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UFC is active in the latest college trend

By GINA HAWKINS
Staff Writer

The operation of UCF's health center may be turned over to an outside company, following the trend of universities to save money and improve services by privatizing.

If the health center is privatized, a local health care provider such as Florida Hospital or Orlando Regional Medical Center would provide on-campus services to the students. But if this happens, UCF students could be forced to have medical insurance, if they do not already have coverage.

According to a report issued by a nine-member task force that reviewed UCF's health center, local health care providers are interested in forming a partnership with UCF.

According to the report, "Conditions of such a partnership would likely include the elimination of uninsured/uninsured-insured students and establish a long-term arrangement with the health care provider. Benefits to UCF could include assistance in providing a much needed and adequate new health care facility and/or endowed funding to provide student assistance with health fees and health insurance."

But more than 53 percent of students who were surveyed at the new-student orientation in January 1997 said they would not have attended UCF if medical insurance was required through proof of an external plan or by purchasing insurance from UCF for $250 a semester.

Christopher Rodriguez, a sophomore education major, disagrees with making insurance mandatory.

"I rely on the health fee that I pay at the beginning of a semester to take care of medical stuff," she said. "I can't afford insurance and no, I don't think it's fair that students would want it. He said research is necessary to find out if having medical insurance can legally be a condition for admission to UCF."

"I don't know that I'd want to try to require students to have health insurance," Bolte said.

Students may not accept that mandatory medical insurance is a good idea, but Bolte said students need an expansion of UCF's health services. He said the campus health care center used to be sufficient, but "it's totally inadequate today."

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Protesters and supporters of the rock group Marilyn Manson were out in full force last week.

"My boyfriend dragged me to the concert. I was scared of all the weird people and of all the things I heard, but I am glad I went," freshman Samantha Keats said. "It was a curiosity thing to me, kind of like slowing down to look at a car accident. When we left, I couldn't understand why everyone was getting upset. Not that I'd go back for another concert or anything, but I'm glad that UCF could stand against all the opposition."

UCF's Office of Public Relations was bombarded with 3,000 phone calls and it received a stack of faxes and collected more than 3,500 names petitioning the concert. Not only did the community and campus join the hype, so did the media. Coverage began many days before Manson ever arrived in Central Florida.

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Students' golf cart ride ends with grand theft charges

By LINDSAY J. MALANGA
Staff Writer

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On April 20, the Greek community held its first Greek Block Party presented by IPC, Panhellenic and NPHC. The event was held on Greek Court between the Sigma Chi, Alpha Tau Omega and Sigma Phi Epsilon houses. Many Greeks attended and local youths joined in the activities.

Among the activities were a slip-n-slide and dunk tank on the Sigma Chi lawn and a Moonwalker in the Alpha Tau Omega yard. All proceeds will go to the UCF Creative School for children to help with their plans for an outdoor learning facility.

The real satisfaction was aiding the children who need our help,” said Sigma Chi’s Scott Kluska.

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Questions surround Greek Park expansion

By ELLEN DAYSpring
Staff Writer

The trend on UCF’s campus is to build, expand and remodel. It’s nearly impossible anymore to walk on campus without taking a detour, bumping into a Bob’s Barricade, or hear the faint sound of drilling. The latest group in need of expansion is the Greek community.

UCF is home to 16 fraternities and 11 sororities involving more than 3,000 students. However, only six fraternities and six sororities are housed on campus, leaving a need for Greek Park to expand.

On April 3, the Student Senate passed Resolution 29-23, requesting President Hitt designate the land west of Lake Claire (also known as the northwest expansion) as the place to build the expansion of Greek Park.

But the question of where to put the new Greek Park did not begin with the Student Senate’s resolution. It actually is a question which has become a debate on campus.

Originally in UCF’s master plan of the eventual layout of the campus, Greek Park was to expand back to the area on which the Lake Claire apartments now occupy. When the Greek Park Association asked to expand, there were initially eight scenarios of where the houses could be built, said Bill Merck, Vice President for Administration and Finance at UCF. Six were determined irrational.

This left two plans: the northwest expansion (the area to the west of Lake Claire) and the southwest expansion (the area near Lake Lee on the opposite side of campus).

Merck said there have been three meetings held by the University Master Planning Committee, a group made up of faculty, staff and student representatives, who review construction topics such as land use and building use; deliberating which area is best.

