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Building unites ROTC forces

New building dedicated for campus Army, Air Force

By LINDSAY MALANGA
News Editor

The opening of the new Army/Air force ROTC building proved to be a well-deserved reward for the young members of the training program.

Previously, the ROTC trailers were located near the Business Administration Building and the cadets were in need of a new facility. On April 25, Army and Air force ROTC members came together to celebrate their collaboration in the new trailers constructed behind the pool area on the UCF campus.

The Building Appreciation Day involved speeches made by Army and Air force ROTC representatives, as well as a ribbon cutting ceremony performed by President Hitt. The main theme of the day was to encourage Army and Air force ROTC cadets to "work together, learn from each other, and prepare to do the same in active duty," said Bryan McCarty, Cadet/Colonel wing-commander of the Air force ROTC.

"This will serve as a multipurpose facility that will bring people in and explain the ROTC program to them," said Edward Lomway, Cadet/Captain of the Army ROTC.

The new trailer was dedicated to former Col. Leslie M. Gross, who worked at UCF since it was called FTU and retired in 1988. Now deceased, Gross served as Director of Purchasing and as Business Manager when he was employed at UCF.

Ying Center brings world to UCF

By NORA R. KULIESH
Managing Editor

The Barbara Ying Center for International Students and Scholars is well known by the 904 international students at UCF, but are the other 22,096 students familiar as well?

Presently, the center provides a social, cultural and intellectual focus for many university and community activities. It serves as the symbol for an increasing commitment to international relationships in the commercial, financial and political areas of world affairs.

Douglas Mowry, Director of the Barbara Ying Center, says currently the other main purpose of the center is to help with immigration matters. One of his main responsibilities includes getting international students to the United States legally and maintaining their residence.

In regards to any immigration problems occurring with international students, Mowry says every couple of years there is a minor problem, usually associated with illegal employment.

Unfortunately, international students are prohibited from working off-campus without approval. A special work permit has to be issued for off-campus work and only under unusual circumstances is it permitted.

Mowry defines the circumstances for a special work permit as: devolution of a country's currency which would create economic need, determination that an outside job would benefit their field of study and post completion training which translates as one year of training in their major.

One of UCF's international students, Elaine Tan, used a special work permit over the summer and says it was a great concern about where these students will be working once they arrive at UCF.

Sworn into office

Keith McDonald and Karen Monteague are sworn into their positions as Student Body President and Vice President of UCF at the Student Government Inaugural Ball. The students took office on April 25.

Inside

The UCF women's tennis team advances to the NCAA tournament where it will play Michigan on Friday.
Fraternity house reports stolen property

By LINDSAY MALANGA
News Editor

The Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity reported Grand Theft on April 22. From April 18-22, some unknown persons stole property from the fraternity house valuing $340, according to the UCF Police Department.

David Lee Comer, former SAE president, reported four plaques were stolen. There is no lead as to who committed this crime. SAE is willing to prosecute.

In other news reported by the UCFPD:

• The Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity also reported Grand Theft on April 22. One ATO brother, Ryan Aceto, said many items have been disappearing over the last three weeks, including the ATO flag, a banner and two plaques. The flag was returned by a Tri-Delta sorority member a few hours later, but the other objects are still missing. Aceto also reported Sigma Chi belongings were found in the ATO house, and when they were returned to Sigma Chi, they found compostes belonging to Pi Kappa Alpha in their living room.

Aceto told police another fraternity might be having a scavenger hunt.

• Justin Bubaker reported criminal mischief done to the Sig Ep fraternity house on April 27. Bubaker said someone threw two pool balls at the house, with one going through the second floor window. Damage to the property was approximately $15.

• Robert Mark Persiano was arrested for Driving Under the Influence on April 18.

• Najmeh Akbari was arrested for Driving Under the Influence on April 19. Akbari also was arrested for possession of paraphernalia.

• Scott Terrien was arrested for Driving Under the Influence on April 27.

• Jeffrey Michael West was arrested for having an open container in a public place on April 18.

• The UCF Physical Plant reported grand theft of a heavy-duty quartz light cart valued at $330 on April 23.

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national] have passports with 10
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four or five languages and then
we have students here
who have never even been out of Florida
and that is regrettable," said Mowry.

The Barbara Ying Center is also commit-
ted to promoting international understanding of
other cultures on the campus and
within the community. Joanna
McCully, the center’s coordina-
tor, hopes to expand the use
of the center for more social
occasions.

