Coffee cart hopes perk up for fall

By LINDSAY J. MALANGA
News Editor

A little persistence went a long way for Katherine Kirchner and Brigida Padilla in their fight against Marriott Food Services to keep their coffee cart on campus.

Ron Simko, head of Food Services for Marriott, decided to consider renegotiating Kirchner and Padilla's contract, which was supposed to be up July 31. In a meeting with Brad Smith, regional manager of Marriott, Kirchner and Padilla were told Marriott is willing to negotiate a new contract for Knight Perks if Marriott decides to stay with subcontractors on campus.

"They said they need to be consistent," Padilla said.

Marriott told Kirchner and Padilla if they decide to eliminate one subcontractor, they will eliminate all of them.

Kirchner originally had refused to renew Knight Perks' contract because it was planning on putting their own coffee cart on campus and didn't want too much competition.

One compromise the women have to make, however, is to pick an alternate location. Marriott said there are too many vending operations too close together, Padilla said.

"I think that attracts more business for everybody," Kirchner said.

Java Express in the Student Union and Great Escapes think Knight Perks is too close to their locations, Kirchner said.

On July 25, the women will have a follow-up meeting with Simko to seek an alternate location for their cart. At the meeting, Padilla said.

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Campus voices outrage over Versace murder

By NORA R. KULIESH
Managing Editor

Miami, the third largest fashion market in the world, lost one of the most renowned designers last week, Gianni Versace. Until now, many couldn't even pronounce Versace's name, but unfortunately his death has brought international recognition to him, as well as his suspected assailant, Andrew Cunanan.

Cunanan has been characterized as a homosexual prostitute on a killing spree across America. He is also the prime suspect in the slayings of an ex-lover and a former friend in Minnesota, a developer in Chicago and a cemetery caretaker in New Jersey. The once popular gay community in San Diego's gay community has gained worldwide infamy and luried on the FBI's 10 most wanted list. He has been described as a "spree" killer.

The comparison has been made with Cunanan and Christopher Wilder, a man who went around the country on a spree killing women in 1984.

"I read in Sunday's paper about this Wilder guy and they were making similarities between the two. It makes me physically ill to know there are people like that," said Scott Kirchner, a senior business major.

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Student has a good rap going

By OLIVIA K. CURNOW
Staff Writer

Turn on 102 JAMZ and you just might hear a fellow UCF student. Not the voice of a DJ and not a voice on a commercial, but the voice of Mr. Jam, UCF's own rap artist.

Known as Yan Ingram to those outside the music world, Mr. Jam is featured on a CD along with seven other rap artists. The CD, titled "Down South Bass Dawgs," will be released this week.

Ingram, 24, has been rapping since 1985. He released two self-produced singles in his hometown of Vero Beach.

"I would go to the stores and put them out myself and sign all the paperwork and that's how I got known," he said.

"Doing talent shows, I could. Every type of concert I would enter and I started winning trophies and prizes."

All the persistence and dedication paid off once he moved to Orlando in the fall of 1995. He began working at Peaches Music and Video, where he met Matt Perkins, senior vice president at Perkins Entertainment.

"We decided a couple of years ago, since the majority of our business is rap music, that we would try to put together a small independent label [Bromo Records]," Perkins said. "As it were, it turned out to be a bass compilation."

Ingram, also known as 'Mr. Jam', is a UCF student as well as an up-and-coming rap artist. He holds his new CD "Down South Bass Dawgs" to be released this week.

"I'm sure he's going to do well in whatever he does," he said. "Of course, the music business is a tough racket. But, he's definitely very professionally in the studio."

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Give Me a . . .

UCF gets a nauseating dose of summertime cheer

On the Screen

'Nothing to Lose' cashes in at box office

NFL Knights

See how former UCF greats are faring in NFL training camps.
Rapper works at Peaches, majors in communication

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talented and we hope to keep working with him in the future."

Besides working at Peaches and focusing on his music career, Ingram is majoring in interpersonal communication. Dr. Burt Pryor, a professor in the School of Communication, taught Ingram in a nonverbal communication class.

"He came in to talk about academics, and we started talking about music," Pryor said. "I think Ingram's release of his first CD is great. I wish him good luck and I know it'll be successful because Yan is that kind of guy."

Although the CD will make him known nationwide in just a few days, Ingram is taking it all in stride.

"When everybody starts seeing your face and they're like, 'Oh, you're Mr. Jam, you're Mr. Jam!' and when we start doing concerts, then it'll hit you're Mr. Jam, you're Mr. Jam!' and when we start doing concerts, then it'll hit me, and focusing on his music and I know it'll be successful. I wish him good luck and I know it'll be successful because Yan is that kind of guy."

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Versace murder spawns anger

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in this world capable of such horrible things," said UCF student Rene Clewer. "And from what the papers say, these killers are pretty erratic.