There are various issues surrounding each area. The southwest expansion on UCF’s master plan is intended for parking and student housing, also an area in need for growth. Also building on the southwest expansion would place Greek Park on the opposite side of campus as the current Greek Park.

Resolution 29-23 states: “Having a geographically divided Greek Park would cause problems in several areas of concern, including, but not limited to, parking, safety and risk management.”

Another problem building on the southwest expansion would be during sorority rush. With a divided Greek Park it would be difficult for those rushing to travel across campus to the different rush parties.

“It would make rush very hard because the girls would have to travel all the way across campus in order to attend other rush parties,” said Jen Bringer, Rush Secretary for Alpha Xi Delta.

The northwest expansion would keep Greek Park together but there is an environmental issue. The biology department uses that area for academic observation. The area contains unique soil characteristics that aren’t found anywhere else on campus,” Merck said. The university performed an environmental study and found it to be buildable land.

Recently the committee voted on which area would be best. The vote for the northwest expansion was seven against and six in favor. The vote for the southwest expansion was seven against six for, leaving the decision in a deadlock for now.

“We’re nowhere right now because we have no real course of action,” Merck said.

Regardless of what the committee decides, it must then be sent to Hitt and then sent to the Board of Regents. If the Board of Regents approves the decision then it will go to the Land Management Advisory Council for the state of Florida which would be responsible for making the necessary amendments to UCF’s master plan.

“We have to resolve the on-campus debate first but the ultimate decision is up to those people [the various committees],” Merck said.

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3,000 students CAN finish

By LINDSAY J. MALANGA
Staff Writer

UCF students jokingly refer to their school as “you can’t finish” but this isn’t so for the anticipated 3,007 students who are graduating May 3.

“This is the biggest graduation I have seen in my three years of experience as graduation supervisor,” said Dore Dierk, Admissions Registrar Officer.

So far, expected attendance for the graduation ceremonies is 2,679. “Spring is always the biggest,” Dierk said. “We anticipate everything going smoothly.”

The ceremonies will include speeches delivered by President Hitt, a commencement speaker, and representatives from the Business and Engineering Colleges. The Business College will give 469 students their bachelor degrees and 66 students their masters. The Engineering College will award 165 bachelors, 84 masters and eight doctorates.

Graduation Glance

Graduation will be held at the UCF Arena with four ceremonies planned.

• The Arts and Sciences college graduation will be held at 8 a.m., with 888 students receiving their bachelor’s degree, 63 receiving their master’s, and four their doctorates.

• The Education College will give 382 students their bachelor’s, 84 their master’s and 20 their doctorates at noon. The Health and Public Affairs College will be held at 3:30 p.m., giving 612 bachelor degrees and 162 masters.

• The Business and Engineering Colleges will hold a collaborative ceremony at 7 p.m. The Business College will give 469 students their bachelor degrees and 66 students their masters. The Engineering College will award 165 bachelors, 84 masters and eight doctorates.

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Graduation: The final frontier has finally arrived

By DIANA IMANUEL
Opinion Editor

Before I sat down with my lucky pen to write this last article, I froze in fear. And I laugh at myself for actually being afraid of my own column.

I laugh at the fact that I'm truly scared to speak what's on my mind (imagine that). Scared of writing something so profound and overwhelming that I might just collapse into an emotional breakdown.

And that's the way I feel about this particular phase of finale. It's called graduation. Because college is beyond a stage of personal growth and identity, we must move on to the next level. And this is perhaps the happiest time of my life. It is also the saddest. The emotional strain that encompasses me and my fellow graduates is like no other. From the external aspect, we must worry about our career to be set with us for the rest of our existence.

Thoughts like, "Will I ever pass the G.R.E.?" "Will I ever get into grad school?" And more important, "Will I ever get a job?" are on most of our minds.

Let's face it; we're officially on our own. We steer our own direction as opposed to knowing where four previous years of our time was spent.

And even more so, the intensity of our emotions from an internal standpoint contributes to our instabilities. Saying goodbye to a wonderful institution and environment that has cradled us for the better part of our years here. And saying goodbye to the people who have touched our souls and catered to our whole new identities.

Personally, I am more affected by the latter point of view.

And though we may not know all of our personal attachments in immediance, later down the road we will come to a rest stop to recolect. In either case, graduation, in general, is about CHANGE and CLOSURE.

