O-Team welcomes incoming freshmen

By LINDSAY J. MALANGA
News Editor

As the incoming freshmen flood UCF’s campus this summer, the orientation team and its new director have the task of getting them situated into the life of being a golden knight.

Kristen Corbett, the new director of orientation from Florida State University, filled the vacant position this summer. Last year UCF ran orientation without a director, and “It’s been difficult because nothing was documented,” Corbett said. After Jennifer Morgan left the position in 1995, UCF ran orientation for a year without a director and left Corbett digging through old 95’ files to get the 1997 orientation off the ground.

Despite the fact that Corbett came out of FSU and was never involved with UCF before, she feels comfortable and excited in her new position.

“I like the fact that UCF had a good program that I could still improve, but I don’t have to start from scratch,” Corbett said. Coming out of Texas Christian University as the assistant director of orientation, Corbett finds UCF orientation to be a bit hectic. As new students swarmed around the student union breezeway at the clubs and organizations available to them at UCF, Corbett sat surrounded by O-teamers dressed in black and gold.

The June 25 orientation was one of the largest two day sessions, Corbett explained.

“This orientation was a good chance to do a run-through.”

First year O-teamer, Tony Miniscalco, is enthusiastic about Corbett leading the orientation process.

“I think she’s doing a good job by leading us in a new direction. Kristen is concerned with team building and putting the freshmen first,” he said.

The O-team’s main goal is to make the new freshmen feel the campus authority and its new director have the task of getting them situated into the life of being a golden knight.

Kristen Corbett is the new O-Team director of orientation.

Students hope officers will target serious offenses and lay off parking violations.

UCFPD strives for better student rapport

By SEAN CLAEYS
Staff Writer

A recent polling was taken by one hundred UCF students regarding their opinions of the attitudes and treatment of the UCF police. The results from this poll attained a little over fifty percent of the interviewed students deemed the attitudes of the campus police were poor. Yet, those interviewed felt the campus authority has been a great help in keeping UCF free from crime.

In fact, according to Sergeant Tom Gorbas, UCF has the lowest crime rate compared to the nine other major Florida universities.

Gorbas stated, “UCF police enforce the law on campus vigorously to see POLICE, Page 3

New bill pulls plug on Internet porn

By OLIVIA K. CURNOW
Staff Writer

Last Thursday, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled unanimously that the Communications Decency Act (CDA) violates the First Amendment.

If passed, the CDA would prohibit obscenity on the Internet.

Tom Amundrud, a UCF computer lab consultant, did not think the CDA would pass, considering the Internet’s large community and the fact that obscenity is a community-based definition.

“If pornography is as accessible as it is in print format,” he said, “If it’s banned here, you can always get it in other countries.”

In a recent survey by Interactive Week magazine, more than one-fourth of households that own computers visit adult sites each month. According to a Forrester Research study, the Web-based online sex industry had $52 million in revenues in 1996. This figure is expected to grow 400 percent to $250 million in 2000.

A child’s access to pornography on the Web was the main concern of the Supreme Court.

“We can and must develop a solution for the Internet that is as powerful for the computer as the v-chip will be for the television, and that protects children in ways that are consistent with America’s free speech values,” said President Bill Clinton in a statement given the day of the ruling.

Another concern of Internet users is the watchful eye of government agencies. Kevin Mitnick, 33, who was once the FBI’s most wanted hacker, allegedly falsely impersonated executives of various companies in order to gain computer access. He downloaded Digital Equipment Corporation’s

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Elevating the parking issue

New garage should have a major impact on student parking woes.

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Always bet on black

‘Men in Black’ is summer’s best bet for the funniest alien invasion.

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Old friends, new results?

Football team hopes the return of all four starters will improve play.

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DUI leads to resisting without violence charge in Greek park

By DAN TUCKER
Staff Writer

• According to UCF Police, Allan Ray Meeler, 45, was arrested in Greek park for king under the influence. After a series of tests to conclude his sobriety, Meeler was put under arrest when he failed them.

• Meeler, unrated and defeated in his pants after he tried to run from police, but was apprehended by the officers. Meeler refused the breathalyzer test and could face losing his license for up to one year.

