A year in review: the top newsmakers

Shock rock, campus construction, new SGA administration, football reaches the big time, and more... 

By NORA R. KULIESH
Managing Editor

With both the fall and spring semesters over and summer coming to an end, UCF students are looking back at the past year's events. From a new administration to the protest over Marilyn Manson that encouraged nationwide attention to the excitement over the new campus construction, there have been too many exciting things to forget. But, as the fall approaches most start to let go of the past and look towards the good things to come.

"The Marilyn Manson hoopla seems so long ago. I guess I am the type of person that just lets go of the past easily because I am too excited about what will happen tomorrow," said junior Stephany Mills. "I remember what I want to remember and even the things I don't, they creep up when I least expect it - like in the shower or when I'm driving."

The fall semester starts in less than one month, so before you get too caught up in the hustle and bustle, take a look at some of the top stories of this past year since The Central Florida Future began publication under new ownership on Jan. 23.

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Students struggle to avoid credit card trouble

By SEAN CLAEYS
Staff Writer

Credit card companies take advantage of needy UCF students by charging high interest rates that can double a debt in five months.

As many students have realized, various credit card representatives come on campus during the course of a year. In a year, according to a Master Card representative, thousands of students apply for credit cards, while the majority of those who apply will be granted a card from at least one company. With so many people receiving credit cards, UCF student Graciela Noriega said jokingly: "UCF should have a course about the harmful effects of credit cards and how to be more responsible with them."

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I feel that the issues have been covered, but some more ways for student involvement should also be targeted. I feel that if there was more of a focus on clubs, activities, and UCF events, the "UCF student" would become both more well-rounded and also participate more in the campus activities.

—Scott Blinkhorn, Sophomore, Communication, Jacksonville

The Central Florida Future has done an adequate job. The information has been fairly interesting. However, more financial aid tidbits and the university calendar should be a consistent part of the newspaper, to ensure that the topics are student oriented. Since, the student body of UCF is composed of people from very diverse cultures, it would be both appropriate and interesting to highlight these different cultures. Maybe highlight a different culture each issue.

—Donna Allen, Senior, Social Work, Cocoa.

Yes. But I would like to see more written about UCF’s Engineering department.

—Randy McCoy, Senior, Electrical Engineering, Orlando.

Yes. I would like to see both the improvements and renovations of old campus facilities, and the construction of new facilities covered.

—Said I. Jardaneh, Junior, Political Science, Gainesville.

Yes, but I think that the Central Florida Future needs to elaborate more on job-related issues and also upcoming school events.

—Heather Short, Junior, Human Resource Management, Palm Beach.

Yes, I often read the Central Florida Future. It’s very educational, and has good motivational stories about fellow students. I also like the ad which have discount coupons for us students. Of course, we can never get enough discounts! A good future topic, I’m sure that would interest other students is, how to convince UCF to actually expand the parking lots. Not only is the campus growing, but the student population is also booming too. It’s not a very good thing for you to be late for class, because of parking being such a major task.

—Melinda Ortiz, Junior, Psychology, Queens.

Yes, but I think that the University of Central Florida should focus on student-related issues. I have seen a lot of improvements in the campus facilities, but more financial aid information should be included in the newspaper.

—Said I. Jardaneh, Junior, Political Science, Gainesville.

The class conspectus was somewhat misleading for the incoming freshman who expected an easy "A".

Varanya Tejatanalert, an international student from Thailand, summed up the problems with students and their credit cards.

"Many students use credit cards to live beyond their means, and that’s how they get into such big debts," she said.

"Credit cards can be trouble, but if the students can control their impulses, they can be very helpful," said Noriega.

"Many students have credit cards more for a protective cushion than anything else. Credit card company airline ticket promotions allowed for Noriega to fly to her family reunion at a low price.

Tejatanalert never needs to worry about not receiving money on time from her family. And Panarello uses her credit card to buy books for school since her loans are always delayed.

"One good reason for having a credit card is it helps you build your credit so you can qualify for car or house loans when you’re older," graduate Greg Bible said.

"If you use them wisely, they can be very helpful. Many students don’t resist the temptations and end up in debt that can haunt them for a lifetime."
This top 10 didn’t make paper

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for graduate school because I really want to get my master’s.

