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.

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

According to the report, "Conditions of such a partnership would likely include the elimination of uninsured/underinsured 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 insurance, if they do not already have coverage.

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.

"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 they want to make it mandatory."

John Bolte, chair of the task force, said the $250 is an estimate at this point, but said he hopes UCF could provide insurance at such a reasonable price 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.

The task force report describes the following weaknesses in UCF's health center:

- Between 20 percent and 40 percent of UCF students are uninsured, and additional students are underinsured.
- Student health services are not integrated with student insurance programs. Students with full coverage insurance still pay the entire health fee each semester.

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Students’ golf cart ride ends with grand theft charges

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Staff Writer

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Questions surround Greek Park expansion

By ELLEN DAYSPRING
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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 extension 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 and 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.
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 of the Business and Engineering Colleges, and 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.

Because all-nighters aren't always spent in the library.
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 laughed 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 our lives. It’s called graduation. Because college is beyond a stage to speak what’s on my mind (imagine that).

Scared that I’m truly scared to express my emotions from an internal standpoint concerning our instabilities. We have prided ourselves through four years of our time spent.

We steer our own direction as opposed to the actual memory and significance still being set with us for the rest of our existence. It is irreplaceable and can be emphasized into our own being while picking up a few traits and lessons from what we have encountered.

For the last opinion, graduating college 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.

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.

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 immediate, later life down the road we will come to a rest stop to recollect. In either case, graduation, in general, is about CHANGE and CLOSURE.

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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.

We must realize that for some reason or another, we are no longer who we once were four years ago. We have metamorphosized into our own being while picking up a few traits and lessons from what and whom we have encountered.

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.

But as for my final comments: A word from the future graduate… may 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 to Nashville, Tenn., for the Mark O’Conner 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 Yonetani, Stella Sung and John Wieme 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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Music major Cooper Ladnier plays the fiddle in the Orlando-UCF Shakespeare Festival.

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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 merged minds of the protesters, however.

Christian Coalition groups prayed on the Arena steps for hours the night before the show. Christian radio stations urged listeners to fax UCF, asking them to support any request to ban the show. Parents of UCF students were worried about the safety of their children. Many UCF alumni couldn't believe their alma mater would support such a disgraceful concert.

Some people even lost sight of what they were protesting against. In one case, a Christian station asked listeners to fax David Finerty, the Assistant Director of Public Affairs, with their requests to ban the show. One woman's fax asked for the David Sinneri concert to be canceled. The question has been posed many times: Why would UCF continue the concert if it was causing such distress? The Constitution and the fact Manson's prior shows were researched by UCF, said Dean McFall, Director of Public Affairs. There had been only three arrests in the past 10 shows and they were all made on Manson protesters.

Some people found it ironic that UCF's famous 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 concert, I think he totally discredited the claims we were trying to make as a group," said Patricia Cole, a Manson protester.

McFall said Manson promoters often go into crowds of protesters and hand out cards with future concert dates to stir up controversy 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 criticized over the issue, said UCF neither sought nor supported the concert. Many protesters did not want to rent the facility and does not receive any funding from the university. It survives on events it books.

"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 of our state protect even expressions and views that are repugnant 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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Theatre UCF featuring 2 one-act plays

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 Eleemosanary, 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 Chapter caught up with Remke recently.

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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 4 minutes, 18.63 seconds beat her mark by 14.98 seconds. She finished second in her other event.

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 Twyner and Jen Herron finished third and fifth in both events.

Twyner won her first TAAC championship event, taking the javelin title with a distance of 122-04. 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.

Molly Keiffer, who finished fourth in the 400 meter hurdles, was one of many athletes to contribute to the Golden Knights' TAAC Championship.
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UCF women repeat as TAAC’s champions

By DEREK GONSOLIN

Staff Writer

Been there, done that. For the second consecutive year, UCF women’s athletics earned the title of best sports program in the Trans America Athletic Conference.

“We want to keep the tradition going,” said women’s golf coach Jill Fjelstul, whose team finished second at the TAAC conference championship on April 15. “As far as I am concerned we can do it every year.”

Athletic Director Steve Sloan said the women’s program has been a source of pride for the school.

“ Winning our second Sherman Day Trophy is indicative of the number of high-quality coaches and athletes we have,” Sloan said. “It also illustrates the commitment UCF has made to the women’s athletic program.”

The Knights won the Sherman Day Trophy, given to the TAAC’s all-sports champion for women, thanks to conference championships in volleyball, soccer and the school’s first in tennis. The basketball (fourth place) and golf teams’ strong showings gave UCF the edge over Florida International and Campbell.

Assistant Athletic Director Mary Kaufman gave an example of how the attitude within women’s sports at UCF is improving.

“When I first came here in 1989, men’s and women’s soccer used the same locker room, so it took some real scheduling in deciding who took a shower first, so to speak,” Kaufman said.

Kaufman said once the women got their facilities, the team got into the spirit of things and painted the locker room in school colors and logos.

“When things start to get better, when improvements happen, sometimes it is contagious,” Kaufman said.

And that contagious feeling has proved deadly to conference opponents.

“We have established some level of dominance in the TAAC,” women’s soccer coach Karen Richter said, whose team won its fourth consecutive conference championship in the Fall. “A large part of it is because our athletic department has a greater commitment to women’s athletics than many of the other schools.”

Richter said after establishing the soccer team as the team to beat in the TAAC, other teams gear up for them more and more.

“Winning as many years as we have, teams are recruiting just to beat us,” Richter said.