But before I depress the entire UCF senior population (and myself) even further, I must acknowledge that graduating isn't "a bad thing." By all means, no way! We have prided ourselves through achievements and experiences. We will take our milestones with us to our newest destinations. That's the beauty of our memory. It is irreplaceable and can be extracted to any current time and place.

Though the moment, itself, is lost in time, the actual memory and significance still prevails.

We graduates have also worked our butts off to get to where we are at. We are smarter and wiser and (hopefully) have been taught the essential tools of survival through our education. Point being ... WE ARE EDUCATED, which is more than I can say for those without college degrees.

We've made it. And we've certainly earned it. So, hats off to the college graduates of UCF. And please, give them a break. What they are going through (and have been through) is simply an emotional roller-coaster which has come to halt at its peak.

As for my final comments: A word from the future graduate ... maybe you be so fortunate enough to follow in our footsteps, though our shoes may be too big to fill. However, you must first get in line and wait your turn. This ride may be intense and possibly hazardous to your health, but trust us, it's well worth the wait.

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Music student not just fiddling around

By TRACY WEBB
Staff Writer

Cooper Ladnier is fiddling his way to success at the Orlando-UCF Shakespeare Festival.

Ladnier became involved with the local festival when Dr. Keith Koons of the Music Department and Musical Director for the Shakespeare Festival asked him to audition.

"I didn't really know what the whole thing was about. I had never really been to a Shakespeare play. I had never done any plays or anything like this. So he [Koons] thought I could do this after the audition, so I gave it a shot and it's worked out really nicely," Ladnier said.

He is the fiddler in the Merry Wives of Windsor, set in the Old West, and is being performed at the Walt Disney Amphitheatre at Lake Eola Park. The fiddler is the play's conscience, quietly watching in the background and occasionally breaking in to give his musical comment on the situation.

"Of course there is no fiddle written into Shakespeare's play so he [Tony Simotes, the director] just wanted me to hang around on the balconies and walk around and observe things and make some [musical] statements and some jokes," Ladnier said. "When he [Simotes] said that we would be playing a western treatment of this play I had the impression that I would be hidden in some pit somewhere just kind of playing some background music. I had no idea that I would be seen and walking around in the play."

Ladnier, a musical education major, has a diverse background in music. He has been studying music for about seven years and plays many different instruments including the violin, guitar, piano and tabla (Indian drums). He has been to India three times to study the tabla and has performed in Nashville, Tenn., for the Mark O'Connor fiddle camp. He also is president of UCF Midi Club.

"I like to experience music in as many ways as possible," Ladnier said. "I like all styles of the violin. I like jazz. I love classical music. I love fiddle music. It's part of the instruments heritage."

He also is involved in many personal musical projects within the community.

"I have just done a piece of original music for modern dance. Some students at Daytona Beach Community College wrote this dance and I wrote the music for it. It was a three-movement piece about balance and yoga."

Ladnier contributes his success to Dr. Ayako Yonemura, Stella Song and John Winney in the UCF music department.

"Music is definitely a universal language," Ladnier said. "... and the more dialects one can communicate in, the richer the experience will be for that person."

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Manson concert causes religious uproar

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was a cut and dry situation: Manson rented UCF's facility to hold its concert and would come and go in one evening.

This was not so simplistic in the targeted minds of the protest- ers, however.

Christian Coalition groups prayed on the Arena steps for hours the night before the show. Christian radio stations urged community members to fax and call UCF begging President Hitt to break the contract. Parents of UCF students were worried about the safety of their children. And many UCF alumni couldn't believe their alma mater would support such a disgraceful con- cert. Some people even lost sight of what they were protesting against. In one case, a Christian station asked listeners to fax David Finnerty, the Assistant Director of Public Affairs, with their requests to ban the show. We had been only three arrests in the past 10 shows and they were all made on UCF campuses.

Some people found it ironic that UCF's infamous campus preacher, Patrick Johnson, was arrested. "It is really embarrassing to me that someone who claims to be a good and decent Christian can get himself arrested at this con- cert," I think he totally discredited the claims we were trying to make as a group," said Patricia Cole, a Manson promoter.

McFall said Manson promoters often go into crowds of protest­ ers and hand out cards with future concert dates to stir up contem­ porary and act as publicity. Ticket sales for the UCF show were originally slow but attendance rose to 2,200, almost filling the Arena.

