Coffee controversy leaves students brewing

Marriott refuses to renew cart contract

By LINDSAY MALANGA
News Editor

Katherine Kirchner and Brigida Padilla are the two women you may see every day selling coffee at "Knight Perks" to passers-by in front of the computer center. While they may be smiling to customers, Marriott Food Services is causing them to frown behind the scenes.

Kirchner and Padilla went to the university in January to get their coffee cart idea approved. As two UCF students, the women felt the extra income would help pay their tuition.

"There were no coffee vendors on campus, and we love coffee, so we decided to do this," Kirchner said. The women went to Ron Simko, Head of Food Services for Marriott, which has the food service contract for UCF, and "originally he liked the idea," Padilla said.

Kirchner and Padilla said Simko stressed the idea of long-term relationships with his vendors, who pay Marriott rent to be on campus. However, because Marriott's contract was recently renegotiated with the university in January to get their coffee cart in front of the Computer Center II on June 2. Their contract expires July 31.

UCF students Katherine Kirchner and Brigida Padilla opened Knight Perks in front of the Computer Center II on June 2. Their contract expires July 31.

Professor explores Mars on campus

By OLIVIA K. CURNOW
Staff Writer

July 4th became even more meaningful this year when the Mars Pathfinder touched down on the Red Planet's surface after a 120-million-mile journey.

The goal of the robotic explorer was to finally determine if life ever existed on Mars, or still does. The explored area, called Ares Vallis, is 15 degrees north of the Martian equator. The ancient flood plain contains various rocks deposited by massive floods from 3.6 to 4.5 billion years ago.

According to a CNN poll, 92 percent of 64,863 respondents agreed Mars exploration is a worthwhile investment.

Dr. Nadine Barlow, a UCF astronomy professor, has spent the past 15 years researching Mars' surface. She is currently involved in the Mars exploration as a planetary geologist.

"We can learn how to take care of our earth by studying other planets, so there are a lot of benefits to space exploration," she said.

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Miss UCF reaches for the stars

By JON MARSDEHN
Staff Writer

UCF's Kristen Simock exemplifies the educated public opinion of pageant contestants. In fact, she is a woman who truly represents the spirit of UCF.

"She has always been there, not only for the Orientation Team, but she is representing UCF very well, with the Miss UCF pageant," said Chris Davis, one of Simock's co-workers.

Born in Winter Park, Simock spent all her life (minus two years in New Jersey) in the Orlando area. A graduate of Bishop Moore High and a sister to three, she has had what she describes as a near perfect childhood with a family who never hesitated to lovingly adopt friends who were not so fortunate.

Her older brother and sister went to UCF and started a family tradition which she has continued.

To enter the Miss America pageant, contestants try out for a preliminary, such as Miss Orlando or Miss UCF. Winners earn a

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UCF revs up with engine curriculum

By SEAN CLAEYS
Staff Writer

The world's fastest race car engine could soon be built on the UCF campus.

A new master's program, headed by Dr. Robert Hoekstra, will teach engineering students how to achieve higher performance in a race car.

And with the auto racing industry generating $12 billion a year, UCF has plenty of room to grow.

"Racing is not a bunch of good ol' boys drinking and rolling cars," Hoekstra said. "It has become a sport of such high sophistication that it needs a special group of engineers that have been trained in the areas of racing to take it to its next level.

"UCF has an outstanding state-of-the-art engine lab that will allow me to create the program to teach these engineers."

Hoekstra said Clemson and UCF are the only universities in the United States that will have a curriculum centered around the racing industry. He said Clemson's program is based on the chassis and aerodynamics.

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Research Park makes a good neighbor and partner to UCF.

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"Stomp" pounds the pavement in Central Florida.

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UCF's offensive and defensive lines look to toughen up for big schedule.

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Golf cart vanishes

By DAN TUCKER
Staff Writer

The College of Health and Public Affairs reported a stolen golf cart from building #12 on June 29. Earl Ten noticed the cart was missing after leaving it parked outside for approximately four hours. The cart is valued at $1,600 and has not been located.

In a campus crime:

- Steven Scioto reported pro-
  fane language written on the hood of his car on June 30. The estimated cost of damage to the car is $200 and he is willing to prosecute.

- Rebecca Shatz reported grand theft of a 14 karat gold necklace on June 27. The estimated cost of the necklace is $160 and she is willing to prosecute.

- Persons in the Department of Engineering reported burglary and grand theft of computer equipment on July 2. The computer equipment taken was a Pentium 100 MHz and valued at approximately $1,000.

- Brendan Haggerty reported an unknown person stole his license plate and frame off the back of his car on July 2. There are no suspects or witnesses.

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Students will be remunerated with a better education now that the tuition has been increased.

Even the worst summer job has its rewards

By College Press Service

What’s the worst job possible? Waiting tables in a smoky dive? Sweeping floors in a dirty factory? Gutting hogs in a slaughterhouse? These are plenty of candidates for this dubious distinction.

But not for true summer jobs are notoriously rotten. Unless you’ve had the foresight and good fortune to find a good paying summer job in your chosen field, you may be dreading the approaching summer job grind. But for many students, a summer job is a financial necessity, even if the job is less than perfect.