Psychologists say "spree killers" are on the move and unpredictable. Most times they have no motive and no obvious pattern, although the FBI has made a list of wealthy gay men who may be "potential targets," and has warned them to take precautions, the New York Daily News reported on Saturday.

"You have to make sure nothing falls through the cracks," said John Hanko, FBI agent on the Wilder case, now an assistant state attorney in Broward County in reference to the measures police and FBI are taking.

Cunanan is known to be adept at altering his appearance and police believe he may be impersonating a woman to elude arrest in the Versace murder.

"Investigators are exploring the possibility of cross-dressing and he may have shaved all his body hair to enhance his appearance," said Alfred Boza of Miami Beach Police Department in a prepared statement.

By week's end they concluded Cunanan had lived in South Beach for up to two months surviving on pizza and subs, pawnning coins for cash and venturing in Miami Beach into a gay men hadn't been gunned down.

"Spree killers" have no obvious pattern, police use publicity and as many TV broadcasts as possible to flush out their subject.

"I think it will be the newspapers that catch Cunanan, not the police," said Dr. Kenneth Kazmerski, faculty advisor to UCF's GLBSU. "I think they are handling the case properly and in terms of preventing another incident they are making all necessary precautions.

Some critics disagree, however, and wish South Florida's gay community had been warned sufficiently. By last week, a local gay activist, doesn't think the police would have given a serial killer who preyed on gay men as much attention if one of the most famous gay men hadn't been killed.

"It took someone of Versace's stature to spawn the hundreds of police in South Beach into action," said Clewer. "That is kind of a sad commentary on what is kind of a sad commentary on what our reality and that is inexcusable. I only hope he is found before someone else loses their life," Clewer said.

Local gay club Southern Nights has been slow since the South Florida murder.

The enormity of Andrew Cunanan's crimes against gay men are reprehensible.

Photo by PETER KUNDIS

Get inside your professor's head

COLLEGE PRESS SERVICE

How do you get something you want from a family member or friend? Whether you realize it or not, you use what you know about that person's interests, values, and motivation. You make a deal with your parents by offering something you know they value. You get your roommate to drive you to class by promising to help her with an assignment she's been dreading. When you understand what makes someone tick, you're much more likely to get what you want from that person.

It's not manipulation, just a great survival skill.

Well, believe it or not, your professors are people too, and if you want something from them (a bunch of A's for instance), you're much more likely to be successful if you understand what makes them tick. If you can understand what motivates them, you'll be better able to predict their actions and prepare for them. Makes sense, huh?

So what really makes a professor tick? What's going on behind those wire rim glasses? Let's start by asking an obvious question. Why would someone become a professor? Among other reasons, they love the subject matter, want to share their expertise, and enjoy the freedom and intellectual atmosphere of a college campus.

Given that, what will a good lecture on in her class? She'll lecture on the material she feels is most important and interesting, which likely includes her research specialty. Following from that, what will she test on in her lecture material or the contents of the text that someone else wrote? That's right, her own lecture material.

So what does that mean in terms of preparing for tests? It means that skipping class and simply reading the book is a high risk maneuver. Unless the professor wrote the text (in which case your studying should definitely focus on the text), you should expect tests to draw heavily from her lectures.

So, to get the A you want, get in her head. If you can better understand what she wants, you'll be more effective in getting what you want from her.

WORD OF THE WISE

en•nor•mi•ty n. 1. great wickedness 2. a monstrous or outrageous act; very wicked crime. —SYN. depravity.

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"In life, your true destination should be the voyage not the land."

—Anonymous
Q: What UCF event that you attended during the Spring term was the most enjoyable for you?

A: I really enjoyed attending all of the basketball games during the Spring term. Our fraternity would always go to the games in groups, to show support for the growing UCF basketball program.

—Jamie Stafford, Senior, Political Science, Jacksonville.

During the Spring term I participated in all of the volleyball and soccer tournaments, which were sponsored by Recreation Services. Things would have been a lot more fun, if a few of us didn’t also have to work. It’s really great here, since there are plenty of sporting events in which one can participate in.

—Denmarc Elisma, Junior, Computer Science, Leogane, Haiti.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

I both participated and was the backstage coordinator for the “Urban Jungle” Fashion Show, sponsored by the International Student Association and CAB. This event was very enjoyable since, I had an opportunity to work with many international students. I also got an opportunity to learn what clothing styles were in fashion. ISA is the sponsor of the International Fair that is held each Fall term, I strongly encourage everyone to attend it, and become more culturally aware.

—Sonia Carter, Senior, Health Services Administration, Salamanca, Spain.

I think that the “Orchestra Under the Stars” presentation was a great event. Events like that gives everyone a chance to get together. And it also gives students the chance experience some new and different cultural influences.