After Saturday’s debacle on the football field, Knightro was finally ready to face the press and apologize to the public that so adores him. Knightro held his head in shame as he was forced to explain the entire afternoon to his fans. Unfortunately, Knightro gave no clear explanation and continued to apologize over and over. In an exciting turn of events, the famed ‘Chicken,’ perhaps the most famous of all mascots, called in the middle of the press conference to voice his opinion. The Chicken mounted the highest praise for his proddy and said: “Even the best of us make mistakes!” Those sage words of advice seemed to be all the press needed to forgive Knightro. In his closing words, Knightro issued this statement: “I know children and fans look up to me and that I have a reputation to uphold. I especially want to apologize to the cheerleaders I insulted. I only hope that they can forgive me. Thank you.” You gotta’ love that Knightro!

3. Last August, there was a surprising rate of freshmen who did not initially register for classes. This was the most unprecedented turn of events this school has seen. Initially, it was believed the new freshman class was trying to make a political statement. Freshman Greg Homer said: “Our revolt is for all the starving people out there in the world, because, you know, there’s like, a lot of hungry people out there, somewhere. And besides, if my not registering for classes gets one person in, like, Norway or something, a decent meal, then I feel that my sacrifice was well worth it.” It turns out the fresh were just confused by the frequency of a “Dr. Staff” teaching nearly half of the classes offered for the fall semester.

2. A man who calls himself Father Brother has been preaching to passers-by behind the Visual Arts Building and is gaining some respect among the street-preaching crowd and the students. Father Brother seems to have a unique style that sets him apart from the others. Instead of preaching about hell fire and the Armageddon, he preaches of love and respect for one another. Father Brother preaches on his own accord and for the good of “his soul.” The only problem students seem to have with Father Brother is that he has a habit of preaching completely naked. His only coverage is a cross hanging around his waist, thank God! When asked why he preaches in his birthday suit, Father Brother replied. “As I am naked I hide nothing from my brothers and sisters. I hold nothing up my sleeve nor in my pocket, only the word of the Lord!”

1. Due to the supposed lack of “good bands” that come to UCF, the Campus Activities Board actually pulled off one of the greatest steals in UCF history. On a complete whim, they hustled the Dave Matthews Band into playing on campus Tuesday. It was a last-minute thing and there was very little planning. Because of the lack of advertising only about 45 students showed to enjoy the show. Dave played a short 45-minute set to the last minute crowd. The next big-time band to play at UCF will be Winger, the pop rock band that hit big with the song “Seventeen.”

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stake. As one chief Pentagon official says, “He’s not making this decision as the President, but as a husband and father...” Oldman’s gun-wielding gang locks the President Kathryn Bennett (Glenn Close). First-time screenwriter Andrew W. Marlowe’s tale doesn’t make this film far more than it should’ve been, adding the airborne action to its claustrophobic antics perfected fifteen years ago in “Das Boot.”

The special effects are mostly adequate, although digital crews actually have a whole lot of new, fresh material. Director Peterett makes this film far more than it should’ve been, adding the airborne interior sequences with a little bit of the claustrophobic antics perfected fifteen years ago in “Das Boot.”

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The top 10 stories you didn't hear about

By JASON HEIRONIMUS

Opinion Editor

We are soon to embark upon another strange and exciting adventure into the world of academia. It is a dark, dank world which does not welcome us with open arms. We must push and shove our way through the crowd to achieve. However, it would not be right if we did not at first examine our past before we move to the future. Some great philosopher once said: "The keys to our future are found in our past."

I'm sure I misquoted him at least a little bit but he's probably dead now so who cares?

Many newsworthy events took place over the last year that have summoned many different emotions. We laughed, we cried, we scoffed. But what none of the local newspapers deemed a success by its coordinator, Joe Wilson: "We never expected this big of a turnout. Of course no one is here for the event but it sure looks crowded with the parking lot so full. We would like to thank UCF for its cooperation and the Guatemalan Lesbians for a Clean Environment Fund (GLCCE). The event was deemed a success by its coordinator, Joe Wilson: "We never expected this big of a turnout."

9. In a charity event that took place Nov. 15, 38 students were taken out of class and given Buick Skylarks and were asked to try and find a parking space as soon as possible. For every minute the students were trying to find a space, $100 was donated to the Guatemalan Lesbians for a Clean Environment Fund (GLCCE). The event was deemed a success by its coordinator, Joe Wilson: "We never expected this big of a turnover."

8. During last Saturday's football game, UCF mascot Knightro seemed to get very disoriented after he stormed the field at halftime. Though he had a dazed look in his eyes, none of the crowd were aware of the drama that was taking place. Knightro continued to scampers around the field, shouting obscenities and trying to joust cheerleaders.