In other campus crime:

• Kerry Gajewski reported criminal mischief on June 13. When Gajewski returned to her vehicle in parking lot E-1, she noticed a deep scratch, mark on the driver’s side of the car. The passenger side also had a scratch that wasn’t previously there. Gajewski is willing to prosecute.

• Brian Hostetter reported grand theft of the internal parts of a gateway 2000 PS166 computer from the Electrical Computer Lab on June 14.

• Dean Treuren reported a possible grand theft of a poster printer on May 30. There are no leads or suspects at this time.

• Thomas O’Grady reported petit theft of his parking decal on June 14.

• Robert Viedwoeger reported a stolen tag on his vehicle on June 5.

• Betty Cascadden of the Herf Jones Company reported grand theft of two rings from a display in front of the bookstore on June 17.

• Michael Daughtery reported burglary on June 18. He stated an unknown person smashed out the passenger middle window of his Dodge Caravan and removed a tennis bag from inside the car. He is willing to prosecute.

• Douglas Reese reported grand theft of two computers, a monitor and a RAM on June 18. The equipment is valued at $2400. Reese has no specific suspects, but he is willing to prosecute.

Incoming freshmen were ubiquitous around campus during UCF orientation.
Orientation under new direction

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incoming freshmen feel comfortable at UCF, Miniscalco said.

"We have a lot of one on one talks with the kids so they can ask questions and not be intimidated by speaking in large groups," he said.

Miniscalco said, "I think it gives the orientation process an interpersonal touch."

Corbett agreed by adding, "Freshmen have a tendency to listen to their peers, rather than an academic advisor or teacher. The O-teams are on their level in that they can answer questions from a student's perspective. There's a big difference in having someone to talk to that knows what it's really like to go to school here."

Orientation is also a time for the parents to be informed. Informational sessions are held for the parents where O-teams can let them know about the role they need to play in helping their child have a successful college experience, Miniscalco said.

Even though Corbett and the other O-teams were frazzled at the new student chaos, Keith Rogers, an incoming freshman from Palm Harbor said that orientation was running pretty smoothly.

Rogers went on to say UCF's orientation is pretty overwhelming compared to his high school days. Crowds of people crammed into a room filled with tables and eager upper-classmen waiting to share their interests excited Rogers.

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Police improvements are in progress

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"I think that they [the police] do a great job, but I don't think many people take them too seriously."

—Jill Graber

Enforcing the law and promoting safety throughout campus is what UCF police need to maintain. Sergeant Gorbas says that the department is adding five policemen to the housing areas on campus to also get closer to the students. These officers' responsibilities will be to build rapport with the residents and find and treat any problems or complaints the students have, using the most affective yet least threatening method for the students. As Sergeant Gorbas states, "We are the first department amongst Florida colleges that are trying this idea, in which one of our goals is to build a trusting rapport between police and students. Many of our officers were once college students also."

As far as students like Jennifer Pruitt are concerned, the UCF police don't need to change a thing. She states, "The policeman have been very helpful and When I needed them, they were there."

Whereas, over fifty percent of the interviewed students, like James Russell, believe that, "The police need to work on the 'friendliness factor' in order to build rapport with the students."

What ever your feelings might be towards the UCF police, you are welcome to go to the on campus police department and talk to, or even ride with an officer to find out the real story yourself,
1.) I think it is great! UCF will now be on par with all of the other universities.

2.) No, since more students will be able to walk back to their homes, as opposed to having to drive drunk from off-campus.

—Stuart Brown, Senior, Mechanical Engineering, Orlando.

1.) It has not made a difference in the past, so I feel that things will not change all that much. It will just make drinking a little more accessible.

2.) It will all depend upon how much the campus police will regulate and enforce the drinking and driving violations. It will probably not change the numbers too much.

—Whitney Hartmann, Senior, Psychology, Winter Park.

1.) You'll never stop students from drinking, whether or not there is a bar on-campus.

2.) No, just a need for more attentive campus police. And I don't expect that the number of DUIs will increase.

—Ken Richards, Senior, Mechanical Engineering, Detroit.

1.) I guess its okay, but I'm very sure that there will be some excessive irresponsibility associated.

2.) Yes, and also underage drinking.

—Andrew Schachter, Senior, Organizational Communication, NY.

