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Knights look to rebel against favored Ole Miss

By TONY MEJIA
Staff Writer

Despite the many ups and downs the program has endured, UCF football has established a reputation of brilliant debuts, compiling a 6-0 record in the '90s. In fact, Gene McDowell has lost only one opener, a 23-15 downs the program has endured, meaning that the incoming recruits will have to contribute a lot. We'll just have to see how they mix. Beginning a trend many UCF opponents plan to use this year, the Rebels are expected to try to run the ball. Because of the lack of size in UCF's defensive line, teams are expected to fine up and try to knock UCF off the blocks. That will especially be Ole Miss' strategy, as it features talented tailbacks.

Avery gained 788 yards last season, and expects his numbers to increase this season. His low-to-the-ground, dodging and darting style will be quite a challenge for would-be tacklers. Avery will be running behind an

For confirmation are visits by art critics, tours by school children, the film department documenting the exhibition, interviews by the Orlando Sentinel, PBS covering the exhibition to make a documentary on Vouillos, and reservations at the Courtyard by Marriott.

These men are not nationally known, they are international artists,” said Frasier. “We're very, very fortunate.”

“I voted for it, didn't seem to have any problems with that,” said student body president Keith McDonald. “I guess when it came up this past week, it didn't go through.”

Senator John Turner said there was no clear-cut reason why the bill was not passed and explained that the SG officials had a problem with how the bill was offered to the accountants.

At the meeting, Senator David Siegel announced that SG has $746,000 they are trying to allocate over the next week, and that the artists' fees are included. Turner was completely unaware of this.

“I am an officer, I am also one of the fiscal officers of the senate,” said Turner. “If we were to go out and put this money in the budget, if this was the plan, why the hell was I not told, being one of the fiscal officers of the senate?”

Siegel then addressed pro-tempore Dominic Fariello and asked him to clarify the fact that the artists' fees were includ-

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however, in the wake of the vacancy signs, the university is taking steps to return the vacancy signs back to the campus.

In September, the estimated $12.5 million construction of Citrus, Summit and Levy halls will begin at the corner of Gemini Boulevard and Libra Drive. The hall's names are derived from various counties in the Central Florida area. Chris McCray, director of housing, explained how UCF received the funding for the housing units.

McCray said the funding came from bonds which were sold through a bonding authority in Tallahassee. Part of the proceeds were given to UCF by the state and the money will be paid back with the rental rates from the residence halls, he said.

Peter Newman, director of facilities planning, said he hopes the halls are finished by August 1998. The housing units will be modeled after the other residence halls on campus and will contain 582 beds. McCray welcomed the expansion of student housing.

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Rooms for Rent
New halls to open doors by '98

By BRIAN SMITH
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In what can be considered a symbol of the toughest schedules in school history, UCF has agreed to the challenge of opening the season at Vaught Hemingway Stadium in Oxford, Miss., a task that would certainly qualify as a surprise if the Knights should accomplish it. While a loss is expected by most, there is certainly excitement and looking forward to seeing how they mix." McCray said.

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inexperienced offensive line that returns two starters from last year's 5-6 club.

"We've had injury problems with our offensive line, so we haven't been able to practice like we've wanted to. Frankly, we could use a couple more weeks of two-a-days. With the amount of inexperience, practice time has become a hot commodity," said Ole Miss offensive coordi-
nator Noel Mazzone.

The Knights are familiar with the concept of an inexperienced offensive line. What was sup­posed to be a veteran line will now end up having to rely on redshirt freshman Chris Lorenti and John Beauchamp to take over for ailing upperclassmen Bill Dayton and Ryan Gillis. In an offense designed to take its cue from its star quarterback, protection will be a key ingredi-
et all season. Right now, the line's efficiency is questionable at best. UCF is also unsure at running back, where Mike Grant has stepped up in practice to claim the starting spot. The uncertainty at those positions will add emphasis to the impor-
tance of Daunte Culpepper and his talented receiving crew.

On the defensive side, the Knights will rely on ends Jameil McWhorter and Jermaine Benoit to anchor the defensive line. Brian VanGorder's unit has an improving secondary bolstered by the return of senior safeties Kenton Rickerson and Donnell Washington. The trio of fine-
buckers replacing last season's heralded seniors will get their first test as well.

"In looking at tapes of the UCF defense, I was impressed by their quickness, especially Benoit. The defensive backs have great ability," said Mazzone. "We're going to try to keep our offense simple, so you shouldn't see many different sets from our young group."

As in most debuts, the teams will try to establish an identity for the season. With UCF and Ole Miss coming in with big questions, the winner will proba-
bly be the side which provides positive answers to the most questions.

