Local Girl Rises to Stardom

By NORA R. KULIESH
Managing Editor

Nonalee Davis currently works at Universal Studios as a stunt woman.

She is a goddess of the theater," said Agnes co-star Jamie McCoy.

"I'm not only did Davis act in numerous performances during
her college career, she tried her hand at directing as well.
Growing up with a mother as a director, though, her
skills and precision were second nature.

"My mom is so talented I
really have to work hard. But,
looking back on it now, I think
growing up in the theatre and
with a director for my mom
has helped me," Davis said.

Davis earned a degree in
Radio/Television, but has been
fortunate enough in her post-
college acting career that she
has yet to use. Davis is con-
tinuing her education at UCF.

"When I graduated from
Western I was padding south
along the Nantahala River and
even though it was fun and I
met some incredible people, it
wasn't what I wanted to be doing," says Davis. "I decided to
move back to Florida and pursue my acting in Orlando.

Once I had here I decided to
take classes at UCF. I'm not
degree-seeking, I just think it's
important to keep growing as a
person.

Around December of 1995,
Davis auditioned for Universal
Studios and landed a role in
"Wild, Wild West: Stunt Show" as the lead
woman, "Ma Hopper."

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New book suggests
"The Enemy is Us"

By NORA R. KULIESH
Managing Editor

A controversial new book sug-
gests an alternative end to the
insidious war on drugs that has
attracted the attention of college
students: a repeal of drug prohi-
bition.

"I heard about the book from
one of my professors. I don't
think the government would
ever legalise drugs. Alcohol is
just as dangerous, and they
made it legal," said UCF stu-
dent Lorna Breen.

Retired U.S. Air Force
Lieutenant Colonel and
Miami native Robert H. Dowd
wrote the book, "The Enemy Is
Us. The book alleges the drug
problem is "made in America,"
and the government's war on
drugs is teeming with mistakes
of the past.

Dowd's book, which took six
years of research to complete,
lays out a new perspective on
the war on drugs restoring con-
fidence in a sensible drug
solution is possible.

I worry about the future of
this country. Between the envi-
enmental problems we have
and the social ones, like drugs, I
worry about my kids. I don't
know if there really is a solution
to end the drug problem. I can't
fully agree with him [Dowd],
although I do see the problem
in alcohol did not end anything
so why would the prohibition
of drugs," said Mary Wilke,
mother of UCF student.

Dowd implores the
government to evaluate the fail-
ure of alcohol prohibition and
consider what
he believes is
the only real solution to the
problem: repeal of drug prohibi-
tion.

He maintains 77 years of drug prohibition and 25 years of the
war on drugs only worsened
the problem.

"The federal government's
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On the screen
Meg Ryan and Matthew Broderick
are "Addicted to Love."

"Per-e-gri-nate" v. to travel from
place to place; to journey.

A Wrap on Baseball
The Future recaps the baseball sea-
son and this year's recruiting class.
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Man reports internet account theft

By DAN TUCKER
Staff Writer

On May 22, John Joseph Turner reported an unknown person gained access to his commercial internet account without his permission.

According to UCF Police Department reports, Turner's account was used to purchase $807.08 worth of computer equipment. Turner was told by his internet provider that the equipment had already been delivered by UPS and signed for.

Turner is willing to prosecute.

In other campus crime reported by the UCFPD:
- Ing-Yann Shien was charged for confinement of an animal on May 19. Shien left a dog in his parked car for 4 hours, 30 minutes before he returned.

"Enemy" suggests legalization of drugs

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War on Drugs has dissolved into a frenzied activity like that of a dog chasing its tail — and the nation has lost track of the dog's chance of success," says Dowd.

Although Dowd detests drugs, he believes a legal private sector market, like alcohol and tobacco, is the solution to the problem. He says it restores order, allows regulations and eliminates black market crime.

"There is too much profit in illegal drug trafficking to fight it any other way," Dowd said.

