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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 buzzing 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 students feel the campus authority has been a great help in keeping UCF free from crime.

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

UCFPD strives for better student rapport

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.

"[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."

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 Mintack, 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

Always bet on black
"Men in Black" is summer's best bet for the funniest alien invasion.

Old friends, new results?
Football team hopes the return of all four starters will improve play.
By DAN TUCKER

• According to UCF Police, Allan Ray Meeler, 45, was arrested in Greek park for failing breathalizer test and urinated on the ground. After a series of tests to conclude his sobriety, Meeler refused the officers his sobriety. Meeler was put under arrest and was apprehended by the officers. Meeler was unruly and defecated 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 a grand theft of two rings from a display in front of the bookstore on June 11.
• Robert Viehweger reported a grand theft of a poster from the Electrical Engineering Lab on June 14.
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• Thomas O'Grady reported a grand theft of two computers, a monitor and a RAM on June 18.

There are no leads or suspects at this time.

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

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

• Robert Vodt reported a stolen tag from his vehicle on June 14.
• Betty Cascadden of the Herff Jones Company reported grand theft of two rings from a display in the bookstore on June 17.

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Orientation under new direction

From PAGE 1

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-teamers 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."

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Even though Corbett and the other O-teamers were frazzled at the new student chaos, Keith Rogers, an incoming freshman from Palm Harbor said that orient

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. "Everyone here presents UCF really well. They are really innovative," Rogers said. "The O-team is great. I've never seen anything like it. They are all so open and honest and want to help and answer questions."

With all of the excitement and mass collaboration of the orientation process, the goal of familiarizing incoming freshmen of the activities available to them was accomplished. From the Surfing club to Greek life, all aspects of UCF were represented and upperclassmen happily recruited new golden knights.

Photograph by MIKE MARSHALL

Representatives of clubs, greek life, and other campus organizations promoted themselves to incoming freshmen at orientation.

Photograph by MIKE MARSHALL

Summer Soccer

UCF makes memories for soccer camp kids. Youngsters attended day camp where they learned valuable soccer skills. Someday, these boys may be the future defenders of UCF's goal.

Police improvements are in progress

From PAGE 1

Employers hiring new employees aren't just trying to fill up the desks in their offices. Given that complaints succeed by providing value to their customers - by getting things done well, on time, and on budget - they hire people to help them "make it happen".

Making it happen in a work environment often means leading a team to achieve specific goals. Demonstrating proven leadership skills will set you apart from the crowd in the interview process and may be the key ingredient that leads to a job offer.

There are many ways to assume leadership roles on campus. Clubs, dorms, fraternities and sororities, civic groups and other organizations all need leaders to achieve their objectives. In most cases, however, it is difficult to immediately take a leadership position. Normally you will have to earn your way into it by first contributing time and energy as a member.

So how do you earn this chance to lead? Every organization needs innovative ideas to succeed and grow. Find a small way to improve the group and volunteer to lead the effort. Do this several times and you will prove to the group that you can indeed "make it happen". Then the group will turn to you to lead its most important projects.

Remember, it's never enough to simply join a group; you need to have a meaningful impact on its results. The more tangible the result (more events, financial stability, more members), the better. And it's important to join groups early in your college career. Waiting until your senior year doesn't leave enough time to make a real impact.

Whatever your interests are, there are organizations built around them that would welcome your involvement. If not, think about founding one yourself.

So, take the lead and lead the pack on interview day!

Study tip: Take the lead

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—Jill Graber

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

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' to 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.) 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

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 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 on-campus.

—Stuart Brown, Senior, Mechanical Engineering, Orlando.

1.) I think 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.
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—Whitney Hartmann, Senior, Psychology, Winter Park.

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—Brenna Murphy, Senior, Theater, Tampa.

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.

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New parking garage all positive for students

By JASON HEIRONIMUS
Opinion Editor

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 about is whether or not they can find a campus. Like said before, everyone has an opinion, and mine is only a paragraph 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.

The sad thing is that 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 footed 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 groundbreaking 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 DEBAISE
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 went on to ask 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 work at Cincinnati's Children's Hospital after graduating from the University of Denver. "It's an extension 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 them during his campaign to volunteer for community service at the Presidents' Summit for America's Future.