Dorm construction continues

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be able to house more students."

The Department of Housing could not place about 560 appli­cants for student housing because of lack of space for the Fall '97 term. McCray explained when stu-
dents will be placed in the newly constructed halls.

"Applications will be the same and they'll fill the available beds with the overfill," McCray said. "Hopefully by April there will be beds."

Students also welcomed the expansion. "They should be modeled after Knights Krossing," Fariello said. Senior Ashley Williamson said, "The new halls should be geared toward freshman. It'll help establish a form of community." Further expansion of student housing is likely.

The Student Housing Program is planning where more resident halls can be built.

"There is a plan to expand on the existing athletic fields which will then be replaced by the arena," Newman said.

"Contracts are not planned yet, but it does look like 100 percent go," he said.

New positions were also named that night: Cassandra Willard, Chief Justice; James Moncrief, internal auditor; Kelly Schumacher, director of campus services; Travis Bell, Seat 9 for College of Arts and Sciences; and Chris Day and Edna Spencer as co-directors of Provide-A-
Ride.

Blues Traveler, positions announced at meeting

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ed. Fariello said yes, and admit­ted, to his knowledge, Turner was not informed of this deci­sion.

Also on the meeting's agenda, Freddy Cano, concerts director for the Campus Activities Board, announced that nationally­known band Blues Traveler will be performing at this year's homecoming concert, set for Nov. 15.
Welcome to the wonderful world of CAB! I'm Jill Balbani, this year's illustrious director! This is my last year at UCF, and I have pretty much done it all! I'm studying psychology and I'd love to pick your brain. Send feedback to: nikolbalbani@ucf.edu. In my spare time I love sleeping, talking, baking, dancing to the Copa Cabana and using my mom's mastercard. You can find me in the Student Union room 215B! I hope you're not too busy reading this as we're bringing it to you. After all, I'm a gemini.

Jason N. Lee

Jason and I work together to find out the government has stripped the budget for his near-completed spaceport. Finishing the craft with a spare part, Jason and I think the other team members are SOAREP. In the wake of the sudden unexpected landing, a radioactive meteor narrowly collided with the ship, sending it spiraling back down to Earth. Jason and I have since been working each other mutated with strange and awesome powers... oh, nevermind. Cinema meets Tuesdays at 6PM in the Student Union St. Augustine room.

Freddy Love

I am the Concerts Director for CAB and I am very excited about my position and an interested in establishing diversity in the concert programming. For the first time in UCF history, the homecoming concert will be held outside of the shade after the game. Everyone will be able to enjoy the sound of live music and the sun. Our event will be HUGE, the best date for getting into concerts. I like to rollerblade, travel, and, of course, attend as many concerts as I can. Concerts meets Mondays at 5PM in the Student Union St. Augustine room.

Laytie LaBrass...

Hey UCF... How's it going? I am Laytie LaBrass, the Cultural Arts Director for CAB. Well, this is my day off and I should be chilling in the sun right now, but I'm writing this for CAB. I'm a proud junior here at the University of Central Florida and I am also the first ever exciting year! I am three times a lady at the OCD house and I am always having a good time wherever I am. It is going to be an unforgettable year, so come see me at the Big Book. Cultural Arts meets Wednesdays at 5PM in the Student Union room 215.

Jill Allison

Hi, I'm Jessica Allison and I am the Homecoming Director. I am a proud strong woman and enjoy roller blading. When I'm not substituting, going over myself, sleeping (which is a rare occurrence), and studying (which is mastercard has told me I'm not allowed to do anymore). This year's homecoming is terrifying, and not kidding, going to be bigger than any in UCF history, and I don't want to see you there. Homecoming meet Wednesdays at 5PM, call 623-2371 for location.

Kelli Belfatto

My name is Kelli Belfatto, but to the people who know me well I am K-Bel. I am a senior studying psychology. Just like the comedians I bring to UCF, I like to write, usually making fun of myself. I think of myself and everyone else as a star, which is perfect because I love astrology. I'm a Sagittarius and proud of it! I know you want to come out Monday's at 5PM in the Student Union St. Augustine room for the PEC meeting. There you will be able to find out who we have secretly under contract, and help plan future events, just follow my tweets when in doubt, laugh!
Dazzle them with brilliance

By College Press Service

Sure you're smart. But can you prove it? "Judgement Day" is coming - the day when you sit across the interview table from a potential employer. You'll have 30 minutes or so to make a favorable impression on the interviewer, an impression strong enough to lead to additional interviews or even a job offer. Let's face it, it's a big deal.