President Hitt, who was criti­ cized over the issue, said UCF neither sought nor supported the concert. Many protesters did not care that Manson rented the facility and were not invited by any organization or supported publicly.

"Under our system of laws my beliefs and values rightly should not and cannot translate into actions that violate provisions of the U.S. Constitution. Indeed, the constitution of our nation and our state protect even expres­ sions and views that are repug­ nant to the majority," Hitt said in a release.

"As one who has sworn to uphold the fundamental laws of nation and state, I must observe the law's requirements and resist the temptation to silence constitutionally protected views with which I vehemently disagree."

"I would have been surprised if the school banned this concert. I might have even held some kind of protest. I am a graduate student with a 3.7 [GPA] and I happen to like Marilyn Manson. I don't kill my parents, I don't mutilate animals and I don't litter. So what's the big deal? My mom even makes me go to church when I go home on Christmas break," John Dougherty said.

It remains an issue if shock rock bands will be allowed to rent the Arena. McFall said a policy board will examine the regulations to make sure they are constitutionally sensitive. He has no opinion on the outcome but said if they are changed toward rock bands, they also must apply to Christian groups, that want to rent the facility.

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POW tale like ‘Fantasy Island’

By DEAN G. LEWIS
Entertainment Editor

Glenn Close plays an English woman living in Singapore at the onslaught of the second world war. Soon her little peaceful Pacific paradise comes crumbling down as Beresford’s woman, Pauline Collins, (“Shirley Valentine”) registers some truth as Margaret, a stern religious woman whose soulful humming one night leads her and Close to convince their fellow POWs that an orchestra might be their ticket to salvation. A performance in a ransacked gazebo brings out even the Japanese warlords. Beresford concentrates on their facial expressions as if to show they’re undergoing some kind of epiphany from hearing their jailbirds crow. What really motivates Close to organize this mini-music festival is never specifically developed, nor are the characters. Too much intertwining between a dozen or so women almost ruins the authenticity and involvement we need in a prison film. A slew of emotional subplots — the volatility from being isolated, impending starvation and a gut feeling of inevitable death should have come and go faster than the speed of light. Wildly uneven in both its focus and characterization, the film’s main claim to fame will probably be its inclusion at last year’s Cannes Film Festival. No awards were given to Cimino’s film (jury members instead flocked to “Secrets and Lies” and “Breaking the Waves”). Cimino’s flawed road picture was left out in the sun to dry, and its limited release last fall never picked up enough steam to drive it into more mainstream theaters. “Sunchaser” takes its title from a story Bluebeard tells Dr. Reynolds as gun point while waiting to gas up their stolen car. The person looking to get healed, the one who seeks the sacred sunchaser, never actually knows whether Blue is cured or not; “Sunchaser” ends a bit preposterously as Cimino sets up a wide shot of Blue limping toward a stream. As his feet hit the water, he suddenly disappears. A subtle effect like this never tells us or shows us anything. What it ultimately does is make “Sunchaser” feel incoherent and corny. Another picture that had special effects wrapped in its climax was “Powder”, yet that film succeeded due to better writing and a lead character with which we could sympathize. Seda’s performance is too stereotypical of gang members, juvenile delinquents, and, what may be the film’s most insuring gesture, Native Americans caught up in the ghetto. Harrelson is slightly better, although the black and white flashbacks of his childhood, in which he pulls the plug on his dying brother’s (who looks too much like The Smashing Pumpkins’ Billy Corrigan) respirator, are overplayed and hardly convincing. But the player at stake here remains Cimino who hasn’t had a commercial or critical hit in 18 years.

The film is not all that bad, but, because it ballooned over budget and had an original running time of 3 hours and 40 minutes, audiences didn’t buy it, and critics dismissed it, plunging Cimino into a long sabbatical that would last 5 years. Today the director, with “Sunchaser” newly released on video, needs a film to surely resurrect his career. Like the damaged Michael and Steven (Robert DeNiro, John Savage) in “The Deer Hunter”, Cimino has weathered the war. Now is his time to seek reparations for an unjustly and hard-fought battle.
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Privatizing becoming latest trend among universities

From PAGE 1

- Student health services are divided within Student Affairs and the university. Services may be improved with a more unified approach.
- The current health center is too small, inhibiting productivity and efficiency.
- The value return for the student health fee is low, and fees charged for services are excessive.

