New money ‘a priority’ for UCF

By ELLEN DAYSPRING
Staff Writer

When UCF opened in 1963, it received less funding than other state schools because of its size and lack of research facilities.

But as the university grew and its research programs expanded, the budget did not.

"UCF has been under-funded because of its rapid growth," said Alan Stonecipher, Director of Public Information for The Board of Regents.

Now the university could be in line to receive $12 million by next fall.

Since the early ‘80s there have been efforts to bring UCF up to the state average, which UCF is due to receive in the next biennium.

"Our students are short-changed because without funding, the university can’t provide the proper tools," said James Heekin, member of The Board of Regents.

Efforts continued to be hindered in ’91-’93 when the economy went into recession and the entire education system was forced to cut back. The state collected less sales tax during this period because people were buying less. This meant less money to give and cutbacks had to be made.

"The rally probably won’t affect their decision, but it always helps to try," Florez said.

"We all, including students, can be more effective in lobbying state legislators," he said.

"It is possible the legislature knows students aren’t happy about the proposed increases but doesn’t think the rally will be very effective," said Stonecipher.

"There are hundreds of people around the state involved in organizing this rally, so we know it will capture the attention of legislators. All higher education students are united in being adamantly opposed to a tuition increase," Florez said.

"No one really knows what the rally will be like until it begins. The students are united in being adamantly opposed to a tuition increase," said Stonecipher.

"The Board of Regents has proposed a higher education student tax which would mean a 10-percent tuition increase. As if students don’t pay enough tuition as it is.

"So many people go to school and can’t afford it now much less if it [tuition] increases," UCF freshman Katie Tagye said.

The Florida Student Association is organizing a rally in Tallahassee on April 4 to voice all opposition to any tuition increases or student taxes.

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A good sign: Collins visits

By GINA HAWKINS
Staff Writer

Press posted in the UCF Education and Fine Arts buildings last week warned not to drink the water, but some people did not notice until it was too late.

The water that supplied the buildings needed to be tested for the possibility of contamination after a pipe was inadvertently broken during the construction of the new parking garage near the Education Building.

But Ron Smith, associate professor of journalism, said he did not notice a sign in the staff kitchen of the Fine Arts building when he got some water for coffee.

"I made a pot of coffee and had drunk a cup of it before I saw the signs," said Smith, whose office is on the fifth floor of the Fine Arts Building.

Carole Gonzalez, office manager for the history department, said she only saw signs posted by the building's maintenance crew in the student lounge or the staff kitchen of the fifth floor. She said she also made coffee for the people in her office.

Richard Paradise, Director of the Physical Plant, said it is policy to post signs by every sink and faucet in the buildings and to send electronic mail to the faculty and staff to warn of the problem.

"It was a good sign: Collins visits"
These students not lost in space

By TASYA WILLIAMSON

Staff Writer

Brenda Isaza isn’t a space center employee, but she has a badge. She completed safety training and does things any employee would do, and then some. Like sticking her head in a Titan rocket or seeing payloads that will fly on the Shuttle, or watching a ship haul in a booster that dropped into the ocean during a launch.

She and other UCF engineering students are getting a behind-the-scenes look at the world’s top center for space through accredited college courses.

“One of the biggest thrills I get is that the class is there,” she said. “Everywhere you look, there’s something spacey.”

Each semester, UCF offers one class in a Space Education Training Activities (SETA) program. The concept began a year ago this term. UCF students and faculty go to the Cape Canaveral Air Force Station and train with high-tech equipment, assisted by NASA and Boeing laboratories and engineers.

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To help her with their planning, students have access to five Satellite Tool Kits worth about $20,000 each. These software simulation programs provide realistic experience with things like orbital mechanics, launch windows and sensor availability.

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By DANELLE MARABLE
Staff Writer

The UCF Gay Lesbian Bisexual Student Union will be hosting its fourth annual LesBiGay Awareness Week, April 7-11. Each year the event has grown in popularity and will include full slate of activity.

On April 7, Diva Invasion will be in the Student Activity Center (Wild Pizza). This drag show will be hosted by Carmella Marcella Garcia and will have performances by Sybil Ann Storm, Tori Holden, Gabrielle Giovante, and Brianna West. Dan Renzi from MTV’s The Real World South Beach will speak in the Student Center Auditorium on April 9. Renzi will be speaking about The Real World, being gay in college, and coming out.

Also showing throughout April is a display in the library, curated by GLBSU vice president Dan Ruiz. He said the display will include books, magazines and videos. GLBSU is the oldest student union on campus established in 1976 and has about 200 members.

Bangladesh night at UCF

The Students Association of Bangladesh organized “Bangladesh Night” in the student center auditorium on March 23 to celebrate the 26th anniversary of the independence of Bangladesh.

