By NORA R. KULIESH
Managing Editor

For 25-year-old Nonalee Davis, acting has been her one true love since age 3, but now it is much more than a childhood fancy - it is a career.

When Davis started acting in her mother’s drama program called Rising Stars (based out of Titusville), she had no idea she would be doing it professionally 22 years later.

“Most kids dream of being an astronaut or a dancer or a doctor, I always wanted to be an actress so I could be everything, at least once,” said Davis.

Her leading roles in community and school theatre prepared her for what the college years had to bring. A partial drama scholarship to Western Carolina University in Cullowhee, N.C., might have brought her away from Cocoa Beach but not from acting and not from rising as a star in her college theatre.

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By LINDSAY J. MALANGA
News Editor

With approximately 27,000 people attending UCF and minimal on-campus housing, students may be having a hard time finding a place to live before the fall. While many opportunities do exist for college students to find a home, some may not know exactly where to look.

“When I got to college I had planned to stay with a friend who graduated a year before me, but at the last minute she decided to take a year off and I was left high and dry,” said junior Kim Xiu. “I was devastated and it took me a while to find an affordable apartment and a sane roommate. It’s really hard to find both at the same time.”

The Off-Campus Housing Newsletter is published twice a year by the Department of Housing and Residence Life, in the fall and spring. This pamphlet provides information on apartments in the UCF area, as well as their monthly rates, leasing information, number of bedrooms and bathrooms, pools and pet deposits.

In the newsletter, apartment information on over twenty different apartment complexes is provided. Such complexes include the Alafaya Trail apartments, Chatham Landings, Collegiate Village Inn, Cypress Run Apartments, and Knight’s Crossing. The guide also provides security tips for “safer apartment living.”

“Students can find their roommates over the phone,” according to the newsletter, by calling the UCF Community Housing Guide. By dialing (407) 823-6700, and entering the password Per-egri-nate, visit to travel from place to place; to journey.

She is a goddess of the theatre,” said Agnes co-star Jamie McCoy.

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, I think growing up in the theatre and with a actress/director for my mom has helped me,” Davis said.

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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 $607.08 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 Shen was charged for confinement of an animal on May 19. Shen left a dog in his parked car for 4 hours, 30 minutes before Turner opened the car to help the dog. He adds they range out into suburban neighborhoods and small towns looking to make children drug-users.

• An unknown person stole a book bag and parking tag from Estrella Castillo's parked car on May 20. Castillo is willing to prosecute.

• On May 21, Kathia Martinez reported petit theft after her pettier was stolen while she was in class. Martinez is willing to prosecute.

“Enemy” suggests legalization of drugs

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War on Drugs has dissolved into a frenzied activity like that of a dog trying to catch its own tail — and as a result, a dog’s chance of success,” says Dowd. Although Dowd detests drugs, he backs a legal private sector market, like alcohol and tobacco. He says it restores order, allows regulations and eliminates the 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 prohibition."Guns and drugs should be legalized just as alcohol and tobacco are," Dowd said.

According to the book, illegal drug use is positively correlated with the population; in the 1920's and early 1930's it was reversed. Dowd saves 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 relatively 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 $50 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 brute 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.

“Any new dealers would prey on children. Kids don’t know any better and they succumb to peer pressure. The manipulation of it all makes me sick,” said Wilke.

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

“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. street corners dipped 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 afflication.

“With one great stroke, our government would deprive 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 dramtic 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.

But, Dowd, 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 ordered through BookWorld services by calling 1-800-444-2524.
Mrs. Orange County makes top five in Florida

By NORA R. KULIESH
Managing Editor

Sandy Nelson, Mrs. Orange County and UCF graduate, participated in the Mrs. Florida pageant on May 22-24. As a first year contestant, Nelson said her goal was to place in the top five.

"Since this was my very first year in the Mrs. Florida International pageant, I am very pleased that I accomplished my goal of making the top five. The Mrs. Florida pageant is the only such a pageant that recognizes the accomplishments of married women in the workplace, home and in the community," said Nelson. "I am proud to be part of such a fine and outstanding organization."

Sandy Nelson, who placed 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. until 5:50 a.m., volunteers "jailed" were escorted by the Orange County Sheriff's 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

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76% of parents plan to give money as graduation gift

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.