The report also describes the health center's strengths which include a knowledgeable and caring staff and a high level of staff commitment. Bolte said if privatization becomes a reality, he does not think staff members would be penalized in any way.

“I would expect every one of those people who wished to remain to still have a job with that operation,” Bolte said.

And what happens to employees when a new company takes over is a topic of concern. Lynn Laurenti, spokesperson for Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton, said maintenance employees were worried when privatization of their department was proposed.

Union officials representing the employees said it was unfair for employees to be placed in the position of possibly losing their jobs. Laurenti said the company made a pledge not to fire the employees and to give them a probationary period, but union officials protested until the final decision was made.

"FAU became the first public university in Florida to privatize a part of the university that had traditionally been staffed by university employees," Laurenti said.

Laurenti said four years ago, Gov. Lawton Chiles asked all state agencies to look into privatization of their functions.

"The prevailing view is that government has got to run leaner and meaner," Laurenti said.

In January 1997, FAU determined privatization of the maintenance department has saved 21 percent of costs, increased productivity and improved quality, Laurenti said.

Tim Carroll, UCF director of business services, said as budgets get tighter, people still want to find ways of improving services. He said UCF’s print shop, which has been privatized for about 3 1/2 years, is able to offer better services.

Carroll said that privatizing is not necessarily a money issue. UCF continues to pay for the print shop to operate, but the company that provides the service, IKON, brought management expertise and more versatile equipment to UCF.

Carroll said that UCF is looking into privatizing the campus bookstore -- something that FAU has already done. The operation of FAU’s bookstore has been contracted out to Barnes and Noble since 1982.

Denis Creede, FAU assistant vice-president for student affairs, said food service at FAU is also privatized because it is not practical or cost-effective for the school to produce food.

Other schools, such as Florida State University, have bookstores operated by outside companies, but Bolte said no universities in the state system have privatized health centers.

In order for a health care provider to operate UCF’s health center, the task force report recommends further study and planning. But some of the report’s short-term recommendations have been completed. These include hiring a health center interim director and surveying students to determine the number of those that are insured and uninsured.
By RANDY CULZAC
Staff Writer

After the closing weekend of "The Boys Next Door," there is yet another exciting theatrical event happening at UCF. There will be two one-act plays being performed on April 25 & 26 in the Black Box of the Theatre building.

BPA performance major Jenn Remke will be performing in Andromeda, a one-act directed by theatre senior Jason Williams. Andromeda will open alongside another one act called Eleemosynary, which will be directed by Julia Granakie. The performances will only be for two days and seating will be first come, first serve.

The Central Florida Future caught up with Remke recently.

CFF: Was there a defining moment that made you decide on acting as a career?
JR: I was always in some sort of a performance as a kid. I was a dancer for 12 years and in orchestra before I did my first play and even then people told my parents that I had such stage presence. I think the true moment of realization was during Macbeth in high school. I played Lady Macbeth and I was really into the character and the whole Shakespeare experience. I knew I wanted to do this for the rest of my life.

CFF: What keeps you motivated to stay in theatre?
JR: There’s no other career out there that I feel this passionate about. The passion alone drives me to continue. It is also a great help having such supportive parents and an enthusiastic best friend, I really enjoy getting feedback from audiences as well. One audience member told me how he had enjoyed my work and looked forward to my next project. That was very special to me. Comments like that help me through the hard times.

CFF: Most actors use theatre as a stepping stone to film work. Is that your goal?
JR: No, I’ve never really been interested in film. My passion is Shakespeare. All I’ve ever wanted to do is the classics. My ultimate goal is to be a part of the Royal Shakespeare Company.

CFF: What are some of your best roles?
JR: Up until this past summer, the best role hands down was Keely in Keely and Du. mainly because it was such a struggle and the first time I hadn’t played a mother. Despite my hatred for being typecasted as mothers, I have to admit my favorite role is Kate Jerome, a mother, in the Neil Simon trilogy this past summer.

CFF: Is there a role you would still like to play?
JR: Oh god, yes! I have yet to do any Tennessee Williams. His plays are stocked full of amazing women roles.

CFF: Will you be directing in the future?
JR: No, I’m not very interested in directing. To me, it’s very important to choose exactly what you want to do in life and focus your energy on that one thing. For me, acting is my main priority, and since there are so many facets of acting that I have yet to explore I’ll have a long way to go before I get to directing.