If you are one of the estimated 25 million Americans affected by Genital Herpes, you should read this:

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It’s time to toughen up Knightro’s image

By DIANA IMANUEL

Opinion Editor

Over the past couple of months, I’ve been submitting my opinion to the CFF and I’ve realized a couple of things. To begin with, I’ve received a tarnished rap for things that take place at our university. Although I hate to compare UCF to the other state universities, I must illustrate a point. At the University of Florida, loyal fans rally around a vicious alligator named Albert. At FSU, the powerful Chief Osceola rides on his trusty steed across the stadium with a flaming spear. At UCF, we have a Hanna-Barbera cartoon reject that rides around on his “Knight-rider/Go-Cart.” What is this? It is very hard to rally around someone who is the same height as me and made up of spray-painted rubber.

Knightro, for those of you who don’t know, is a mute black and gold robot, a mute black and gold mascot who poses as a Knight, that makes special appearances at pep rallies, football games, and a K-mart near you. But seriously, in a school with an “inadequacy complex,” what UCF needs is a tougher mascot. I’m all for having a knight represent UCF, but can you imagine the ridicule Knightro must receive from other universities? Perhaps Knightro needs a makeover. He needs to take some cues from the ‘90s super heroes, like Batman and Superman, who have become “darker, stronger, and more aggressive.” Why do I bring Knightro’s image into question? Recently, I attended the CAB-sponsored event with hypnotist Tom Deluca. Before Deluca took the stage, a special video was shown featuring everyone’s favorite mascot, Knightro. This video, with members of CAB posing as actors, was an embarrassment for the university. Though the video was quite entertaining (I think Doug is the coolest), high tech (how much money was spent to create this production?), and the intent was right on target (which was to inspire school spirit), the message was not conveyed to the audience.

Instead, Knightro appears to be a weak-kneed shadow of the mascot he has the potential to be. With CAB members criticizing Knightro’s character, it demoralizes what he stands for: the prestige of being part of a truly great university. What this university needs is an organization that meets the needs of our lost little mascot. Perhaps a cohesive, gung-ho spirit committee who responsibly showcases our tough little Knight. With student government holding the licensing rights to Knightro’s name and image in conjunction with the athletic department, it would seem viable that such an organization exists. I’m not talking about the spirit advocate’s office — they key word here is responsible. I have heard rumors Knightro dolls will be on the market soon. I want a doll that scares away burglars, not someone to play house with my Ken and Barbie.

However, I’m not going to give up on the Knight idol. No, I believe Knightro, like our football team, has a lot of potential. The trick is to tap into this potential. When I return to UCF as an
Today is Easter Sunday — how fitting. Upon my entrance to this school two years ago, I was convinced I was going to the University of Central Florida: a state-subsidized public school. And I have a good reason to believe this because of a few large signs around campus and all of my checks were made out to UCF. Now in my final semester, I have come to a realization that non-denominational, state-funded, tax-supported school is becoming the University of Central CHRIST.

It seems to me that every time I turn around, another Christian group is spending my tuition money on something I would never dream of funding. Don’t get me wrong, I’m not anti-Christianity (no more so than any other religion that wishes to brainwash its members), which limits that to … hmmm, all of them.

However, I am against the fact my money is going to fund events like Jesus the Movie. If my money is going to pay for good fiction, it better include Indiana Jones: there’s only one version of his life so there will be no discrepancies. I don’t want to give the illusion I despise Christianity either, anything that gives a person faith and purpose is worth-while. You must realize the New Testament is not for everyone, so don’t attempt to convert me while using my money for propaganda.

Then there’s that tacky ad some UCF professors decided to run proclaiming their faith in Jesus Christ. I must say you professors are a disgrace to this and every public university in existence. By stating you are a Christian, you are giving me the message all other religions are inferior, in Christianity there is room for no tolerance (being brought up Christian all my life, I know). How is that supposed to make a Jewish, Islamic, Pagan, Hindu, Atheist, etc student feel?

Personally, I am relieved to find none of you are in my college because I would feel as though I would be walking on egg shells and I’m about to graduate with honors. I believe you are entitled to your freedom of speech as anyone else is, but do it with your own money. Don’t forget that although you may think Christianity is the only religion, many of us disagree, and we pay your salaries.

Today is Easter Sunday, which illustrates my point even more. I realize we live in a pre-dominantly Christian society, and I honestly have no problem with that. I needed to go to the store today but couldn’t do it because most places are closed — it’s Easter. Now, in a society with a month set aside for every minority possible, it seems trying to close down everything on Chinese New Year, Rosh Hashanah, or Samhain won’t ever happen. Although we celebrate diversity, most display a predilection toward Christianity. Our society has begun to instill the fact that to be a Christian is most accepted and we display this by making national holidays out of solely Christian events. It nauseates me.