One of the Winning Characteristics recruiters will be looking for is Logic - or put more simply, thinking skills. They'll want to know that when you need to make an important decision without complete information, you'll be able to make smart, logical choices that benefit the firm.

How will the interviewer judge your brain power? Will she ask you: "Are you smart?" Will she ask you a series of Jeopardy questions? Of course not. It's difficult to ask any question that helps evaluate logic. And being a good communicator alone is not enough to prove your mental abilities: we all know plenty of people who are more eloquent than they are smart.

You may be surprised to know that most recruiters won't even try to assess your thinking skills in the interview setting. Instead they'll spend the precious interview time learning about your other skills such as leadership, creativity, and communication ability. They'll want to know a lot about your work experience and extracurricular activities.

So how do recruiters judge your ability to think? They'll use the best information they have available - your grade point average. That's right, they'll make very quick, yet very important judgments about your intellectual ability based entirely on your GPA. And you can bet they'll look at a 2.2 with a bit more skepticism than a 3.4.

Do you ever have philosophical discussions about whether grades really matter? Put yourself in the recruiter's shoes and it's a pretty simple question to answer.

So, get the grades. They will ultimately help you get the job.
By JASON HEIRONIMUS
Opinion Editor

Fellow students rejoice! We, like nearly all other self-respecting schools in the nation, now have a student union.

We may utilize this new facility any way we like. We may ignore it like we ignore every other futile attempt to bring a little life to the UCF campus, or we may take full advantage of this state-of-the-art facility.

It is ours, it was built and designed specifically for our needs, and it is up to us to decide whether it is to be a success or a failure.

In a recent survey of four students, +/- 3 percent, 75 percent believed that there wasn't enough campus activity. 75 percent were disappointed that UCF has a "computer" feel to it and 50 percent believed that campus would benefit from a student union. 25 percent had no opinion.

Right now you may be questioning the validity of this survey. However informal and minute, I believe that it correctly reflects the feelings and the needs of the average UCF student. For years the student body has begged for something that the students could embrace and enjoy that was actually located on campus. Finally our wish has been granted.

In an attempt to make you more familiar with our new student union I decided to sacrifice an hour and a half out of my busy schedule to review the goods. My agenda was to have a solid meal, some window shopping, possibly a beer at some point, and some intense competition in the game room. I ended up accomplishing all of my assigned tasks, except for the beer.

The student union is a beautiful building to begin with. It fits in with the rest of the buildings on campus and is visually pleasing on the inside as well. I was disappointed at first with my meal. After much careful consideration I decided upon Sbarro's. I got two slices of pizza and a large drink. The drink was good, it complimented the pizza, however, was burned and hard and was not up to par with what I consider to be good Sbarro's pizza.

There is not a whole lot of choice when you go in to get something quick to eat. You either have Sbarro's, Wendy's or Subway and it doesn't look like there is a whole lot of room for other stores to move in.

Strangely enough I was somehow coaxed into buying an ice cream cone. The last time I had an ice cream cone I was 8 years old and I spilled it all over my pants, thus scaring me for life. Regardless I soon found myself enjoying a double scoop of chocolate chip cookie. The strangest thing is that somehow I decided to tip the guy at the counter. I was so enamored by the double scoop that I believed he deserved an extra dollar for the trouble.

Tasty Treats was an unexpected delight and almost made up for the burned pizza only minutes before.

My window shopping excursion was all of three minutes long before the arcade games sucked me in with promises of high scores. The game room is a quality place to spend some time and forget about your worries. All the games are top notch, the day of the 25-cent video game is long gone, and there are ample pool tables and even a foosball table.

For now there are no change machines but my in-depth researching prowess discovered that in time they will be delivered.

In retrospect my first student union experience was a good one. Out of a possible five stars I'll give the experience four stars and the pizza one and half.

Though I was disappointed in the quality of my food I did end up spending an hour in the game room. Part of the beauty of the union is that a student can go there, throw down four or five bucks and waste a good, solid hour between classes. Chances are there is going to be other students there at the same time, and you may just end up meeting some people you otherwise would never had talked to.

The student union, despite below-par pizza, is a great thing for our campus. We should be proud of our newest addition and use it to its fullest extent.

So far, UCF is off to a great start.
Crisis

In April, DSC Communications of Plano, Texas, filed a lawsuit against ex-employee Evan Brown, to force Brown to give up a thought in his head. DSC had fired Brown for allegedly not honoring a contract that it says gives the company the right to know any idea Brown got for 10 years. Brown says he had an idea for upgrading old computer code into a higher-level code, which could be worth millions of dollars, but has not written it down and refuses to divulge it.