A new kitchen, costing about
$13,000, has been installed to
implement a new program
designed to introduce these stu-
dents to foods from around the
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Villanova bans Cliffs Notes

By College Press Service

VILLANOVA, Pa. — So much to study, so little time.

For years, Villanova University students in search of a quickie lesson in literature could pick up the Cliffs Notes of Shakespeare’s “Macbeth” or Hawthorne’s “The Scarlet Letter” at the campus bookstore. But now, the university says it’s getting rid of the rack of familiar yellow-and-black paperbacks. “Some students are falling into a ‘Cliffs Notes Syndrome’ — the notion that there’s one correct interpretation of a piece, and if you summarize it, you have captured wisdom,” John Johannes, Villanova’s vice president for academic affairs, told the Philadelphia Inquirer. “That flies completely in the face of what we strive to do in [humanities] courses.”

Professors who teach Villanova’s core humanities courses also complain that students rely too heavily on Cliffs Notes, which provide plot summaries, character outlines and some social and historical background. “The abnormality occurs in the part of the brain that processes visual images, which could explain why anorexia victims believe they are still fat when they are dangerously thin,” Lask said. “We can say to people with anorexia nervosa — this is not your fault, you’re not making it up.”

Hale’s comments were posted to the sci.astro.amateur newsgroup on March 21. The astronomer, along with amateur astronomer Thomas Bopp, discovered the Hale-Bopp Comet in July 1995. Hale said he was hoping to use the media attention he was attracting to draw attention to the problem.
Graduation: exciting or uneventful?

By DIANA IMANUEL

Opinion Editor

Upon arriving at the UCF Arena with the rest of my fellow graduates at 7:00 in the morning, I had noticed mere confusion and disorganization lurking in the air. Students were congregating in front of the building, re-assemblying their caps and gowns while waiting for their families and friends to arrive. Proctors and facilitators were running about to finalize and secure the event's last-minute details.

And administrators and ceremonial speakers were putting on their garbs, ignoring the anticipation and excitement among the colorful group of the new initiates of education. It was quite obvious the event was going to be anything but formal.

As 8:30 approached, students were coaxed to line up at the bottom of the arena in no particular order. While waiting for 30 minutes plus, in what seemed to be the hottest and most humid day on earth (to degrees of 100 percent humidity), graduates were getting restless. The rest of the group to know that he/she would manage to cut in line, allowing for random seats (anyone could sit anywhere — no particular order according to majors necessary), we yelled with excitement and cheered. Then our audience mocked us and cheered along. Don’t get me wrong, I did enjoy the enthusiasm, but graduation didn’t turn out to be what I had expected.

Instead of a formalized ceremony based on a threshold of traditions, I felt as if I were at a rock concert, or better yet a body building contest.

Speakers upon speakers spoke to us (and what they talked about), I couldn’t tell you and I bet my fellow graduates couldn’t tell you either since we were all making fun of people on the platform as an attempt to amuse ourselves and keep our short attention spans busy. I tell ya. I remember turning to my left and actually witnessing someone sneering. I couldn’t believe it.

And then our moment arrived. They began lining us up in single file, based on our rows, and directed us to the stage. By the time I had reached the stage, most of my fellow graduates had already gone through the ceremony. I noticed I was limping because my foot was asleep after sitting for so long. I began to pray I wouldn’t fall on my face. But it came natural to me. I had glided across the stage. Smoothly, I might add. Just as the others did it.

And then it hit me. We had entered a new stage. We suddenly became mature majors. Grabbing onto our fake diplomas (as you don’t receive your actual diplomas until after the ceremony ends), feeling elite and experience. It was cool. But like I said before, it wasn’t what I had expected. It was informal and disorganized (as graduates were leaving their seats throughout the ceremony causing an obvious disturbance as they entered and exited the noise-making doors).

And because I had viewed what graduation was like at another state university (as my twin sister graduated five hours later than I did), it was hard not to compare the two graduations. At the other university’s ceremony, graduates entered together in groups according to their majors. In addition, the graduates were easily identifiable because the facility’s lighting was adequate. The point to include was that the chosen speakers of the ceremony (including the university’s president) were very sincere, humorous, and overall entertaining. I guess what it all boils down to is tradition consisting of prestige and excellence. Particularly setting high ideals and standards and only accepting the best possible. However, after only 30-something years, our university should be commended for its attempts in serving traditions (as the other university in which I am including in this article is several years older than UCF).