Like everything else in life, a summer job is what you make of it. You can get much more than a paycheck out of any job, even the assembly line. Every job provides opportunities to exhibit how driven you are, how well you get along with colleagues and superiors and how you can solve problems with innovative ideas. These important attributes are important attributes that future employers will seek and reward.

Set a goal for summer of earning a recommendation letter from your boss in one or more of these areas. Better yet, discuss with your boss when you start that you’d like to do everything possible to take on responsibility and earn a positive recommendation at the end of the summer. Ask to work on special projects where your results will be noticed when you’re done. Look for areas that can be improved and make suggestions on how to fix them, then volunteer to make them happen. Your boss will appreciate your initiative and will be happy to reward a job well done.

Let’s face it, doing a good job and demonstrating your abilities doesn’t take any longer than doing a half-hearted job. You’ve got to be there anyway, so why not work a little harder and get more than a paycheck in return? That strong letter of recommendation may be the difference between landing a great job or getting hogs after graduation.

So make the most of even the worst job. You’ll be glad you did.
Mars discoveries lead UCF professors to new research

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Education major Stephanie Ridenour disagreed. "I think it's great that we have the technology and the know-how to explore Mars," she said. "But, I think the money we spend on that could be put to greater use on Earth."

The Pathfinder's cost is estimated at $196 million. Barlow listed the benefits received from exploring Mars thus far.

"We're definitely getting a lot of new information about Mars, how it's evolved with time and how it's evolved differently from Earth. We think Earth and Mars probably started out being very similar. Mars has obviously gone along a different path, but probably started out being very similar. Mars has obviously gone along a different path, but probably started out being very similar. Mars was obviously different from Earth. We think Earth and Mars probably started out being very similar. Mars has obviously gone along a different path, but probably started out being very similar. Mars was obviously different from Earth. We think Earth and Mars probably started out being very similar. Mars has obviously gone along a different path, but probably started out being very similar. Mars was obviously different from Earth. We think Earth and Mars probably started out being very similar. Mars has obviously gone along a different path, but probably started out being very similar. Mars was obviously different from Earth. We think Earth and Mars probably started out being very similar. Mars has obviously gone along a different path, but probably started out being very similar. Mars was obviously different from Earth. We think Earth and Mars probably started out being very similar. Mars has obviously gone along a different path, but probably started out being very similar. Mars was obviously different from Earth. We think Earth and Mars probably started out being very similar. Mars has obviously gone along a different path, but probably started out being very similar. Mars was obviously different from Earth. We think Earth and Mars probably started out being very similar. Mars has obviously gone along a different path, but probably started out being very similar. Mars was obviously different from Earth. We think Earth and Mars probably started out being very similar. Mars has obviously gone along a different path, but probably started out being very similar. Mars was obviously different from Earth. We think Earth and Mars probably started out being very similar. Mars has obviously gone along a different path, but probably started out being very similar. Mars was obviously different from Earth. We think Earth and Mars probably started out being very similar.

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According to a report on MSNBC, the journey to Mars would last six months in no gravity and intense radiation of deep space. A total time away from Earth would be 1 1/2 to 2 1/2 years. A plan presented six years ago to Congress estimated the cost of a human mission to be $400 billion. This idea was shot down, and now NASA is looking for a "better, cheaper and faster" way to get there, costing no more than $25 million.

Eighty-seven percent of Internet users who responded to a Time & Again poll agree to support a human mission to Mars. Gretchen Alvey, 21, is a prospective Space Studies minor who does not support a human mission at all.

"People say we are the 11 race on the Earth," she said. "We might rule the earth, but there's probably superior beings out there. We can't control them in their environment. We can't find it if we don't leave it alone. But, who's to say if we find it, it won't ruin us?"

Erik Enriquez, social work major, supports the human mission. "Mars has always been a great mystery," he said.

"We always hear things about Maritans and we never know the truth. A human mission to Mars could tell us whether life existed there or not."

Engine grade degree one of few in nation

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UCF's program will be focused on the car's drive line (engine and transmission).

Brian Brase, who will graduate in the fall with a master's in industrial engineering, has taken several classes that will be offered in the new master's program. Brase said the classes will be advantageous for students interested in working in the racing industry. Brase hopes to work in the racing industry, which is not an easy task.

"You sometimes need connections to get in the door of the racing industry," Hoekstra said. But the program may offer more opportunities. UCF students will learn a range of skills, from obtaining statistical data to learning how to take in cylinder pressure data, to creating multi-response service analysis tests.

"Until recent times, all testing has been done through single factor testing," Hoekstra said. "The problem with the internal combustion engine is there is a correspondence between parts. This program will teach these engineers to make a mathematical model of the engine, and through statistical computations change multiple components at one time to produce the best engine possible.

"As a requirement, the engineers will have to intern for a company, which will expose them to the racing industry," Hoekstra said. He cannot promise students they will get the internship they want. But, with more than 70 high-performance companies that offer internships, there is a better chance for them.

Hoekstra, who worked in the racing industry for several years, brings credibility to the program. He raced stock cars when he was a teenager and has been drag racing at the semiprofessional level for eight years. He also has done research for some within the industry.

With his racing and research credentials, topped with a Ph.D. in industrial and systems engineering from the University of Cincinnati, Hoekstra has a solid reputation in the racing world.

"Dr. Hoekstra is doing a lot of good things," Bruce said. "He is creating a good curriculum and a great interning program."