The most popular gift among parents is still money. The survey shows that 24.3 million (76 percent) give it to allow their child to select the ideal gift. Other popular presents include: watch/jewelry (14.4 million), computer (7.4 million), car insurance (7.4 million), car (6.4 million) and vacation (5.8 million).

Despite today's generation of sensible parents, they are still spending more than their parents did according to the survey.

Dear Editor,

I am writing in reference to the Mrs. Florida article featuring former student Sandy Nelson. Especially after the JonBenet Ramsey incident and all the publicity that pageants got as a result, I really have a problem with women entering them. I can remember watching Miss America on TV with my grandparents when I was little and I loved it. As I get older, though, and see how hard it is for women to advance in the "man's world" that we live in, I am angered at the women who enter these pageants. I feel it sets women, in general, back a couple of decades and perpetuates the "barefoot and pregnant" image - even and especially Mrs. Florida which recognizes women's commitment to marriage. A commitment to marriage is great, but why do we have to dress up in evening clothes and walk down the catwalk to appreciate and recognize it?

The article also said that these pageants are a way for women to promote themselves, but again I question it and say to myself isn't that what resumes are for. If women want to promote themselves in the community they should get involved in charities or become an activist. The questions asked by Mrs. Florida judges like who do you admire most and favorite saying are remedial to say the least. My eight year old niece already said she admires Oprah Winfrey and her favorite saying is "Do unto others". The interview questions are never provocative or controversial. Instead, they seem to rely on the constant issues like the homeless, the environment, drugs, children as the future of our country etc.

I do not 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 evening clothes, judges and insulting questions like our advice to newlyweds. As if we couldn't advise on non-domestic matters.

I am not a feminist really, but I do take offense when women encourage any kind of program that focuses on appearances or favorite sayings - we are worth more than that. Men have never had their beauty pages aired on National TV - probably because in this world they don't need to rely on beauty or pageants to promote themselves.

Sincerely,

Karen Walls - UCF student

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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

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.

— Suzanne McPherson, Junior, Music Education, LaBelle

1.) I don't know, but it is good with regards to the music that is being played. My taste in music leans more toward blues rock and roll, so I would prefer to hear more rock and roll.
2.) Yeah, it's a damn good idea. But I wonder what the opinion of the other students at UCF is. With a student-run station, it can easily advertise the many different events that will be held on campus.

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

1.) Because I'm from Eastern Europe and play classical music, I'm familiar with jazz. I have listened to the jazz station several times and I really did enjoy what I heard. The many styles of jazz are very wide, and can be enjoyed by a lot of listeners.
2.) Having a student-run station isn't a bad idea. But I do feel that some assistance by the professionals would still be needed to produce that perfect quality level the present station has.

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

1.) It's OK, but I don't listen to all that much jazz.
2.) A student-run station with a variety of music would be a good change of pace.

— Simone Mitchell, Junior, Public Administration, Miami

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

DOES THIS SOUND LIKE YOU?

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 dropping by to visit, you could hardly 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.

We should think about buying a place at Hunter's Reserve. This well established community within walking distance of UCF is occupied by stable families. The two-bedroom floor plans are just the ticket plus they have tennis courts, an exercise room, a pool and a clubhouse. Best of all, it's quiet and orderly without all of the distractions of living in an all-student environment.

From what I understand, there is a wonderful financing program to get me a great pad at a tiny down payment. With a low-interest loan (which could be transferred to a new buyer in the future when I head off for grad school), the monthly cost is no more than my roommates and I are already paying for rent.

If you think that this is a good idea (like I do), give a call to the developer's representative at 407/977-9007 and set up an appointment to visit.

I might miss partying into the wee small hours of the morning but, on the other hand, I am sure you will be pleased with the improvement in my grades.

Love,

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“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. The protagonist, an actor named Tache (Ryan Roxburgh), on the verge of a career, is thrown into 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 revolution dead. Somewhere in the night they made love, perhaps quite passionately, because Joan Fraser (Davis) turns up pregnant. She travels because Joan Fraser’s can occur, and, ultimately, change the face of Leftist politics.