So where does this leave us? Because I’m graduating, I won’t be here to witness the possible transformation of this public university into the next Notre Dame. I know many students feel as I do, but are secure with their spirituality and don’t feel the need to shove it down society’s throat, especially the student body’s in a state-owned university. Let’s confirm this again, anyone who is not a Christian (professors included), your money is supporting these groups. If you Christians think this is good, imagine how you’d feel if your money (which should be in tithing) was going to support the Wiccan Students of UCF (that’s witchcraft for the lay folk). I bet all of your fictitious hell will break loose. There is no place in a public school for any religion. Many people equate putting religion in school, what they actually mean is putting Christianity in school (unless you can tell me of any Agnostic state officials who are trying to get this type of bill passed) — scary thought, eh? I know I don’t want my kids reading the Bible as factual text, do you?

I live by the motto, “Man is of God, Religion is of Man.” Even the Christians will agree where there is human intervention, there will always be error. Spirituality is not to be confused with being religious, for many of us are one but not the other. I just thank God I’m Agnostic (or is it thank Gods?).

Anthony Giudice
Student government problems begin with members

This letter is in response to several articles concerning student government. Having been involved in student government in different capacities for the past two and a half years, I think I am fairly qualified to evaluate complaints. The first thing I would like to make clear is I do believe in student government's mission. This mission, which many in the organization forget, is to serve the student body. Of course, not everyone is going to benefit from a movie about Jesus at the reflection pond or watching Dr. Ruth speak at the Arena. In fact, it may be true many students have no desire to attend an Earth Day celebration, but this misses the point entirely.

You see, what this university lacks is school spirit. Yes, I realize this point is constantly harped upon by students, but there is a reason for this. WE HAVE AN APATHETIC SCHOOL! How does school spirit matter? When one is proud of their school, they generally convey this to others. Thus, more excited you are about UCF, the more your friends, acquaintances, and relatives become interested in the university. So, the more excited you are about UCF, the more your friends, acquaintances, and relatives become interested in the university. More people attend UCF, raising the value of your degree.

I realize student government isn't perfect. Recently, I don't even think it is mediocre. But that is the individuals, not the institution. A recent article mentioned the "evil empire" as the source of corruption in SGA (Note: there are no Greeks affiliated with this "empire"). Well that is true, but how did these people get there? Senators feel so self-important the pro-tempore carries a brief case! Student government may need to be run like a business, but one needs to remember those running it are students, not professional politicians. Their power is minor, and for the most part, delusional.

I truly am sorry many students don't see the value in student government or other organizations on campus. All I know is when I leave UCF in three weeks, I know I have done all I can to get the most out of the collegiate experience. Four or five years go by very quickly and you don't want to let it waste away. Or do you?

-Joshua Gardner
Television shows get dues
in several new offerings

By GARY ROEN
Book Critic

In the 60's a TV show from England made its debut in this country on CBS as a summer replacement for the "Jackie Gleason Show." Consisting of 17 episodes, it was never shown in the U.S. until now, "The Prisoner" gained a huge following and is a major comic book. It is so popular in fact that Alain Carraze & Helene Oswald have written the most complete in-depth book about the show, stars and episodes, "The Prisoner" (Virgin Publishing. $19.95. 240 pages). This book has everything you ever wanted to know about the show, an interview with Patrick McGoohan, and essays by many noted writers among them Isaac Asimov and Roger Langley. The authors also discuss McGoohan's show "Dingier Man" and how it led up to "The Prisoner."

"A Prime-Time Life" by Aaron Spelling with Jeffrey Graham (St Martin's Press. $22.95. 226 pages) reveals for the first-time unknown facts about many of the TV shows from the 50's to the 90's that Mr. Spelling has been a part of. He is the creator of "Beverly Hills 90210," "Melrose Place," "Stansky and Hutch," "Mod Squad." "Charlie's Angels," "Dynasty," "Facts of Life," and at least 44 other shows. This is a behind-the-scenes book that is a lot of fun because it does not go for the gossipy tell-all scandal but instead lets the reader in on how many of the shows came to the small screen.

For the first time the general public gets a chance to see what the man behind the mask of the "Lone Ranger" really looks like in pictures from the book "I Was That Masked Man," Clayton Moore with Frank Thompson (Taylor Publishing. $22.95. 266 pages). The man who made the role his, tells all in a very good autobiography. Moore tells the origination of the character, how he got the part, what it was like to work with Jay Silverheels, the many guests who played in the show who went on to become names in the industry, the movie in the 70's and how it affected him and a lot more in a very positive account of one man's rise to stardom. There are also complete guides of all the motion pictures Moore was in and the number of episodes filmed of the "Lone Ranger" TV show.