But when we are recruiting against other teams in the conference, obviously our winning the conference every year helps.”

So how does UCF get the top women athletes in the TAAC every year?

“UCF as a whole offers so much to the student-athletes in producing an environment in which they know the coaches want them to succeed and will do anything that they can,” Fjelstul said.

“We excel in that area and if the environment is good the athletes are going to be great.”

The best example of UCF’s winning attitude comes from their most dominant team, volleyball. The Knights have won five consecutive conference titles and have not lost a TAAC match during that span (56-0). The winning streak has meant an attitude bordering on arrogance.

Perhaps not even bordering.

“There’s been a few times our team has almost lost,” said assistant volleyball coach Miriam Metzus.

“We’re in the huddle and we tell each other, ‘Do you want to be the first team to lose to these guys?’”

Fjelstul said every school could be as good as UCF, except for one difference. “It’s just that we are a very nurturing environment,” Fjelstul said. “We let the athletes know they are going to be taken care of and that they are in a winning situation. I am not saying the other schools don’t do it, but we are good at it.”

Can UCF win the Sherman Day Trophy again?

“We try to say to the players, ‘This year could be different,’ and, ‘Everybody is head-hunting us to keep them focused,’ Metzus said.

“But even though our opponents are getting better, so are we.”

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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 this weekend as visiting Florida International swept UCF.

FIU left fielder Ramon Ruiz led off the first game Saturday with a home run, and the Golden Panthers built a 6-0 lead before UCF answered with two in the second. They tied the score in the fourth when Will Croud doubled Frank Pulice 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 Kremzer dealt the killing blow with a three-run homer.

UCF took a 2-1 lead in the second inning of the late game. Scott Bernacki 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. Pulice 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 three-inning 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 went left to the top of the TAAC Florida Division, slipping to 5-6, tied with Florida Atlantic. FIU improved to 7-6 and Stetson sits at 6-6.

"What else can I say to the team other than to forget it," Bergman said. "You can't take it with you. We have two weekends left if this [winning the conference] is going to happen.

Adding to the misery, the Knights traveled to Gainesville to face the nationally-ranked Florida Gators. They did so without a rested bullpen and without center fielder/leadoff hitter Croud, who pulled his right groin muscle in Saturday's first game.

"It's pretty serious," Bergman said about Croud's injury. "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.
UCF linebackers look for future in NFL

By TIM SPRINGER
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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 Maryland, 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 just another obstacle he will overcome.

"I 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 TAAConference 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 Carolinas, 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

As you may have noticed, there is a similar link between amateur and professional teams are not uncommon. The Atlanta Braves and the Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets go at it each year as do the Marlin's and the Hurricanes. And UCF is no stranger to battling 'The Bigs' either. Jay Bergman has sent his teams to mix it up with the Kansas City Royals and the Minnesota Twins in spring seasons past.

As you may have noticed, there is a similar link between each professional and amateur team. The Braves and Yellow Jackets both reside in Atlantic. The Marlin's and 'Cines spend their days in South Florida, and the Royals train in Baseball City—just outside of Orlando—where the Twins are former residents of Tinker Field.

So where's UCF's link to the Indians? Well, let's just say it comes from the Hart ... as in John Hart.

The General Manager of the Cleveland Indians, who is also a UCF ... er FIU graduate, played under Bergman at Seminole Community College. And although a date between the Tribe and the Knights has yet to be confirmed, Hart and Bergman are working to make it happen.

If Hart can let Alben Belle get away, trade Kenny Lofton to the team that stole of Cleveland's world series dream and still visit his favorite restaurateur without having to worry about being-profiled in the parking lot, he can certainly pull off a meeting between the AJ's Central Division Champions and UCF.

I can see it now. UCF are Travis Hield is on the hill and stepping into the box is David Justice. The power-hitting curly crowds the plate in an attempt to intimidate Hield. The flame-throwing righty goes high-and-tight on Justice sending him to the dirt. Ocoosts and audits split from the bleachers. Reeling with confidence, held stokes off catcher Erik Johnson's call for a backdoor slider. He winds up and brings the heat in. Hield is waiting for it.

CRACK!

Held's offering is hit so high and deep that center fielder Will Crow never takes his hands off his knees. "Nice pitch," Justice says with a smile as he walks toward first.

Regardless of the outcome of personal matchups or the final score, such a game would only help the young talent within the UCF baseball program. A spring day in 1998 may be one to tell the grandchildren about. But somehow I don't think too many of these Knights plan on an exhibition game being their only major league experience.

Pacitti rededicates himself to game

By DEREK GONSOLIN
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To watch UCF senior left-fielder Gregg Pacitti now is to see a quick-to-smile team leader.

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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 the division this series but it didn't happen," said Pacitti, who is tied with Eric Rigg's for the team lead in home runs with eight.

"I'm excited for what he's offering to the conference again," Pacitti said.

"He offered his love to the program ... it was if there was a focus," 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 players.

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"It's a decision Pacitti still regrets."

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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 graduate in the fall," said Pacitti, who has 3.5 GPA in business administration.

"It's a Cinderella story," he said.

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

"As a parent you can't help but be excited for what he's done," said Steve Pacitti. "I think he's keeping a level head about all that.""Pacitti rededicating himself to game

As a team leader, Pacitti hopes UCF can rally from a disastrous 1996 season to win the conference championship.

"I like the role I am in now," he said.

"There's a little more pressure to prove this year," he said. "Like I said, I'm hoping we can all play well down the stretch and win the conference again."