** ½ (out of four) B- 1 hr. 38 min. Rated R.

“Addicted to Love”

Voyeurism and revenge play heavily in Griffin Dunne’s misguided effort, “Addicted to Love”, an insulating physical comedy that demands too much. Lost lovers, hateful lovers, crookcoaches, snobbish French men—all packed into a relentlessly contrived plot—can only spell disaster for our 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.

Judy Davis in a scene from Peter Duncan’s “Children of the Revolution.”

Love just dumped him, is depressingly addictive (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 names best jock schools

By College Press Service

NEW YORK — Nebraska’s weight room is the “envy 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 strikes-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 learning, “A & W Root Beer,” according to Sports Illustrated.

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.

“I know 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 Athletics 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


The ad contained the text of a policy statement adopted by the Association of American Universities, which includes 62 top research universities, at its spring meeting April 14 in the New York Times.

We want to express our strong conviction concerning the continuing need to take into account a wide range of considerations — including ethnicity, race and gender — as we evaluate student whom we select for admission,” the group said.

The policy statement is a response to recent decisions to roll back affirmative-action programs in California and Texas, group said.

“We believe that our students benefit significantly from education that takes place within a diverse setting,” the group said.

Our students encounter and learn from others who have backgrounds and characteristics very different from their own.

“As we seek to prepare students for life in the 21st century, the educational value of such encounters will become more important, not less, than in the past.”

The group said it does not endorse quotas or “set-aside” in admissions. Instead, an applicant’s academic grades, standardized test scores and “unquantifiable human qualities” should be considered.

The Association of American Universities includes all members of the Ivy League except Dartmouth College; private colleges such as the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Duke and Stanford universities; and public universities such as University of California-Berkeley, the University of Texas-Austin and the University of Michigan.

Michigan’s nude mile run draws tepid response

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Maybe dashing buck naked across campus doesn’t raise as many eyebrows as it used to.

Despite cold temperatures in the mid-30s, about 260 University of Michigan students paraded at midnight April 22 for the annual “Nude Mile” run.

As usual, thousands turned out to witness the spring event, which celebrates the last day of classes and was started 12 years ago by members of the men’s club.

But at least one female spectator commented that she was “underimpressed by the turnout,” adding that she was disappointed by the stampede of bare-butted sprinters who attracted the gawkers. Even the Daily Michigan gave the annual dash a yawn and didn’t do a write-up.

The trouble, says Jim Yood, Northwestern University art critic and theorist, is that American society has become indifferent to nudity.

“It’s not so much the content of images that has altered,” he told the Chicago Tribune. “We’re familiar with nudity.”

What’s numbed us, according to Yood, are constant displays of nudity in movies, fashion, advertising, even in TV shows such as “NYPD Blue.”

But while spectators may call it a bore, participants say there’s still something liberating about a mad dash in the buff.

Thomas Dixon, a sophomore who ran the “Nude Mile” last year, told the Tribune he regretted sitting out this year.

“I ran last year,” he said. “It’s the most amazing feeling. I mean, it’s so cool, so free.”

Report: College completion rates lagging in U.S.

WASHINGTON — While higher education attainment is increasing throughout the industrialized world, the U.S. is increasing at a slower rate than other nations, the Washington, D.C.-based National Center for Education Statistics reported.

“Since World War II, worker productivity has grown more slowly in the United States than in other industrialized countries,” the report said.

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

In one way, education helps workers to work more effectively in teams because it enhances their ability to communicate with and understand their co-workers, the report said.

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

Although “the rate of college completion in the United States still far exceeds that in most other countries, educational attainment generally is increasing more slowly in the United States than in other industrialized countries,” the report said.

U.S. Secretary of Education Richard W. Riley cited the study to promote the President’s Hope Scholarships, which would pay for the first two years of college.

“I worry that the ‘economic gap’ that already exists between the highly educated and the less educated will continue to grow unless we change expectations and give more Americans an opportunity to go on to college and learn new skills,” Riley said.

“Put simply,” he told the Tribune, “you lose all the way around when it comes to a growing paycheck if you drop out, flunk through high school or end up flunking through college,” he said.

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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 long-time 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, Wild 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," said Davis.