—Elaine Estrada, Senior, Communicative Disorders, Okeechobee.

I attended the very special speaking engagement of James Earl Jones at the UFC arena. I knew that this would be a once-in-a-lifetime for me to meet someone as extraordinary as Mr. Jones. The way in which he carries himself in today’s society, reflects very highly on him, along with his personality and mannerisms. Just to see him and listen to what he had to say, really was a great honor for me. Mr. Jones is highly admired by both African men and women today, as being a good role model.

—Shelia Gillins, Senior, Child Psychology, Sanford.

I was a participant in the “Bangladesh Night” presentation that was held during the Spring term. For me, it was one of the most enjoyable events, it included a cultural show that was presented by the Bangladesh Student Association of UCF. The show featured traditional Bangla music, dramas, and foods. Bangladeshi students actively took part in all the events that were a part of the show. I was very happy to see that many students from other countries, came to enjoy the show with us.

—Shaikh F. Shams, Graduate, Electrical Engineering, Dhaka, Bangladesh.

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Summer cheerleading camps invade UCF

By JASON HEIRONIMUS
Opinion Editor

As if our campus didn't have enough problems already, we are dead in the middle of summer, it rains every day, if you can bare to step outside you stand to lose 15 pounds in sweat alone. Some of us have long, boring classes to sleep through, and there are all these fun things to distract us from trying to be adults.

If you dare to actually step foot on UCF soil during the summer, I believe you deserve the Medal of Honor. The last thing any true college student wants to do during the summer is have any contact with anything that might produce constructive thought. However, I have discovered an alarming trend which has infested our campus.

In high school I used to dread them. It was not uncommon to see cheerleaders running through the hallways as a result of a confrontation with them. They were everywhere. You couldn't move anywhere without their presence constantly haunting you. How is an average teenage boy to get rid of his adolescent angst if he is constantly bombarded by this wealth of happiness and school spirit? If you haven't figured it out by now, I am talking about the increasing population of cheerleaders at UCF. They, once again, are everywhere for summer camps.

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Did you know cockroaches survived whatever it was that killed the dinosaurs? Here are these huge animals, capable of killing a roach by merely breathing on it wrong, and yet, who survived? The fact that I figure it out, cheerleading started way back in the 1950's for all you clueless girls. So you don't call in to correct me because No. 1, no one really cares and No. 2, I didn't care enough to even correctly look it up.

Back then cheerleading was cool because all the chicks did it, and guys tended to like chicks, and guys were cool then, so the guys dug the cool cheerleaders. Back then everyone wanted to be a cheerleader. And if you were good enough to be a cheerleader you could be a baton twirler. But then again I'm not really sure where the whole baton thing came in, but they had them in Grease, so it's legitimate.

By the 1960's women were burning their bras and being more rebellious. They realized they didn't necessarily have to be very feminine to attract the guys. Just look at Janis Joplin, a great performer, but pretty hard on the eyes. Cheerleading was still alive though. Remember, cockroaches. I don't know exactly why, they just somehow survived the 60's. I guess because even in the midst of the women's liberation movement the football players needed something prettier to look at while they were getting their heads smashed in.

The 1970's was a very confusing decade for the whole country. It's as if the whole nation got amnesia for about 10 years. But as you can tell cheerleading survived with a scratch and continued on into the '80s. Now, this phenomenon is as confusing as the whole disco thing. At some point early in the '80s this woman put out a song that goes something like: 'Hey Mickey! You're so fine! You're so fine you blow my mind! Hey Mickey!/ clap clap ... clap Hey Mickey!'

A brilliant song lyrically but what it touched on was the cheerleading facet of America. You see, the video had a cheerleading motif to it. They had cheerleaders in way too much make-up doing this little routine to the song, and, I gotta tell ya', it sold me. I loved the song but what it spawned was a cheerleading phenomenon rival to that of the hula hoop. Once again, cheerleading was cool. This extra-curricular activity had hit the big time, MTV.

As you can see the hype that was associated with cheerleading in the early '80's has seemed to snowball into something greater than you or me. It is no longer a distraction at football games. Like a great fictional scientist once said, 'IT'S ALIVE! IT'S ALIVE!' I like to believe this pastime started as a joke by a couple of really tooned males. They were mad at the female race, they had all been scorned and hurt by some upwardly happy and spirited women.

So they got real drunk and started a club for girls such as these. They decided to have them stand on the sidelines while they were losing their football game and jump and parade around making complete fools of themselves. Unfortunately the crowd liked it, having been bored of watching their team lose every week.

This is not to say there is no market for cheerleaders. Today you can actually be a professional cheerleader if you desire. But come on, is it really a sport? I mean how can you be called an athlete for being overly hyper and happy?

