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UCF’s hidden ‘secret garden’

By LINDSAY J. MALANGA
News Editor

The nature trails offer peace and tranquility on campus.

The arboretum waterfall and pond were designed and built by Phillip L. Jamp, a UCF engineering student. The natural beauty of the area is enhanced by the peaceful sounds of the water and the surrounding greenery.

UCF laser research excels on campus

By GINA HAWKINS
Staff Writer

UCF engineering student Ed Miesak said he realized he was spending a lot of time at school when he began to feel more at home in the research laboratory than in his living room. Miesak, who is about a year away from graduating with a Ph.D., said he spends about 11 hours a day in the lab, seven days a week, studying lasers. He said he has to spend even more time there, beginning his research at 6 a.m. and leaving at midnight.

M.J. Soileau, director of CREOL, said long hours and intense research are characteristics of study at the graduate level. He said typically there is one faculty member for every two or three students at CREOL, and they work closely with their students throughout the research. "An ideal education is that one-on-one instruction that you unfortunately can’t do on a massive level at the undergraduate stage, but at the Ph.D. level or graduate stage. That’s how you must do it," Soileau said.

Soileau said the typical CREOL faculty member also works more than 60 hours a week. He said professors have to be "out there pounding the pavement" to seek out the grants and contracts necessary to fund the research and pay for the specialized equipment and supplies that may be necessary.
Altered money passed on campus

By DAN TUCKER
Staff Writer

A $1 bill that had been altered to look like a $20 bill was issued to Barbara Tsukalas, a cashier at Fast Break in the Education Building.

According to a UCF police department report, the bill was given to Tsukalas on May 29 between 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. Conviction of such an offense could result in a five-year prison sentence. The investigation is still ongoing.

In other campus crimes reported by the UCFPD:

- Satomi Tonegawa reported her bicycle had been stolen on May 23. Tonegawa's 18-speed bicycle was locked to the rack in front of Aspect trailer 621. Tonegawa was unable to provide the serial number of her bicycle to the UCFPD.
- A hubcap was stolen from the vehicle of Youries Atallah. Atallah parked in lot G-2 on May 27 and returned 30 minutes later to find the right rear hubcap missing. Atallah has had all four hubcaps stolen previously.

- On May 28, John Nicholson reported his UCF parking decal had been stolen. Nicholson is unsure when the decal was stolen. He first became aware it was missing when he returned to his vehicle and found a "No Decal" ticket on his windshield.
- A Pepsi machine was vandalized on May 29. The bottom portion of the front of the machine had been kicked in, causing approximately $100 worth of damage.
- On May 29, Barbara Sherwood, who reported the stolen unit, asked staff members if anyone had moved it. No one had. There are no suspects at this time.
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- In other campus crimes reported by the UCFPD:

- On May 29, a TV/VCR unit was stolen from the Counseling and Testing Center. The 20-inch Panasonic TV/VCR, valued at $442, was last seen in Room 215 on May 29. Barbara Sherwood, who reported the stolen unit, asked staff members if anyone had moved it. No one had. There are no suspects at this time.

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Washing away summer boredom?

During the slow summer months, UCF workers perform some of the many tedious tasks necessary on universities.
UCF leader honored for outstanding services

By OLIVIA K. CURNOW
Staff Writer

Building houses, teaching children and working at his family’s restaurant finally got Georges Darido what he deserved: an honorable mention for the 1997 Florida College Student of the Year Award.

Darido, 21, is one of 20 college students in Florida recognized by Florida Leader magazine. The magazine’s annual scholarship program honors students with the following characteristics: how they support themselves through school, superior academic commitment, and volunteerism within their community and campus.

Darido, a senior majoring in civil engineering, exceeded these requirements. He is a recipient of two prestigious scholarships, maintains a 3.8 GPA, and is involved in many organizations on and off campus.

He serves as a UCF’s Habitat for Humanity representative on the Greater Orlando Board of Directors. He attends monthly meetings, raises funds for the organization and was involved in the construction of 60 houses in downtown Orlando.