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 will be Davis' first substantial role on TV thus far and she says it was an incredible experience.

"When I got to the sound stage and saw the trailer with a star and my name on it I was thrilled," Davis said. "There is a glass window where the Nickelodeon tour goes by and I thought to myself, 'I'm finally on the other side of the glass.'"

Although filming took place in late May, the air date is tentatively set for sometime in September and will air nationally on Nickelodeon.

"I go through these spurts during the year where I just don't get a lot of air time, but I'm really excited about 'West.' Now all of a sudden I am working six and seven days a week. I just finished filming. I have six days at 'West' next week and in July I am off to Japan for two months," says Davis.

As if stardom at Universal Studios and a role that will be seen by audiences nationwide isn't enough, Davis has been given the chance to go to Japan. A show there will feature Davis as a pirate-queen who sings, acts and performs various dangerous stunts.

"I have 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 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."
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 surveys 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 computer classes have home pages? Are students automatically given e-mail accounts?

The term "wired," Gan noted, encompasses more than just cable and hardware. "What we intended to measure with our survey was the extent to which students would be immersed in Net culture at each school," she said.

Not surprisingly, given its hi-tech curriculum, Massachusetts Institute of Technology received the top mark for "wiredness." At any time, there are about 500 users on MIT's instant-messaging network, the survey said.

"E-mail is a very natural way to gain in the MIT life," confirmed Dacie Carter, president of MIT's undergraduate association, who reports getting as many as 200 messages a day from friends, professors and classmates. "You check your e-mail daily."

About 10 percent of campus computers are student-owned, and nearly half of all students take time to create a personal web page. Also, 90 percent of courses allow students to turn in their homework online.

"The Internet is used in virtually all our classes," said Carter, a junior with a double major in electrical engineering and computer science. "The first thing you do when you register is bookmark your classes [on your web browser]."

Carter said he's surprised when he visits friends at colleges less tuned in to the Internet. "After being here for three years you get kind of acculturated to this environment," he said.

It's that kind of wired environment that prepares students for graduation, Gan said.

"The more students are accustomed to using Net resources at school— to do homework, to register for classes, even to socialize—the better prepared they will be for the real world," she said, "which will most likely require them to have a fluency in Internet culture."

The magazine noted plenty of ups and downs in the survey results. Northwestern University, ranked No. 9 in the 1997 U.S. News and World Report list of top universities, grabbed second place, while less well-known colleges such as the New Jersey Institute of Technology (No. 7) fared better than the more elite schools.

"I was not surprised that MIT came out No. 1," Gan said. "But other results surprised me. Some schools that traditionally place high on other rankings did not fare as well in our survey."

In fact, the only Ivy League school to make the top 10 was Dartmouth, which scored high points for its "blitzmail," an instant e-mail system in use since 1989. Columbia University, ranked No. 11 by U.S. News, did not make the top 100.

"I even had one very prestigious school tell me that they shouldn't even do the survey because they didn't think they were very wired at all," she said.

While Gan cautioned against placing too much weight in the ranking, she said the survey could help high school students narrow down their college choices.

"In my view, the wired rankings should be seen as a complement to any other rankings a student might want to use to select a school," Gan said. "Depending on what career path a student is thinking of, their instant messaging skills could help tip the scales in favor of one school or another."

The top 10 colleges that made the magazine's honor roll were: 1.) MIT; 2.) Northwestern University; 3.) Emerson College; 4.) Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute; 5.) Dartmouth College; 6.) University of Oregon; 7.) New Jersey Institute of Technology; 8.) Indiana University-Bloomington; 9.) Middlebury College; and 10.) Carnegie Mellon University.


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Civil War Comes Alive in Novel by UCF Professor

By GARY ROEN
Book Critic

"A Court for Owls," Richard Adicks (Paperback Press $17.95)

The War Between the States captures the fancy of young Lewis Powell. It is his parents' belief that the war is for others. Lewis should stay on their farm and leave the soldiering to others older than himself. A chance is presented and against his parents' wishes, in 1861 Lewis joins the Florida Jasper Blue to fight for the Confederacy. Powell spends his basic training drilling and doing his stint of guard duty thinking, how is this going to help fight the Yankees?