Virgin Books has two titles that all fans are sure to love because they tell a lot of tidbits about two British shows that many have wanted to know a lot more about. They are "The Fifth Doctor The Peter Davison Years 1982-1984" and "Blakes 7" and the program...
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Bundy hopes law is on his side in the future

By TRACY WEBB
Staff Writer

David Bundy is working to make it big in the world of law. Bundy is actively involved in the Student Government Senate (The E&A Committee, Transportation Committee), The Presidents Leadership Council, HASA and Volunteer UCF.

He also is Vice President of Pi Sigma Alpha, and on the speakers committee for the Campus Activities Board.

Bundy has worked on three student presidential campaigns while attending UCF, often as campaign manager. He hopes to continue working in politics after graduation. Bundy says he will attend law school either at the University of Florida or American University in Washington D.C.

"My future goal is to attend law school and to work in some kind of political capacity at the national level," he said. "I see myself in 10 years working for a political group or a task force of some kind."

Bundy said many people have contributed to his successes, but most important are his parents. "They are the biggest influence in my life because of all their love and support and their guidance," Bundy said. "They always let me try things out and let me learn from my mistakes."

Bundy said it is important for students to become involved with UCF to enrich their school experience.

"Get involved," Bundy said. "Get to meet people because if you get involved, whether it's in a club or organization. That's were I've come across the people I've met and the friendship that I've gained."

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By ELLEN DAYSPRING
Staff Writer

Jim Carey. Either you love him or you hate him. If you love him, you eagerly anticipate the release of each of his films. You laugh. If even if it isn't funny. You're devoted and whether it be occasionally to spend time with his son Max (Jossy Cooper). He shows up with one single wish. As Max blows out his birthday candles he wishes that for just one day his dad can't tell a lie. Instantly it comes true. This is the point when you start to laugh and really don't stop until the credits. The remainder of the movie follows Fletcher through the entire agonizing truth-told day as he is unable to tell even the smallest of lies. In a brief 24 hours, Fletcher causes his secretary to quit, completely messes up the biggest case of his life, kicks his own butt and the list just goes on and on and on. One of the other great elements of this movie is the cast. Carey does not overshadow or outdo any of the supporting cast. Every character is worked into the script in some humorous way and play off Carey's character with great talent.

If Carey movies were never for you before give "Liar, Liar" a try. It's not the bodily function humor of "Dumb and Dumber" and it's certainly not the dark, morbid humor of "The Cable Guy."

This film, complete with bloopers at the end, takes you back to the In Living Color days when Carey's humor was fresh and side-splitting funny.

And who knows if you do give a chance you may even walk out a converted Jim Carey fan.
Argument on basketball court leads to threat with gun

By LINDSAY MALANGA Staff Writer

A 25-year-old male reported an aggravated assault when he said another male threatened him with a gun while playing basketball on a campus court, according to a March 18 UCF Police Department report.

The male said he was playing basketball with the assaulter and the two began to dispute a call on the court. After leaving for a few minutes, the assaulter returned and threatened him with a handgun concealed under his shirt. At no time, however, did he point the gun at the victim.

The victim described his assailant as a black male, 5-foot-7 to 5-8, with a short haircut.

In other crime news from the UCF Police Department:

• Kirk Cruden was arrested for driving under the influence on March 23. After failing several sobriety tests, Cruden was arrested and given a breathalyzer test which registered at .176.

• Krist Stockhammer was arrested for driving under the influence on March 22. Stockhammer was taken to Orange County booking where his blood alcohol content registered at .137.

• David Abbott and Dennis Peacha reported burglary and grand theft from Phillips Hall on March 20. Peacha said someone took 3 MS DOS computers, one printer and four boxes of magazines. Approximately $1,000 worth of equipment was stolen.

• Steven Hunt performed disorderly conduct on March 19. Hunt was found by police throwing wooden pieces at the presachers in the free speech circle. When police asked him to leave, Hunt became loud and argumentative. Grace E. Martin, the preacher's companion, filled out a report against Hunt. Hunt will be appearing at a Student Affairs Hearing for his misconduct.

• A female in Volusia Hall reported someone entered her room through a window and was breaking other residence hall windows on March 17. There were no witnesses.

• The UCF Education Department reported burglary and grand theft on March 18 when a Macintosh computer, printer, cover, zip drive, and camera valued at $2,483 were stolen.

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Water receives OK to drink

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Tina, the Department of Environmental Protection requires bacteriological testing if the water pressure drops below 20 pounds per square inch.

He said the water pressure in the Education Building was zero when the pipe broke, but they were not sure what the pressure in the Fine Arts building was. He said the water was safe to drink did not come until Saturday. He said he had not heard of anyone getting sick.