CFF: How do you feel about student directing in the one acts?
JR: This is a very important thing for our school. Students getting a chance to explore in directing and putting up a whole production by themselves, is a wonderful chance for an even greater education. The second stage should be used for more controversial shows like Durang, Pinter, Mamet, and so on.

UCF professor named social worker of the year

A CFF Staff Report

Ira Colby, UCF professor and director of the School of Social Work at UCF, has been named Central Florida’s social worker of the year and is nominated for director of the School of Social Work at UCF.

Colby was nominated by the Central Florida Chapter for the National association of Social Workers which he is a member of. Colby said getting the award meant personal satisfaction because people recognized his efforts.

Circle K accomplishes much for a small club.

It is a new service club that was re-chartered at UCF in January. Starting with just 23 members, Circle K has accomplished many things its first active semester. The following projects are a few that Circle K helped with:

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Quality and quantity produce track team's title

By JEFF CASE
Staff Writer

Women's track and field coach Marcia Mansur-Wentworth summed up her team's TAAC championship meet performance easily.

"It was our best overall meet of the year," she said.

After placing second behind Florida International University at the 1996 TAAC track championship, the UCF women's team traveled to Samford University last weekend for a chance to win the title.

UCF was victorious, defeating the defending champs by a comfortable 172-143 team points margin.

Although FIU placed in the top three in 13 of 29 events, UCF used its depth to its advantage, placing several athletes in the top 10 in nearly every event.

Wentworth said quality production out of her athletes was apparent.

"Nobody on our team had bad performances, and we had a lot of outstanding performances," she said.

UCF began the meet slowly, as senior Lakesha Anderson placed fifth in a field of seven in the 100-meter dash. Anderson's time of 11.05 seconds beat her mark by 4.77.

In the 200-meter dash, sophomore Kim Halverson finished fifth with a time of 23.04 seconds, placing several athletes in the top 10 in nearly every event.

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Junior Michele Boike showed a variety of talents, as she was UCF's highest finisher in four events.

Boike's lowest placing was fourth in the 100-meter high hurdles, with a time of 14.98 seconds. She finished second in her other events.

In the 400-meter low hurdles, Boike ended with a time of 1:05.96. In the high jump, she finished with a height of 5 feet, 4 inches, which set a school record. In the long jump, she leaped for another record distance of 17-11.

UCF's throwers finished first in all three events, with senior Kelly Kobia winning two of three.

Kobia won the shot put and discus, tossing the shot put 43 feet, 0.25 inches and the discus 143-09. Freshmen Amber Twynner and Jen Herron finished third and fifth in both events.

Twynner won her first TAAC championship event, taking the javelin title with a distance of 122-07. Kobia finished second with a 117-06.

Mansur-Wentworth said the key to victory was choosing athletes who had momentum.

"The people we chose to compete in the meet were people who had been performing well [lately]. We had people who competed at our expectations and some who exceeded our expectations," Mansur-Wentworth said.

Wentworth said the team will try to use the remaining meets to have some athletes qualify for the NCAA Championships, June 4-7. The first preparation will be May 5 at the Nike Twilight meet in Gainesville.
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By DEREK GONSOLIN  
Staff Writer

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Women's golf team
2nd in TAAC

By MERIDYTH STANLEY

The women's golf team completed its spring season at the TAAC Tournament in South Daytona Beach, placing second behind Campbell University by 10 strokes, April 14-15.

The first 36 holes proved to be a true test in unfavorable weather conditions. UCF began the tournament shooting 521, but dropped 11 strokes after the second round.

The Knights went into the final round with a four-stroke lead over Campbell, but lost 14 strokes, shooting 312. UCF freshman Line Berg led the team in the final round, shooting 74. Senior Jenny Hagman finished with a 78. Hege Felling and Emma Soderlindh each shot 80. Sophomore Emma Soderlindh of Vallentuna, Sweden, finished second overall. Her scores of 75-73 in the first two rounds gave her a seven-shot lead going into the last day.

But in the final round, she couldn't hold it, shooting a 7-over 84. "I was 1-over after nine, 2-over after 11, and 6-over on the last seven holes," said Soderlindh, who blamed a mental lapse on losing her head. "I became uncomfortable swinging which made me very nervous. I felt more pressure than usual and my mental game wasn't prepared."

