The nature trails offer peace and tranquility on campus.

By LINDSAY J. MALANGA
News Editor

In the midst of UCF's hustle and bustle, there is a serene place of lush greenery and tranquility on the east side of campus — the arboretum.

"If you include all the wetlands, it is a little over 70 acres," said Dr. Henry Whittier, who, along with several other science professors, established the arboretum in 1983.

"Every five years we have a very special festival commemorating its anniversary," Whittier said. "One year we had about 7,000 people come out to the arboretum to celebrate."

Some use the arboretum to take a walk, eat lunch or to escape from life. Some have even used it for their wedding. But its main purpose is to educate, Whittier said.

In addition to biology classes, Whittier says art and English classes come to the arboretum for inspiration.

At last count, the arboretum listed 603 plants, but Whittier said new species are still often discovered there. Among its vegetation are tulip trees, beech trees, water hyacinth, and Brazilian Pepper trees. Nine natural communities are represented in UCF's arboretum, including the cypress dome, oak hammock and cabbage palms.

A waterfall and several ponds moisten the environment and provide for peaceful background sound.

"I go there at least a few times a week," said Lisa Jamison, a UCF junior. "It is nice to just get away and enjoy the peacefulness. The surroundings are so beautiful."

The arboretum waterfall and pond were designed and built by Phillip L. Jump.

"My freshman biology professor told me about the arboretum, and one day I decided to see what it was like. I have been there regularly ever since."

Two or three interns maintain the arboretum throughout the school year, Whittier also helps — "From cutting new trails, to planting roses or trees, or making the signs by which people can identify the plants, to making kiosks for public information displays, to tending the greenhouses," he says.

Most colleges have an arboretum or a hidden "secret garden.

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., is working on his dissertation — the final project for his Ph.D. — at the Center for Research and Education in Optics and Lasers (CREOL), located across from the UCF engineering building.

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.

UCF laser research excels on campus

By 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.

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Knights tour de France

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LOOKING FOR A HANDOUT

H. Francis, UCF Lynx bus driver, takes time out to enjoy the wildlife on campus. Francis carries peanuts with him on the job to feed his "friends."
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. There are no witnesses or suspects at this time.

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Another campus crime reported by the UCFPD:

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• 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. There are no witnesses or suspects at this time.

• On May 29, John Nicholson reported his UCF parking decal had been stolen. Nicholson became aware it was missing when he returned to his vehicle and found a "No Decal" ticket on his windshield.

• A hubcap was stolen from the vehicle of Youbies 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.

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• On May 30, 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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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,” said Darido.

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 Orlando, 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.”

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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 $50.00 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 $50.00 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 cusby 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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A:

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

Q:

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
Opinion 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. My environment is closing in on $30,000 it seems as if the summer course selection has not caught up with the demands of a growing student body. 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 agoraphobics.

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 more 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 not be more safe and perhaps be better for the school if it were to activate some of those summer funds to liven 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 us up to us in terms of increasing 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 around and 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.

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

By COLLEEN DE BAISE
College Press Service

More and more of today's college students are going gray. Just ask Karen Webster.

"I have tons of gray hair," she admitted Webser, who studies journalism at Onondaga Community College in Syracuse, N.Y., "but it's all in the back where no one can see it."

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Mom and Dad.

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Find the hidden... Yearbook photo causes uproar

Baton Rouge, La.—Louisiana State University administrators say they're not amused by a yearbook photo in which one (unnamed member is—well—grossly overexposed.

The picture, which appears in 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.

Administrators learned of the photo when parents, students, professors and alumni called the university to complain. The yearbook staff claims they didn't notice the student—or his antics—when they selected the photo from an old file of party pictures.

Since the 400-page yearbook contains about 1,000 photos, Thomas Risch, dean of students, says he believes such an oversight was entirely possible. "It's not real conspicuous," he said.

Risch did say, however, the student, who has not been identified, could face expulsion for violating the campus's conduct code.

"It's the kind of thing, you just say, "Doesn't the stupidity ever end?"" Risch told The Chronicle of Higher Education. "And of course it doesn't. We're dealing with 18-year-olds."

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By DEAN G. LEWIS
Entertainment Editor

Flying solo for the first time after the death of longtime collaborator Don Simpson, high-glamp producer Jerry Bruckheimer puts yet another testosterone actioner in theaters with "Con Air," a dumb, often exaggerated thriller that swings in at low altitude for much of its flight time. Oscar-winner Nicolas Cage ("Leaving Las Vegas"), in hippie locks and an Elvis accent, plays newly released (and DEA-locked) convict Poe Dameron, who's just completed an 8-year sentence in the slammer for knocking off a drunk in self-defense. Poe hops a cargo plane on route to freedom, so he will be able to reunite with his wife and daughter. Along for the ride is a smorgasbord of iconics: They're all being transported to various high-maxIMUM security prisons. John Malkovich, mocking the brilliant evil of his assassin from "In The Line of Fire" (1993), is over the top as Cyrus the Virus. Ving Rhames ("Pulp Fiction") is racist killer Diamond Dog. Indie king Steve Buscemi, still in his woody and snaky physique, is quiet as a Hannibal Lecter-like madman perverted to the extreme. On Cage's side is a tough female guard (Rachel Ticotin) and a diabetic prisoner (Mykelti Williamson). Not so much on Cage's end of the rope, but stragglingsomewhere in the middle, are John Cusack, as a U.S. Marshal, and DEA agent Colm Meaney.