“I like to affect people’s lives and get involved,” Darido said.

Darido is also the president of Tau Beta Pi, an engineering honors society, the secretary for American Society for Civil Engineers where he participated in the annual conference at the UCF Arena, and serves on the President’s Leadership Council, where he along with other students works one-on-one with UCF President John Hitt. “I’m very honored to be a part of that because they are very talented people,” he said. “It’s a very diverse, eclectic group.”

Darido finished teaching Sunday school at St. Joseph’s Catholic Church last month. He taught children in third grade and enjoyed the difference from his complex engineering classes. “It’s completely non-technical,” he said. “Engineering is so detail-oriented. When you have to teach a child sometimes you have to get very broad. In engineering you become very narrow-minded sometimes and the kids open up a whole new perspective.”

When Darido is not busy with classes, teaching or volunteering, he works at Gino’s in Oviedo, his family’s Italian restaurant.

“It keeps my feet on the ground,” he said. “I work with my parents and it’s a nice thing to do.”

How does Darido find the time to do all of this? “It’s a battle, it’s tough to juggle all these things,” he said. “If I’m not busy, I don’t feel productive. I’m just that kind of person — I gravitate to these things that interest me.”

Georges Darido earned an honorable mention for the 1997 Florida College Student of the Year award.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

In response to the May 28, 1997 article “Garages, UCF Arena keys to future parking,”

Excerpt: “What bothers both UF and UCF parking administrators is students unwillingness to walk from parking lots not conveniently located next to their classes.”

Response: You know, its blatant administrative stupidity like this that totally infuriates me about this school. Students are required to pay $59.00 for a yearly pass here at “Nickel and Dime You To Death University.” Are we supposed to pay this fee and then be willing to walk a half mile to class? You’re damn right that I am unwilling to pay $59.00 a year for parking just to walk from parking lots not conveniently located next to my class, regardless of the weather, with a 30-pound book bag, from the dirt lot I park my new car in!

So, this is what I have to say to the UCF parking administrators, I formally invite you to be more than happy to walk half a mile to your cushy office from the dirt lot carrying a 40-pound briefcase and somehow find some valid reasoning for your plan to raise parking fees in the fall. Then, and only then will I truly be willing to accept yet another disappointment at this glorious university and smile as I walk to class from the wonderful dirt lot!

Sincerely,
Andrew Schachter
A Severely Disgruntled Student Advocate

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1.) Have you ever been the victim of some type of campus crime?
2.) Do you feel that SEPS (Student Escort Patrol Service) is a very good program? Why or why not?

1.) No.
2.) Yes, it provides an alternative for putting oneself in a very compromising situation.

— Abigail Schroeder, Sophomore, English, Orlando

1.) No, never.
2.) Yes. It's nice to have this service available, so that I don't have to walk home alone if it's dark outside.

— Aura Rodas, Junior, Psychology, Kissimmee

1.) No.
2.) Yes. Any student who is the victim of a violent crime can be severely damaged. The ability of any student, male or female, to arrive safely at their destination or around campus is extremely important. The SEPS program allows us to reduce the chances of any student becoming a victim.

— Larry Lambert, Junior, Biology, Longwood

1.) No.
2.) Yes. Sometimes I have classes that run from morning until late at night. Whenever I have trouble finding a parking space, I end up parking far away, and then have to walk back to my car through dark areas. If someone would escort me during situations like this I would feel much safer.

— Taeko Ozawa, Senior, Accounting, Hitachi, Japan

1.) No.
2.) Yes. A safe escort to the student's car helps to eliminate very vulnerable situations.

— Britt Owen, Senior, Business Management, Stuart

1.) No, luckily.
2.) Yes. I do feel that if there is a legitimate concern about one's safety, measures such as the SEPS, should be employed.