The book states the war on drugs should be ended, just as the nation experimented with alcohol prohibition in the 1920's and early 1930's was reversed. Dowd said that from George Washington to Woodrow Wilson, all drugs were legally sold in the private sector even though recreational use was frowned upon.

According to the book, drug use was effectively and steadily reduced during the two decades before Prohibition. This was achieved, Dowd said, by requiring truth-in-labeling laws, anti-drug education, high moral values and the fear of addiction. He said the ratio of drug addicts in the population at that time was one-third of today's number.

"Clearly the U.S. did not have a sufficient drug problem to warrant what it endured under Prohibition," Dowd said.

Though unintended, the consequences of the war on drugs, says Dowd, are crime, violence and corruption on an unprecedented scale.

The profits from illegal drugs are incredible, and unfortunately the money goes into the pockets of malignant drug lords, says Dowd.

A 1994 United Nations report estimated $500 billion annually is spent on illegal drugs worldwide, half of which is sold in the United States.

Dowd says the profits arm the drug lord's minions and brine officials of law enforcement, courts, banks and businesses for their cooperation. Their vast army of dealers in the U.S. includes 650,000 juvenile mercenaries, which Dowd says roam the streets protecting their turf. He adds they range out into suburban neighborhoods and small towns looking to make children drug-users.

"I see new dealers would prey on children. Kids don't know any better and they succumb to peer pressure. The manipulation is all makes me sick," said Wilke.

Dowd uses one of the most famous drug dealers to illustrate his perspective on the war on drugs.

"To capture a single drug dealer, Manuel Noriega, we destroyed part of a city and killed several hundred bystanders, not to mention 25 of our own soldiers," he said. "Yet, there is no evidence that the supply of cocaine on U.S. streets cornered by so much as one ounce."

The repeal of drug prohibition as a solution to the problem has had its validity questioned, especially in reference to college students where drug use is prevalent.

"My mom and I always have this argument where she says that kids in college will become pot-heads or coke addicts if it's legal. But, I say that people are going to do it whether it's legal," said Bracco. "Kids are doing drugs now and they jeopardize themselves. At least with legalization you get regulations."

According to the book, empirical evidence suggests the legalization of drugs would be an effective answer to today's drug affliction.

"With one great stroke, our government would depopulate drug lords, dealers and their juvenile accomplices with the largest source of illegal income the world has ever known," said Dowd. "Guns on the street, crime and violence would decrease significantly - just as it did after the repeal of alcohol prohibition."

According to Dowd, the other positive effects include a dramatic decline in crime-fighting and prison-building costs along with a redirection of the $40 billion in taxes that fight the war on drugs to more worthwhile causes. Rather than fight the war on drugs, Dowd says the taxes on drug sales could provide communities with drug prevention, education and rehabilitation programs.

"I detest drugs," said Dowd. "But, 63 years ago we repealed the prohibition on a far more dangerous drug - alcohol - and the nation has never looked back."

The Enemy Is Us can be purchased through BookWorld services by calling 1-800-444-2524.
Mrs. Orange County makes top five in Florida

Sandy Nelson, who placed fourth in Mrs. Florida, will compete for Mrs. International. Nelson placed as fourth runner-up and will go on to Tyler, Texas in August of this year to compete in the Mrs. International pageant. The winner of Mrs. Florida was Denise Barnett, former Mrs. Tampa and she too will go on to Texas in the fall.

Law-abiding Orlando citizens "jailed" for having big hearts

Wednesday, May 28 was a big day for some law-abiding Orlando residents. Between 9:5 p.m., volunteers "jailed" were escorted by the Orange County Fire Department to the Muscular Dystrophy Association lock-up at the UCF Holiday Inn.

The volunteers had their mug shots taken, and were thrown in "jail" where they called up friends and family to raise bail money. All bail money went to benefit the MDA and is part of their year-long fund raising campaign which culminates with the Jerry Lewis Labor Day Telethon.

Kia Motors surveys 500 Americans on graduation gift-giving

The findings from a nationwide survey of over 500 Americans reveals that parents are giving more than they got at the time of their graduation a generation ago. The survey uncovered interesting trends for the 32 million American parents who have children in high school and college.