If that be true then being overly lazy and cynical should be deemed a sport as well and I could be the captain of my team. I understand it does take an amazing amount of dedication to do one of those squad human triangle things, but something isn't quite right.

Perhaps the reason why cheerleading gets such a bad rap is because the stereotype is yet to be disproven. Now, I am not going to describe that stereotype, but for you reading this, imagine your stereotypical cheerleader and think whether or not you have as yet misjudged them. I know I have not been disproven as my theory on cheerleaders, but that doesn't make them bad people. It just makes them really jumpy and full of that team spirit most apathetic fans don't have.

So for all you visiting cheerleaders out there, cheer on! Ignore people like me, who have nightmares about your kind. Ignore all the jokes about you and light bulbs, and ignore those guys glaring at your incredibly short skirts. You have a job to do, and a thankless one at that. I only pray that tomorrow you leap a little bit higher, shout a little bit louder, and stay as far away from me as humanly possible.
Welfare reform presents new challenges

New aid places monkey wrench in educational plans of some students

By MINDY CHARSKI
College Press Service

Like many college students, Gerrell Wilson-Rogers does not sleep much. Three hours of shuteye about all she can manage between doing her homework, taking care of her student government leadership duties, working at her school's coffee shop, volunteering at her sister's school, and spending time with him at home.

When she started at San Diego Mesa College in January 1994, she planned on graduating with an associate degree in accounting by 1998. After working 10 years in the banking industry, the degree made sense, Gerrell, 36, says.

Now Gerrell is less certain about her future plans. That's because the federal welfare assistance that allowed Gerrell to cover expenses for her basic essentials while she went back to school will dry up in another year. A 1996 federal welfare reform law cuts off cash aid for families who have received assistance for five years in a row, and Gerrell has been on welfare since November 1993.

She signed up for benefits soon after she left her husband of 14 years and entered into state block grants. But in most cases, to get the funds, states must meet a number of rules, including one that requires 25 percent of all welfare families in each state to be engaged in work activities or to have left the rolls by the end of fiscal year 1997. Post-secondary education is allowed under the state guidelines, but only vocational training and only for 12 months.

That is why welfare recipients like Gerrell, who want to start school will have to enter—and community colleges will have to create—“quick fix training programs,” says Patrick McCallum, executive director of the Faculty Association of California Community Colleges.

California is one of the 125,000 welfare recipients currently attending community colleges in California who are affected by Welfare-to-Work reform. Welfare reform is designed to quickly move recipients from public assistance and into jobs. But a side effect of the new welfare-to-work law is that some college students on aid, like Gerrell, could be told to go to work or cut their program short, starting this August.

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In an effort to keep students moving toward a higher income level, the California Community Colleges Board of Governors has joined a number of other organizations in submitting welfare reform proposals to state committees who must decide how to deify up the block grant funds.

The board's proposal seeks to assure that students who are enrolled in a community college and working toward a degree or certificate that leads to employ­ment and higher earnings potential will be able to finish their programs. It also asks that the amount of time allowed for vocational or educational training be extended beyond a year. Finally, colleges are asking that the continued job training and edu­cation be available to former recipients who have been placed into employment.

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Cast, comedy make something of ‘Nothing’

By DEAN G. LEWIS
Entertainment Editor

Part madcap road picture, part social commentary, part heist story, part buddy genre, part revenge yarn, part crime-thriller, and all comedy, “Nothing To Lose” is an amiable entry in this hodgepodge mid-summer bonanza. With the truly audacious casting of male leads Tim Robbins and Martin Lawrence, the film is funny when these two fiery figures head off on a misadventure. And with the truly audacious cast—Nicolas Cage, Jennifer Lopez, Martin Lawrence, the film is funny when these two fiery figures head off on a misadventure. With the truly audacious casting of male leads Tim Robbins and Martin Lawrence, the film is funny when these two fiery figures head off on a misadventure.

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College drama seems to have universal appeal

By JAN SPENCING
College Press Service

It’s the latest film to have movie buffs buzzing, a first film from Hollywood’s latest would-be wonderland and a favorite on the film fest circuit. It’s “Love and Other Catastrophes,” and its 25-year-old Australian director, Emma-Kate Croghan, is on the phone from Boston to chat about “Love” and all the hype surrounding her feature film debut.

“This attention is a bit overwhelming,” Croghan says in her soft Australian accent. “Sometimes I think I’m fine with it and sometimes I don’t. You make a choice whether to buy into it or not. I’ve made a choice at this point, for instance, not to read profiles of myself anymore because they’ve made me feel a little self-conscious. But talking about a film you’ve made, getting people interested in it, is part of the job.”