— Richard Lazzart, Graduate, MSEE, Longwood

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In need of a cure for UCF's summertime blues

By JASON HEIRONIMUS
Editor

As we embark on our perspective summer adventures it is only fair to take some time to acknowledge those few brave souls who have decided to take classes at UCF during these hot summer months.

While some students are planning exciting trips or preparing for challenging internships, others are braving the shaky waters of the limited summer curriculum UCF has to offer. Some are envying the comfort of their advisors, he gave me classes that were too general. When at last I resigned myself to the fact that I wanted to take. What a fortunate soul to be closed in en 30,000 it seems as if the summer course selection has not caught up with the demands of a growing student body. The selection of courses is limited at best, thus causing some students to resign to courses such as underwater basket weaving, or was that class filled already?

I was warned in advance of the difficulty in acquiring the classes needed to fulfill my major in business. The selection of courses is limited at best, thus causing some students to resign to courses such as underwater basket weaving, or was that class filled already? I was quite naive in my attempts to find a class that would take me, let alone one that fit my major. When at last I resigned myself to the comfort of my advisor he gave me no sign that he was equipped to talk. His best advice was to beg and plead with the professor of the class which I so dearly wanted to take. What a UCF student must learn in seeking summer credit is that dignity is a luxury we cannot afford.

It is required of every student to acquire nine hours of credit during the summer months in order to graduate. However, how is the average student to get these nine magical hours when it seems as if the school only offers nine hours to the whole student body? It seems a bit ridiculous to ask this of every student when the course offerings are so incredibly small. Which brings me to my next point — why is campus sooooo dead during the summer?

Because of the lax summer course schedule many students are forced to take their summer hours at other universities instead of at UCF. This causes campus life to dramatically decrease, thus resulting in a very somber mood about campus. It is only natural for campus activity to slow somewhat during the summer months. just as at any school across the nation, but at UCF it seems as if the campus is hosting a convention for gargoyles.

Where is everybody? The only people on campus are those unfortunate souls who must go to and from class on a regular basis and then leave campus altogether, yours truly included. If there was something to do, perhaps students would be less apt to hang around and live up the environment a little bit. Hopefully with the opening of the new Student Union there will be a little more activity next summer than there is now.

The question remains, however, why is there so little to offer during the summer? Now you might want to say during the summer no self-respecting student would want to do anything on campus, for there are so many creative things to do outside the gates of UCF. But isn’t it up to the administration to compete somewhat with the more attractive facets of the city of Orlando? Obviously the city has a lot to offer, there is no argument there. But would it be more safe and perhaps be better for the school if it were to activate some of those summer funds to live up campus a bit? I am sure money could be used for something the students could benefit from.

Is my vision of a happy summer student body a pipe dream? In all likelihood, yes. However, if they can’t offer us more classes for our money, at least they could offer more to do. The recruitment of incoming freshmen is an absolute must for any growing university such as ours. Every summer prospective students visit campus and take notice of the emptiness which seems to envelop our campus during this term. As I have mentioned before, any summer campus is not going to be as up sprit as it is during the fall or spring terms, however, our increasingly empty and sad campus cannot be too impressive for incoming freshmen and their parents.

Unfortunately, when selecting a college you will be spending the next four years of your life at, image is everything. You believe what you see. When all you see are hung-over students walking to and from class, and no other activity, what would you expect a visiting family to think? UCF does not have the advantage of other major state universities which have campuses that are pretty much alive all year round, partially because of location but also because, well, there is stuff to do!

Those of us unfortunate enough to be stuck taking classes during the summer should rise up! We are spending money, a lot of money, to take summer classes. Surely our money could be used to raise the spirits of campus life just for a few months. Is my vision of a happier summer student body a pipe dream? In all likelihood, yes. But someday a student won’t have to beg and plead for their classes, and maybe, just maybe, they won’t leave campus between classes.

Everyone must have a dream, and I have mine.
Lost student emerges out of Africa after six-day search

By COLLEEN DE BAISE

ASHLAND, Wis.—A Wisconsin student who became separated from her classmates in the African rain forest learned a few lessons she didn’t—about basic survival skills.