Though the jousting of the cheerleaders seemed to get the crowd even more excited, Knightro was removed from the field by two line backers. There was no explanation as to the behavior of Knightro. Senior Executive of Mascots to the University of Central Florida Chuck Lamont said: "We are going to launch a full-scale investigation into this misstep.

Knightro has always been a stand-up kind of guy and we will expect a public apology from him as soon as possible."

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6. This past week, ground was finally broken on the new parking garage. The silver shovels were brought out and the very first step in the long, arduous construction process was finally put in motion. It was a happy day for students and administration alike. It marked the end of UCF's parking woes and the beginning of a bright future. However, no one expected to find what they did when their shovels were hoisted into the soil. As the fourth shovel was pushed into the ground, a mighty humble vibration occurred the premises. At first it was believed to be a mild earthquake until a huge outflow of pure black Florida oil came bursting out! The land that was originally conceived for a garage is now being considered as a major oil well, one which UCF would reap the benefits from for years to come.

5. In a bizarre accident, freshman Jo Buck Tward was violently struck by a car at the crosswalk in front of the Administration Building. The car, driven by senior Billy Hanson, did not make a complete stop at the stop sign and connected with Jo Buck while he was walking. The bizarre part of the story, however, is that neither Billy nor Jo Buck were hurt, only the car. It seems as if there is a severe dent in the right-side bumper where Billy struck Jo Buck. He believes it was his heavy weight that protected him. He weighs nearly 400 pounds. Billy Hanson is now suing for damages his car received.

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2. A 64-year-old Clive Simmons shattered UCF's acronym of "U Can't Finish" by finally graduating in the spring of 1997. He was the oldest living continuing student at age 64. Clive was honored at graduation for his sheer determination and perseverance. Through Clive had to eventually retire nearly three-fourths of his classes, he believes his academic trip has been a strange and enlightening adventure. When asked what he was going to do after graduation Clive responded: "I'm going to start applying for jobs."

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Dr. Pete Fisher uplifted thousands

"He was like a brain surgeon without surgical tools and he could fix broken hearts. There are lots of counselors, but few that are as outstanding a human being as Pete," said longtime friend of the late Dr. Pete Fisher, Eric Yount.

Fisher died suddenly of a brain infection on June 1. He was a political science teacher, founder of UCF's peer counseling program, founder of UCF's Lambda Chi Alpha chapter and "the most incredibly sensitive and caring individual!" said Joyce Clumpitt, Associate Vice President of Administration and Finance. "I found it incredible ability to make anyone he came in contact with feel very, very special."

Fisher dedicated his life to education and service. He received his doctorate in education administration and a master's in counseling education. With those tools he found it possible to touch the lives of all who knew him.

New construction under way for UCF

On campus mounds of dirt, trucks, heavy machinery and workers are at every turn and why?, because UCF has taken on many responsibilities, including the allocation of their $4.89 million budget.

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M & M — The next administration

The presidential election proved successful for Keith McDonald and Karen Montague who took office on April 27.

The partnership said the hardest part about running for office was competing with good friends and being able to balance their commitment to run along with their class schedules. But, they did it.

The new president and vice-presidents took on many responsibilities, including the allocation of their $4.89 million budget.

Plans for the fall include creating an executive branch that will be efficient and effective at accomplishing the goals they have for their term.

The next order of business will focus on homecoming as a way to increase school spirit on campus and bring the students and community together.

"We want to get the Orlando community involved as well as our alumni. Right now our new campus catering to Greeks and we want to change that," said Montague.

Provide-A-Ride program is also a goal for SGA. The two hope it can be enhanced as much as possible and are willing to support that program in any way.

"$30,000 is being requested from the budget, and we want to support them as much as possible," said McDonald.

The duo is enthusiastic about their new positions and can't wait to start making a difference.

Richardson dies in crash

The UCF community was stunned on Aug. 30 when news came that women's basketball coach Jerry Richardson was killed in an automobile accident.

Richardson, 48, had been the Golden Knights coach since 1993. He was an inspiration to many because of his love of people and his belief that hard work can result in accomplishment and success.

Richardson immediately led UCF to victory, with his first two teams making back-to-back TAAC tournament appearances. In 1995, UCF won the TAAC tournament, earning a birth to the NCAA tournament for the first time in school history. His career record at UCF was 42-68.

Lynn Bria, who was to work as an assistant for Richardson, took his position on an interim basis and was named head coach after the season.