“Love” is a comedy about five Australian college students dealing with everything from roommate problems to romance and late theses to dead professors who make it difficult to switch departments. The film, like love itself, is a many-splendored thing. It’s bright and fun and sexy, with an attractive young cast of Aussie actors, some of whom “Love” marks their big screen debut. Perhaps most notable of “Love” many charms is that it cost a mere $37,000 to produce. That’s no typo: $37,000, probably less than a week’s worth of meals on a movie set.

“I don’t know. Maybe,” Croghan says. “Obviously, a lot has been made about the fact that this year at the Oscars most of the films were considered independent films made by smaller companies on small budgets. Personally, I think you can make films in a studio system that work for an audience and deliver what they set out to deliver. Maybe it’s just time for a renaissance of good, small films. I think part of it is that people like to feel as if they’ve discovered something. They may go into a theater expecting nothing and feel very warm toward the film as a result. I’m OK with that.”

So what, then, does Croghan believe makes “Love” tick? It’s about love, relationships and people, she says instantly. “There seems to be a need for that. Those are the kinds of films that are capturing the attention of people at the moment. People seem to be going back to movies that are about human beings, that aren’t too silly.”

In fact, Croghan notes, audiences around the world seem open to the film’s story and characters, particularly college students. The young director, who also co-wrote the screenplay, has come to realize that the college experience is a relatively universal one. “I think it is. A lot of people have told me how similar their own college experience is to the experiences the characters go through. It’s all part of being young and exploring new ideas. I honestly think the college experiences, the love experiences, the signing up for classes experiences are all totally universal.”

With “Love” now in theaters, Croghan must give serious thought to an encore. She has already been approached by numerous big-name studios and producers trying to secure her services. “I don’t want to keep making ‘Love and Other Catastrophes’ over and over,” she says. “That would be a disaster.” Instead, Croghan plans to direct another film co-written with her boyfriend and “Love” producer, Stavros Andonis Efstathiou. “It’s about young people again, but it’s very different from this film,” she says. “It’s also set over a longer period of time. It’s like we were talking about before. You can use the attention to your advantage or not. You can buy into the attention or not. I’ve wanted to be a filmmaker since I was 12 or 13 years old. Hopefully, we’ll get that opportunity.”

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Volleyball backbone to be seven returning seniors

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Suzie Queisser and Tyra Harper, both All-TAAC performers. The arrival of Australian Amanda Fielding, a transfer from the University of New Mexico, adds another layer to the impressive arsenal that already includes senior Carolyn Cordova, and redshirt sophomore Lisa Lijjenquist.

"We've got a good chance of getting where we want to be this year. This team is very talented, and we work hard. The seniors are the backbone of the team, I've learned a lot just by watching them," said Lijjenquist, who made the short journey with middle blocker Stephanie Noiseux from Oviedo High School to join UCF's exceptionally strong '95 recruiting class.

"We're very confident in ourselves. We have a great coach, a great program, and we go out there expecting to win. That's what we do.

Dawn Hoffman, Noiseux, Rachel Wend and Laura Hemmingshaus enter the season as the team's middle blockers, while twin sisters Anabel and Maribel Marcos are listed as the defensive specialists. Rounding out the roster are newcomers Carla Sikora and Dawn Traina. With such an array of talent at her disposal, Smith is putting the pressure on herself to get this team to national prominence.

"I'm preparing myself to be a better coach, because I take the brunt of the responsibility for last year's tournament loss to Minnesota. We have a tremendous amount of talent, so I think it's the coaching that will be the major factor in how much better we can be," Smith said. "This is our big payoff year, we've got seven seniors coming back. Of course there are going to be expectations, and with expectations comes pressure to achieve, but I don't want that I want to celebrate. I want to enjoy the opportunity to coach Resatsu again. I have an opportunity to get Tyra to be one of the greatest players in the game."

Joining Smith's coaching staff is restricted earnings coach Jose DeLeon, a heralded volleyball mind from Puerto Rico.

"Jose (DeLeon) offers an aspect I've never had in my years coaching here at UCF. All of my assistant coaches have been former students. Sure, I'd be lost without Miriam (assistant coach Metzene), but she can't teach me anything, because I taught her. Jose has gained tons of knowledge through all his years of volleyball experience, and he will bring that level of expertise to our coaching staff."

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More Than a Handful

John Paddock, left, and Randy Cabral, right, juggle more than a hectic class schedule. Behind Philips Hall is where the two men find time to practice.

Seniors Suzie Queisser, 7, and Carolyn Cordova, 12, should lead the Knights to their sixth consecutive TAAC Championship.

Filmmaker emerges with ‘Love’

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because of ‘Love and Other Catastrophes.’ I’ll be able to concentrate on films I want to make, tell stories I want to tell. And hopefully, I won’t have to spend too much time or energy really worrying about the crazy-busy marketing stuff, especially the stuff you have to do before starting a film.