Jennifer Lundquist was one of 19 Northland College students on an annual college-sponsored trip to Africa when she disappeared on May 13 from her group. Six days later, a Kenyan Army helicopter spotted and rescued the student during a search mission.

The 22-year-old had enrolled in a college biology course taught by Dr. Richard Neumann, which—for a hefty lab fee of $400—takes students to Africa each spring.

Sixteen days into the trip, Lundquist, a sociology major who has since graduated from Northland, became separated from her group. Jessica’s mother, Mary Lundquist, says her daughter told her that visibility was difficult in the dense bamboo trees on Mount Kenya and that Jessica simply lost sight of her group.

“She’s been asked that a dozen times,” said Lundquist, when asked to explain how her daughter was separated from her classmates in the African rain forest. “I have not really clear to anyone, one, I don’t think.”

Elephants and water buffalo roam that area, but not lions or poisonous snakes. Despite rigorous safety precautions and the presence of around 40 degrees, Lundquist was found in good condition, reporting only minor injuries and that visibility was difficult.

Don Albrecht, a Northland College spokesman, says the college is currently preparing an internal report to determine what happened and how to prevent similar incidents in the future.

Since 1989, the college has sponsored trips to Africa, but this is the first time someone turned up missing, Albrecht said. The college will not ban overseas trips, the spokesman said.

Mary Lundquist says her daughter, who is planning to attend graduate school, also has not given up on overseas travel.

Stand-up comic suspected in series of campus rapes

By DEBAISE

LAS VEGAS—A comedian who traveled the college circuit is suspected in a series of Midwest campus rapes.

Vinicio Horace Champ, 35, has been charged with two rapes and is a suspect in four other cases at Midwestern colleges. He also is charged with trying to rape a student at Pasadena City College in California.

Starting in February, one Midwestern college after another reported alarmingly similar cases of a woman being raped or almost raped in a campus computer lab or music studio.

Police began searching for a common thread—and discovered an unusual suspect. The dates of each assault—six in all—corresponded to the stand-up comic’s campus stops across the Midwest.

Authorities first arrested Champ at his Hollywood apartment in May and charged him with attempted rape in the California attack. Police widened their investigation when they discovered his college circuit comedy stops put him in the area of all six Midwestern colleges where cases occurred.

The victim in one of the cases, University of Nebraska-Omaha instructor Heidi Hess, told the Associated Press that it was “sickly ironic” that a comedian was a suspect.

“Comedians are supposed to be funny and make people laugh, and this wasn’t funny,” Hess said. However, one of the members is bar-This year’s Gumbo, shows the men of Delta Kappa Epsilon in front of their fraternity house, hoisting cups and bottles in the air. However, one of the members is bar-

Parents celebrate last tuition check

WESTMINSTER, Md.—It’s official: parents can still embarrass you, no matter how old you are.

Tom and Elaine Long were so excited when they sent their final tuition check for their daughter Emily, a recent Western Maryland University graduate, that they attached a long list with their payment.

“This is it and what it means: The last one! Red meat on the table again! A night out! A new dress! New shoes! Now we can see the movie when it actually opens! Palm, sun, sand, and surf,” the note read. “Trade in the VW for a Caddie! Color, yes, color TV!”

And so on and on. In all, the Longs listed 25 items they could now spend their money on.

They also stuffed confetti into the envelope to celebrate the last payment. Tom Long, a supervisor for the Maryland State Police, said four years of tight budgeting was hard, but worth it. Neither he nor Emily have loans to pay back.

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Hot fun in the summer sun leads the way to cool nights in the theatre. Here is a mini preview of movies due out in the coming weeks.

"My Best Friend's Wedding" (see photo below), due out on June 20, welcomes Julia Roberts to the altar... or so she thinks. Dermot Mulroney, Cameron Diaz and Rupert Everett co-star for the director of "Muriet's Wedding", P.J. Hogan.