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UCF's water system is self-contained and problems can be responded to quickly. Ulhir said if the city's water department had to respond to the problem, it probably would have taken longer to fix.
Money a must for UCF

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for additional money for UCF and the University of North Florida. If approved, the supplementary money would bring UCF to almost the same per FTE student average as the rest of the state schools. This money would be given concurrently with the Equity bill payout which would bring the total amount UCF could receive next year to $12 million.

The budget has gone through the committee’s process but has not been voted on or passed by the Senate. Usually these types of budget decisions aren’t voted on until the last day the Senate is in session. Heekin said.

Golf tourny benefits College of Education

The College of Education Alumni Chapter will hold its Scholarship Golf Tournament on April 11 at Ekana Golf Club in Oviedo.

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UCF coach Jay Bergman announced the termination of pitcher Marco Ramirez from the team after the ace reliever was arrested for domestic violence-battery and aggravated assault on his roommate and teammate Bryan Bruce. Ramirez was reportedly offered counseling which he turned down. Bruce remains suspended.

GOLF
The Golden Knights will resume play at the Lonnie D. Small Invitational in Buies Creek, NC, April 7-8. With just five players on their roster, the men's team currently holds a 74.78 stroke average. The women's team will resume play later this week at the State Intercollegiate Friday through Sunday in Coral Gables. The Golden Knights currently hold an 81.00 stroke average after eight tournaments.

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S TENNIS
The men's and women's tennis teams continue to play well in preparation for the TAAC Tournament on April 3-5 before the tournament on April 10-12 in Macon, Ga. The 51st-ranked women are 16-1 after the March 31 home finale against JSU. The 45th-ranked women are 16-1 after the March 31 home finale against JSU. The men's team will resume play later this week at the Lonnie D. Small Invitational in Buies Creek, NC, April 7-8. With just five players on their roster, the men's team currently holds a 74.78 stroke average. The women's team will resume play later this week at the State Intercollegiate Friday through Sunday in Coral Gables. The Golden Knights currently hold an 81.00 stroke average after eight tournaments.

Around the world: foreign language programs
By AMIS WOOTTON
Staff Writer

Whether it's French, German or Italian that has captured your imagination, UCF offers the opportunity to experience the language and culture to interested students.

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In Jenquiére, Canada, the intensive summer program of French demands students have one year of college French for there is no use of English allowed on this trip. Inside the classroom and outside, students are committed to only speaking French. Participants are set in French speaking host families.

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Predictions lofty for Knights
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could make an immediate impact. "Burke may be the best man- coverage route runner we've ever had," McDoell said. "With players like that, we'll make big plays."

Few holes will need to be filled offensively for UCF, but a huge vacancy left at linebacker by the departure of John Bryant, Nakia Reddick and Kendrick Thomas needs to be filled. Deaubrey Devine, Emory Green and Mike Pulmer—a trio with something to prove, could step in immediately. "There's no question that the offense will be our strength this year," McDoell said. "Hopefully our defense will surprise us." Another bold prediction: Knights surprise Nebraska ... by showing up!

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LEAD STORIES
• In February, a California Court of Appeal upheld the 1995 ruling of a judge in Marin County who admitted to the will of Sam Zakashian, leaving $2 million to his girlfriend rather than to relatives. The lower court was persuaded that scribblings on a 4-by-4-inch piece of paper contained the deceased’s instructions, despite their being erased to the first place and then overwritten with what appear to be obliterations. The court said the overwritings were Zakashian’s initials written 21 times (some rotated, some sideways, some upside down), three different dates (one sideways over three lines of text), and two signatures written diagonally. The appeals court conceded that the will “is not easily described.”
• In March, The New York Times reported on a recent spate of what it called really bad Japanese TV shows, among them one in which bikini-clad young women attempt to crush aluminum cans by squeezing them between their breasts and another in which a young child was brought on stage and told his mother had been shot to death for the purpose of seeing how many seconds would elapse before he started crying. Said a leading TV critic: “The more nonsensical [the programs] are, the more interesting I find them.”
• The Los Angeles Times reported in February on a dramatic business success: the astute marketing decisions by Colombian drug cartels to increase their market share in U.S. heroin sales. The cartels at one reduced prices, to bring in more retail customers, and increased quality, so that HIV-phobic customers could achieve an adequate high by smoking rather than risk disease from injecting with contaminated needles. The government estimates the Colombians have now captured two-thirds of the East Coast market, leaving only 2 percent of the world’s heroin.

UNDEIGNIFIED DEATH
• According to police in Dahlonega, Ga., ROTC cadet Nick Berrena, 20, was stabbed to death in January by fellow cadet Jeffrey Hoffman, 23, who was trying to prove that a knife could not penetrate the flesh Berrena was wearing.