"If we 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 recent Gees, Colin Powell.

"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—the big commitment is—you’ve got to serve in your community to help make it a better place," he said.

"AmeriCorps," 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 spruce up empty lots near crack houses.

"We're going to turn America around for the next three days by doing what we can do," said Gore, who chaired the event. A critical goal of the summit is to increase community service by college students. Five universities—Denver, Moroehouse College, George Washington, DePauw and Notre Dame—were chosen to lead the effort by serving on the University 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 national service program created in 1993 through which thousands of students have earned money for college.

Currently, the government pays AmeriCorps volunteers $6,700 to $7,600 annual stipend. After a year of service, participants then 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 America Reads 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, 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 [special section]

Clinton suggests expanding student incentives

By COLLEGE PRESS SERVICE

During a three-day "Presidents' Summit" on volunteerism in Philadelphia, President Clinton urged college students to get involved in an era of "service culture.

"You have to serve in your community to help make it a better place," he said. "We're still losing too many kids to crime, to drugs... and we're here because we don't think we have to.

The president set out a number of proposals that would provide scholarship money, work-study funds or other financial incentives for students who perform civic service. They include:

• AmeriCorps. The president renewed his commitment to the 4-year-old national service program, and urged corporations to pick up the tab for AmeriCorps participants' $7,000 living allowance, now paid by the federal government.

That way, over the next five years, the government could offer 50,000 new scholarships worth $4,750 for each year of service, he said.

• AmericaReads. The president said he hoped to enlist 100,000 college work-study students this fall in his "army of tutors," to help combat literacy problems in America. The program faces stiff opposition from Congress, however, where Republican lawmakers say paying college students to perform full-time community service may be a conflict of interest. Miami University's Tanner Smith, for instance, is paid $7,000 a year to perform full-time community service for the federal government.

• Deferred student loan interest. Under a new plan proposed by Clinton April 28, students who participate in volunteer service after graduation would be allowed to defer payments on college loans for each year of service. White House officials stated the loan deferrals would go to students who performed full-time community service for any tax-exempt, non-profit organization and would be valid up to three years of service. The average participant would save $500, the interest assessed for deferring the average loan a year.

• Police Corps. The Justice Department's ROTC-style program in which students' college tuition is paid for in exchange for four years of service as a police officer should expand from 200 participants to 672, the president said.

Clinton election pushes 288 Democrats to change party

Special to the Future

Jim Nicholson, Republican National Committee Chairman, suggested that the Democratic National Committee obtain a pair of canaries as he welcomed four excited Democrats to the Republican Party. To date, 288 elected Democrats have flown the Democratic coop to join the Republican Party since Bill Clinton and Albert Gore were elected in 1992.

"I have a suggestion for the Democrats," Nicholson said. "In Colorado, where I'm from, miners would often bring a pair of canaries down the mine shaft with them to test the air quality. While there might be a suitable technology, I think the Democrats need to do something to check the air over here because their local elected leaders are flocking to the Republican Party in droves.

"The four new Republicans, like many of the 284 switchers before them, are being told by the people they represent that Bill Clinton, Albert Gore and the Democratic Party bosses are not addressing main issues affecting their families and paychecks."

On June 27 at 5:00 p.m., Florida State Rep. Durrell Peeden, Jr., switched to the Republican Party. In a letter to his constituents, Peeden wrote, "You, like most Floridians, have told me to fight for less government, less regulation, less taxes and more individual freedom...I have principles for the sake of a party." An elected Democrat in 1992 to the House District 5, Peeden represented the coastal counties of Okaloosa, Walton, Holmes, and Washington Counties in Florida's Panhandle region.

Sen. Steve Windom of Alabama switched to the Republican Party in a new conference on June 26. In making the switch, Windom cited his commitment to "stand up for what I believe and to represent a political philosophy which best serves the people of my district and my state."