"The program should get the engineers in the door so they can show they have the knowledge to excel and don't need anyone to hold their hand."

Marriott's contract causes coffee conflict

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The landscape in front of the Mars Pathfinder probe is shown in this panoramic image spliced together by NASA from a series of images returned from the mission. The women signed their contract and opened for business in front of the computer center.

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Q: What are your feelings toward Marriott Food Services on the UCF campus?

BY PETER KUNDIS

A: In my opinion, they have real good food. But the prices for many of their food items (subs, fish sandwiches) are quite expensive. You can find a lot better deals on food either at McDonald's or Burger King.

—Ronald E. Mathews, Jr., Junior, Computer Engineering, Orlando

I feel that the price for the food selections is too high, and the quality is too low. I also feel that Marriott Food Services is being very unfair with those other businesses that also want to have a presence on campus, since they already own most of the facilities on-campus.

—David Heady, Senior, Psychology, Orlando

Well, all of my experience with Marriott Food Services have not been very good. They need to have a much wider food selection. And the food items offered are not very good. The prices that they charge are too high for the struggling college student at UCF.

—Jason Jackson, Junior, Computer Engineering, Ft. Lauderdale

I really don't like their food, since it's both too expensive and doesn't taste fresh. The food is also very greasy and there isn't a great variety of it. The facilities always seem to smell as though there is a problem with the ventilation system. In other words, the smell of the food makes me want to quickly get out of the facility. During the year that I have attended UCF, I have eaten in a Marriott facility only twice. During those two times I have only gotten the yogurt, and that was when I wasn't able to go to some other restaurant.

—Andeyi Estrella, Senior, HSA, Orlando

At this point in time, I really don't care, since I rarely eat on campus.

—Anthony Felix, Senior, Art/Photography, Brooklyn, NY

The food offered by Marriott Food Services is average, but the prices are very expensive. And most of the time the service is good. Marriott Food Services should not try to take over the smaller businesses on-campus, since they do a much better job than Marriott.

—Mussie Estzfanos, Senior, Computer Science, Asmara, Eritrea
Pageant door to future opportunities

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Title and are entered into Miss Florida. The winner enters Miss America. But it's not as easy as it sounds. The Miss America Pageant is a scholarship pageant and is thus looking for moral, upstanding and educated young women.

"It's not really in any way a beauty pageant... most of the girls are very intelligent," says Simock, who had previously won first runner-up in the Miss Orlando pageant, which awarded her a $2,200 scholarship.

Simock says most of her talents involve showmanship. For the talent portion, she sang a jazz tune called "Don't Rain on My Parade" which was taken from a Broadway musical. "I like to interact with the crowd," she says.

There is also an interviewing segment of the pageant. Anything from the Clinton scandal to Bosnia in the Russian mafia could be asked by a panel of male and female judges.

The hardest part of the pageant by far is the platform, said Simock. Everybody must start one or become a part of one. Simock's platform is called TOPS (Teens Overachieving and Pursuing Success). This program, which she hopes to expand into schools throughout the state, is to push overachievers in the high school system to achieve their potential. TOPS was one of the main reasons she changed her major.

"I need the training to help train the facilitators of the satellite programs around the state," says Simock.

When asked of a favorite quote, she recited an anonymous adage: "If you teach your children to reach for the stars, at the very least they'll touch the sky."

By next year, Simock hopes to raise the amount of scholarship money and make the pageant bigger to the public eye as well as the students. Simock says it takes about four years to win a Miss Florida Pageant.

"She says she'll keep trying to win and with each try, she sees herself getting a little closer."

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Clinton proposes six-year cap on Pell grants

By College Press Service

WASHINGTON—The Clinton Administration is considering a new proposal that would limit to six years the length of time a full-time student can receive a Pell Grant.

The time limit would encourage students to graduate and prevent them from becoming "perpetual" students, Education Secretary Richard Riley told a Congres sional subcommittee June 19.

"Our goal must be just to ensure access, but also to encourage students to persist and graduate," he said. "We particularly would like to see increased degree completion and certificate completion among low-income students, whose rate of completion is one-third lower than that of their higher-incoming counterparts."

But college leaders and some Democratic lawmakers argued that a time limit would hurt needy students, who often take longer to complete their degree because of financial hardship.

Currently, Pell Grants are available to low-income students for as long as they stay in college, an independent review panel found.

The proposal is one of many changes that the Clinton Administration is considering as part of its reauthorization of the Higher Education Act, which expires in September. Final recommendations are expected to be submitted to Congress in the next month.

Naval Academy report: Honor Code effective

ANNAPOLIS, Md.—The U.S. Naval Academy is a "sound institution" despite a string of bizarre events in past years that has led to a national debate, an independent review panel found.

Scandals including murder, cheating, child sex abuse, drug use and car theft prompted critics to question whether the academy's honor code is effective and whether the college is churning out qualified naval officers.

The panel's report, "The Higher Standard," is the result of a five-month probe, said the events were unconnected and did not point to deeper problems within the academy. The report, however, criticized the academy's handling of the highly publicized incidents.

"Rather than responding in a forthright, open manner, the Navy appeared to shield issues from public view and failed to assign appropriate responsibility for errors," the report said. "Unfortunately, the academy's handling of them often resulted in aggravating adverse publicity and creating cynicism among midshipmen, alumni and the general public."