1.) UCF has never been a dry campus, since I came here in 1989. Wild Pizza was already selling beer, so I don't think it will make any difference at all.

2.) No, because the opening of Loco's Pub doesn't affect the number of responsible students on-campus.

—Denise Tjon, Graduate, MBA, Moengo, Suriname.

1.) How do you feel about UCF no longer being a 'dry campus', because of the opening of the Loco's Pub in the Student Union?

2.) Do you feel that, because of the opening of the Loco's Pub, there will be an increase in the number of DUIs and DWIs on-campus?

BY PETER KUNDIS

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1.) I think it will be great to have a place right on-campus, where you will be able to go and get a drink after a hard day.

2.) Since the on-campus students won’t have to drive home, there could possibly be a decrease. And if the pub does attract off-campus students, there probably would be an increase in DUIS.

—Brenna Murphy, Senior, Theater, Tampa.
New parking garage all positive for students

By JASON HEIRONIMUS

Parking woes. They are practically a tradition at UCF. We like to complain about the lack of parking on campus. It is a popular topic because it is a hot issue which nearly everyone on campus is in agreement on. There is no argument, there is little to no parking on campus. The last thing a student should have to worry about is whether or not they can find a parking space. Parking should be a given, but with a young university such as ours, which is growing in leaps and bounds every year, it is not.

There, I'm done with my obligatory put down of the horrible parking situation on campus. Like I said before, everyone has an opinion, and mine is only a paragraph long. You may want to ask me (which is a ridiculous idea since you are reading this and not actually talking to me) why I am devoting so little time to the parking issue? Well, the truth is, The Central Florida Future has spent much space dogging the lack of parking at UCF. Why? Because unless you have been paying absolutely no attention to that big grey thing between the Student Union building and the Education building, you would note that our parking woes are soon to be somewhat alleviated.

For those that need the good news actually spelled out to them, here it is: parking, parking, parking. That's right fellow disgruntled parking students. Soon we will have a multi-storied parking garage to park our environmentally unsafe automobiles in. You heard me right, rows and rows of cars packed into a garage like sardines. Just picture it, in a land not so far away, you will be able to park your car on the top floor of this magnificent parking garage, get out of your car, and take a long, brick look at our beautiful Central Florida campus. A little bit over dramatic? Yes.

But is it possible in the coming months? A resounding yes! Fortunately, most students have heard of the impending parking garage. The sad thing is there are far too many rumors floating around campus about how this new project is going to find a way to somehow hurt the students more than it helps. In my research for this article I have discovered that nearly all of these rumors are false.

Students will not have to pay to park in the garage. It is free. Though it did cost $8.6 million, an awfully costly project for parking spaces, our tuition dollars have already funded the bill for our parking pleasure. Though it does look small now, bare in mind that it is not quite finished. It will stretch out another 100 feet facing the Education building, thus making up for the need that it must look real big.

At the beginning of the project there were many people wondering why they decided to build a new parking garage on top of an existing parking lot. At first it seemed like typical UCF politics doing things the hard way. But let me explain something. The original lot held 300 spaces, a fairly good amount that left many student motorists searching for spots during the spring term. However, the new parking garage will hold 1100 cars. That is, and excuse me if this number is incorrect but you can do the math yourself, 800 more spots. I believe this will more than compensate for the spaces lost at the greening of the garage. The parking garage will not be ready by August. This is perhaps the only let down. The projected completion date is now November. So we will have to endure one more semester of parking hell.

However, the light at the end of the tunnel is becoming oh so much brighter. Soon our parking woes will be a thing of the past. Who knows exactly how much easier parking will become when the garage opens, but it is bound to help at least a little bit. UCF is on the verge of starting many new projects, so for those of you that scoff at the sight of construction, get used to it. UCF is finally starting to grow with the increasing demands of a growing student body. We should be proud of our new additions. For years the student body has complained about parking and finally our complaints are culminating into an actual solution. Our campus is becoming more student-friendly and we should smile, for there are better days to come.
Clinton proposes loan break for student volunteers

By COLLEEN DABAINE
College Press Service

PHILADELPHIA—When a 5-year-old AIDS patient took comfort in holding her hand, Colleen Moran vowed she would make a lifelong commitment to volunteerism.