OBSESSIONS
• Larry Bottone, a coach, teacher and private tutor of kids for almost 20 years in Norwalk, Conn., pleaded guilty in October to a charge of child pornography based on a videotape of himself with a ten-year-old boy. According to the police, other video showed Bottone whipping nude, blindfolded boys, sticking objects under their fingernails, and rubbing their bodies with hot olive oil. Bottone denied he was conducting serious research into how much punishment someone could endure when asked by an authority figure.
• Jason Christopher Zepeda, 19, in a holding cell following his arrest for graffiti vandalism in Fremont, Calif., in February, was re-arrested when sheriff’s deputies noticed on a TV monitor he was writing his name all over the walls of the cell.
• Michael Roman, 23, was sentenced to six months’ probation in Brantford, Ontario, in October for violation of a previous probation by again smearing an unsuspecting woman with shaving cream. He is forbidden to possess “compressed-air-impelled shaving cream containers.”

NOT MY FAULT
• In February, credit union manager Cathleen Byers, charged with 83 counts for embezzling $630,000 over a six-year period, told a Eugene, Ore., jury, through her lawyer, that her hands may have taken the money but that her “heart, mind, and spirit” were innocent, because some other personality within her did it. According to the prosecutor, only a handful of multiple-personality cases have ever been diagnosed in Europe vs. “tens of thousands” in the U.S.
• Kurt Irons, 28, was arrested in December in Wausau, Wis., and charged with vehicular homicide. Reportedly, Irons was driving a stolen truck and had been driving and crashed head-on into another truck, killing a 37-year-old woman. According to the Marathon County Sheriff’s report, Irons was surprised that he was arrested, saying, “Dudes, it’s just a girl, man. It’s a girl, nothing but a girl.”
• Jeremy Dean and his parents, of Buneys, Calif., filed a lawsuit in January against Shasta County for at least $700,000 for Jeremy’s total disability that resulted from a car crash. Dean and some friends had been out drinking. Dean was in the back seat of a car and had stuck his head out the window to vomit just as the driver veered off the road, ramming Dean’s head into a tree. The lawsuit claims it was the county’s fault that the tree was so close to the road.
Track team seeks magical finish at Disney World

By JEFF CASE
Staff Writer

It's the most magical place on earth.

At least that's what members of the UCF women's track and field team hope.

"It, of course, is the home of happiness - Disney World. The Magic Kingdom will host the Track and Field Collegiate Championships on April 5," Mansur-Wentworth said. "It's the most magical place on our earth.

"But just like the other meets we have had this season, we want to have a magical finish," said Jumbo Johnson, a member of the track team.

Johnson's shot put record at the UCF meet with a throw of 41 feet, 8.5 inches. She also has been consistently throwing the javelin well at practice, Coach Marcia Mansur-Wentworth said.

"Our throwers should do very well. Kelly Kobia should win the discus, shot and javelin and should further break her records in those events," she said.

Mansur-Wentworth said she's also been impressed by the performance of freshman thrower Amber Twynar.

"She's doing very well ... she just started throwing the javelin this year. She threw 120 feet at the Florida Relays, and she's been improving at every meet," Mansur-Wentworth said. "She's going to do some damage in the shot put and javelin.

The team also is expecting a strong performance in the 400-meter hurdles, led by team record holder Michele Boike.

Boike, a junior, set the record at 56.47 seconds and is looking to improve her record at the Florida Relays, and she's going to do some damage in the shot put and javelin.

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DeVeaux among the Courageous

By DEREK GONSOUIN
Staff Writer

Considering what 6-foot-4 women's basketball center Stacey DeVeaux accomplished this past season, you would think of her as an average player (7.2 points and 5 rebounds a game) and excellent student (a 4.0 GPA in political science). Had you known the work needed to reach this redshirt-junior season, you might think much more of her:

- Three anterior cruciate knee injuries (two requiring reconstructive surgery)
- Daily rehabilitation on both knees her first three years at UCF
- Weight problems stemming from her inability to exercise.
- Rehabs interfering with her grades (a C-plus average her freshman year) after being a National Honor Society member in high school.
- After three years of rehab and practice she played little her first two seasons: 28 points in 29 games.
- "A lot of people who didn't play sports couldn't understand why I kept playing," DeVeaux said. "Once you do something, once you love doing it, you keep with it."

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Hagman hopes to go the distance for UCF

By MERIDYTH STANLEY
Staff Writer

Going away to college for some students means choosing a school within driving distance of home. Now imagine having two oceans separating you from your family.