"Hercules", Disney's newest cartoon extravaganza, carries its weight in theatres come June 20. Joel Schumacher returns as the "Bat" director in "Batman and Robin" starring George Clooney, Chris O'Donnell, Alicia Silverstone, Uma Thurman and Arnold Schwarzenegger.

"Ulee's Gold" finds Peter Fonda as a bee-keeper confronted with family problems. Movie premiere is scheduled for the Florida Film Festival. Tommy Lee Jones and Will Smith battle the "scum of the universe" in this summer's hip sci-fi flick, "Men in Black" from the director of "Get Shotty".

Coming Attractions

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Florida Film Festival News

The 6th Annual event kicks off this Friday with an opening night party of "The Full Monty". A party, buffet, and dance is all included in the $50 admission. Oscar-Nominated Actor William H. Macy ("Fargo") will present his 1991 film "Homicide" and field questions from the audience on Thursday, June 19 at 6:30pm at the Enzian theater • Cinematographer Haskell Wexler ("Days of Heaven") will also be in attendance when he spotlights John Sayles' "Matewan" (1987) on Friday, June 20 at 6pm at the Annie Russell theater • Peter Freida joins "Ulee's Gold" director Victor Nunez on Saturday, June 14 at 6:45pm at the Annie Russell theater • Roger Corman, one of the most commercially successful movie-makers in Hollywood history, will present his seminal film version of Edgar Allen Poe's "Masque of the Red Death" (featuring Vincent Price) on Saturday, June 21 at 3:45pm in the Annie Russell theater. Corman will also receive a special Lifetime Achievement Award. Tickets may be purchased by calling 407-629-TIKTS. Festival-long passes are also on sale.

Cannes winner and Florida Film Festival

"break" summer boredom

By DEAN G. LEWIS
Entertainment Editor

"Breaking The Waves" (Evergreen, 158 min. R)

New on video is "Breaking the Waves", one of last year's best and most powerful films. A Danish import directed by Lars von Trier, the film features an Oscar-nominated performance by Emily Watson as Bess, a naive woman from a remote Scottish coastal village. She's in love with an oil-rig worker named Jan (Stellan Skarsgard). The two soon marry in the town's church, Jan, however, must leave and head back to the sea. Bess, unable to handle his departure, receives support from sister-in-law Dodo (a very good Katrin Cartlidge). Daily conversations with God allow Bess to pray for Jan's anticipated homecoming. When a freak accident on the rig brings him home, she has to come to terms with her husband's paralysis. Pumped on medicine, he tells Bess to find other lovers and relate to him her sexual experiences. All this will hopefully aid in his recovery.

von Trier tells "Breaking the Waves" in seven chapters and an epilogue, each accompanied by a rock song from the likes of Elton John, Leonard Cohen, Deep Purple and others. Each image is superbly rendered, especially the grainy texture of Robbie Muller's photography. Both overwhelming and emotionally powerful, "Breaking the Waves" won a slew of awards including the Grand Jury Prize at the 1996 Cannes Film Festival. Even on video, on a much smaller screen, von Trier's epic transcends most American love narratives and compels us to examine such issues as spirituality, deviation, and sex.

Other new releases: "Marvin's Room", "Beavis and Butthead Do America", and "The People vs. Larry Flynt".

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Arboretum lends a sense of tranquility to UCF

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botanical garden or both, said Whittier. The difference is a botanical garden is a high-maintenance environment and an arboretum is a place for woody growth.

The arboretum receives outside aid in funding and maintenance. "Friends of the Arboretum" is a public support group that helps publish a newsletter about the arboretum. Through this support, the arboretum has a $2,000 account with the university foundation. This money is used to buy food for people who come out and do volunteer work.

An endowment fund of $10,000 also has been designated by a UCF alumni biology major. The funds help the arboretum do other things besides maintain the foliage, said Whittier.