Moran, now a University of Denver graduate student, was working at Cincinnati's Providence Home, an outreach for children with AIDS and HIV. The biggest challenge, she said, was getting kids like 5-year-old Stephen to trust her.

As a nurse searched for a vein during one of his painful Immunoglobulin treatments, Moran as usual asked Stephen if he wanted to be held. This time, the usually stoic boy nodded and grabbed her hand tightly.

"I'll always volunteer, even when I'm working," says Moran, 27, who plans to become a social worker. "I don't see it as part of my job. I see it as part of my life."

That's the sort of pledge President Clinton hopes more Americans, and especially college students, will make to improve the living conditions of America's 15 million needy children. He urged American volunteerism to serve as the call to the Republican Presidents' Summit for America's Future.

"I want to redefine the meaning of citizenship," Clinton told thousands of volunteers as he arrived to open the summit, an ambitious bipartisan effort which involves former Presidents George Bush, Jimmy Carter and Gerald Ford, and Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole.

"To be a good citizen, you must obey the law, you've got to work or be in school, you've got to pay your taxes and—oh yes—you've got to serve in your community to help make it a better place,

Clinton and Vice President Al Gore, along with their wives Hillary and Tipper, pitched in with paint brushes to cover graffiti on the side of a building. Bush, Carter and Powell fanned out along an eight-mile stretch to pick up trash and sweep empty lots near crack houses.

"We're going to turn America around for the next three days by seeing what we can do," said Tipper, who chaired the event.

A critical goal of the summit is to increase community service by college students. Five universities—Denver, Morehouse College, George Washington, DePauw and Notre Dame—were chosen to lead the effort by the University Service Summit Advisory Board.

"Our universities... can help our own students develop a broader sense of responsibility for the community as a whole," said University of Denver Chancellor Daniel L. Ritchie.

"Our universities have the community ties, credibility and expertise to help in this important assignment."

In June, University of Denver plans to hold a mini-summit in which more than 200 universities will examine ways community service can be integrated into the college curriculum. DU is one of the few American universities that has arranged student projects in Croatia and Bosnia.

At the Philadelphia summit, Clinton challenged every state to offer students a chance to volunteer by proposing that recent graduates be allowed to defer their student loan interest if they participate in volunteer service.

He also renewed his commitment to AmeriCorps, the nation's service program created in 1993 through which thousands of students have earned money for college.

Currently, the government pays AmeriCorps volunteers a $6,700 to $7,600 annual stipend. After a year of service, participants then also qualify for a $4,725 tuition voucher, also paid for by the government.

If corporations were to pick up the tab for the entire stipend, the government could expand the AmeriCorps program and provide 50,000 new scholarships in the next five years, he said.

Clinton also talked about plans to employ work-study students in the AmericaReads Literacy program this fall.

Critics have charged that AmeriCorps and AmericaReads take away from the spirit of volunteerism because they pay college students to perform community service.

In a telephone interview with College Press Service, Tipper Gore defended the programs' incentives.

"We're all for the spirit of volunteerism, but where is it in some places?" she said. "If you're going to get it going, there's one way to do it, and that is to provide incentives for people: to volunteer and also do something that is going to benefit them—and that's AmeriCorps."

She added that the role of college students in the new call to volunteerism is instrumental.

"I have found that college students—and even high school students—are more socially aware, more conscious of the social problems that exist in our communities."
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Aliens just wanna have summer fun

By DEAN G. LEWIS
Entertainment Editor

Tommy Lee Jones and Will Smith are part of an elite organization devoted to monitoring alien activity on Earth. They're the "Men in Black," two heads in an unofficial government agency fronted by Zed (Rip Torn) who runs the home headquarters. An alien "bug" has just crash landed on Vincent D'Onofrio's remote farm. It's after a pendant that could either spell destruction or peace for Earth. Jones and Smith, of course, are sent out to track the bug and recover the jewel. The hip screenplay, credited to Ed Solomon ("Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventure", "Leaving Normal"), skewers the social and political circles by taking a few, safe wisecracks at several contemporary figureheads. In an inspired scene, K (Jones) and J (Smith) study a computer screen that shows Manhattan's current "resident alien population." The faces that shimmer on screen includes such so-called icons as Newt Gingrich, O.J. Simpson, and Sly Stallone. Solomon's showed tactics work, and he knows how and when to extract the best laughs.