The panel, made up of 20 prominent officials, military officials, and a counterintelligence expert, recommended that the academy make the honor code more open in the way it handles disciplinary problems. Also, the committee called on the academy to "enhance the administration of the program to make it more effective and efficient." Adm. Charles R. Larson, the academy's superintendent, said he would consider the recommendations and discuss the report in detail with Navy officials.

"Our mutual goal is clearly to keep the Navy Academy moving forward, and the recommendations play an important role in meeting that goal," said Larson, who convened the panel.

Women's group issues report card on educational progress

ANAHEIM, Calif.—A report card issued by the American Association of University Women gave schools and universities a "C" average for the progress women have made in education.

The report, issued on the 25th anniversary of Title IX, the federal law that prohibits sex discrimination in education, found that girls and women in school face far less blatant obstacles than in the past.

"While home economics is no longer girls-only and shop or auto mechanics is no longer boys-only, educational stereotypes still remain a problem for our nation's daughters," said Janice Weisman, executive director of American Association of University Women.

But the report made it clear there still was room for progress. The "Report Card on Gender Equity" issued grades in nine areas, and the highest grade—B—was given for improvement in women's access to higher education. The report noted nationwide, 27 percent of undergraduates are women.

Grades issued in other areas include: a C for athletics, C+ for career education, C for learning environment, C+ for math and science, C for standardized testing and a C- for treatment of pregnant and parenting students.

"As we approach the next century, Title IX will remain instrumental to women's and girl's journey on the path to equal educational opportunities," Weisman said.

8th grade project tanks at science fair but wins dad research grant

DAYTON, Ohio—An 8th-grade student who was told his science fair project lacked the pizzazz to grab top honors has discovered his concept is good enough to win his dad thousands of dollars in research funding.

John Kauffman, 45, of Centerville, Ohio, won "best project" at his school, but judges at the county and district levels this year told him his idea about recycling used oil wasn't innovative enough. (Last year, Jason's project proving you can stain Stainmaster carpet with mustard took first prize and won $500.)

However, Jason's idea proved to be a winner with conservation groups. Kauffman, who noted he videorecorded his son's experiments to prove he actually did the work, said his son's filter is 80 percent finer than those currently used by oil recycling companies. "Using the fine filtration that Jason discovered, you can filter out the additives and add in new ones," he said. "In that way, you can make an oil almost last forever."

While Jason is pleased his father got funding to continue experimenting with his idea, he's still miffed his idea didn't make it to state competition. "I was kind of disappointed I didn't get a superior in any of the judging categories," he says.

Still, winning isn't everything. While his father toils in his campus laboratory this summer, Jason, says, "I'll be swimming."
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By DEAN G. LEWIS
Entertainment Editor

A show with no dialogue, no spoken words, no story can only be so much fun. Yet "Stomp", with its clever use of noise produced through common, everyday items, ticks and ropes like an epic three hours long. This production, courtesy of Orlando's Broadway Series, played for an inexplicably short run (five days last week) at the downtown Bob Carr Performing Arts Centre.

"Stomp" is a spectacle of sight, sound, and performance; it is more appealing than the overblown "Miss Saigon" that ran several months ago. In "Stomp" orchestration is perhaps the major star of the show. Ensemble coordination is key to its success. The dance show debuted in England nearly six years ago. It's played just about everywhere and has received a flood of critical acclaim.

The eight-member cast uses everything from buckets, trash can lids, brooms, sand, newspapers to more bizarre items like kitchen sinks, wheel rims, mop heads and oil drums. The crew also utilizes humor and integrates it into many scenes. There is an outsider in the group, a young girl who is increasingly targeted by the other members. They think her physical ability lacks compared to theirs. This comedic rivalry recurs throughout the play's concise, appropriate 1 hour and 45- minute running time in which the guys are kept to a minimally low decibel in favor of the elaborate and gracefully executed dance numbers.

"Stomp" is more musical than drama, more entertainment than analysis, more energetic than tiresome. Threads of narration can be found in its homespun music. It

Great productions have already booked their reservations. Andrew Lloyd Webber's "Phantom of the Opera" is due next April. Other shows include the musical "Big", "The King and I", and "Master Class", starring 1976 Oscar-winner Faye Dunaway.

The McNicholas, "Stomp" quickly rose to international prominence in as many diverse locales as Hong Kong, Dublin, and Sydney (Australia). The first American productions were introduced in the summer of 1994 in New York City. Since then, it has enjoyed numerous national tours, covering more than 40 cities. At this year's Oscar ceremony, a much-anticipated appearance brought the Shrine Auditorium crowd to its feet.

Past awards have illuminated the play's reputation. Winner of the prestigious Olivier Award for Best Choreography, "Stomp" also took home an Obie Award during its run in the Big Apple. The honor must also include a Drama Desk trophy for Unique Theatre Experience and a special citation from "Best Plays".

With this brief five-day gala now over, I hope the folks at Carr, with all the sold-out shows, come to understand they should have booked "Stomp" for a lengthy engagement. The show, brimming with energy, humor and hypnotic beats will leave you dazzled and shaken. Ultimately, the performance will leave you starry in the whirlwind art we often call noise.

Will Smith braces for another blockbuster

By IAN SPELLING
College Press Service

NEW YORK—There's one recent encounter with a fan that Will Smith says he simply can't forget.

