"Coach didn't look for the best athletes, but the best people he could make athletes," Anderson said. "Now I am graduating with a 3.0 GPA this May and I am looking toward a masters degree."

Anderson said Richardson's greatest trait was treating his players and friends, professionally. "He kept his business, business and his personal life personal," she said.

"A lot of coaches stoop to the players' level, but he didn't and I respect him for that."

After the presentation, Anderson said the dedication was very impressive. "He deserves it," she said.

Phyllis Ledbetter from the Black Faculty & Staff Assembly said Richardson was a "people's person and helper."

"He was always willing to help and he was willing to pitch in," said Ledbetter.

She went on to list Richardson's work with homeless projects and the Black Faculty & Staff Assembly as examples of his help.

"Jerry Richardson will live on in the minds and hearts of all of us, and that he be included in the history of the University of Central Florida," King said.

"Well done, good and faithful servant."
**Former Golden Knight awaits draft day fate**

By TIM SPRINGER
Sports Editor

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 anxiously sit 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 vulnerabilities.

**Draft day 1996:**
As former UCF running back Marquette Smith awaited the phone call that would determine his future, his father, coach and teammate for many years, served that role. In high school, coach Smith was my coach in high school. He was the one who really helped me to make it to college.

**Kelly 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.

"I always wanted to get a scholarship, but it was too short for an outside setter, and I wasn't as good as I thought, I guess," Kobia said.

Kobia, who participated in track and field and volleyball during high school, began to realize track would be her ticket to college at her prep career.

"My junior year, I started getting letters from [track programs at] Division III schools that had never heard of, and I thought it was the coolest," Kobia said. "When I was in high school, I tried to go to an SEC school. By the end of my senior season, I started picking up [the pace] and ended up first in the state in the javelin, which kind of surprised me," Kobia said.

"That's when I started hearing from Florida and Tennessee and that's when I decided I was going to go to college for track.

Kobia credits much of her prep success to her father. In high school, coaches and parents who specialized in helping throwers improve, their techniques were absent. Her father served that role.

"Without technique, you cannot achieve anything in throws," Kobia said.

"I didn't have a throws coach ... [My dad] was my coach in high school. He was always there to help me out however he could -- he'd watch me, he'd film me, out of the know,

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.

To this day Ekiyor attests he was on to Smith's prank, but Smith bagged to differ.

Both shared a laugh and eventually received the much anticipated phone call. Smith was chosen in the fifth round by the Carolina Panthers while Ekiyor signed with Tampa Bay as a free agent.

This year's draft will be the same — only the names will change.

The Golden Knights' most heralded draftee is former linebacker Kendrick Thomas. 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've never really paid attention to the draft," Thomas said. "But this year is my year. I'm putting the agency in my technique, he was the one who really helped me to make it to college."

In the fall of 1992, Kobia decided to display her talent at the University of Tennessee. Being in Tennessee's program was a big change for Kobia.

"It was different in a lot of ways. The meets that you go to usually have five teams that you were the top competitors [in that event] coming out of high school," Kobia said. "There's a lot of diversity spread out throughout the events. You also don't have just one head coach. There are coaches for throws, for distance, etc. Dorothy Doleff [the throwers coach] was a great coach and had a lot of experience and knowledge in throws," Kobia said.

Kobia, however, never got to fully utilize the benefits of the UT program. She sustained a serious back injury her freshman season and lost that year of competition.

Following the injury, she tried to return to UT, but found it to be too tough, financially and otherwise. Kobia enjoyed the UT campus and coaching staff, and could have returned with her scholarship, provided she signed a waiver stating she was injured and would never compete at the NCAA level again.

That didn't happen.

"When you're 18 or 19 years old, that's too young to be signing away any kind of college career," Kobia said. "I'm glad I didn't do that, because I wouldn't have

Success as linebacker at the collegiate level, but in the NFL speed is a given — and size is a taken.

Reddick's free agency future looks promising as he has already been in contact with Tampa Bay and St. Louis. His days as linebacker are probably over, but Reddick may have a shot at playing defensive back or special teams — which is fine with him.

Hузие, 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.

"I don't have a particular team that I'd prefer to play for," Thomas said. "I just want to go to a team where I have a chance at making the roster."