Coach Jill Fjelstul was pleased with her team's performance. "With the weather conditions as bad as they were, heavy rain and wind, I was not disappointed," she said. "The girls did not play bad on the final day. Campbell just played really well, shooting 299."

Fjelstul is optimistic about the fall season. "The top three from this tournament are the youngest and will be returning in the fall," she said. "I can't help but be excited."

UCF crew teams
prepare for nationals

A CFF Staff report

Last weekend the UCF Crew went to the S.I.R.A., known as southern by the rowers. The race put the Golden Knights against schools larger than they have seen since the Presidents Cup.

The Women's Freshmen/Novice lightweight eight had a strong showing as they captured a second in TAAC. The lightweight eight went to the nationals by the rowers. The crew teams known as UCW will attend nationals.

UCF rowers that will attend nationals and Matt Bramson.

"The promising recruiting class is expected. Students are encouraged to tryout for the next season's crew. "New members of the program will have large shoes to fill," said coxswain Mike Brainum. "But I am confident that with each year the team will continue to grow and bring home to UCF even more medals."
Infielder Eric Riggs is one of many Golden Knights contributing to the weekend sweep by FIU in their series this weekend as visiting Florida International swept UCF.

FIU won Friday night 15-14 and twice on Saturday 12-6 and 7-6.

By KEN JACKSON
Staff Writer

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Joy Bergman’s ballclub could use any help in keeping a late lead after giving up 17 runs in the last inning of three games.

The loss of reliever Marco Ramirez, who was kicked off the team for violation of team rules, was evident as UCF answered with two in the second. They tied the score in the fourth when Will Croud doubled Frank Fucile home.

FIU catcher Jeff Rodriguez homered off Todd Bellhorn to start the sixth, but UCF answered when Bellhorn singled Eric Riggs home in the seventh.

The sky opened in the first extra inning. FIU scored seven runs on six hits and three hit batters. Joe Kramer dealt the killing blow with a three-run homer.

UCF took a 2-1 lead in the second inning of the late game. Scott Birnacki and Pat Williamson drove in runs. With a 4-1 lead in the fourth inning, Travis Held gave up a three-run tying home run to right fielder Sean Mahoney. Fucile and Eric Johnson scored in the sixth.

Leading 6-4, the bottom fell out again. Mahoney hit another three-run shot, sinking UCF.

“I threw two bad pitches,” Held said. “Everything else was on. This [FIU] is the only team that owns me,” he said referring to his threeinning stint two weeks ago where he gave up four runs.

“We had to go all the way with Travis, we couldn’t bring anybody else in,” Bergman said, referring to his decimated bullpen after two games.

Friday night, UCF blew 9-3 and 13-7 leads late. FIU rallied for seven runs on six hits, three walks, and an error in the ninth inning and took a 15-13 lead. UCF could muster only one run in the bottom of the ninth and left the bases loaded.

After the sweep, UCF is left to the bottom of the TAAC Florida Division, slipping to 5-6, tied with Florida Atlantic. FIU improved to 7-5, and Stetson sits at 6-6.

“Not confident,” Bergman said about the loss. “And losing Croud hurts your offense ... and your defense. I have no idea how to approach them. We have to get healthy arms back.”

“I think we’ll be back,” Held said. “This week should wake us up.”

“In the next two weeks we’ll find out exactly how good this team is,” Bergman said. “Good teams find a way to rebound from adversity.”

The quickest way is three outs in the last inning.

Pat Williamson and his UCF teammates hope to rebound after being swept by Florida International last weekend.
UCF line backers look for future in NFL

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While awaiting their future during last weekend’s NFL draft, UCF linebackers Nakia Reddick and Kendrick Thomas each received a much anticipated phone call.

In Reddick’s and Thomas’ perfect world they would’ve received word that they were drafted. But it wasn’t until after the draft that they were offered free agent tryouts.

Thomas, who has been invited to the New York Jets mini-camp this weekend feels confident he will make the team. “I know not everyone gets a chance to get into an NFL training camp,” Thomas said. “But I’m not satisfied with just being there. I’m a pro. I’m gonna put on that pro uniform, and I’m gonna make it.”

If healthy, Thomas will battle for a middle linebacker position. And with veteran Pepper Johnson being the only player locked into the position, Thomas may find himself battling for second team.