- 49 percent of parents intend to give gifts valued under $500. Of the parents who will bestow more, 34 percent will spend between $501-$5,000, and only six percent will shell out more than $10,000.

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In no way do I blame contestants of these pageants solely since society has always misunderstood women as vital entities in this world. But, I really have to wonder why they would subject themselves to the scrutiny of the homeless, the environment, the world etc. The interview questions are never provocative or controversial. Instead, they seem to rely on the constant issues like drugs, children as the future of our country etc.

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Sincerely,
Karen Walls - UCF student

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This graph illustrates the most popular gifts given to graduates.

Letter to the Editor

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Karen Walls - UCF student
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2.) Would you like to see a student-run station establish itself on campus?

A:

1.) I don't know much about that jazz station.  
2.) I do think that a student-run station is a good idea. It would be a good opportunity for Radio-TV majors to get some hands-on experience in their field of study.

— Melanie Mitchka, Senior, Psychology, Tampa

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— Simone Mitchell, Junior, Public Administration, Miami

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— Suzanne McPherson, Junior, Music Education, LaBelle

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— Tobias Andreasson, Master Program, Industrial Engineering, Linkoping, Sweden

1.) I don't know much about it, because I don't like jazz.  
2.) Yes, I would. But it needs to have a variety of all kinds of music, like R&B and others.

— Vierka Kleinova, Sophomore, Music, Kosice, Slovak Republic

1.) I don't know much about the format of the present station.  
2.) Yes, I would like to see a new student-run station on campus. It would have to play all types of music and also deal with student issues on the radio talk shows. Overall, it would have to be totally student orientated.

— Tynika Williams, Junior, Hospitality Management, Pittsburgh

Dear Mom and Dad,

Boy, did things get wild during study week. With pizza deliveries coming until 2:00 in the morning, radio blaring and everyone stepping by to visit, you could barely tell exams were just around the corner. Despite all the distractions, I think I slipped through again. Even if I had to give up a lot of excitement and fun, studying would be a whole lot easier in an adult community with just a couple of roomies and plenty of peace and quiet.

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**Entertainment**

"Children of the Revolution" expose the drama behind Cold War

By DEAN G. LEWIS
Entertainment Editor

Australian director-writer Peter Duncan pulls down the red curtain on the Cold War in "Children of the Revolution," an odd mix of drama, political satire, and tragedy crumpled together as a vehicle for actress Judy Davis. She's absolutely fine in the role of a Communist sympathizer whose hatred for freedom lands her in the arms of Russian leader Josef Stalin (F. Murray Abraham). He entertains her in his quarters with food, talk, and music. She goes to bed with him, wakes up in the morning and finds the old revolutionary dead. Somewhere in the night they made love, perhaps quite passionately, because Joan Fraser (Davis) turns up pregnant. She travels because Joan Fraser (Davis) makes **addicted to love**

Voyeurism and revenge play heavily in Griffin Dunne's misguided effort, "Addicted to Love," an insipid psychological comedy that demands too much. Lost flames, hateful lovers, cockroaches, snobbish French men - all packed into a relentlessly contrived plot - can only spell disaster for our female lead Meg Ryan. Under eye shadow and weird wardrobes, Ryan (as a jilted wife) does absolutely nothing inspiring. The stupid script doesn't allow her to. Matthew Broderick, another guy whose love just dumped him, is depressingly additive (hence the title). They meet in an abandoned NYC flat across the street from their former flames, hoping to enact any form of vengeance imaginable. "Addicted to Love" is horribly directed. Actor-turned-filmmaker Dunne jerks his camera through unsettling movements. Any film in the future now that comes out with a song title is deadly game.

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Sports Illustrated named best jock schools

By College Press Service

NEW YORK — Nebraska’s weight room is the “enry of every other athletic department.” Western Carolina students play a mean game of “flag football” (football using a nerf ball). And students with a talent for striking and spares can earn a bowling scholarship at Wichita State, a true “modern American institution of higher learning.”