SGA, beer, burgers, and more

Located directly behind Computer Science Building, the new Student Union has made way for a more unified student body.

The building, which includes offices for Student Government and Student Activities Center, conference rooms, a coffee shop, fast food restaurants, a pub and stores, is going to be central for UCF's campus.

"I won't have to go downtown to grab a beer or meet up with my friends. I think it will be great for the students who live on campus, too. All they have to do is walk out side the dorm practically," said Marla Freedman, a junior accounting major.

The building was long anticipated, but now that it is completed and there are plans for restaurants and stores to open in the fall, students can't be more thrilled.

"Whenever I have to go to a meeting or talk to someone in SGA, I feel like our school is starting to look better and better all the time," said Freedman.
Campus survives Manson

The shock rock group Marilyn Manson spawned an explosion of concern and gained national recognition with their April concert at the UCF Arena. Christian groups prayed outside the concert for the “sinners” inside while parent’s stayed at home watching the 11 o’clock news for some horrific details of the night’s event.

The Office of Public Relations was bombarded with over 3,000 phone calls asking to cancel the concert, but the decision was made in favor of upholding the U.S. Constitution.

“As one who has sworn to uphold the fundamental laws of nation and state, I must observe the law’s requirements and reject the temptation to silence constitutionally protected views with which I vehemently disagree,” said President Hitt.

The concert, in terms of shock value, was most likely a disappointment but for UCF it made a powerful statement about the integrity of the university.

Tuition increase

The Board of Regents proposed a higher education tax which translates into a 10 percent tuition increase for students.

Students from Florida universities banded together and went to Tallahassee in protest of the increase.

“There are hundreds of people around the state involved in organizing this rally, so we know it will capture the attention of legislators,” said Alan Flores, Director of Student Lobbying for UCF-SGA.

Although the rally gained attention, it was not successful enough to influence legislators against the tax.

The increase will not make a substantial difference in tuition, but students are not happy over the swell in class prices.

“So many people go to school and can’t afford it now,” said freshman Katie Tayge.

Football reaches I-A

The long-awaited move to Division I-A took place for UCF when it kicked off its 1997 season.

The school that played its first game in 1979 on the Division III level had finally reached college football’s big time. The schedule reflected it too.

UCF went on the road against South Carolina, New Mexico, East Carolina and Georgia Tech. Although all four ended in losses for the Knights, nobody can say they were outplayed or outclassed.

UCF finished 16th in the nation in passing offense with 275 yards a game.

Gene McDowell’s string of 10 consecutive winning seasons came to an end when the team finished 5-6, though it finished strong, UCF won four of its final six games with the two losses coming at a combined eight points.

Spreading the word

angry arousal of the students.

“His judgmental way is not the way of the lord,” said Heather, a member of the Chi Alpha Christian Ministry Group.

“He’s making religion like a cult,” said freshman Alyson Rollmann.

His quick tongue and loud preaching got him arrested at the Marilyn Manson concert in April, giving his opposition more reason to discredit him.

“It is really embarrassing to me that someone who claims to be a good and decent Christian can get himself arrested at this concert,” said Patricia Cole, Manson prosecutor.

He can still be found in Apollo Circle, wearing a suit, holding a bible and arguing his message with anyone who can get a word in edge-wise.

Somebody bring me some water . . .

Signs were posted in the Education and Fine Arts buildings the last week in March, warning students, faculty and staff: “Do not drink the water.”

The scare was due to a simple testing procedure that is mandatory after the water pressure drops below 20 pounds per square inch.

After a water pipe in the Education building broke, pressure dropped to zero, and since the water pressure in Fine Arts was not known, precautionary measures were taken with the signs.

Unfortunately, signs were not noticed until some had already consumed the possibly contaminated water.

“I made a pot of coffee and drank a cup before I ever saw a sign,” said Ron Smith, a journalism professor.

The scare was mostly in the warning signs posted around the two buildings and nobody knowing what the problem was.

“It was one of the biggest scares because I had drank the water and for days everywhere I went there were these danger signs. I thought I was going to die,” said Sara Park.

In the end, the broken pipe was fixed quickly and there was no contamination in the water, just a little dehydration around campus

July 30, 1997
As 'Jane', Demi is standard government-issue

By DEAN G. LEWIS
Entertainment Editor

Demi Moore plays tough and ready Navy lieutenant Jordan O’Neil who undergoes the rigorous SEAL training to become the first woman Rambo of today’s generation. How timely could the face of our military’s generous SEAL training to become the O’Neil der prejudices, downsizing, and intermediate miss with David Morse and headstrong guardian. In the end, Victoria comes out from her isolation and untreatable grief after the death of her husband Alberoni from typhoid. Victoria comes out from her sorrow when a lowly Scottish servant named John Brown (Connolly) arrives to take charge of her daily chores.