In June, a federal judge ordered Brown to dislodge the idea and give it to DSC.

The Crisis

The Times of London reported in July on an 86-year-old woman living without electricity in her Sheffield, England, home for 20 years because she had interpreted a power failure in 1972 as her being dropped as a customer. It turns out that Yorkshire Electric Co. had only accidentally failed to hook her up, but she said she was too embarrassed by her low utility use to ask if there had been a mistake. For years, neighbors thought the woman preferred to live by candlelight.

A Washington Post report in March on prison corruption in Mexico revealed that drug traffickers supposedly under maximum security actually have "spacious rooms, cooks and maids, cellular phones, a gymnasium, a sauna, and manicured gardens where they host barbeques," among other things. And in May, The New York Times revealed that a federal jail in Brooklyn has been run as a "Mafia social club," where family business "sit-downs" featured smuggled-in gator boots and eating specially prepared cured gardens where they host barbeques.

Recent Medical No-No's

In May, a doctor in Dublin, Ireland, writing in a British Medical Association journal, told of a golfer who developed hepatitis because he had the habit of licking his ball for good luck before each drive. And in June, a Distinguished Professor of Knowledge at the University of California at Berkeley appointed Braggie Brown to a tenured position (sponsored by $1 million from Xerox Corp. and its Japanese affiliate) as Distinguished Professor of Knowledge.

The Continuing Crisis

Union News: In July, a Transmeters local in Oakland, Calif., protested Mills College's use of goats to clear brush on its land. Since the union has a contract with Mills, the Transmeters official said the college should either replace the goats with its members, or unionize the goats. And in June, The New York Times reported that the union representing office cleaners gives worse treatment to the workers who clean its own New York City headquarters offices than it gives to any other office cleaners. The union's own cleaners have no right to grievance procedures regarding wages, discipline or firing.

In April off the coast of Long Beach, Calif., the Coast Guard managed to rescue 16 people from a 40-foot yacht that began to sink while a commercial porno movie was being shot on board. Among the rescued was the veteran star Nina Hartley.

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The Classic Middle Name

In Alabama, murderer Billy Wayne Waldrop was executed in January, and the next month, murderer Dudley Wayne Kyrer was turned down for parole. Two weeks later, murderer Coleman Wayne Gray was executed in Virginia. In May, murderer Larry Wayne White was executed in Texas. In July, Maryland inmate Richard Wayne Column will be sent to prison for killing another inmate. And once again this April 19, the nation was reminded that the Oklahoma City bombing date commemorated not only the siege at Waco, but the 1995 Arkansas execution of murderer and militia hero Richard Wayne Snell.

Correction

In May, News of the Weird mindlessly reported the conclusion of the editors of the journal Nature that the use of dog-hair DNA in a murder case was the first criminal trial of nonhuman DNA. Not only is that incorrect, but News of the Weird itself reported one such incident in 1995, in which two men were charged with cattle-rustling in Cocoa, Fla., based on matching the DNA of a calf with the DNA in an uncooked slab of pot roast from the calf's mother. A News of the Weird reader turned up an even earlier cattle-rustling case, in 1993 in Brownsville, Tex.
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E-mail discussion list a hit with economics class

By JOHN D. MORGAN
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Considering the number of core curriculum classes required for general education requirements, it's easy for some students to feel like a number.

Students can remedy the situation by attending community college, but if that option is not feasible, then you may find yourself in an oversized, theater-like classroom, where you need a megaphone to be heard.

However, one class this summer found a way to break the core-curriculum grind thanks to some modern technology.

In Dr. Rajshree Agarwal's Micro Economics class, every student's first assignment was to subscribe to an e-mail discussion list, specific to the class. UCF students are provided with their own e-mail account, so the discussion list idea was accessible to students who didn't own a home computer.

The topics on the list generally related to economic issues covered in class or in the headlines. However, as was the case before a test or major assignment, students were able to use the list to form study groups or relay late-breaking information.

In one instance before the final project, Dr. Agarwal had to leave town for a personal matter. The project, which was posted through Dr. Agarwal's personal home page had become inaccessible to students when the link to one of the web pages needed to complete the assignment expired.

Thanks to a student who had already finished the project, copies of the news article needed to complete the project were posted and the rest of the class finished its assignment on time.

Not only did each student have more access to the instructor, there were lively discussions among students.

"What was neat about it was that people actually replied to what you wrote. It really made you feel like part of the class," student Vima Davis said.

Another student, Lourdes Junior, was equally satisfied with the method.