You’re not likely to find praise like that in the annual ranking of top schools compiled by U.S. News and World Report. But when it comes to the skinny on the nation’s top jock schools, Sports Illustrated claims to be the ultimate authority.

The magazine recently ranked the best jock schools in America using a rather unscientific set of criteria that included the number of campus sports teams, cheerleaders and sports bars.

“A jock school is any college or university in which sports are central to campus life, a place where sports-minded students can flourish,” according to Sports Illustrated.

The magazines notes that even “egghead” schools — prestigious universities such as Stanford, which Tiger Woods attended before going pro, and Princeton, which boasts a No. 1 men’s lacrosse squad — can make the list.

“We is to say you can get a world-class education at a jock school, just as you can get a salad at McDonald’s,” the magazine said.

Receiving the top mark as a jock school was UCLA, which the magazine suggested should change its name to University of California Loaded with Athletes in honor of its star teams and alumni, including basketball’s Kareem Abdul-Jabbar and volleyball’s Karch Kiraly.

The nation’s best jock schools, according to Sports Illustrated:

1. UCLA
2. Notre Dame
3. Stanford
4. Texas
5. Florida
6. Michigan
7. North Carolina
8. Penn State
9. Nebraska
10. Princeton

However, the report also tied other factors to worker productivity, including foreign trade, technological innovation and government regulation.

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“Just as a jock school is to a man what a university is to others, so a true "flag

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The report linked productivity to education, stating that the more education a person has, the more productive he or she is as a worker.

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Davis recognizes importance of education even with stars in her eyes

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"I have seen her do 'Ma' a million times and every time I am star struck," said Rita Hunter, a longtime friend of Davis. "It amazes me that she can perform live in front of 2,000 people every day and jump off buildings. I am really proud of her!"

The "Wild, West Stunt Show!" is a 20-minute show in which Davis does a series of high falls ranging from 7 to 20 feet, wields a whip and shotgun and tries to beat the good guys.

"I love 'West.' I couldn't ask for a better job," Davis says.

Even though Davis didn't ask for a better job, two of equal splendor have just found their way to her.

On May 25-28, Davis was busy at Universal Studios filming "The Mystery Files of Shelby Woo" in which she plays the villain, Matilda.

"It has been working out a lot lately because I have to do a slide-for-life which is a really difficult stunt," she says. "But, I will be prepared when the time comes."

Davis says she feels fortunate to have all these opportunities, including attending UCF.

"I am lucky to have one degree and the flexibility right now to pursue random classes that interest me," said Davis.

Davis is not sure what the fall will bring. She said the fall is a slow time at Universal and money is usually tight, but she can't worry about it now.

"Nonalee will have such a good frame of mind when she comes back. I am sure she will have just as many wonderful things happening, as far as her career is concerned, if not more," said Hunter.

Davis' dream of being an actress is a dream no more. And even though this local girl is making it big, she still recognizes the importance of education.

"My family has always encouraged my passion for acting, but my mom always said to me 'Education is key' and it is."

Housing Guide offers free apartment help to students

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RENTS, a student can choose the categories they wish to hear or place an advertisement. There is no charge for a student to call or place an ad. The advertisements run for three weeks and students can call for an ID number at (407) 823-0417. Then, dial (407) 823-6699, listen to the message and enter your ID number. An advertisement is then recorded, free of charge.

The Off-Campus Housing Center also provides a pamphlet on local services and another on restaurants available to the college students of UCF. From airports to bus lines, cable companies to rental cars, bank needs to grocery stores, all needs are met with these informational packets. Further information is desired for a specific apartment complex or housing development, the University of Central Florida Housing Guide is the place to look. Pictures of the complexes, floor plans, pet information, washer and dryer availability, fitness center availability, sports amenities, and laundry facility information are all provided in this booklet. The guide also gives the approximate distance from the apartment to UCF.

"I didn't know the school offered any of these apartment finding services back when I was a freshman and homeless. I am getting ready to move again in September. Maybe I'll find something in the brochure," said Xiu.