Scott Rosenberg ("Beautiful Girls") injects pyrotechnics as if it was a character of its own. Bruckheimer, who recruited Michael Bay last year to direct "The Rock" (his feature was "Bad Boys" the year before), doesn't have so much luck this time around. Simon West, who's done nothing but commercials, has neither the instinct nor the force an action director needs. West even straddles Cage in a "look at me, I'm a Hollywood star" slow-motion run through a burning cabin. Cage is escaping from a fury of flames behind him. Plunging through a window, he hits the ground hard and rolls underneath a truck where a petrified old man sits out from the action. "Con Air," tags along through ridiculous and boring set-up sequences, and not one of them pays off. Bruckheimer seems to have lost something more than a friend and professional ally in Simpson. He seems to have lost his nerve. For memorable, glossy action pics from the pair, go see some of their earlier productions like "Crimson Tide" and the original "Beverly Hills Cop." For all means please, jump "Con Air." For us legs, there's better ways to earn our wings.

* (out of four) D- 1 hr. 50 min. Rated R.

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 "Muriel'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.

"Usie's Gold" finds Peter Fonda as a bee-keeper con-fronted 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 Shorty.

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 small Calvinist church. Jan, however, must leave and head back to the sea. 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 home-coming. When a freak accident on the rig brings him home, she has to come to terms with her husband's paralysis. Pumped on medicine, she 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 Ethen Johns, Leonard Cohen, Deep Purple and others. Each image is superbly rendered, especially the grainy texture of Robby Muller's photography. Both overwhelming and emotionally profound. "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, devotion, and sex.

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

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By PETER KUNDIS
Staff Writer

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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, Benomi 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 Aurora 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," Speraw 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." From PAGE 12

Optics studies generate money for university

Professor also need money to fund the stipends of their graduate students. Solieau 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 each year in contracts and grant support. CREOL's 90 laboratories 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 Solieau, who is conducting research to find out how materials are damaged by lasers, especially the materials that make up the components of lasers. Lasers break down the materials around them, Solieau said, when they get too powerful. He said if materials can be found that can withstand the laser, the power of the laser can be increased, or it can be made more compact and cheaper. Solieau said other CREOL faculty and graduate students are working on a way of using computer programs to do imaging inside of human tissue by light rather than by X-rays. This technology could be applied to mammograms, Solieau said. It would enable doctors to spot cancerous tumors using the X-rays that could cause cancer in the first place. Solieau said the possibility of real-life applications of research such as this is the ultimate goal in the graduate process. "I could pontificate on paper all day long, but it doesn't mean anything — no one will get anything out of it," Miesak said. "But what would be worth more to more people is if I could turn this around and make something that you could buy." Miesak said the project he is working on could enable things such as optical fuses to be built. These are essentially switches, similar to the mechanical fuses in a fuse box, that could be used as protection from lasers. "Suppose you're somewhere in the vicinity of a laser and the laser beam comes along and hits you," Miesak said. "Rather than go blind, what you would do is put an optical fuse in your eye glasses." These optical fuses would stop the laser from burning your eye, Miesak said, by only letting through the amount of light that the eye can handle. Miesak said countries are considering using blinding 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 dissertation, Miesak also is president 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. "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.

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

Photo by Peter Kuner

UCF TAAC co-host, Bellhorn drafted

Support him, Frady said. "If he returns, he will obviously be our team leader. Today 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 comment.

Bellhorn, who bats right-handed and throws left-handed, batted .329 with six home runs and placed second on the team with 88 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 Kissimiee Cobras and the Osceola County Stadium and Sports Complex bid for the tournament. The TAAC, named UCF as the co-host due to its proximity.

The Sports Complex is also the spring training home of the Houston Astros. "It is very exciting to be able to present to the coaches, players and fans our baseball championship in a major-league facility," TAAC Commissioner Bill Bills said. UCF AD Steve Sloan said 1997 host Stetson University was the only other bidder for the tournament.

The Golden Knights have won four of the past five TAAC baseball tournaments.
Sloan named TAAC President

By DEREK GONSOLIN
Sports Editor

UCF Athletic Director Steve Sloan was named the Trans America Athletic Conference President during the TAAC spring meetings 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 interfere on his work as UCF'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 Pope, who held the position since 1995.

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 to the minors until the National Hockey League's entry draft in June.

Bowser (6-foot-3, 195 pounds) played first base 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 UCF, Page 11

Arm, brains fuel pitcher

By JEFF CASE
Staff Writer

To UCF pitcher Matt Lubozynski, success on and off the field is based on 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 of 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 his pitching efforts with fellow star pitcher and TAAC Pitcher of the Year Matt Bowser.

"It made to the cumulative GPA of 3.8," Lubozynski said. "I just made sure to get a lot of rest and get ready for each game." But as he enters his final season with UCF in 1998, Lubozynski knows he will be one of UCF's team leaders next year. He said as a leader, he wants to take more of an active role in the team.

European trip to ease growing pains

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

By DEREK GONSOLIN
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."