"We used to co-sponsor a plant identification competition with Seminole County Soil Conservation Society," he said.

Still, many students don't know an arboretum exists on campus.

"I had no idea UCF had an arboretum," said Brad Coleman, a UCF sophomore. "I think that is a good idea. Students need a place to go to relieve their stress. I will definitely check it out."

Whittier hopes more people will take advantage of the nearby serenity.

"This arboretum is accessible to everybody on campus," Whittier said. "People need green areas."

Photos by PETER KUNDIS

UCF makes it easy to be green

The arboretum is home to lush and diverse plant life, some of which are native to foreign countries. The serene atmosphere gives students a change of pace from the chaos of college life.
Pitches hopes to continue success

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"I'm more of a guy who leads by example, and I like to goof around quite a bit..." but I don't do my best [next year] to be a lot more vocal in that manner."

"We'll have to wait and see, because that is going to be a different role for me." That type of personality is exemplary of the ideal student-athlete, says assistant coach Greg Frady.

"Labozynski does a great job [on and off the field]," said Frady. "He's the example of what you want a student-athlete to be, and an example of the type of player Coach Jay Bergman wants representing UCF." To Labozynski's father, Tom, this latest award is merely another highlight in the movie of his son's life.

"This is probably the most awesome thing he has ever done. With0 Mattew, we are used to him doing things [academically and otherwise] that surprise us."

As for the future, Matt Labozynski has several goals that he would like to accomplish.

The UCf coaching staff has informed him he not only has a strong chance of getting drafted in the 1998 Major League Baseball Draft, but he may also one day find himself with a major League club.

"They [Coach Bergman and his staff] have told me that I'm the kind of guy who will get picked up [in the draft] next year, probably around the 26th or 30th round," said Labozynski.

"I'll go to a place, and I'll stay there the whole year, and then I'll move up. I'll move along in stages, just because I get people out."

"I'm the kind of guy who just moves along, one step at a time, and eventually will have a shot [at the pros]."

Along with the prospect of the draft, Labozynski has two main goals to close out his UCF career.

"I just want to continue to make straight A's, because that's my goal that I've made new," he said. "I just want to keep it going, so that puts a little pressure on my self to do that."

"For baseball, I want to be a starter again. I want to close out the season on a better note than I did this year, and I want to go to Omaha."

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Auburn likely opening-day opponent

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step up for us next year.

"The international style is more physical and banging around. I think this summer was the time to expose our guys to that, so they can elevate their game faster than they normally would."

The only negative of the trip, Aug. 6-20, is incoming freshmen and transfers cannot attend.

UCF’s lone recruit, Bronni Simms of Brother Rice High School in Chicago, Ill., must pass his ACT this week in order to attend school, so his absence is moot. The problem is transfers.

Mark Jones from Minnesota and Bucky Hodge from Georgia Tech cannot travel.

Athletic Director Steve Sloan said it is a shame the players cannot go.

"It would have helped get them acclimated with the team more easily, but that’s the way the NCAA decided it," Sloan said.

UCF’s first regular-season game could be Nov. 14. A deal is in the works for Auburn University to play a season-opening game the Friday before football homecoming.

"I would like to have the contract signed to make it official, but it would be a good way to start the season with a name opponent the Friday before homecoming," Sparr said.

"They’ve had the contract for a few weeks now, so it’s up to them."

Speraw also confirmed the 1997-98 schedule will include games against Florida, South Florida and Marquette.

The coming trip and possible schedule has Speraw optimistic.

"We’ve got a lot of guys coming back so at least we know what they can do," he said.

"There’s not a lot of questions on this guy and can he do this? We kind of know their skills, what they are able to do and their mental outlook."

Optics studies generate money for university

Ed Miesak aligns one of his laboratory’s lasers for an experiment in the CREOL building.

Photo by PETER KUNDE

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Professors also need money to fund the stipends of their graduate students. Soileau said a professor with four students would need to generate about $100,000 each year. He said CREOL generates about $220,000 per faculty member a year in contracts and grant support.