"A Court for Owls" moves along through the war, with Powell having brief encounters from time to time with an actor named John Wilkes Booth, who talks to Powell about the South's cause and what the country should be like.

When it is obvious that the South has lost the war Booth and Powell have further dealings. It is at this point that a naive Powell is manipulated by Booth that join his cause that will change the course of history. Booth is a shadowy figure with some suspect ties to the South but no one is certain about who, what or why Booth is out to avenge the South's loss. Booth is a madman who plays on Powell's innocence in a plot to assassinate President Lincoln.

Adicks has taken a true event in history and through his novel given a very plausible scenario of what could have happened, of how these two different men came to be involved in the assassination of President Lincoln.

From its first pages where Powell is introduced awaiting hanging for his involvement in the Crime of That Century, back to his enlistment into the service of the Confederacy, the novel is rich in color and detail of the time and events of the war. Also added is the fact that Florida had more of a role in this awful tragedy than his ever before been revealed.

The author, who is a professor here, has vividly brought to life the feelings Floridians during the conflict, the events of the time, and the lives of historical figures who surprisingly have had very little written about them.

The narrative races along to its final conclusion about a sympathetic character, who, were it not for John Wilkes Booth, would have faded into obscurity.

Adicks has done a marvelous job of blending historical fact and fiction into novel form, and with "A Court for Owls" joins the ranks of John Jakes' Bicentennial series and his North and South saga.

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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 open for a while and News. I can't imagine, different sources, so its Ross is paying and being recruited overseas could help ed by phone calls from their references. So what she is doing is getting for the opening I had to have my secre­ on her staff.

"The type of response she is getting is very com petitve and 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 men'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 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 con­ cerned. 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 knowl­ edge 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 for­ ward, 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 off­ season 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 the season. 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: "Thank goodness there are only two players to sign left. I started by recruiting six or seven international players that I could get in every week and call. The thing about international players is that they are more mature, stable and seri­ ous about what they are doing. This is going to ef fect their entire lives and they know it. They don't feel like they can make a decision either or not they are going to come. If they are tell you they are coming, then they are coming. They don't need a piece of paper to make it final and come to America to play."

CFF: Do you want to make foreign players a yearly occurrence?

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 any­ where. We haven't won enough to establish a tra­ dition 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."

CFF: Which position are you recruiting interna­ tionally for?

Bria: "Right now, we need forwards. It is a position we are having a hard time finding a big three. A 6-foot or bigger forward that can shoot and handle the ball."

CFF: Do you need bigger forwards to match the taller players of Florida International?

Bria: "We have to match them in order to compete for and win the TAAC Championship. Then ultimately, I want to move from just the champi­ onship, maybe to getting us past the first round of the NCAA tournament. Right now we have to focus on what it is going to take to just win this thing. I know we have to match their size and go player for player. The only way to do that know is to go international."

Football could join conference

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and the Miami Hurricanes are scheduled to visit the sold-out Citrus Bowl, fans will be dressing up as vendors hoping to slip in unnoticed. Or, when the Knights join Conference USA, and the East Carolina Pirates are coming to town for a game to decide the conference champi­ on, razor wire may need to be installed atop the perimeter fences of the Citrus Bowl when tickets become scarce. It may sound extreme, but so will the Golden Knights' football schedule in a couple of years. Fans and alumni who used to have the opportunity to reserve seats may find their tailgate parties lasting a bit longer than they had planned.

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I WOULD'VE SCHEDULED FOR MORE CREDITS THIS SEMESTER, BUT I FIGURED I ALREADY HAD ENOUGH PROBLEMS WITH VERA, MASTERCARD AND AMERICAN EXPRESS.
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 losses 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.

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When the team finally takes shape come February, it will have a new baseball field to call home. Construction will start on a new stadium behind the UCF Arena in July. The field and temporary bleachers will be ready by the start of next season. Athletic offices, permanent stadium seats and a press box will follow soon after.

Its name: Joe Bergman Field, in honor of the winningest coach in school history, who likely will win his 800th game in the new home.

“The Board of Regents and [Athletic Director Steve] Sloan went out of their way to make this extra-special for me, and it’s greatly appreciated,” Bergman said, noting the current facility makes it hard to recruit players.