“My attitude is make the film you want to make,” Croghan continues. "If you fail after putting three or four or five years of life into something you believe in, it can be really hard, but at least you didn’t fail because you made a film that seemed like a good career move, because someone with some money convinced you to capitalize on your so-called window of heat. If whatever attention I get helps me make the films I want to make the way I’d like to make them, then great. Otherwise, I could live without the attention.”

And, if this conversation were to be picked up 20 or so years down the line, what might Croghan be chatting about then? “Hopefully, I’ll still be making movies. That’s the aim,” she says. "I don’t know if I could do anything else. I don’t have a strategy to move onto bigger films or to direct this or that kind of film. I’m interested in a lot of different films, being a complete cinephile myself. I’d just like to direct whatever takes my fancy.”

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Lead Stories

In May in Santa Fe, N.M., schoolteacher Roger Katz, 50, was sentenced to 18 months in prison for having sex with a 14-year-old female student. He was convicted despite his compelling explanation that he had fallen in love with her after she saved him in a previous life (Tibet, 640 A.D.) when, she then older than he, had stepped in front of an arrow meant for him. Katz’s attorney Aaron Wolf, “I hope my daughter finds men who love them as much as he loves her.”

In the British elections in April, the usual fringe parties were in evidence, such as the Blackhairied, Medium-Build 4

Caucasian Party, but the longest-standing party, the Monster Raving Loony Party, ran the most candidates. Its main platform plank this year was to tow Britain 500 miles into the Mediterranean Sea in order to improve the country’s clime, and 50 other MRLP candidates for various offices made proposals such as requiring dogs to eat phosphorescent food so that pedestrians could more easily avoid stepping in their poops.

Unveil on the Concept: In January, Barrer Pong-insee, a spokesman for the Professional Comedians Association of Thailand, said its members will soon be prohibited by rule from being impolite on stage. Especially barred are obscene language, physical humor in which pain is implied, and being disrespectful to a colleague’s parents.

Seeds of our Destruction

The New York Times reported in February on the extraordinary whirlwind of Zaillian currency (denominated in “zaire”), noting that the new 100,000-zaire note, worth about 66 cents at that time, was so undesirable to hold as cash that they were called “prostates” after the terminal cancer with which the widely disliked President Mobutu has been stricken.

The Providence (R.I.) Phoenix newspaper reported in February that the latest feature of Stanley #2 is handicapped parties, where men and women are randomly served and must accompany each other the rest of the evening (even for restroom breaks). At nearby Brown University, whose log- endancy concern about gender equality would rule out such symbolic ownership, the lad is “naked” parties, at which there is virtually no sexual activity.

In Mill Valley, Calif., in March, 10th-grade Ari Hoffman, who had just won first place in the Marin County science fair for his study finding that exposure to radiation decreased the offspring of fruit flies, was disqualified for cruelty when it was learned that about 35 of his 200 flies died during the three-month experiment. Hoffman was disapproved of, however, because he had used extraordinary efforts to keep the flies alive, by, for example, maintaining a tropical temperature for the flies during the entire experiment.

The New York Times reported in February that despite the troubles in Serbia, business was thriving for a trans- vestite fortune teller named ”Kleo Patra,” 56, who charges about $80 a session (a month’s salary for the average Serb) and includes as a client Mrs. Sloboban Milosevic, whose husband Mr. Patra supports. A week before the great winter flooding in the Ohio Valley and two months before the North Dakota floods, Mr. Patra predicted the United States’ future was rosy except for impending floods.

As of February, about 1,500 prisoners in four Bolivian jails were participating in hunger strikes to protest delays in getting to trial on drug-trafficking charges. To improve their chances of sticking to the strike, several prisoners in a Pedro jail in La Paz shuttered their lips together.

American William Ping Chen was sentenced to 10 years in prison in January in Shanghai, China, for smuggling. Though the reason was not explained, Chen had tried to bring 238 tons of medical waste and ordinary garbage into the country by labeling it paper.

Cultural Diversity

A Crime Waiting to Happen: In February, in Sirnak, Turkey, thieves stole the 210 pairs of shoes left by enter- ing worshipers outside the Yal I Cami Acun mosque.

In January, in Bangkok, Thailand, Wasu Sudpleum, eight months’ pregnant, crawled under the belly of an elephant three times, which is supposed to bring good luck in her delivery. However, the third time she was gored. The owner agreed to pay her about $240 compensation, but it was not reported whether the baby survived.

In January, American long-distance hot-air balloonist Steve Fossett had set down in the village of Ninkhar, India, with short of his around-the-world goal. However, according to media reports, villagers were very helpful and friendly despite their first impression of him, which was awe, because they thought this descending figure was the second coming of their monkey god Hanuman, arriving in a space-ship temple.