Soileau said faculty and students work on a variety of research projects in CREOL’s 90 laboratories. The labs are temperature controlled within two degrees and have a slightly higher pressure than the hallways to keep out dust.

He said the lab tables are precisely flat and some of them can be lifted off the floor so they are not affected by any vibrations in the building.

"When you’re conducting a scientific experiment, you try to eliminate as many variables as you can," said Soileau, who is conducting research to find out how materials are damaged by lasers, especially the materials that make up the components of lasers.

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UCF TAAC co-host, Bellhorn drafted

Photo by TIM SPRINGER

Sophomore Brad Traina and junior Tony Marlow, here in the season finale versus Florida International, will work hard for opponents like Florida and Marquette next season.

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support him," Frady said.

"If he returns, he will obviously be our team leader. Today he is a mature individual and we are sure he will make the right decision."

Bellhorn is currently in Dallas with Athletes in Action and was unavailable for com­ ments.

Bellhorn, who bats right­ handed and throws left­ handed, batted .329 with 6 home runs and placed second on the team with 58 RBIs in 1997.

As a pitcher, he compiled a 4-4 record in 16 games, including 14 starts and finished second among UCF starters with a 4.15 ERA. In 80 innings he struck out 84 batters, allowed 74 hits

and walked 52. Opponents hit 244 against him.

UCF to co-host TAAC baseball tournament

At the TAAC spring meetings, the conference membership awarded the 1998 (May 13-16) and 1999 TAAC Baseball Championships to Osceola County and the Osceola County Stadium and Sports Complex in Kissimmee.

UCF will serve as co-host with Osceola County for the championships, although the school did not bid to become the host. The ownership of the Class A Florida State League Kissimmee Cobras and the Osceola County Stadium and Sports Complex bid for the tournament.

The TAAC named UCF as its co-host due to its proximity.

The Sports Complex is also the Spring training home of the Houston Astros.

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"We try to get many students to help out because if you want to become a teacher, this would be a valuable experience," Miesak said.

Miesak said countries are con­ sidering using blocking weapons on the battlefield. He said these weapons would actually be more for blinding electronics than for blinding people, but optical fuses in the electronics could stop this from happening.

Aside from working on his dis­ sertation, Miesak also is presi­ dent of the student chapter of the Optical Society of America and volunteers his time for the Educational Outreach Program. He said the outreach program sends students from CREOL out to lecture on interesting topics to other students.

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**Sloan named TAAC President**

**By DEREK GONSOULIN**

UCF Athletic Director Steve Sloan was named the Trans America Athletic Conference President during the TAAC spring meeting in Deerfield Beach, May 29-31.

The president, subordinate to TAAC commissioner Bill Bibb, is responsible for handling conference duties such as running the tri-yearly meetings during the fall, winter and spring. The position is for two years.

Sloan, who served as vice president previously, said the new position will not infringe on his work as TAAC's AD.

"It's a normal progression to go from vice president to president," said Sloan, who added much of his work can be done through conference calls with other ADs. "Still, it is an honor for the conference to have the confidence in me for the job."

He replaces Mercer AD Bobby Howell.

**UCF signee expected to skip pros**

UCF signee Matt Bowser of Tarpon Springs told the Golden Knights coaching staff he will not sign with Toronto, meaning he cannot be drafted again until the year 2000.

Selected by the Blue Jays in the 10th round of the Major League Baseball Amateur Draft on June 3, Bowser told UCF assistant coach Greg Frady he will attend school because contract talks with the Jays proved unsatisfactory.

Under NCAA rules, if a player is drafted out of high school who has signed a scholarship, he cannot be drafted again until three collegiate seasons have passed. The Jays will own his professional rights until then.

Bowser (6-foot-3, 195 pounds) played first base at High School, where he earned a spot on Baseball America's Top 100.