Aside from the special effects, courtesy of Industrial Light and Magic (behind this year's "Titanic" which sets sail in December), "Men In Black" gets help from an odd assortment of characters. From misfit, coffee-loving aliens in a mist that talks, director Barry Sonnenfeld returns to the sci-fi camp comics that made him a household name with "The Addams Family." Linda Fiorentino ("The Last Seduction") plays a medical examiner whose morgue becomes an unexpected playground for the pesky E.T.'s. Tony Shalhoub has an eccentric cameo as an alien arms dealer and pawn shop owner. With his buck teeth and distorted head, he's unlike anything he played on TV's "Seinfeld" or last year's acclaimed "Big Night". Sci-fi comedy is high-risk these days, unless a studio packs it with big stars, FX, and a summer date. "Men In Black" utilizes those three plus a fourth: an original, frenetically-paced script that knows how to have fun.

By DEAN G. LEWIS
Entertainment Editor

"Temptress Moon"

Director Chen Kaige ("Farewell My Concubine") returns with "Temptress Moon", a visually elegant film that suffers a little from its inflated story about a young Chinese servant named Zhongliang (Leslie Cheung) who arrives at the Pang family house to serve his older sister and her opium-addicted brother, Zhengda (Zhou Yemang). Young Zhongliang's penchant for spicing the family's opium pipes with arsenic forces him to flee to Shanghai where he lands in the hands of a powerful crime boss. Years later, the man who has a few goons, and Zhongliang finds fortune in romancing and swindling rich women. Surprisingly, his boss orders him to return to the Pang estate and seduce the beautiful Yur (Gong Li) of "Raise the Red Lantern", who's now in power over the Pangs.

Chungking Express), infuses the film with grey textures and lighted interiors. But what they neglect is a rambling script from Shu Kei, Kaige's rapid cutting stretches a few nerves in spots you wished he'd resort to the master shot, which usually works wonderfully for epics of this caliber (for a Fix, and a summer date. "Men In Black" utilizes those three plus a fourth: an original, frenetically-paced script that knows how to have fun.

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"Wild America"

Take a brand-new camera, three mischievous brothers, a few friendly animals, a poor but proud father, an old plane, a couple of neighborhood bullies, adolescent trauma, adolescent girls, first love, and an overwhelming desire to beat the odds and prove to your home folks that yes, "we do have brains and we can get out of this town and make lives of our own," and you'll have all the safeguard ingredients for a Hollywood film, even if it's supposed to be based on a true story. Such is the case with "Wild America", very loosely-based biography of three wildlife-prone siblings who ventured out and photographed animals in their habitats. What's incredibly wrong with this sugar-coated kid's flick is the filmmaker's intent to take real material and mainstream it for money purposes. Even the bears, a hungry alligator, and a moose appear on screen as phony stiffs. Poorly directed, "Wild America" should attract young girls who may want to catch a glimpse of the three boys, especially Jonathan Taylor Thomas (TV's "Home Improvement") who gets top billing. Scott Bairstow and Devon Sawa play the other brothers. They don't really inject anything new for their roles. Were these brothers, who went on and became award-winning documentarians, really this boring? Only in biographies with English subtitles.

** (out of four) B-
1 hr. 35 min. Rated PG-13.
**Internet censorship proposed**

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source code, worth $100 million, and could serve up to 200 years for his crime. However, no hacker has served more than five years.

Jerry Klein, head of media relations at UCF, does not think monitoring users on the Internet is practical, unless there's a violation of law.

"If I can set up a system with security and someone taps into it, it's the same as walking into my office and stealing something—it's burglary," he said.

Amundrud agrees. "If they lack and destroy the system, it's like vandalism," he said. "If you're just exploring, I don't see the problem.

Mustafa Mostwala, a computer science major, does not think the government should have any say over what people do on the Internet. "Whatever we do is our business," he said. "It's like the FBI watching us taking a shower."

Beth Settembre, an Internet junkie, believes it's impossible for the government to monitor the Internet. "You can't be the communication police for the whole world," she said.

"It's like not being able to say a cuss word on TV—that's ridiculous," she said.