UCF senior Jenny Hagman, 20, left Sigtuna, Sweden, to pursue opportunities to play golf in the United States. Hagman had good reasons. "In Europe, you are not permitted to attend school and play golf at the same time," she said. After receiving a scholarship to Louisiana State, Hagman never looked back. But during her first year at LSU, she realized just how far it was to be so far from home. She needed something to make her feel more at home.

"I did some research and found that not only does UCF have a high international student rate, but a lot of my golfing competitors from Europe travel to Central Florida in the winter to practice," Hagman said. So she transferred to UCF, a move that proved to be good socially and athletically.

Her first year at UCF, she helped lead the team to the NCAA Regionals. Her second year she won the TAAC tournament, shooting 77-72-73 and helped send the team to NCAAs in California. "I feel good about having a part in getting the team to regionals and nationals," she said. "It was all very exciting because the team had never made it to the finals."

This year Hagman had a fall average of 77.54 with a second- and third-place individual finish.

Even with graduation nearby, she hasn't slowed down. The women's team will compete in the State Intercollegiate, April 4-6 in Coral Gables and the TAAC Tournament at Pelican Bay North in South Daytona Beach, April 13-15. There she will have the opportunity to defend her title.

Hagman will go to Sweden in May and join the Swedish Tour this summer. "Naturally, I will miss all my friends, but I will also miss the price of products in the states," Hagman said. "Items such as clothing are practically doubled in Europe. Also, living standards here are much better than back home. You can get by on much less here and still live well."

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But, there is more. "I am applying to get my master's in economics in Europe, probably France," she said. It seems as though nothing could phase Hagman. Although, there are some things she will hate to leave behind. "Naturally, I will miss all my friends, but I will also miss the price of products in the states," Hagman said. "Items such as clothing are practically doubled in Europe. Also, living standards here are much better than back home. You can get by on much less here and still live well."

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Held holding down opposition

By KEN JACKSON
Staff Writer

April 2, 1997

This time last year, Travis Held was mired in a stretch of mediocrity at Palm Beach Community College. Coaches had no confidence in him, he said, and his statistics were "not that good."

Now, Held, a sophomore at UCF, is a dominating starter on a Division I team hoping to win the Trans America Athletic Conference.

Coach Jay Bergman assures Held briefly and directly.

"He's had the most dominating start by such a young pitcher since I've been here," Bergman said.

How dominating? His statistics tell the story. He is 3-0 with a 1.23 ERA, recording 72 strikeouts in 58 1/3 innings. Batters are hitting .190 against him.

"I'm in shock," said Held, who walked on at UCF. "The coaches have helped me so much. I came here because I liked the coaches so much, and I wanted to make the team. Now I can do that." (Student assistant coach Craig) Cozart has really helped me mentally. I've calmed down so much after the beginning of the year.

Because of the experience of the other starters, he wasn't considered for a starting rotation spot. But when Jeff Shohn, the projected fifth starter, went down with an early season shoulder injury, Held got a chance to show his abilities.

"Everyone gets a chance to represent on this team," assistant coach Greg Frady said. "Travis stepped up and earned his innings. The test is history. I'll say anything positive about him. He's intelligent, intense, aggressive, coachable. And he's a good kid—a tremendous representative for our program, which we need right now."

Frady feels Held's start of the season against Southwest Louisiana was his best.

"He threw six innings of shutout ball against a top I-A offense in the country," Frady said. "It was a day that the staff needed a shot in the arm, and one where he didn't have his best stuff.

"Travis battles like that. He also has a unique quality; he gets better as the game goes on and you either get him early or you don't get him.”

Held showed that in UCF's conference schedule opener Friday against Stetson. The Hatters second runs scored in each of the first three innings, but Held regrouped and pitched five shutout innings.

In the sixth inning, an error and a blown doubleplay opportunity put runners on base and Held had to hold his focus.

"That's when I'm at my best, I know I have to do it myself, that's when I'm in the clutch and I don't miss my spots then," Held said.

Some would call his attitude in pressure situations simple aggressiveness. Held uses a different word—psycho.

"I get my psycho look going in the dugout," Held said. "The team thinks I'm psycho. I sit in the dugout with beads of sweat coming off my head. But that's how I get mentally pumped for the game. I sit in there ready to kill somebody; I know I've got to control myself.

"Yeah, he's kind of nutty,” relief pitcher Eddie Rojas said. "But his attitude keeps us going sometimes. We have a few quiet guys on this team, and he helps us get going sometimes."

Baseball team takes 2 of 3 from Stetson

By KEN JACKSON
Staff Writer

The Golden Knights' baseball team used solid pitching and late-inning heroics to win two out of three games this weekend against conference rival Stetson at the UCF Baseball Complex.

The wins give UCF a share of the TAAC lead after the first weekend of in-conference play.