"I was at the Virgin Megastore in Manhattan and this girl walked up to me and pulled her shirt up," he says. "She just had her breasts out and said, 'Could you please sign this?' I was like, 'Sure, just get me a really big marker.'"

Smith just might need to keep a boxful of markers for autograph seekers on hand if, as expected, "Men in Black" hustles the former Fresh Prince of Bel-Air's star racing even deeper into the stratosphere. The picture, helmed by Barry (The Addams Family) Sonnenfeld, represents Smith's second straight summer sci-fi/romantic comedy extravaganza, following "Independence Day."

"July 4, that's my weekend. I own that," he says. "The studios have come to me." Smith jokes, "No, really, I hate opening weekends. I try not to pay attention to the box office. I just try to do the work, and if it's good and I'm happy with my work in it. I try to let that be enough. It doesn't have to earn $100 million in 17 minutes. That's too much pressure. It's really out of your control any way."

"Men in Black" focuses on J (Smith) and K (Tommy Lee Jones), members of a covert government organization called—what else?—Men in Black. Agents sport black suits, ties and sunglasses and have forever abandoned their identities in order to monitor the movements of the many aliens who call Manhattan home. And when one very alienated alien race threatens to destroy Earth, the upbeat newcomers J and flinty veteran K come to the rescue in action-packed, laugh-filled fashion.

Once Smith signed on for "Men in Black" one of the first things he had to consider was how to differentiate J from Capt. Steve Hiller, the entertainingly cocky hero of "ID4."

"There are subtle differences. I was a Marine in 'Independence Day.' You change everything about yourself to do that. The shoulders are back, you're standing up straight," he says. "The whole posture, the walk, the attitude and everything is completely different."

"With the 'Men in Black' character, how he sits in a chair and everything, his attitude, it's a New York cop kind of thing. I had to adjust to that," adds Smith.

Smith says there are similarities between the characters J and Hiller, including their shared "sense of fun," says Smith.

"Both characters just love life," he says. "They're saying the world, you know. So, there are similarities between the characters, but the films are drastically different."

Rather than Jeff Goldblum as his sidekick, Smith shares most of his "MIB" scenes with Jones. As most moviegoers know, Jones has less than a sterling reputation with directors and co-stars, as well as the media. Smith insists he's not kidding when he says that he and Jones had a blast. "It's really weird, but we had a ball on the set of this movie," Smith says. "Tommy Lee is silly. He was making jokes and all that. I swear!"

As for dealing with the special effects, Smith jokes that with ID4 and MIB under his belt he's now an expert at green screens and the like. "The special FX work is so tedious. It's difficult to get a performance because it's so technical. You've got to have your head a certain way. Then your arm has to be up a certain way when you're talking to an alien," he says, contorting his head and body into something of a pretzel. "It's like 'Argg!' Then, you can really only do one line at a time. You've got to pay so much attention to being in the right place and saying your lines at the right tempo and at the right time that you can't concentrate on being in it, being normal. It's so terribly difficult not to lose your way."

Smith says the quick-paced performances required for TV have helped his acting on the big screen.

"I've been lucky, I think my television training helps. Coming from TV, you've got five days, period. What you have on Friday is what's going on the air," he explains. "You get in the habit of doing things really quickly, of creating quickly. You get into that tempo. When you get into a movie, a special FX movie, the tempo is so much slower, but your mind is still going a million miles a minute. You end up pitching it more, getting more things done, and it becomes so much easier to find that great line or that delivery."

With "MIB" about to hit theaters, Smith admits, life is pretty good. He's an international superstar earning about $12 million per picture. He and his girlfriend, actress Jada Pinkett, live in California's ritzy Hollywood Hills. Smith and Jeff Townes, his music partner in the group DJ Jazzy Jeff and the Fresh Prince, are busy recording a new album. Smith has his choice of upcoming movies—films in which to star, including "Bod Boys" and a big screen version of the Robert Conrad series, "The Wild, Wild West."

Smith is relishing every minute of his fame and trying not to let it get to his head.

"Jada is really, says. "She's uncomfortable with Hollywood, the press and the attention. She keeps it in a grounded place, which is the most important thing. A big movie is fun, and you can enjoy that and Hollywood premiers, but your life and family are what's important."

After several movie smash hits, a hit TV show and best-selling records, after busting through race barriers, and after making one of the struggling to move from music to TV, but then the transition from TV to movies—all by age 29—there's just one question to ask: What can Smith do for an encore?

"I want to do something else," he responds. "I think I want to be the first black president. Give me about 10 years. In about 10 years, I'll run for president. If I could squeeze in an NBA championship, too, that would be great."
U.C.F.’s Water Mania

Scott Yetton, left, Clint Willers, center, and Hannes Vant’s Skpowk cool off around the U.C.F. pool during a hot summer day.

Research Park a good neighbor

By NORA R. KULIESH
Managing Editor

Home to 80 companies working with cutting-edge technology and neighbor to U.C.F. is the 1,027-acre Central Florida Research Park. It is an asset to the local economy for the top dollar jobs it offers, but it is also a treasure to U.C.F.

Many of the companies make direct donations to the university and supply internship for students, as well as adjunct professors with hands-on experience.