"I had to be absent for a week — for personal reasons — and thanks to Dr. Agarwal's discussion list, I was able to keep up with the class," Junior said.

Dr. Agarwal finds e-mail and discussion lists invaluable to her teaching. Her research has shown that using the Internet in the classroom results in finer student performance, and also leads to better attitudes toward economics.

"I like the increased contact with the students; it makes teaching much more enjoyable and fulfilling," she said. "I have fun with the students, and they find that economics is not dull, dry and boring after all."

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Phase II Coming Soon
Robinson Observatory offers glance to outer space

By JENNIFER LINDSTROM
Staff Writer

The next Galileo could make an exciting discovery in the UCF Robinson Observatory. And the next Carl Sagan could be a student in an astronomy class right now.

The UCF-RO has been open since January, 1996. UCF students and faculty, and members of the community alike, have access to this facility. It is located on Neptune Road, just beyond the UCF police station, a site chosen for its isolation from campus lights.

This addition to the university is just the beginning of many plans to make the astronomy and physics program even stronger.

"The observatory is an excellent way to get students and members of the community interested and excited about astronomy," said Dr. Nathan Barlow, an astronomer professor at UCF.

Barlow has been working to strengthen the astronomy division of the physics department. She is a professional astronomer, and previously worked at the Johnson Space Center in Houston.

The opening of the UCF-RO was a combined effort from the university, and the Central Florida Astronomical Society. The CFLAS located the Schmidt-Cassegrain telescope that is inside. It was kept in a storage room at the University of Florida. This telescope has a 26-inch (diameter) lens. It is a twin of the one currently in the UF observatory.

Depending on atmospheric conditions, this telescope will be able to view galaxies, planets and nebula very well in the west direction. However, celestial objects in the east will be more difficult to observe, due to Orlando city lights.

The observatory's setup includes a small lecture room and a computer/storage area for research. The telescope is located in the upper level of the building.

"Being able to look at planets I have only heard about and guessed their location in the sky, was absolutely out of this world," said junior, Michael Shidley. "It really is exciting to have that kind of access right here on campus, and for free." Research will also play a primary role in the observatory. "It's important for the astronomy classes to become familiar with actually seeing the planets and stars," says Barlow. Independent studies for students enrolled in astronomy and physics classes will be encouraged.

Although astronomy is not yet an established major at UCF, Barlow intends on working to develop it into one. There are also plans to implement degrees for an astronomy on a graduate level as well.

"We are excited to offer two new undergraduate courses this fall: Galaxies and Cosmology, and Environment of the Moon and Mars," Barlow said.

Shaun Marshall, a computer engineering major who plans to become an astronaut one day, is excited about the new available courses. "I have always had a fascination with astronomy, and now thanks to Barlow's efforts, I will be able to excel in my dream of becoming a U.S. astronaut, and knowing more about our galaxy."

Students, however, will not be the only ones conducting research. The CFLAS plans to use the observatory on weekends for projects. Future involvement with NASA research is also in planning.

Elementary and middle schools from the area will be involved in visits/field trips to the observatory as well. The UCF-RO will be open for viewing every first and third Wednesday each month.

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By Colleen De Baise
College Press Service

Lava lamps. Hanging beads. Colored lightbulbs. With a few accessories that suit cramped space can be transformed.

"Lava lamps," he continues, "They're very popular. And big oriental rugs for dorms without carpeting. If there's a spot for it, then hanging beads maybe." Niebur, a former dorm dweller who now lives in an apartment, says he favors decorative touch-es that serve a purpose, like functional art. "Change your light bulb from normal white to something different [like] bright red or yellow," he suggests. Why? "It gives [your room] something different from anyone else on the floor, and if you open the windows, bugs don't come in."

While Niebur is just an ordinary college guy, the experts agree functional art is a good thing, especially for college students. Magnetic Poetry, for instance, is THE rage on college campuses, according to its makers.

"In the absence of fridges, students use file cabinets, lockers, dry erase boards, metal doorways, metal bookshelves and any other metal or magnet-friendly surface," says John Larson, a company spokesperson. "We even have an unconfirmed report of people sticking them to their braces and a metal plate in one wrestler's head."

Others choose to adorn their room with some hot signs—and, yes, that's hot as in stolen, a few students readily admit. As far as good decorating tips are concerned, "I think most revolves around stuff that you steal," says Matt Grace, a junior at the University of California-Los Angeles.

At UCLA, a popular addition to the dorm room is a large convex traffic mirror that normally lines Los Angeles streets. "They look like giant contact lens, and they're really easy to steal," says Grace, adding that one adorns his wall. "You look at it and it disappears totally."