Klein believed the ruling on the CDA would not affect him whether it was passed or not.

"I'll only affect those who access [pornography]. I've never been to one of those sites and I don't plan to," he said.

Dear Editor,

This past year I have been busy filling out college applications, looking at schools, talking to older friends about their college choices and weighing my parents' opinions and it all led me to UCF. I chose UCF because they have a pretty good academic reputation, they are giving me the best loans and because I am close to family and friends. Now with my decision finalized and my soon-to-be-freshman status in the works, the next logical step was freshman orientation to become familiarized with my college.

I attended orientation on June 25. I set out early the morning of orientation (left the parents at home) and was really excited because I had this preconceived notion of what it would be like. I was sorely mistaken.

I thought I would get to walk around campus and become acquainted with the buildings by myself. I was hoping to really take the time out and know where everything was. I thought I would get to talk to teachers and staff in a relaxed way. I thought I would get to chill a little and take my time. I didn't.

Orientation was crazy. I felt like cattle being herded around by over-friendly, over-exaggerated, over-involved Sorority and Fraternity girls and boys. I felt intimidated to ask questions because I was in a group with unfamiliar people in my same situation and we all just walked around in a daze. The O-Teamers didn't even seem to enjoy themselves while giving us the campus tour. During the part where you gather information on clubs and organizations, the O-Teamers were downright rude when things got hectic. If things were organized better, maybe the chaos wouldn't have overwhelmed everyone so much and even if it did, it was too much to let the new students see that and feel the repercussions of their unorganization. I really am sorry my first experience at my new school had to be so rushed and hectic.

On the positive side, because I know it must be hard to make something as large in size as orientation successful, I appreciate the help in picking out my schedule. Although I must admit, I don't think people realize we are fresh out of high school and are so unfamiliar with the way college works. When I tried to sign up for a class I was told I couldn't because it was intended for juniors, but it was an introductory class and that confused me. Without an ample explanation of why I couldn't take the class, I changed it and later questioned myself and the teacher who told me to erase it from my schedule. The point being: I (and all the new freshmen) have just come from four years of status quo to a place that has foreign policies and procedures, understand this and don't make us feel inferior. With a little persistence on my part, I got the class with teacher approval, and it wasn't as big a deal as I was led to believe.

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Signed,

Jessica M. Kinney

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**International students bid farewell to McCully**

By LINDSAY MALANGA

International Student Services Coordinator and the International Student Association Advisor for the past seven years said goodbye to UCF this past week, as she is moving to Fort Meyers, FL.

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Jessica M. Kinney

Board members of the International Student Association presented Ms. Joanna McCully with a plaque in appreciation of seven years of service.

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**Look Ma, No Hands**

UCF students beat the Florida heat in a “no hands” watermelon-eating contest at the Lake Claire picnic area.

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**Letter to the Editor**

By LINDSAY MALANGA

News Editor

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**Lead Stories**

In February, Michael Knowles, awaiting trial in Virginia for killing his father, filed a $100 million lawsuit against advice columnist Ann Landers, charging that she had defamed him by publishing his letter on how tough the Internet can be on marriages. Said Knowles' lawyer Max Jenkins, who had pleaded Knowles not guilty, the letter "was a work of fiction."

In March, the president of a demolition company said he was about to hire a psychic to help explain the strange things being reported by his workers tearing down the old Troutman's department store building in Connellsville, Pa. He said doors were slamming without reason, tools disappeared and turned up in unlikely places, and stuck, locked doors spontaneously opened, among other things. At about the same time, employees at the Sun Francisco department store, who had been conducting investigations brought in a Buddhist priest, a Catholic priest and a psychic to commune with the building after several workers and family members had recently stricken with serious illnesses.

The Wall Street Journal reported in April on the growing academic discipline of "whiteness studies," whose pioneering professors and students met recently at the University of California, Berkeley. Among the topics under study: Span­ders, gun shows, and the white domi­nance of shopping malls and the Internet. Said a doctoral student, rejecting the sug­ gestion that the black studies lacks serious "Theories that said about ... Madama studies, too."