If a student still has no idea where to look for a home, a good place to start would be to call the Apartment Hunters. This organization provides free apartment finding, fully computerized assistance, maps, floor plans and videos. Located at 12227 University Blvd., their number is (407) 282-0980 or 1-800-884-2172.

Despite the chaos surrounding the housing situation for UCF students, numerous informational guides are available for the house hunters of central Florida. Whether it be by telephone or literature, apartments are available, roommates are needed, and housing is out there for all UCF students.
By COLLEEN DEBAISE
College Press Service

At MIT, students insist they "must have e-mail to be able to function." Indiana University students report getting kicks out of creating web pages such as "Church of the Apes." And Middlebury College students say they never work up a sweat rushing across campus to turn in papers, because all professors accept online homework.

Such is life for the student who attends the nation's most "wired" colleges, according to Yahoo! Internet Life. The magazine recently rolled out its first ranking of "America's 100 most-wired colleges" based on survey results of 300 major four-year institutions.

The goal of the survey, the magazine said, is to show the role the Internet plays in class and to give prospective students a way to gauge how Net savvy a school is.

"It seemed like an obvious thing to do," said Dina Gan, senior editor of the Ziff-Davies publication. "Other services do their annual rankings based on academics and other criteria, but no one had addressed the question of how well colleges are preparing kids for a wired future."

Survey questions included: Is there unlimited access to the World Wide Web? How many courses have home pages? Are students automatically given e-mail accounts?

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Recruiting overseas could help UCF win conference

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coaches here. We have advertised this in three different sources, so its been open for a while and everyone gets the NCAA News. I can't imagine, for what coach Carol Ross is paying and being in the state of Florida, the type of response she is getting for the opening on her staff. I know I have been just bombard­ed by phone calls from either the applicants or their references.

"It got to the point where I had to have my secretary screen everything because I wouldn't get anything done. Don't get me wrong, the coaching search is important, but at some point in the day I have other things to do. We are still in the process of signing some foreign players and recruiting is very important to me. "The business part of the women's game is getting very much like the man's game. It's over saturated. It's very competitive and that's encouraging because I did not expect this kind of response for the staff openings."

CFF: Have you signed any more players since the initial three?

Bria: "Nancy Richter out of West Palm Beach. I think she'll do real well, because she plays hard and works hard. I think the main difference between high school and college is first, she has to get a stronger, which across the board all the kids we are bringing in have to get stronger.

Second, the pressure you get as far as your ball handling skills are con­cerned. In college they are in your face all the time. So she is going to have to handle the ball much better. But overall, as far as her shooting, we need it. We need her three-point shooting and her knowl­edge of the game as well.

CFF: Where do you see Richter fitting in on the team?

Bria: "She's a shooting guard. We don't want to use her as a forward. We want to get bigger at the small for­ward, forward and center positions. That is why we want to go the foreign route at those positions. Also, we want to bring in some foreign ball players because they bring a little more experience. They play 60-something games a year versus 20 a year here."

CFF: So how are the off­season workouts coming?

Bria: "They are supposed to send me back the first report this week. I gave the players a program where they have to fill out sheets listing which weights have been lifted, how much and how often.

"The main thing for us this summer is the weights. We tell them it takes time to get stronger. We have the time now. In September we don't have it. You can't rush it. If you do you are prone to injuries. "The second part of the workouts is getting them in the gym and working on weaknesses such as ball handling or whatever else needs work. The last part is not as important, and that's where you get pressure.

"I really believe that your season depends on your organization and your preparation now through what you sign. Games are won and lost before the season even begins."

CFF: So without any assistants to help with the recruiting, do you feel the pressure to build your first recruiting class by yourself?

Bria: "I am not one to have an entire team of international players. I think we have plenty of American kids who need opportunities and I want to continue to do that. But right now it's very difficult for UCF to get the premier player out of Florida or out of any­where. We haven't won enough to establish a tradi­tion yet. At some point I think we will have that tradition, but until then having two to four foreign players on the team is a good mix."