The park, a product of an 18-year relationship between U.C.F., Orange County and a technology-based industry, has grown into a highly respected research park, according to Executive Director Joe Wallace.

“This is the best year in our history,” Wallace said.

Some of the companies that call Central Florida Research Park home include: Westinghouse, Lockheed-Martin, the U.S. military and Florida Hospital Cancer Research Institute. What these companies share is a relationship with U.C.F. through research and development.

“When I looked at schools my senior year it was important that I chose one with good internship possibilities. U.C.F. was neighbors with this huge research park that had really impressive companies,” said Jeanne Graph, a U.C.F. junior.

“I am hoping to get an internship this coming year with Westinghouse, but I just heard that some new hotels are being built and maybe there will be a space for me in one of them.”

“The impact this park has on the university is substantial, but Wallace says the economic aspect is just as impressive. A work force of 5,500, including some U.C.F. students and professors, shares an annual payroll of $265 million with an average yearly wage of $48,200. Not only did the park create more than $2 million in ad valorem taxes, it also pulled in $1.4 billion in annual simulation projects and contracts.

If the economic proof that the park is doing well is not enough, Wallace looks toward the companies waiting to make their home at Central Florida Research Park.

“We’re 100-percent full with a list of companies waiting to come in. On any list, by any measure, we are always in the top eight of any research parks in the nation,” said Wallace.

Plans for the future will include the addition of eight buildings (to the 28 current ones), two of which will be hotels, and 2,000 new employees will work with the College of Business on medical insurance computer projects.

“I see it [Research Park] everyday on my way to school but I really had no idea U.C.F. was tied directly to it. I think it is great for the students who can benefit from internships and from the adjunct professors who bring real-life experience to the classrooms,” said senior Amanda Dikes, Engineering Major.

Wallace, who has been the director for the last decade, says the park has exceeded all expectations he had.

“It’s hard to top your best year. I hope every other year will be just as good.”

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Courage is the price that life exacts for granting peace.”

—Amelia Earhart

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By College Press Service

Lead Stories

At a May hearing, the Ohio State Medical Board began considering whether to discipline Toledo pediatrician Gary F. Gladieux, 43, who was accused of having sex with three women during their visits to his office. The board cited a 1991 American Medical Association ruling that physician-patient sex is unethical, but Gladieux says the ruling doesn't apply to him because he had sex not with his patients but with their mothers, who had brought the patients in for their appointments.

Brothers Geoffrey and Aaron Kuffner were arrested in New Orleans in June and charged with terrorism as the ones who had recently mailed or hand-delivered suspicious packages to local government and news media offices. The packages contained innocuous items (which nonetheless were frightening enough to prompt two offices called for evacuation) and a four-page manifesto voicing that "Violent Acts of Consciousness Have Only Began." According to police, the men's goal was to call attention to public ignorance of poetry and that among their demands was that all state inaugural speeches be written in iambic pentameter.

According to a March dispatch from reporter John Ericson, in London's Daily Telegraph, one or two orangutans disappear from the Sepilok nature rehabilitation park every month, and some have been found in the homes of childless plantation workers and wearing toddlers' clothes and with their heads shaved to look more human.

In May, alarmed employees of the Women's Community Health Center in Little Rock, Ark., called for emergency police coverage after a car carrying three nuns pulled into its parking lot. The center feared the nuns were the first stage of a gang attack against the jail, but the abductions performed there, but after several squad cars converged on them, the nuns disclosed that they were part of a cluster of women on their way to a downtown appointment troubled. Latest Terrible Heating-Oil Accident: In December, while Tom Deline was away, his home in Madoc, Ontario, took delivery of 600 liters of heating oil, which was unaffordable because he doesn't use heating oil anymore. The delivery was meant for the house two doors down. Deline still has his old standalone outside but no storage tank; he said he hopes cleanup work on his basement will be done in time for him to move back in by the end of 1997.

In March in Memphis, Tenn., Brandon B. Hughes, 18, in court to challenge traffic violations that would probably have earned him only a fine, was arrested on far more serious charges when he raised his hand on the witness stand to take oath, and a packet containing a gram of cocaine fell out of his pocket.

Latest Highway Truck Spills: a load of french fries in Prince Edward Island, Canada, in April; fortune cookies and duck sauce on state road 20 outside Charleston, Va.; in April, five tons of chicken innards on Interstate 64 in Hampton, Va.; June; 20 tons of canned Campbell's soup on Interstate 5 in San Diego in February; 200 gallons of human waste on Interstate 270 in Columbus, Ohio, in April; and the next month in Columbus, and a little too late, 22 tons of plastic garbage bags.

Phillip Michael was acquitted of a murder charge in Edmonton, Alberta, in May, despite a damaging jailhouse letter he wrote to a friend while orchestrating the testimony Michael needed so that he would beat the rap.

The letter was never received by the friend, however; according to the prosecutor, Michael had missed the friend's street address by one digit, and the letter he sent to the jail, which was lawfully opened and thus used in court.

Overreactions

Dental patient Nelson Barron, 44, suffered a minor back injury in New York City in April when he improperly bolted out of the chair and jumped out a second-story window after police came rushing into his dentist's office. (They were after the dentist.) And in March, seven people jumped out of a second-story window in New York City after they mistakenly thought a police drug raid next door was meant for them. (Police arrested those seven, as well, after they found a bound, kidnapped man in the apartment from which they jumped.)