Reddick, who spent the draft weekend at home in Miami, chose to battle for a safety position on the Carolina Panthers roster after turning down Tampa Bay and St. Louis.

Making the transition from college linebacker to NFL safety may seem difficult, but Reddick considers the challenge to be another obstacle he will overcome.

It was told I was too small to play linebacker in college,” Reddick said. “But I proved that theory wrong. And when I get to Carolina I’m going out there with the same attitude I had in high school and my first day at UCF ... and that’s to go out and play the way I know how.”

UCF planning date with Indians

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As if battling TAA Conference foes isn’t challenging enough, the UCF baseball program is in the midst of scheduling a date with the Cleveland Indians. The Tribe, which spent its spring in the Winter, will likely take on the Golden Knights on the final day of spring training next year.

It’s not everyday that a college baseball player has an opportunity to face an out of the know

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Pacitti rededicates himself to game

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Even as he describes the Knights being swept by Florida International this past weekend, he grins.

“We were hoping to put some distance between us and the rest of UCFTV division this series but it didn’t happen,” said Pacitti, who is tied with Eric Riggs for the team lead in home runs with eight. But two years ago, he was a player who had lost his love for the game.

Gregg Pacitti, who attended St. Petersburg Community College in 1994, played well enough to solicit offers from Vanderbilt, Virginia, South Carolina and Central Florida. He decided on USC because he could get more playing time at first base.

It’s a decision Pacitti still regrets.

“South Carolina used youth as an excuse,” Pacitti said.

“They didn’t really have a plan or a focus. They just said try your best and if we lost we lost. I started to lose interest, myself.”

Pacitti’s father, Steve, said the USC coach didn’t communicate well with the player.

“Gregg’s the kind of player you need to talk to and tell him how he’s doing,” Steve Pacitti said. “He didn’t get the kind of feedback he needed.”

Miles away from his St. Petersburg home and playing for a floundering program in 1995, Pacitti hoped a move closer to home would help his spirits. He transferred to UCF in the summer, just in time for fall tryouts. But after going through the practices, he was told he would not make the final cut.

“I had a chip on my shoulder,” Pacitti said.

“I still didn’t know if I wanted to play baseball. I played terrible.”

Pacitti was ready to give up.

“I was telling myself: Why play baseball? It was just a game you play for fun and I wasn’t having any,” he said.

“He needed time to adjust,” UCF coach Jay Bergman said.

“Goddamn, I told him he needed to refocus himself after his situation (at USC). I told him he would have to earn his spot on the team.

He almost didn’t make it.”

“Coach just told all the players before the final cut and told them where they stood,” Pacitti said. “I already was on the final list to be cut.”

But during the last scrimmage, he hit two home runs. It was a feat which not only convinced Bergman to keep Pacitti, but it made the left-hander want to keep playing.

“We kept him on as a pinch-hitter,” Bergman said.

Two games into the season, Pacitti hit a game-winning, pinch-hit home run against Georgia Tech.

Now fast forward to 1997: Pacitti leads UCF with 14 home runs over the last two years and has a 1996, third-team all-conference selection to his credit.

It’s amazing, what a little love will do.

“I loved the school, the players, the coaches — it was there if there was a focus here,” Pacitti said. “The coaches told us they wanted to go to the college World Series, so it stayed in the back of everyone’s mind. It made me want to play again.

Steve Pacitti said Bergman’s willingness to talk to his son is the difference.

“He felt welcome,” Steve Pacitti said.

“Gregg knew where he stood with (Bergman).”

His focus and love of the game restored, Pacitti still marvels he is playing baseball, “It’s a Cinderella story,” he said.

Despite the dreams of playing for his hometown team, the Tampa Bay Devil Rays, Pacitti is studying for three finals this week.

“I’m taking 15 credit hours and some summer classes so I can graduat

“arate in the fall,” said Pacitti, who has 3.5 GPA in business administration.

Steve Pacitti said he is proud of his son’s on- and off-field work.

“As a parent you can’t help but be excited for what he’s done,” Steve Pacitti said. “I think he’s keeping a level head about all that.”

As a team leader, Pacitti hopes UCF can rally from a disastrous Phil ride series to win the conference championship.

“I like the role I am now,” he said.

“There’s a little more pressure to preform, but I like it. Hopefully we can all play well down the stretch and win the conference again.”