Even Bergman himself will undergo changes over the summer break. He will have right knee replacement surgery on July 1 to repair those rusty wheels which have seen a lifetime of baseball and five prior surgeries. The left knee will be replaced following next year’s baseball season.

“It’ll be 6-2 when it’s all done,” the 5-8 head coach joked.

Hopefully, his team will stand just as tall in 1998.

Signees to step up for departing seniors

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year,” Bergman said. “We improved ourselves at every position.”

With Riggins, Brisson, and junior Pat Williamson returning, the infield should remain solid, and Florida 3A Player of the Year Mick Gray will help bolster the unit.

Also recruited was second baseman Andy Johnson, the youngest of three brothers to play at UCF. Adam was drafted by the Atlanta Braves last year and Erik is the current catcher.

“The outfield, which will have a void left by Pacitti and senior Frank Fuelle, could get an infusion of youth,” Bergman said the range and composure of Matt Bowser (Tarpon Springs HS), the running ability of 6-foot-6 David Geyes, and hitting prowess and arm strength of Shane Garrett. Garrett’s presence may shift Will Croud into left field.

Three members of the starting rotation (junior Matt Luboynski and sophomores Travis Held and Mike Pacitti) will return next year. Senior Brian Gomes will look to regain a rotation spot in the fall after shoulder surgery required him to sit out this season.

Pushing the veterans will be Chris Miller from Manatee Junior College. Miller, who Bergman calls “The real deal,” posted a 11-1 record last year and was second in the nation in strikeouts.

Jason Arnold, an incoming freshman from Melbourne, will be looked upon to be a relief specialist and spot starter.

“In seven's, you typically only want to commit two people to a scrum, but Daytona decided to use four. Nick won the scrum, and [Daytona] committed two defenders that tried to close down on him,” said Wiese.

Wiese said Adelman then passed the ball back to him. The ball hit the ground five yards short of Wiese and bounced forward. The referee, only seeing the ball bounce forward, thought the pass was illegal. Rugby does not permit forward passes of any type.

“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-tended, the [goal] posts were pretty much PVC pipes, because we do that instead. The referees were pretty,</p>

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Bergman hopes the MLB draft will not ruin next season

By KEN JACKSON
Staff Writer

New and welcome changes await the 1998 Golden Knights baseball team. The school will greet new freshman recruits and junior college transfers. The team will enjoy the use of a new baseball field. And Coach Jay Bergman will get acquainted with his right knee.

The 1997 baseball season featured very few dull moments. A last-place finish in the TAAC’s Southern Division was followed by victory in the conference championship. That gave UCF the opportunity to get shelved in the NCAA Regional tournaments by South Florida and Florida State, two teams Bergman called “buzzsaws.”

“Offensively this year, our nucleus came from our youth movement, such as [freshman first baseman Dustin] Brisson (.298, 8 HR, 17 doubles) and [sophomore Brian] Riggs (.361, 9 HR),” Bergman said. “We had two walk-ons, Will Croud (.311, 18 steals) and Travis Held (6-2, 1.72 ERA, 110 K, 101.2 IP), that were huge impact players.”

But, the players Bergman will lose to graduation also had a hand in UCF’s success. Outfielder Gregg Pacitti (.315, 71 RBI, school-record 15 HRs) will be greatly missed by Bergman. With the loss of infielders Bryan Bruce (330) and Adrian Cardenas (176), the left side of the infield will require added depth.

Pitcher George Schmidt (8-3, 4.15 ERA), the most reliable reliever down the stretch, also graduates making the bullpen less experienced. Junior OF/PF/DH Todd Bellhorn (4-4, 84 K in 80 IP, .325, 6 HR) may be lost in this week’s amateur draft as well.

But Bergman feels the UCF staff did a good job recruiting this year, so all holes should be filled by the time the Knights take the field next spring.

“We had a fantastic recruiting effort.”

Bergman’s Knights will attempt to win their fifth conference championship in six seasons in 1998.

Season ticket sales surpass last year’s numbers

By TIM SPRINGER
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 proof 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 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 Director Alyson Barnes. “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 Conference, the season ticket holder may be...