**Continuing Crisis**

David Price, 34, serving life in prison in Edinburgh, Scotland, for the 1984 rape­murder of his girlfriend on Valentine’s Day, got a chaperoned, one-evening pass in February so that he could downtown to the Demarco European Arts Center to attend the premiere of the opera "Odyssey," which he wrote while behind bars.

In December, store manager Wiley Berggren was presented awards for sales and productivity at a Southwest Fined store in Odessa, Texas. About two hours later, he was fired because of his actions the night before: When three kids tried to steal a case of beer and one of them attacked him, Berggren beat up the attacker to the ground, thus violating the company's rule of not challenging thieves.

In February, anesthesiologist Frank Ruhl Peterson, 45, was sentenced in Hazelton, Pa., to 10 to 23 months in prison for severely diluting the narcotics for 12 surgery patients, thus exposing them to virtually anesthesia-free opera­tions. According to police, Peterson stole the drugs to feed his own habit and said he actually shorted more than 200 patients.

In January, Ludwig Fainberg, the owner of the Porky's strip club in Hialeah, Fla., was indicted as the midrider in a series of drug violations, including the attempted purchase of a $5.5 million black-market, Russian attack submarine by Colombian drug lords, who allegedly wanted it to run cocaine into California.

Ireland's first legislation permitting "work" she had been doing, such as, for the last "40 minutes" of each "shift," standing outside to make sure no one broke the restaurant's windows. Despite the owners' vehement denial that McCoy ever worked for them, the labor claim was reversed (largely because she doubted that restaurant owners could be so generous).

**Bad Times for Good Samaritans**

In January, Ron Seaward stopped, along with a police officer, to help a dri­ver whose car was in a ditch near London, Ontario. While he was pushing that car out, two cars hit his truck, and as the officer was writing up the report for Seaward's insurance company, he discov­ered that Seaward's driver's license had expired (for which he was later fined).

**Volunteers get break under Clinton plan**

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-society," she said, mentioning students she had met who volunteer for the Red Cross and homeless shelters. "They're so much more responsive. They’re a model for adults frankly."

She added: "There is a huge potential for even more college students to get involved in civic service."

Still, some students at the summit bris­tled at the idea of the government asking for help in an era of dwindling federal funds for social programs. At the sum­mit, protesters calling themselves the Student Coalition Against Intervisit­ted the President by holding signs that said "Don’t Volunteer Me."

The National People's Campaign, which included hundreds of student groups, led a march outside the summit to call for overturning cuts in social pro­grams.

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Seniors to be brains of secondary defense easier.

"If we have a problem we can just ask him," Washington said. "He listens to our suggestions because we're on the field and we may see something he doesn't. It's made learning from him easier." Breaking up the starters will be sophomore Terryl Rice and senior Altman Carter. With the recruiting of three safeties, Albert Snyder of Palm Bay, Tony Hardman of Clearwater and Elliott Shorter of Greenboro, Crossman feels a few of them could help immediately.

"We are going to need eight to ten players in the secondary contribute if we are going to have a good season," Crossman said. "That means special teams as well as two and three-deep at defensive back and special teams.

Rickerston, who led last year's team with two interceptions, knows the secondary needs better numbers if UCF is to compete in the toughest schedule in school history.

"The season is going to be a challenge, but we are working hard to get ready for it," Rickerston said.

"I think we can compete against the bigger teams if we keep working in the off-season and spending time in the film room like we are now. We have a chance to make a name for ourselves."

Swaby hopes shooting ability, athleticism keys to pros

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aged a nation-best 47.4 points at North Miami High his senior year thanks to great jump shot and 32-inch vertical leap.

It was those talents and 19 points a game his senior year at UCF which Swaby drew interest from the Magic, but the NBA look out of 1995 came and the deal never happened. Swaby spent the year in France and he played well (25 points, 9 rebounds), but Swaby's father thinks his son deserved a shot in Orlando.

"The Magic blew it," Donald Swaby said. "Ochiel is a better athlete than most of the players on their bench, and he can shoot from anywhere."

After returning to the United States, Charlotte signed Swaby, but cut him after two preseason games. Swaby said it was a great experience because now he felt he belonged in the NBA. "I wanted to make the team, but it was great playing with guys like Glen Rice and Del Curry," he said.

However, making a name for himself in the CBA has proved as tough as making it into an NBA camp.