In February, Judge Salamo Injia ruled in Papua New Guinea that a quarantine custom among some tribes in the south of the country—the use of young girls and women as a medium of currency to pass from one tribe to another—was illegal.

Reform hinders some students’ financial aid

"Maybe a distinction could be made to evaluate who needs what kind of push to get going," she said.

Gerrell agrees, saying the government is wrong to look at recipients as a whole, rather than a case-by-case basis. "They’re making me suffer because some­ one wants to sit home," she said.

And there’s no extra incentive for being someone who decided to go to school instead of staying home and getting a job," she said.

Gerrell says she isn’t going to wait to be kicked off welfare. Instead, she plans to work full time this summer, then go to school part time and work part time in the fall. The only problem is by working full time this summer, Gerrell no longer will be eligible for welfare, most likely for a long time. "I’d rather know my child has a roof over his head, food in his stomach and clothes on his back, and I’m not going to wait for the government to force me off," she said.

Instead of completing her high school diploma, Gerrell says she would have gone straight through to get her GED. "I just didn’t know what to do with my life," she said.

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UCF players in NFL Camps

On July 20, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers were the last National Football League team to set up camp for the 1997 season. Here is a list of the where and how of former UCF players trying to make it in the big show.

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Mike Gruttadauria Rams C
A rookie free agent in 1996, Gruttadauria played as a reserve for six games and started an additional three at left guard. The 6-foot-4, 310-pound lineman will battle eight-year veteran Bern Bostek, who has started all 16 games last season, for first-team center.

Marquette Smith Panthers RB
The 1996 fifth-round draft pick spent last season on injured reserve after suffering a knee injury in training camp. A crowded backfield awaits as 1996 first-round pick Tsitimagi Blakabukata, 6,000-yard rusher Anthony Johnson and third-down specialist Winslow Oliver will receive most of the rushing attempts. Needless to say, Smith will need a strong preseason to stay on the active roster.

Rick Hamilton Lions LB
Earned recognition while starring for the Barcelona Dragons of the WLAF in the summer of 1996. Picked the Jets over several teams and started four of the 15 games he played in New York. Released for roster space when Bill Parcells took over. Hamilton signed with the Lions. Has good shot at reserve role on a linebacking unit lacking depth.

Emil Ekiyor Buccaneers DE
Spent the 1996 season on the practice squad. Tampa Bay has four first-round picks on the defensive line and two other players making over $2 million combined. Ekiyor is a long shot with the Bucs, but coach Tony Dungy has likened him to John Randle. Randle came into the NFL eight years ago as an undersized, undrafted player from a small school and is now a perennial pro bowler. Eric Curry has been considered a bust and is due to take Curry's reserve role if the high-priced vet­eran is cut. Regardless, Ekiyor will need a special camp and be willing to play special teams or in the practice squad while learning the new position. An asset for the Panthers is want to get younger on defense.

Reserves at wide receiver to get plenty of action this season

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Kruczek said Hall’s hands and willingness to go over the middle make him the team’s third down receiver. Lee will serve as Hall’s reserve at No. 3 receiver. With both players over 6-feet tall, Kruczek said they are idealpossession players.

Lesner, who stood out in the spring game with 122 receiving yards and a 35-yard touchdown to Clark, is improving steadily, Kruczek said. “Eric has worked hard in the off season and is quicker and faster,” he said. “He runs good routes and is real intelligent.”

Clark will back Nonsant, but Kruczek said the freshman has the ability to play any receiver position. “At 6-foot and 205-pounds, Clark can go out wide or line up as the possession receiver,” he said.

Kruczek said Barley’s work effort and speed will get him in many three and four receiver sets this season. “He has three years of eligibility, but we don’t count on him reaching that third year,” he said. “We’ll pull the running back or tight end to try and overload the defense with him. He’s got the talent to beat his man one-on-one.”

The entire receiving corps has been catching passes from junior quarterback Danute Culpepper three to four days a week this summer. Kruczek feels the unit’s dedication this off season should pay dividends during the season. “We’re working one-on-one drills and working on not getting jammmed at the line,” said Nonsant, whose team-leading 60 receptions was the fifth highest, single-season total in UCF history. “We’re out there catching passes, working on(commanding) and helping the younger players learn the position. We have a lot of guys who can get the job done this year but we want to let anyone get an ego. We all have to share the load.”

If anyone could have an ego, it is in Cleveland. The Sporting News and Athlon college football magazines have listed him as a third round pick. Cleveland said any of the Knight players can get recognition just as easily. “Tell the guys if you just play, the media will write about you,” he said. “Some of you haven’t had a chance to show what you can do yet. Don’t worry about it.”