In conclusion, UCF’s graduation is not all it’s cracked up to be. Though it may be memorable, it isn’t that big of a deal. It really depends upon your expectations. Like many other things pertaining to UCF, my expectations were once again too high.
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**Breakdown**

Jeff and Amy Taylor are a rich Massachusetts couple on their way to San Diego. Somewhere in the vast Arizona desert, their Jeep Cherokee breaks down, and they find themselves at the mercy of a friendly tracker named Red, who stops and offers a lift to the nearest diner. The Taylors (Kurt Russell, Kathleen Quinlan) accept, sending Amy with Red while Jeff stays with the vehicle just in case a trooper or someone else should arrive. Good thinking? Wrong. Jeff, staring at Red driving away in his semi with Amy in the front cab, doesn’t know it but he won’t be seeing Amy for awhile. And so begins the mayhem of director and co-writer Jonathan Mostow’s “Breakdown,” an excitingly plausible thriller that never for a moment lets you catch your breath. Walsh can still carry the film, Russell emerges as a new kind of hero. His performance at first is quiet, yet it does finally show the same raw, unsettling suspense. The surprise is that it works. We’re never left in an all-too-familiar formula of disbelief.

**Austin Powers: International Man of Mystery**

Some people might think “SNL” alum Mike Myers is a comic genius. Others might brand him as being self-conscious, a performer who believes he’s funnier than he really is. In “Austin Powers,” a wildly campy spoof of the 60s spy genre, Myers could be called a genius at times when he serenades lovebirds Myers and Hurley with a piano, some champagne, a few lights, and Cesar’s Palace. Hooray! **1/2 (out of four) B+**

**“Chasing Amy”**

Jeff Taylor, played by Kurt Russell, tries to pull himself to safety in Paramount Pictures “Breakdown.”

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**ON THE SCREEN**

In Kevin Smith’s latest, Ben Affleck and Jason Lee (a Smith regular) play blooming cartoonists in search of everything in life that can make a guy happy: love, sex, money, and women. Affleck’s Holden, who’s been stuck up in a tiny flat with longtime best friend Banky (Lee), meets the beautiful and busty Alyssa (Joey Lauren Adams) at a comic book convention. She takes him to a bar where lesbians frequent. Holden, smitten by this new gal, drags Banky with him, and the two hang out sipping beers as they watch another gal belt out a few lyrics on stage. When the song’s over, she points to Alyssa to join her in the clubby littlelight. The two end up kissing in front of everyone while Holden stands in shock next to a smiling Banky. The lady he wants to love is a lesbian. He feels distant and alone. Banky is relieved though because he doesn’t really want to lose his pal to a chick. Jealousy bums. Love scorches. Acceptance rocks. In “Chasing Amy,” the last offering in the so-called trilogy (“Clerks,” “Mallrats”) from Smith, the blurb on the film’s poster can just about sum up this easy-going, often funny hip fest in comic Tarantino overdrive: “It’s not who you love. It’s how.” Thanks Miramax for this deep explanation. If anything, “Amy” does finally show a startling fascination for serious drama in Smith, and let’s just hope his fourth feature will be another step up the ladder.

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ANSWERS

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Male still in race for campus queen

By College Press Service

BATON ROUGE, La. — Southern University senior Rufus Young admits he isn’t one for tradition. As a male can­andidate for the Miss Southern pageant, Young already is bucking the conventional image of a beauty contestant by entering the school-sponsored contest.

But he’s also going a step further — by arguing he shouldn’t have to strut his stuff in an evening dress or in a swimsuit to be eligible to win the title.

young says his motive is to give Miss Southern more power and prestige on campus.

"Miss Southern’s premiere office should effect student association," he said. "Yet, just why would a guy like Young be interested in entering a beauty contest?"

Young says his object to the pageant because it doesn’t have any bearing on who wins the title. "There is no rule that mandates that I have to participate in the pageant," said Young, a senior English major and Dallas native. "If I am disqualified it would be under an unwritten law, which would be illegal. The pageant has nothing to do with elections."

Traditionally, students compete for the Miss Southern title in a pageant that consists of a swim­suit, an evening wear and a talent competition and in an interview segment. The winner is crowned during homecoming week and serves as a representa­tive of the student body at various functions throughout the year.