James Shenkel was charged with aggravated assault in Pittsburgh in May after rushing to his sister's defense in a domestic dispute. Michael Stefanowicz, who had allegedly promised to cook manicotti for his wife, Mary (Shenkel's sister), but instead fixed the less-complicated spaghetti, provoking her to call him lazy, which caused Michael to call her a fat pig, and when it started to get physical, Shenkel allegedly fired a shot at Michael that missed.

Medical milestones

Two Swiss neuroscientists, writing in the May issue of the journal Neurology, presented findings on several dozen people who were previously indifferent to so-called fine food but who developed a passion for it following injuries to the face. Citing analogous cases of research on animals, the researchers theorized that the injury suppresses a control mechanism.

In an April Times London report on his new book "Why Is Sex Fun?" UCLA physiologist professor Jared Diamond claims that technology will soon permit men to breastfeed their children, though psychological barriers will remain (that is, the men will be ridiculed). Diamond says men have an undeveloped ability to produce milk and that there are thousands of instances in record in which hormonal imbalances have produced actual male lactation.

In April, researchers from Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine announced they had created a strain of mice twice the usual size, with broad shoulders and massive hips. The researchers knocked out a gene that inhibits muscle growth and believe the same thing can be done for chickens and cattle.

In February, sailor Peter Goss, 35, 1,300 miles off the coast of Chile in an around-the-world yacht race, performed surgery on an injured man when no other medical help was available.
Soccer wants TAAC crown

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"Having to play them on back-to-back days [Oct. 4-5] on the road will test our depth, but it will be a good challenge for us." With Long Island University and Jacksonville as its remaining big non-conference matches, UCF is likely to focus on conference rival FIU. The Panthers, who reached the NCAA finals in 1996, certainly give the Knights problems with their speed, Winch said.

The coach hopes his team's experience and chemistry will be an edge in this year's series with FIU.

"I would like to play a very up-tempo style game," Winch said. "We don't have a lot of speed on our team, but we can play fast."

When the ball is out of play we need to throw it in as soon as possible, on corner kicks and restarts [we need to start] as quickly as possible."

"This will take a lot out of us, but it will dictate the tempo of the game on the other team. We don't have that banner up front, so we have to create speed in certain situations."

UCF men's soccer is ready to improve on last season's accomplishments.

"Last year we had total commitment, all of our training sessions were intense, we took 20 shots a game, we won four conference games, but we didn't when 11 games or the conference tournament," he said. "Achieving most of last season's goals was not bad, but we can do better. I think our goals this year should be winning every tournament we play in, winning 13 or 14 games and the TAAC championship."

Practice begins Aug. 11.

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Offensive line looking to protect Daunte

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has applied for a medical hardship waiver to keep his last year of eligibility."

"He has a great prospect of recovery," Lounsberry said. "Right now, we're not sure of the possibilities of him coming back in the fall and playing a game. We've got most important is him getting his health back."

Gillis' place on the line will likely be filled by sophomore David Wilson (6-5, 295) or Frank Harris (6-1, 350), Haynes half-brother. The second team, headed by redshirt freshmen John Beauchamp and Chris Lorenti, provides adequate depth despite having little experience.

Daron Herndon, an incoming freshman, was this year's state 6A weightlifting champion. He along with newcomers Jason Miller and Ahmed El-Hawary will have a chance to contribute.

This year's Florida-Georgia High School All-State Game.

"Right now Lounsberry and his line are focused on improving on last year's performance and the Aug. 30 season opener at Mississippi."

"We throw the ball a lot last year, so the number of sacks we gave up was not that bad," Lounsberry said. "They came up big last year down the stretch, so I'm real pleased with the group right now."

"We want to reduce sacks, reduce quarterback pressure," he said. "And we must run the ball — we want to average at least 200 yards a game. We've got three really good tailbacks who can get the job done. As for passing, we've got more experience in the receivers who we haven't had for a couple of years with Todd [Cleveland]; Rutus [Hall] and Eric, and we have a name Clark."

Lounsberry said when he looks at the schedule, he doesn't see any easy opponents.

"Mississippi, Nebraska, South Carolina, everybody knows they are good teams. In fact, Idaho is a good team, just nobody knows it," he said.

In many of those games, the UCF line will look up and see the player they square off against is bigger, stronger, faster.

"Being underized gives us the psychological edge," Marcus Jenkins said. "All underdogs have an edge like that. And we're tough, we'll battle you all game long."

Coach Gene McDowell recognizes the scrapiness in the unit.

"I'm a fighter, and I'm impressed how the offensive line reflects that never-say-die attitude," he said.

"We have some real marquee matchups on our schedule," Lounsberry said. "But all the players are focusing on Ole Miss right now."

And Daunte Culpepper and his backfield mates are focusing on the offensive line. Daylight is hard to create on your own.

Defensive line rotation uses young players

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Benoit, who led UCF with eight sacks in 1996, said the players enjoy the rotation system because it gives every player a chance to play. "On most defensive lines only a few players get the credit," he said. "But if everyone gets in the rotation, they all get credit for doing the work. It is the whole defensive team."

The fresher and more focused the Knights are the better, as the opposition will be the toughest it has been in years.

In their first three games, UCF faces the Nebraska Cornhuskers and two schools from the SEC. On paper those games seem imposing for the Knights. Front four.