"The competition level is so high I was impressed," said Swaby, who played for the Sioux Falls Skyforce this past year. "It was the most competitive league I had ever played in. Everyone wants to make it to the NBA." Playing on the best regular season team in the league at 42-8, Swaby did the most with his 12 minutes a game by averaging 5.1 points. Side-by-side with players such as three-time world champion and former Chicago Bulls center Stacey King, point guard Corey Beck from the Arkansas national championship team and CBA rookie of the year Jason Sasser, a forward from Texas Tech's 1996 Sweet 16 squad, Swaby excelled his situation.

"I understood my role on the team," Swaby said. "We had a great team with a lot of experience, so my job was to be a spark offensively. The coaches understood my role on the team, so the coaches knew I could do it and we got along." Skyforce public relations director Steve Wiebenga said Swaby definitely has professional skills.

"One thing he can do is shoot. Especially at 6-7, 6-8, with most of the opposing guards being 6-3. Ochiel could shoot over most of them. Real good dunker, too."

Swaby had thoughts of asking for a trade so he could find more playing time on another team, but he felt as if he had job security with the Skyforce.

"There is no guarantee of getting on another team," he said. "I was playing with some good players, but the CBA cuts a lot of those players. If I ask to be traded, there may not be a spot for me elsewhere and the coaches may think I was unhappy with my situation and cut me. I really did not want to leave because I was learning and gaining experience by staying." DRAFTED IN CBA's EXPANSION DRAFT

Swaby hopes to make an impact in the NBA. "All I can do now is stay in shape and hope somebody notices my numbers here in Miami," Swaby said. "If that doesn't happen, I'll just go back to the CBA and keep working."
UCF surfing tops in Florida

By MIKE MARSHALL
Photo Editor

One team here at UCF is currently competing for a national championship. Well it couldn’t be football, baseball, basketball or volleyball, so what else is there?

The UCF Surf Team, which as been No. 1 in Florida for three years running, competes against teams such as UF, UNF, Flagler, Florida Tech, Stetson, USF, and PBCC every year.

This year’s NSSA East (National Scholastic Surfing Association) Championships were held at Sebastian Inlet where UCF took first, second, third, fifth, and sixth, destroying the rest of the field.

The team is composed of three teams, A team, B team, and C team. The A team is currently in California competing at the NSSA national championships which are being held at Lower Trestles, a world renowned surf spot.

The contest season last from September to March with most of the contest being held at Bathunes in New Smyrna Beach in the dead of winter. It takes a serious commitment to get up at 6 a.m. on a Sunday and go surf in usually less than ideal, chilly conditions.

The time the competitors are depending on how well they do in their heats. Heats are composed of six surfers with 15 minutes to catch a minimum of three waves.

Free safety Donnell Washington (37) and corner back Davin Bush (11) hope to improve on last year’s reputation.

Starters hope return is no rerun

Defensive backfield hopes to be a strength in 1997

In 1996, the Knights seemed to be winning in spite of or losing because of their secondary.

“I think it was just a matter of concentration,” said senior Donnell Washington, a second-team, All-Independent team selection at free safety. “We never seemed to play a complete game. We would play good for two or three quarters then lose focus.”

Now those same four starters are preparing themselves for a second try at big league competition.

Former UCF standout working towards NBA

By DEREK GONSOULIN
Sports Editor

Playing for the Miami Tropics of the United States Basketball league, former UCF forward Ochiel Swaby is currently fifth in the league in scoring with over 25 points a game. Such a scoring average at the professional level would satisfy many professional basketball players, but Swaby has bigger plans.

“The CBA has more talent and it’s more organized, but playing here keeps me in shape for NBA camps,” Swaby said. “Plus, NBA teams check the statistics from the USBL, so it keeps me on teams’ minds.”

Swaby’s dreams of making it to the big time may not have happened yet, but that has not stopped him from trying.

He has had stints in France, the CBA and the USBL since college and there will be more if an NBA team doesn’t sign him this fall. “I wish a team would go ahead and sign me,” Swaby said. “But I’m getting valuable experience along the way so I can’t complain.”

If making it to the NBA was a question of athleticism, Swaby would have a great answer. The 6-foot-8, 208 pound forward averaged...