Also good, he says, are "banners that you get from sporting events" and posters from surf shops, neither of which have to be stolen, necessarily. "But though his weekend agenda typically does not include "antiquing," Grace says he also digs vintage stuff. A wooden airplane propeller hangs on his wall, and he'd like to find an old Jack Daniels advertisement printed on sheet metal. While it's easy to get caught up in the excitement of dorm decorating, don't forget to demonstrate taste, warns Niebur, from Ohio State. For instance, just say no to beer posters featuring butts in bikinis. "That's definitely out," he says. "You can tell a lot about someone by the way they decorate their room."

And guys who decorate their room in such a fashion are obviously "childish," according to Niebur.

Along those lines, a "definite turn-off" is a room decorated with every can of beer drunk by their room's inhabitants, he says. "Just imagine any particular beer case, plastered everywhere."

But when they think this is a college dorm room?
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Deep reflection
A woman and a child stroll though the Reflection Pond recently while it was drained for cleaning.

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Students Requesting More Theme Halls, Say Colleges

By Colleen De Baise
College Press Service

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stance-free lifestyle. Like Robinson, many students report that theme houses provide an enjoyable living experience—and a more attractive option.

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He adds: "There's a greater demand on the part of students, faculty and staff to come together and build these kinds of communities."

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At Lebanon Valley College, students can choose to live in a "clean air" floor, which does not allow cigarette smoking, incense burning and other aromatic annoyances. "It's an odorless residence hall, except for the dirty clothes that's around," explained Rosemary Yabu, the college's dean of student services.

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Senior citizen arrested after refusing to get off bus

By OLIVIA K. CURNOW
Managing Editor

Roosevelt Pettis, 73, was arrested for aggravated assault, resisting with our violence and trespassing after warring on Aug. 6, according to a UCF Police Department report.

Pettis informed the dri­
er of the bus he was riding that they were going the wrong way, as they headed east on University Boulevard. He got out of his seat and demanded to be taken to his destina­
tion. Pettis threatened
to hit the driver with his cane when the driver told him he could not take him.

When the bus reached UCF, Pettis refused to get off the bus. After deny­
ing free rides to his destination by the Lynx supervisor two police officials, Pettis was arrested for the above charges.

In other reports released by the UCPD:

• Tiffany Murto, 23, was arrested for driving under the influence on Aug. 17, around 2 a.m. Police pulled her and a passenger over on Greek Park Drive when they clocked her doing 49 mph in a 35 mph zone. She was given a series of field sobriety tests. She was issued tickets for speeding and DUI and her blood alcohol level was .126/.129 when tested at the DUI center.

• Nathan Cornelius Watson, 20, was arrested on University Boulevard for resisting arrest by giving a false name. On Aug. 12, he was stopped for a traf­
ci​c violation and he matched the pic­
ture on a driver’s license. However, he told the officer his name was Nathan Cornelius Wains, but was identified by his ex-girlfriend.

• Scott Simard, 21, was arrested for DUI on Aug. 12 on Alafaya Trail. Simard went through a stop sign on Greek Park Drive. The police followed him to Alafaya Trail and Simard was pulled over after a series of intermit­
tent braking. After visual and verbal indications of intoxication, Simard was asked to step out of the car and perform field sobriety tests. He stated he had five beers, but knew he was way over the blood alcohol level and started guessing just how much.

• Anthony Marco, 26, was arrested for DUI on Aug. 15 at the Lake Claire Recreation Arca. On routine patrol, the officer approached Marco and asked him to step out of the car after noting red-rimmed and glassy eyes. Marco was slightly unsteady on his feet when performing the sobriety tests and told the officer he had two beers. His blood alcohol level was .078/.080.

• Emma Alverio, 20, was arrested for driving under the influence on July 25 and was not to be removed until needed again. The sprayer was locked in a room with employees who had keys to the room, however there were no admissions to guilt.

• An edger was reported stolen by the physical plant and was stolen outside of Sharro’s at the Student Union.

UCF crimes reported

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Cruising Kmart, Interns Shop For Life’s Necessities—And Then Some

By Colleen De Baise
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TROY, Mich.—With $500 in his pocket, an empty shopping cart and miles of aisles to cover, University of Michigan sophomore Brandon Cesul was on a mission to buy everything he needed for back-to-school.

Two hours later, after combing the shelves at the Big Kmart, he had jammed an empty shopping cart and miles of aisles—but not before he had grabbed a coupon organizer. “I clip coupons for grocery shopping at school,” he said. “My friends call me a moose, but I save a lot of money.”