"The Mississippi Rebels return offensive line starters and have a 6-foot-4, 315-pound senior for the remaining spot. Rebels' average per OL starter: 290 pounds."

"South Carolina Gamecocks have a preseason All-SEC, 300-pound left tackle. The heaviest UCF OL is Moore at 260 pounds. Gamecocks' average per starter: 297 pounds."

"Nebraska starts a pair of All-Big 12 OL in offensive tackle Eric Anderson and guard Aaron Taylor. Cornhuskers' average starter: 300 pounds."

It's a challenge Cox said his players have seen before.

"They are underdogs every game they play," said Cox. "They gave up 80 points in a game against New Mexico last year, but they were right there."

"We're going to give up some points," he said. "We added UCF's offensive line outweighs the defensive line by an average 40 pounds a man. "I go through the back end right now and our offensive line is huge compared to our defensive line. Which is good because we will be ready for Ole Miss and the rest of the schedule after butting all August against our own players."
Lining up for second year in I-A

DL: undersized but ready for challenge

By DEREK GONSOULIN
Sports Editor

Defensive line coach Andy Cox admitted the position he handles can be overmatched at times against Division I-A opposition. "Every Friday I would say to my self I hope this is not the week we get run over," Cox said.

This could sound like the assistant coach is giving up on his front four, but at 241 pounds per DL starter he is just being honest. To make things worse, the linemen undersized but

By DEREK
Sports Editor

coach Andy

positions. Starting senior right DE Jermaine Benoit

admitted the position overmatched at times

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Cox

Benoit, right, looks to improve on last season's numbers. Below, UCF's undersized defensive line will be tested in the fall by their own mammoth offensive line. The OL outweights the DL by almost 40 pounds a man.

OL: fighting war
in the trenches

By KEN JACKSON
Staff Writer

A poem hangs on Paul Lounsberry's office wall.

"I'm no hero to the mob that shows its loud acclaim ... I'm no dashing, daring ghost who gathers in the fame ... when the hero takes the ball I merely clear the way."

Lounsberry, in his 12th season as UCF's offensive line coach, understands the undersized importance of the man who make the work of the quarterback, running backs and receivers possible.

While the fans may overlook the work of the men fighting the blocking battles in the trenches, players such as quarterback Daunte Culpepper appreciate them more when sprinting to avoid one of 26 sacks given up last year.

This year's starting offensive line through spring practice averages 295 pounds, 15 more than last year's team, which saw seniors Kevin Stewart and Alex Galvez graduate.

Boosting that average is Frank Haynes, a 6-foot-7, 310-pound sophomore from Boca Raton. Coming back and bulking up from last year are center Bill Dayton (6-3, 285), guard Marcus Jenkins (6-4, 275), and tackle Connor Greer (6-6, 300).

But notably missing is senior guard and experienced leader Ryan Gills. Within the last month and a half, Gills was diagnosed with melanoma in his shoulder. He and part of a lymph node were removed. Fortunately, the tumor was found to be non-life threatening. He

Bergman named to NCAA baseball committee

The NCAA Division I Championship/Competition Cabinet announced UCF coach Jay Bergman has been appointed to the Division I Baseball Committee, which is responsible for administering policies and rules for baseball and its postseason tournaments. Bergman will begin his term Sept. 1, 1997.

Bergman, who had served on the NCAA Regional Baseball Committee for the past three years, has compiled a 583-352-3 mark, including four Trans America Athletic Conference championships and five trips to the NCAA Regionals in his 15 years atop the UCF program. In Bergman's six years at Florida (1976-1981), he compiled a 216-113 mark for a career record of 799-465-3.

Men's soccer continues to build

By DEREK GONSOULIN
Sports Editor

The up-and-down season UCF men's soccer coach Bob Winch expected when he started nine freshmen in 1996 happened, but not the way he thought it would.

The up came when UCF earned a 10-6-1 regular-season record and the No. 1 seed for the Trans America Athletic Conference tournament.

The down came with a first-round loss to senior-dominated Campbell.

"The most disappointing part of the season was our play the final two weeks," Winch said. "With a young team, you would expect to struggle early in the season instead of late. It was kind of hard to swallow."

The Knights' inexperience showed in close games. UCF went 0-6 in one-goal games, including the 2-1 loss to Campbell. Winch expects better play now that his team has year of experience.

"Something very drastic would have to happen to us not to accomplish our goal of winning the TAAC tournament," said Winch, whose team has been bounced from the first round of the TAAC tournament twice in the last three years. "Our chemistry is stronger now than it was in the fall last year. Plus, our entire roster played last year so we have no excuses."

UCF lost no starters or key reserves to graduation. Expected to lead are sophomores Heikki Riihilahti, a forward who led the nation with 24 goals after missing the first two games, and goalie Tuomas Tuomilehto, who ranked fourth in the Southeast Region with a 1.12 goals against average. Winch said junior defender Jason Kirk and senior midfielder Eric Case will continue to provide leadership on a roster of 20-23 underclassmen.

Winch said playing schools such as Florida International, North Carolina-Greensboro and Davidson will test the Knights' depth and lack of blazing team speed.

"UNC-Greensboro was ranked No. 1 in the South at 22-1 and Davidson is usually a highly ranked team," he said.

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