Young said he was threatened with disqualification if he didn’t participate in the pageant by Terral Jackson, the Student Government Association adviser.

But Gerald Peoples, vice chancellor for stu­dent affairs, says the administration never intended to disqualify Young in the race for Miss Southern. "Terral Jackson does not speak for the adminis­tration. There is nothing written that says you have to be a female or that you have to participate in the pageant," said Peoples.

When students first heard about a male running for Miss Southern, they were uneasy because it was "Rufus vs. tradition," said Young. But now that students have heard his reasons for entering the pageant, his bid for the title has more support, Young added. He says now students view his entry as Rufus against the adminis­tration, and students are more willing to support his battle against the "big bad administration than tradition."

Andersen driving force of Orlando’s past

By GARY ROEN

Book Review

For anyone who wants to know the history of UCF, this is a book that details the school’s beginnings and also Orlando’s.

"Martin Andersen" by Ormund Powers (Contemporary Books $24.95, 432 pages) shows how Andersen changed the Orlando Sentinel into a major newspaper in the state, and his influence in the creation of the University of Central Florida, and how Orlando evolved.

Andersen reasoned that an expanded University of Florida wouldn’t help Orange County. What was needed, he said, was a new space-age school, a school of technology that could be of ser­vice to the engineers at Cape Kennedy and the related and spin­off industries of Brevard and Orange counties ... with editors and personal contact, he persuaded the Central Florida Development committee to back the idea. Andersen also was a major force in having I-4, Highway 50, the East-West Expressway, the Florida Turnpike and the John Young Parkway built.

He also ran his newspaper in the same manner. His commentaries set the tone of the Central Florida area growth while his philosophy was, "If it’s good for Orlando, then it’s good for the Orlando Sentinel."

Ormund Powers has written a very detailed profile of one of the most influential forces in Central Florida’s history. What he shows is there is more here in the region than just Disney.
1.) What do you think of the new Student Union?
2.) Do you think many students will make use of it?

1) It's appearance from the outside is nice.
2) If they know about it they probably will.

- Kimberley Ross, Senior

1) It's like a shoebox, without the shoes in it.
2) If they are looking for emptiness, they will enjoy themselves.

- Matthew Rosen, Sophomore

1) It is a circular structure, sturdy, and made of brick. I love it.
2) I do, it is there. Many will wander by and enter. And it has good bagels.

- Christopher Pumphrey, Senior

1) Good idea, but it's taking too long to finish.
2) Yes. But must market the things the union has too offer.

- Chris Ngo, Junior

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Baseball begins postseason

“We have to maximize our potential,” Bergman said. “We haven’t done that well lately. There’s been a slippage in our pitching staff. We have to get some complete games out of our staff and hope who we bring out of the bullpen will shut them down, and that hasn’t happened.”

“We’ve been to Alabama already this year, so this trip is no big deal,” Bergman said of the team’s first trip outside the state in over two months. “We’ve played a lot more quality teams on the road than they have.”

If the Knights can win two of three against JSU, they will move into the double-elimination TAAC tournament, which UCF won in 1993 and 1995-96. An automatic bid to the NCAA Regional tournament accompanies the conference title.

The winner of the JSU-UCF matchup will join five other play-in winners. Other conference matchups include College of Charleston at Stetson, Florida Atlantic at Southwestern Louisiana, Campbell at Florida International, Samford at Georgia State, and Centenary at Mercer.

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By TONY MEJIA
Staff Writer

UCF hoping to make some racket at NCAA's

The setting was a USTA Satellite Tournament in Hilton Head, S.C. Staged in a battle of ground strokes and drop shots were representatives from two extremes, as a veteran college coach doted an aspiring amateur.

The coach was UCF's Gail Falkenberg, who came away with a 7-5, 2-6, 6-4 victory against the University of Michigan's coach Jay Bergman, said the tournament is such an early stage, automatic bids has yet to evolve, so the only way to qualify is to be ranked among the nation's elite.

There is a downside, however, because UCF has not played competitively in the winner of the South Florida-Miami matchup. The Golden Knights have to focus for the TAAC early last month and have been unable to play ever since. Falkenberg said. "That is a decisive disadvantage because tennis is a game in which you have to be match tough, so we'll just have to have our games come together in practice."

No matter the outcome, it is a tremendous accomplishment for UCF to have attained this level of national prominence, and can only help the program gain respect, notoriety and schedule strength in the years to come.

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