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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 "dog" has just crash landed on Vincent D'Orio'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 glimmer on screen includes such so-called icons as Newt Gingrich, O.J. Simpson, and Sly Stallone. Solomon's shrewd 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 miniature, coffee-loving aliens to a mutt that talks, director Barry Sonnenfeld returns to the sci-fi camp comics that made him a household name with "The Addams Family," "Men in Black" is now making its rounds in selected American cities. In Chinese with English subtitles. Rated PG-13.

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 persistent efforts to seduce 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 mistress marries him in a true story. From miniature, coffee-loving aliens to a mutt that talks, director Barry Sonnenfeld returns to the sci-fi camp comics that made him a household name with "The Addams Family," "Men in Black" is now making its rounds in selected American cities. In Chinese with English subtitles. Rated PG-13.

ON THE SCREEN

"Wild America"

Assisted by her loyal but timid servant Daowu (Kevin Lin), Yuri falls in love with Zhongliang, creating a whirlwind of deception and murder. The last half-hour or so gets stung with convoluted details. Kaige, working with cinematographer Christopher Doyle ("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 epicics of this caliber (for a far superior Chinese film "Raise Yimou's "Raise the Red Lantern"). Despite its lovely looks, "Temptress Moon" is a flawed film, a too-ambitious package of mixed emotions. Banned last year in China, the film is now making its rounds through selected American cities. In Chinese with English subtitles.

By DEAN G. LEWIS
Entertainment Editor

"Wild America"

Take a brand-new camera, three mishmash 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 documentaries, really this boring? Only in biographies with their heads on backwards.

** 1/2 (out of four) C- 1 hr. 55 min. Rated R.

** (out of four) D-
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 did.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 unfriendly 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 succeed 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 figured with teacher approval, and it wasn't as big a deal as I was led to believe.

Because I hate to just complain about all the things that sucked with orientation, my biggest suggestion is organization. Have more O-Teamers and different times set up for things like the "Get to know your clubs and organizations," so a little more personal attention is there. Also, O-Teamers don't all need to be Greek, do they? I am sure next year's orientation will be better though...one can hope anyway.

Signed,
Jessica M. Kinney

International students bid farewell to McCully

By LINDSAY MALANGA
News Editor

Joanna McCully, 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. Because of her dedication, the student body is now able to enjoy meals their fellow international students can prepare in the Nine Dragons.

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

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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YUG CENTER. McCully's direction led to an increase in student participation and attendance at the International Fairs in the time she was here.
The board members of the International Student Association honored McCully with a plaque commemorating her outstanding dedication to all of the international students that have been touched by her through the years.
**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. Wrote Knowles: "Today is my father's 44th birthday, but she is not around to celebrate it. I look at her life because of an affair that started on the Internet." Said Knowles' lawyer Max Jenkins, who had pleaded Knowles not guilty, the letter "ticked me off." 

- 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 Truanton's department store building in Connellsville, Pa. He said doors were slamming without reason, toys disappeared and turned up in unlikely places, and stuck, locked doors spontaneously opened, among other things. At about the same time, employees at the San Francisco Mint have noticed that the weights of the gold ingots brought in a Buddhist priest, a Catholic priest and a psychic to commune with the building after several workers and family members had recently suffered or stricken with serious illnesses.

- The Wall Street Journal reported in April on the University of California, Berkeley, among analytics under study: Span diers, gun shows, and the white dominance of shopping malls and the Internet. Said a doctoral student, rejecting the suggestion that the phenomenon lacks social consciousness: "They said that about ... Madama studies, too." 

**Continuing Crisis**

- David Price, 34, serving life in prison in Edinburgh, Scotland, for the 1984 rape-murder 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 "Oedipus," which he wrote while behind bars.

- In December, store manager Wiley Berggren was presented awards for sales and productivity at a Southwest Airlines' annual meeting, but little research on the ground that he was seriously ill and might not live to see his freedom. (In fact, he married again a few days after the court granted his petition, and a few days after that, he died.)

- In December, according to a Washington Post report, Greg Piper, the owner of the Exposed Temptations tattoo parlor of Manassas, Va., complained to his landlord in an industrial park that the newly arrived next-door tenant, the Blessed Victory Pentecostal Church, was out of place in the building and making so much noise with its music that it was affecting his work. Said Piper, "(Tattooing's) like any kind of art. You want to focus on the concentration and the client." In January, the then-or-us dilemma was resolved when the church announced it was moving.