Scripted by Jeremy Brock, Mrs. Brown is straightforward, mature drama. Photographed on location in Scotland and England, the film’s sumptuous details take due care to sumptuous details take due care to explore the fragile and potentially vulnerable relationship between a country’s royal court and the class divisions below it. Definitely an essay to last yearts Cannes festival

The nervous Hannah deviates in the worst way. It’s pain is quiet; its happiness silent. Now that’s filmmaking from the heart.

"Career Girls" is scheduled to open at the Enzian theater on August 22.

Demi Moore falls in formation for Viggo Mortensen in "G.I. Jane", directed by Ridley Scott.

"Mrs. Brown"

By DEAN G. LEWIS
Entertainment Editor

Superb performances from Judi Dench and Billy Connolly punctuate this solemn, powerful BBC production from Britain. Director John Madden ("Ethan Frome") scores an intelligent accomplishment with Mrs. Brown, a true tale of England’s Queen Victoria (Dench) who, in 1861, locks herself in a bid to get Demi a starring role in the Pentagon’s precedent-setting test case for gender equality within the stiffest ranks of our armed forces. "G.I. Jane" is eerily reminiscent of the much better "Courage Under Fire". While a bloody knuckle brawl between Montesen and Demi may have some remembering a similar rank vs. rank fight in Taylor Hackford’s "An Officer and a Gentleman" (1982), "G.I. Jane" prefers to tread on a long road march, succumbing in the end to the moviedom’s infamy. Perhaps a smaller, art-house pet project might be more suitable for Scott’s next film. For those who grew up on his "The Duellists", "Alien" and "Blade Runner", those were the days.

"G.I. Jane" is scheduled to open in local theaters on August 15.

"Career Girls" is not for weak stomachs.

By DEAN G. LEWIS
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British author Mike Leigh completed this flash-back-filled comedy-drama days before heading out to last year's Cannes festival to promote "Secrets and Lies". In the slight, sometimes effective "Career Girls", Leigh gives us a thin and forgettable tale of two working-class women whose friendship spans almost a decade of 80's Care records, imperfect men and psychology classes, all while living as roommates in a flat upstairs from a Chinese food stand. Katin Cartridge ("Breaking the Waves") stars as Hannah, a manic neurotic who adores the heavy literature of English novelist-post Emily Jane Bronte. The nervous Hannah pours bits and pieces from "Wuthering Heights" on her newfound roommate and pal Annie (Lynda Steadman). In Bronte’s words lies the key to Annie’s hidden bliss.

Unlike "Secrets and Lies" there is no real plot in "Career Girls". Yet again, Leigh works his narrative into numerous improvisational scenes, most notably the ones with Ricky (newcomer Mark Benton, in an authentically-tailored perl), a classmate and love interest of Annie’s. His prolonged verbal pasies, elapsed by an unusual stammer, mar any communication between his defenseless male self and the hothead ladies he hangs around with. They talk up bunter, most of which meanders in unconventional rifts towards the teary farewell at a train station. Just as our two "Career Girls" must say goodbye, we must bid our own. Nothing really gained or lost.

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“Shall We Dance?”

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Japan goes ballroom in “Shall We Dance?”, a saccharin tale of longing, loneliness, and love. A workaholic executive feels the pressure of the repeated routines in his uneventful life. One night on his way home from the office, he takes the train that passes by a private dance studio. Expensive lessons are offered for beginners. He follows the bright neon signs inside where a beautiful dance instructor quietly teaches her students. She’s serious about the craft, having already suffered humiliation years ago when she and her partner inadvertently collided with another couple.

The married man, thinking adultery, accepts a discounted offer by one of the staff members at the studio. In no time he’ll learn all the foot-stompin’ steps to such dances as the rumba and swing. And where is one of our lovelier routines we proudly call it morally right for the head of the country to give in to the demands of Cold War revolutionaries? The situation gets tight when Marshall’s wife (Wendy Crewson) and daughter (Lisaer Matthews) happen to be on board. Their lives he must protect at any cost. Or should he?

Family is family. Just when we think Marshall’s escaped in a make-believe pod housed down in the airplane’s cargo area, he’s nowhere to be found once the cubicite hits earth. The brave guy decides to stay on his plane because he’s got loved ones at.