She demonstrated her smart-shopping finesse in the school supplies aisle, where she compared prices on two packages of correction fluid before choosing the better deal. And then there was the toilet paper. “My mom is going to ask me why I’m buying 36 rolls of TP to Atlanta when I could buy it down there,” she said. “But, I mean, two packages for 50¢!”

Besides staples such as spiral notebooks and highlighters, the students found several other items under $12 that they thought would be useful for their return to campus. They included:

- baby wipes to keep in the dorm room and backpack for quick cleanups
- a dry erase board to affix to a door so visitors can leave notes
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"Event Horizon"

Think "Alien" with no aliens. Think "The Shining" in space. Think, but not too long or hard, or the ludicrous might disturbingly come out of Paul Anderson's MOVIE REVIEW silly sci-fi space horror feast "Event Horizon". Named for the humongous space craft that mysteriously vanishes, the film enlists capable help through an entourage of exceptional actors. Lawrence Fishburne is the head of the crew and strictly plays it straight and serious. The ones by his side include Oscar-nominee Kathleen Quinlan ("Apollo 13"), Sam Neill, and Jack Noseworthy. Besides the impressive set designs, which look too epic at times, and a slew of graphic special effects, "Event Horizon" inevitably gets run down by its corny premise. Director Anderson knows how to shoot terror in space. Obviously inspired by the countless imitations of Ridley Scott's ground-breaking "Alien" (1979), this new film, written with unusual conviction by Philip Eisner, utilizes claustrophobic atmosphere to the extreme. "Horizon" is always dark and often brooding, yet in a mind boggling sort of way, it delivers as escapist sci-fi entertainment. In a summer armed with more bombs than missiles, this manipulative horror show seems gratifying.

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

Stallone's vast 'Cop Land' guns down bad guys

The cops in James Mangold's ("Heavy") "Cop Land", an ambitious, gritty reminder of past films about law enforcement, urban violence and corruption ("Serpico", "Prince of the City" and "Fort Apache the Bronx"), have created their own safe havens just outside New York. There, deals are made and money is passed, everything from bribes to evidence tampering. This crooked elite is headed by chief cop Harvey Keitel, who along with a menacing partner (played by Robert Patrick) go out and about maintaining the streets, all in the name of law and order.

When a young, cocky rookie cop nicknamed Superboy (Michael Rapaport) accidentally shoots and kills two punks on a city bridge following a car chase, Mangold's always poten­tially convoluted story kicks into gear. The layers of his script are at high-risk throughout, especially with such a potent ensemble as Robert De Niro, Sylvester Stallone, Ray Liotta, and Annabella Sciorra. All actors are exceptionally well, particularly Stallone and Sciorra who make their characters to be something more. De Niro again supplies several intense, methodical acting highlights. And Stallone, who's never really had a decent film since 1976 ("Rocky"), emerges like a small town sheriff bent on protecting his turf.

"Cop Land" is most interesting if taken in this text. The film, with its violent conclusion, plays off our cinema's genre of westerns. Not every police thriller can work this good as modernist "High Noon". Mangold's brilliant climactic showcase pits Stallone's Freddy Heflin against the bad guys - gun to gun. Sly finally gets pissed, and the blood spilled is just as much as Rocky Balboa gave up in the ring when he faced Apollo Creed. To heighten effect, Mangold cleverly mutes the soundtrack to convey Heflin's bloodied ears. The guy can't fully hear, yet he can still carry his weight even in the most adverse conditions. A modest, often intense drama, worthy as Mangold's sophomore effort and the big bucks Miramax spit out for its relentless promotion.

** (out of four) B
1 hr. 40 min. Rated R
FOOTBALL NOTEBOOK

Real opponent, real opening day

When UCF opened its first season in division I, less than 19,000 fans at the Florida Citrus Bowl watched the turnover-plagued Knights survive.1-AA William and Mary.

With an opening date in front of 40,000 boisterous fans at Oxford, Mississippi this season, senior defensive lineman Jameil McWhorter said UCF will have little trouble staying focused this year.

"It's going to be a hostile crowd, so it's going to be a big rush to be out there," McWhorter said. "I'm trying to tell the younger guys what the crowd will be like because Mississippi is a true football state."

"I have been taking some snaps, but said the team is progressing as it should. "The games are the gravy. We have just a few more days until we taste it."

Second scrimmage not enough of a mismatch

Usually blowing out your opponent 34-0 is cause for celebration, unless it was your own scout team. Coach Gene McDowell was unhappy with his first and second team units not completely dominating the second scrimmage of the season.