**UCF pitcher selected in 9th round**

Todd Bellhorn, a junior pitcher and designated hitter, was drafted in the ninth round by the San Francisco Giants on June 5.

Assistant coach Greg Frady said Bellhorn has not made a decision.

"But whether he stays or goes, we will see," Frady said.

**Arm, brains fuel pitcher**

**By JEFF CASE**

Staff Writer

To UCF pitcher Matt Lubozynski, success on and off the field is based on a "What have you done for me lately?" mentality. True, Lubozynski was a member of the TAAC All-Academic team in both 1995 and 1996. He also managed to make the Dean's list in both spring and fall of 1995 and the President's list in the spring of 1996. He is also a member of the Golden Key National Honor society, the freshmen honor fraternity Beta Phi Sigma, and the business fraternity Phi Eta Sigma.

But in Lubozynski's mind, goals are not set to achieve but instead to eventually surpass.

"I have baseball goals, I have school goals and my school goals were to make Dean's list every semester," said Lubozynski.

I did that, so I made another goal for myself to eventually make the President's list. Once I had done that, I was like 'Well, I have an excellent shot at being an Academic All-American,' and then that became a goal."

Lubozynski delivered on his goal as he was named to the GTE All-American Second Team on June 3. His naming to the team is the highest academic achievement in UCF baseball history and the highest achievement in TAAC baseball history since 1992.

To qualify for the award, Lubozynski needed a cumulative GPA of 3.2 while being a starter or a key reserve.

While posting a cumulative GPA of 3.8, Lubozynski also lead the team in complete games (4), games started (15) and shared the team lead in wins (8) with senior George Schmidt.

Lubozynski credits his parents with giving him the value of academic success and self-discipline.

"My parents have said academics are important in life because my dad and mom are both very smart and have installed a great work ethic in me," he said. "The key to my self-discipline is that if I know that I have a test [coming up], that I have to study."

"A lot of the guys will go out that night, where as I will make myself sit down and study. I start to feel the pressure, and I respond well to the pressure, so I make myself study."

Lubozynski is quick to point out that no matter how much success and self-discipline he has, he still reverts to his old grown-up kid who does his fare share of goofing around.

"But I am a procrastinator [though], so that's one of the amazing things [about my success]," Lubozynski said. "I always tell myself that I'm going to start early [on an assignment], but then I put it off. Then I somehow find a way to get it done, and I've always been that way in that it always works out for me in the end."

**European trip to ease growing pains**

Men's basketball team will tour France and Italy late this summer

**By DEREK GONSOULIN**

Sports Editor

A year ago, Coach Kirk Speraw was signing six freshmen, two junior college players and expecting a pair of transfers. This off-season's focus will shift from adding players to adding experience.

The UCF men's basketball team will travel to Europe for two weeks in August to play a half-dozen teams in France and Italy, Speraw said.

The European trip, combined with 11 of 12 players returning, has given Speraw hope for a more cohesive team immediately.

"I think the foreign tours bring your team together and gives you the opportunity to test some things out," Speraw said.

"It lets you do some things when the games don't necessarily count, so you can experiment from an Xs and Os standpoint. Plus, everyone gets lots of playing time."

**UCF Coach Kirk Speraw hopes a trip to Europe seasons the Knights' younger players for next year.**

Not only the experience of playing foreign teams, but the chance to tourists makes the trip worthwhile, Speraw said.

"Most of our guys have never been outside of the country," he said.

"It will be an eye-opening experience for most of the guys, but we will get some good basketball in. There are some very good club teams over in France and Italy."

Speraw was an assistant for the 1993-94 University of Florida team that played in Australia the summer before the Gators' only Final Four appearance. He said he waited until his fifth season at UCF when he had a high return of players from the previous season.

"This is an important year for us," said Speraw, who added the NCAA allows only one team basketball tour every four years.

"The trip will be good for Brad Traina, for Tony Marlow and for Davin Cranberry, as well as all of our freshmen from last year who need to