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Europe trip should prove interesting for young players

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Assistant coach Don Burgess, who excelled at Radford just a few years ago, suited up so the team could scrimmage. When D’Quarius Stewart had to sit out the second half of practice because of back spasms, Speraw filled in, putting his spin on the role as player/coach by knocking down his knee three-point attempt, and praising his team for its effort.

"Something you try to do at this time is accentuate the positives. It's a different approach from what you would do on your typical first day of practice in going into the season. We still want to get better and improve our team, and we get an early jump on that."

Brad Traina is the Knights' top returning scorer, averaging 10 points a game last season. With Kennedy, the focal point of last year's offense, gone it will present an early jump on that."

Assistant coach Charlie Crossman said he also understands the team will be playing a lot of games in a brief period of time, giving the coaching staff an early look at what's to come.

"This is a great opportunity for some guys to step to the forefront and take up some of the leadership roles, and step up defensively," Speraw said.

"We also need to see who is going to go step by step defensively. Who is going to want the ball at the end of the game? Which players are going to step up and move their game up a notch? This will provide an early opportunity to get some answers."
Impatient Jones longs for his turn

By TONY MEJIA
Staff Writer

The lone pre-season All-America candidate on the UCF basketball roster sits impatiently on the bench, watching the team's first practice. He's used to being on the fringe. Another year, same scenario: Golden Knight guard Mark Jones remains unable to play.

"I'm a basketball fanatic so it's difficult to see my teammates practice without me, but hopefully come the first exhibition game I'll be able to play," Jones said. "I have been just watching for over a year though, so I guess I'm getting used to it."

Jones, a 6-5 guard from Milwaukee, Wis., transferred from the University of Minnesota following the '95-'96 season. He was ineligible to play last year, being forced to sit the season out in compliance to the NCAA transfer requirement, which forces a player to sit out a season after transferring.

"It hurt me and Bucky [Hodge, a transfer from Georgia Tech] to watch the team struggle last year. We knew we could go out and help our teammates win games, but weren't eligible to do so," said Jones. "It helped that I practiced with the guys last year, so I know how they play and they know what type of player I am. When I step it in may take some time to get everything clicking but the faster we get into it, the better we'll be." See JONES, Page 11.

Basketball takes game to Europe

By TONY MEJIA
Staff Writer

The '97-'98 UCF men's basketball team is looking to take its game to another level this season. With all but one player returning from last season to join a solid group of newcomers, the Knights are well on their way to achieving that goal. If anything, they'll at least be taking their game to another continent.

UCF will take its game overseas to play five to seven games against European pro teams in Southern France, the Italian Alps, and Switzerland. The team departs on Aug. 6 and returns on the 19th, the day before classes start. Last year's active roster will make the trip, except for leading scorer Harry Kennedy, whose eligibility has been unavailable for the past month, and junior college transfer Shane Hargett hopes to nail down the punting duties this season.

"It may take some time to get into it, but we'll be." · ·

UCF Coach Kirk Speraw directs practice on Sunday in preparation for the Aug. 6-19 trip to Europe.

Field position is a 'special' job

By KEN JACKSON
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John Madden called them "Controlled Fanatics." They are the guys running wildly downfield after a kickoff or punt. Once the return man has the ball, these swift cover men have to apply the brakes and get in control to make an important tackle to preserve field position.

"Generally, these players are the forgotten, backup running backs, linebackers, or receivers. But these are the very important players to a team fighting for field position," said Crossman, first-year special teams coach at UCF.

"We have a chance to put quality special teams together because of our depth," said Crossman. Junior college transfer Shane Hargett hopes to nail down the punting duties this season.

Bellhorn still a Knight

It's official - pitcher/outfielder Todd Bellhorn will return to UCF for his senior season.

After speculation about his future, Bellhorn decided to pass on pro ball this year. The San Francisco Giants selected him in the ninth round of June's First Year Player Draft. He turned down a signing bonus of $40,000 to join his brother in the pro ranks. Todd batted .329 with 6 home runs and 58 RBIs this season with the Knights. In just his first year as a full-time member of the varsity baseball team, Bellhorn compiled a 4-4 record with 94 strikeouts and a 4.15 ERA. He has been traveling with Athletes In Action the past month, and been unavailable for comment.

Baseball coach Jay Bergman was out of town and was also unavailable for comment. See MEJIA, Page 11.

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