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Bad bounce leads to close loss at Miami Invitational

By JEFF CASE
Staff Writer

After over a month of preparation, the UCF men's sevens rugby team traveled to the University of Miami last weekend to face their first test of the season: the Miami Invitational Tournament.

The one-win, two-loss performance could have been more successful if not for some uncontrollable factors.

The lone Knights victory came over the Naples (FL) Rugby Club, 15-5, but was overshadowed by losses to the Daytona Beach Rugby Club, 10-5 and a 12-5 to the University of Miami, the eventual tournament winner.

The loss to Daytona was, in the opinion of club vice-president Joachim Wiese, decided in part by a controversial call late in the game. Late in the second half with Daytona leading 10-5, UCF and Daytona engaged in a scrum. UCF's scrum half Nick Adelman won the scrum and pitched the ball out to the winger, Wiese. Wiese said that was when the controversy arose.

"I picked it up and immediately scored off of it, but, with it bouncing forward, the referee thought it was a forward pass," said Wiese. "That would have tied it, but the referee called [the play] back and [Daytona] got possession.

When you get a call like that against you, it kind of kicks your morale right in the groin," he said.

The field conditions at Miami may have also played a role in the losses, said Wiese.

"The tournament [fields] were pretty poor," he said. "The fields were ill-maintained. The [goal] posts were pretty much PVC pipe held up together by duct tape, and there were a lot of ant hills on the field."

"There's nothing wrong with PVC pipes, because we do that as well, but ours stay straight." These goal posts were crooked, and one post kept continually falling down.

Despite the adversity, the tournament did give UCF some much-needed experience and also an indication of what to stress in practice.

"Now that we've all seen how the game flows, we can work more on strategy skills and things like that at practice," said Wiese.

The losses at the Miami Sevens Tournament have not dampened the team's confidence.

The Knights will host their own Todd Miller Sevens Tournament on June 4.

"I think the biggest thing [against us] was just experience. We were kind of like Naples ... we had four guys on our team that had never played sevens before, and we had two guys who had only played a little bit and never with UCF," said team captain Will Dedelow.

"We had a losing record [at the tournament], but I think we did real well. This is a good starting point for our sevens season," he said.

Signees to step up for departing seniors

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Season ticket sales surpass last year’s numbers

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Sports Writer

It’s been nearly two years since the UCF football program and its fans received a taste of big-time college football after traveling to the hostile confines of Doak Campbell Stadium to take on the then number-one ranked Florida State Seminoles. The Golden Knights suffered a 46-14 loss, but nearly 6,000 UCF fans who made the trip back with them an unforgettable sample of the college football experience.

The following year, a similar situation at Georgia Tech expanded the minds of UCF followers when the Golden Knights stunned and nearly upset the Yellow Jackets at Bobby Dodd Stadium in Atlanta. After each of the aforementioned occasions, Knight fans remained standing and cheering well after the final seconds had expired on the game clock, sending the message: We got your back!

Today the message still stands. And there’s good in the season ticket sales for the upcoming season. Although round two of the UCF battle through the Division I-A is still months away, Knight fans are showing their support by purchasing season tickets for next season which features just four home games.

The total number of season tickets sold will remain a mystery until the Knights home opener September 20th against Idaho, but UCF ticket sales officials are expecting promising results.

“Our season ticket sales are on pace to surpass last year’s total season ticket sales,” said UCF Ticket Manager Alyson Johnson. “Last year we sold 7,000 season tickets, and it appears this season may be better.”

The UCF season ticket holder may be showing support for a young, up and coming program, but it’s no secret there is an underlying motive. Fans who purchase season tickets have the option to renew for the following season before new buyers can reserve their seats.

Translation, When the Knights join a conference, the season ticket holder of the previous year will have dibs on reserving a seat at the Citrus Bowl.

No big deal, right? Wrong! Athletic Director Steve Sloan and his staff are doing everything in their power to get the Golden Knights into a conference. And their pushing harder than a walk-on hitting the blocking sled.

So when the Knights join the Big East

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