Central Florida (24-11, 2-1) won Friday night in 11 innings, 4-3, and followed with a doubleheader split on Saturday. UCF lost the first game 3-1 before winning the nightcap 3-2.

The Hatters struck first on Friday, scoring three runs in the first three innings off UCF starter Travis Held. With UCF trailing 3-1, Pat Williamson drove in runs in the sixth and eighth innings to tie the game while Held settled down to keep Stetson scoreless.

"With the score tied in the ninth, the Knights left the bases loaded. Mike Maroth, who entered in relief of Held in the ninth, held the Hatters hitless through the 11th to earn the victory."

"Maroth mixed it up well, he came at them with the slow stuff and they were off balance," Held said of Maroth's three innings of no-hit work.

UCF left two more men on base in the bottom of the 10th before Todd Bellhorn faced a 2-3 pitch with two outs into left field. Will Cordes scored from second to give the Knights the win.

"I was sitting curveball on 2-3 because he'd thrown it before, and he left it up a little bit," Bellhorn said. "That was huge because you know that you have to perform in conference games."

"Aw, this was a great game," Coach Jay Bergman said. "To give [Stetson] those chances to win and shut them down, and then not take advantage of our own chances in the ninth and 10th ... this game was mentally tough and we pulled through."

Bellhorn moved to the mound in the first game on Saturday and Stetson pounced on him early following shortstop Adrian Cardenas' throwing error. The gaff allowed leadoff man Ned Bellhorn to reach base and four hits followed, producing three runs.

Bellhorn gave up only two more hits, but UCF could only score one run, a sixth inning single by Eric Riggs which drove in Cardenas, and the Knights fell 3-1.

Stetson appeared headed to a 2-1 victory in the second game until the bottom of the seventh. Bellhorn singled up the middle, and Pat Williamson reached on an error. Cardenas tied the score with an RBI single. Pinch hitter Frank Fucile reached on another error, and the bases were loaded with no outs.

Cordes singled in Williamson for UCF's second win in as many days in their final at-bat.

"It feels good to win twice in the final inning," Bergman said. "There was a lot of excellent pitching from both sides."

Pitcher Matt Labozzetta pitched a two-hit complete game for the win.

Stetson coach Pete Dunn was not as pleased after seeing the doubleheader sweep slip away. "We can't ask any more from our pitchers, but we beat ourselves tonight," he said.

The Knights travel to Miami on Friday and Saturday for three games against conference foe Florida International.

Travis Held has been a dominant starter for UCF after walking on the team.

"I can't wait until my next start," Held says. "I'm already getting ready for my next game, which is kind of odd because I get in my mood swings and everything."

But players and coaches are willing to accept his adrenaline rushes, as long as he continues to set down opposing hitters.

"Last year to this year is a big difference because coaches have confidence in my ability," Held said. "I've got so much confidence going now, I can get anybody out."

Rapid predictions have Knights springing forward

By TIM SPRINGER
Sports Editor

The crisp of the coach's whistle, the crunch of colliding pads and the bark of quarterback cadences are all signs that spring drills are in out of full swing. But no the know whistle, colliding — pad or barbed cadence tells more about a team's potential than the bold prediction. Especially when it comes from the head coach.

"This may be the best team we've ever had at UCF," head coach Gene McDowell said.

Such a prediction is expected from the confident eyes peering through a face mask. But coaches usually tend to remain low-key when asked about their team's upcoming season.

An occasional "we still need a lot of work," or "it's too early to say how we'll do," are the common responses. And although these phrases may still linger in the minds of the UCF coaching staff, McDowell feels the Golden Knights' inaugural I-A season will mark a turning point in the upcoming season.

Rising his prediction on last year's ragged schedule and program made during spring drills, McDowell feels his Golden Knights are ready for yet another treacherous campaign. And after watching the UCF football squad bang heads through the morning hours, McDowell is hardly climbing a dying tree.

An aura of optimism and confidence beams from both sides of the ball, and competitive scrimmages tell a story that seconds McDowell's motion.

Defensive celebrations after big hits and offensive end zone parties are common occurrences during workouts. And it's not limited to players only. Coaches are just as much a part of the jubilant moments.

Although the Golden Knights' offensive and defensive units will be considered one team when the regular season kicks off, the spring season gives the uninitiated a chance to earn respect among teammates through vigorous competition.

And so far, many players are carrying the label—established 1997.

One player turning heads is receiver Siha Burley. The transfer from Florida Future Central is quickly learning the Golden Knights' system and making a name for himself among coaches and peers.

"The kid is amazing," said receivers coach Sean Beckton. "He's got great hands and outstanding speed."

McDowell agreed Burley is an outstanding prospect and feels he See PREDICTIONS, Page 15