Press-not-withstanding, UCF wants to play a 12-game schedule. Cleveland said UCF can do it, but it will take a maximum effort. “Our goal is to make a bowl game,” he said. “But we have to take it one game at a time. We must execute and we have to play close to 100 percent every game. If we do our assignments, we can do it.”

Nonsant’s goals may be even loftier than Cleveland’s. “Our goal as a team is to catch every ball and score every time,” he said. “I am hoping we get through the season without injuries so we can have a good year.”

Ferguson transfers from Georgia Tech

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allows only 105 players to practice. “We want to play players who will help us win this year,” said Gooch, who added Ferguson will bulk up and play defensive end for the Knights. “We’ll probably wait and place him on the scout team.” Ferguson, who attended Suncoast High School in Riviera Beach, said the fact Offensive Coordinator Mike Kruczek recruited him out of high school helped him in his decision to transfer to UCF.

“I have a good feel for the coaching staff and I was impressed when we [Georgia Tech] played them in Atlanta last season,” said Ferguson. “I thought it would be a good place to go.”

Damron barely misses

British Open cut

Former UCF golfer Robert Damron failed to make the cut at Royal Troon in Troon, Scotland, after shooting a 76 and 73 in the opening two rounds.
A combined score of 147 was needed to qualify for weekend play. Despite missing the cut at the British Open, Damron is still among the top 40 in money earnings on the PGA tour.
Bad weather made Royal Troon very difficult in the opening rounds. Only 18 of 158 players shot at or below the par 142 on July 17 and 18.
Women's basketball hires assistant coach

UCF women’s basketball coach Lynn Bria announced July 17 the hiring of Lisa Jordon as assistant coach. Jordon, 29, comes to UCF after serving as an assistant coach for the women’s program at Texas A&M for the past five years.

“We are very fortunate to have Lisa join our staff,” said Bria. “She will be a great asset to our program because of her coaching and playing experience.”

Jordon, who was a four-year letter winner at Texas A&M before assisting the Aggies, will be responsible for coaching the Golden Knights’ post players. She holds Texas A&M records for rebounds and blocked shots and was a two-time All-Southwestern Conference second-team selection, as well as a two-time GTE/SWC Academic Honor Team selection.

Jordon said she made her decision after thoroughly checking Bria’s background. “I needed a strong reason to leave the people I cared for,” Jordon said. “I probably did more research on Bria than she did on me. She has strength for the future and I want to be a part of it.”

In her first week at UCF, Jordon has been assisting with scouting and recruiting for the early signing period in November.

Bria expects to complete her coaching staff by hiring another assistant before the Fall semester begins in late August.

Women’s tennis player transfers

Britt Patriarch, a true freshman who played in UCF’s first ever NCAA tournament match, will transfer to Saint Leo for more playing time.

As the only reserve, Patriarch filled in at No. 6 singles and No. 3 doubles as an injury replacement or when a starter was given the day off.

She filled in for injured senior Anna Strand in the Knights’ first-round loss to Michigan in the Midwest regional.

The Montey, Switzerland native compiled a 7-3 record singles record and 7-5 in doubles. Because Patriarch is transferring to a Division II school, she will be able to play this coming season.

Georgia Tech player transfers to UCF

Edwin Ferguson, who played outside linebacker and defensive end for Georgia Tech, the past two seasons, has completed his transfer to UCF.

The 6-foot-4, 230-pound Ferguson must sit out the 1997 season because he is transferring from one division I-A school to another. He will be a redshirt Junior in 1998 with two years of eligibility remaining.

Recruiting coordinator Alan Gooch said Ferguson will not participate in two-a-days, as the NCAA

Volleyball hopes to reach second round of NCAAs

By TONY MEJIA

For the UCF volleyball team, a TAAC championship has become more of an expectation than an accomplishment. The team does a 56-game winning streak against conference opponents like an albatross, an astounding accomplishment that puts more pressure on the team with every win.

However, it’s ending a streak that will serve as the main motivation for the ’97 season. Despite all the success Laura Smith’s squad has had the past couple of years, the season has ended disappointingly in the first round of the NCAA tournament.

“I think we’re all frustrated because we know we should have had that game last year. There is a determination factor involved now, and the team has taken the attitude of ‘we will not be denied.’ I really believe that,” Smith said. “We’re tired of it, tired of being ‘0-1 UCF, this and that’. We are undefeated in our conference the last five years. We are good, and we’re all tired of being ‘only UCF’.

Returning to help the Golden Knights show their way into the limelight is last year’s TAAC player of the year Renata Menchikova. Menchikova benefited from an NCAA ruling for an additional year of eligibility. Though she is only a junior academically, Menchikova was thought to have exhausted her eligibility because her two-year military stint in her native Russia counted against her. Luckily, the NCAA reconsidered and entered a decision in her favor, granting her an extra season of destroying the hopes of opponents. Also returning for their final years are

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