- The Associated Press reported in February on the egg collection of wealthy businessman Ed Harrison of Los Angeles, who owns a skyscraper, runs an oil company and manages real estate. He has more than 1 million eggs from 3,600 species. "I've had plenty of people laugh at me," he said, but collecting "took a lot of guts. I've swung down over cliffs and risked my neck plenty of times (to steal eggs)."

**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).

- Trial began in March in the lawsuit of Linda Jean Schneider, 49, against two physicians and the John Muir Medical Hospital near San Francisco, for their negligence in actually saving her life. Schneider has a slowly terminal, degenerative neurological disorder (MELAS syndrome) that causes seizures, and she had wanted to die, but the doctors kept feeding and caring for her. She's now expected to live another 15 years, though with a poor quality of life.

- In December in Louisville, Ky., four men robbed the National City Bank but were halted during their getaway by Danny Johnson at a store next door and thus dropped the money and fled. Johnson, despite the temptation to skim at least a little off the top to take care of his Christmas bills, stood guard over all the loot until police arrived. National City Bank people called Johnson three days later to inform him that his loan application for $500, submitted before the bank robbery was denied.

- The owners of the Garden Juice Bar in San Francisco told a state labor official in February that on most days for the past year they had provided neighborhood hanger-on (and perhaps homeless) Eugenia McCoy free meals. However, in January McCoy filed a state labor claim that she had not been paid for all the promises "work" she had been doing, 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 official set the matter for a formal hearing (largely because she doubted that restaurant owners could be so generous).
Swaby hopes shooting ability, athleticism keys to pros

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Surfing team travels foreign shores

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waves. The waves are scored on the number of maneuvers, style, length of the ride, and wave quality. The top three surfers from each heat move on to the next heat and so on until the field is narrowed down to the final heat.

This process usually takes all day. With the consistency of the waves changing throughout the day the surfers have to be prepared for anything and so far UCF is continuing its reputation as the best in Florida.

The club takes trips to places like Costa Rica, Puerto Rico, and Barbados. They also have weekly meetings where they plan social gatherings that usually end up being fun gatherings. So if you like being close to the beach and want to meet lots of other people who enjoy the beach, join the UCF Surf Club.

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UCF signees play in FL-Georgia All-Star Game

Atlanta UCF offensive line signee Daron Herdon of Lake Brantley and Ahmed El-Hawary of Merritt Island played for the losing Florida squad at the 13th annual Florida-Georgia High School All-Star Game held at the Georgia Dome.

"It's good publicity for the school to have recruits in such a high profile game," UCF coach Gene McDowell said.

Although it is not team policy to rely on true freshman on the offensive line, McDowell said the two players could fill key backup roles. "It depends on injuries, but with our thin depth on the line, we might need them to step in immediately,"

Jason Miller of Englewood Lemon Bay was on the Florida roster but did not play in the game.

Tennis coach resigns

Assistant tennis coach Ed Cox resigned from his position at UCF this week.

Cox served as assistant coach on both the men's and women's tennis teams, whom had the best years in school history. The men finished second in the Team America Athletic Conference tournament and the women went to the NCAA tournament for the first time in school history.

"I like helping the players learn and I pretty much taught the kids all I could," he said.

Cox, who has coached on the high school level in North Carolina and Florida, will continue to teach tennis classes at UCF.

UCF minor leaguer promoted to AAA

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UCF surfing tops in Florida

By MIKE MARSHALL

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

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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 NSA East (National Scholastic Surfing Association) Championships were held at Sebastian Inlet where UCF took first, second, third, fifth, and sixth, destroy the rest of the field.

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Leave it to last year's defensive backfield to make a Division II quarter-back look better than Daunte Culpepper.

To kick off UCF's first season in Division I football, Culpepper passed for 307 yards and a pair of touchdowns in a thrilling come from behind victory over William & Mary. Looking better was little known sophmore, Mike Cook who threw for 318 yards, two touchdowns and no interceptions for the nearly victorious visitors.

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.

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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 his 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 aver...