"It was better than (the first) scrimmage but it wasn't good enough. We are light years away from being ready to play Ole Miss," McDowell said.

"We made a million mistakes. We won 34-0 today against our scouts. That's not what I call good. This game should have been 60-0."

The scrimmage's highlights came from the usual suspects. Quarterback Daunte Culpepper was 15 of 20 for 179 yards and two touchdowns passing and added another score rushing.

Redshirt freshman wide receiver Kenny Clark caught a five-yard touchdown pass from Culpepper to finish an 11-play, 90 yard drive to end the first half. Todd Cleveland caught the other score from Daunte, a 55-yard catch and run down the sideline.

McDowell was critical of the lack of enthusiasm for the scrimmage, but said the team is progressing as it should.

"Hey, if we were ready by this point they (the NCAA) would have only given us (fewer) practices."

The scrimmage came a day after the team ended two-a-days. With the end of camp coming after the team ended two-a­days. With the end of camp coming this past weekend, game week preparations for the Mississippi game began in earnest on Monday.

Hoping the middle will be Devine at Mississippi

While first-team middle linebacker Deaubrey Devine's status for opening day is uncertain because of a right shoulder injury, junior outside linebacker Mike Palmer has moved to middle.

"I have been taking some snaps there," said Palmer, whose 34 tackles last season is the most among returning linebackers. "I know all the positions, so I can go back and forth. I am not really sure what the plan is right now, but I am ready wherever they play me."

"He's a technician," Palmer said. "He has good technique and he is pretty good sized kid. He has been going over the stuff for three years now so he should be ready."

—DEREK GONSOLIN

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College students surveyed on sex habits

By Colleen De Baise
College Press Service

CHICAGO—Inside the Bourgeois Pig Cafe, the hiss of an espresso machine interrupts quiet conversation. Mid-morning is a slow time, but at night, the vintage coffeehouse fills with college students from nearby DePaul University. College students looking for love, that is.

"There’s a couple who come in. They used to sit on separate sides of the room, and I used to see them moving closer and closer together," says Suellen Hoiles, a DePaul sophomore who has worked at the cafe for four months. "And now, they’re dating."

For DePaul students, the coffeehouse is “definitely” a social scene, a place where introductions occur with frequency and flirting often extends until midnight, which is closing time, according to Hoiles. “It’s totally like a bar, but it’s not, because it’s a coffeeplace,” she says. "But it’s got the same kind of charisma and energy."

Whether they hang out at a jazzy coffeeshop, a push-and-shove fraternity party or a solemn library, college students have latched on to an interesting discovery. The college years are an ideal time not only to grasp the finer concepts of macroeconomics, but also to do some serious scamming.

“For many people, college is the first chance to explore their sexuality openly, to experiment freely without the burdens of parents, curfews and assigned labels,” say Leland Elliott and Cynthia Brantley, who com-piled the findings into a book, also called Sex On Campus, conclude that the college experience, basically, “is a great opportunity to get laid.”

“It’s also a great opportunity to get involved in a mature relationship, and dare we say, even to fall in love,” they say. “It is unlikely that you will ever be around so many people in your immediate age group again.”

The problem, the survey found, is that college men and women are perplexed about the whole “dating” scene, which the authors note is also called “scamming” or “macking.” For instance, when college men were asked about the qualities they find most attractive in sex partners, their top pick was personality, followed by beauty and brains.

When women were asked what they believed their sex partners found attractive, they said beauty, followed by good body and brains. Brains was much further down the list.

“Is anybody talking to each other out there, or are they learning about each other by watching relationships on Baywatch and Melrose Place?” asks the authors. “No wonder people are so confused.”

On the other hand, Eastern Illinois University senior Jim Graney says bars are the best place to scam a date.

“It’s a laidback setting,” he explains. “It’s expected to have someone come up to talk to you. It would be a little weird if you were in a store and someone came up to talk to you.”

What’s his best pick-up line? “I’m still trying to figure that out myself,” he says.

To make things easier, the authors suggest a few conversation starters that, if not successful in starting a dr continuing the route to the bathroom and waiting for the next lucky person to make an approach, are probably not likely to offend anyone, either.

Recommended lines to be used at beer bashes, according to Elliott and Brantley, are:

• “Aren’t you in my English class?”
• “Do you want a beer?” or “Can you show me where the bathroom is?”
• “This band suck, or what?”

Always an effective opener, the authors claim, is “Hey, I’m going to dance with you, but I think my shoes are stuck to the mung on the floor.” Then, there’s always “I just met someone, and I’m just coming back.”

Shannon Scott, a University of Miami senior, reports hearing some of the worst pick-up lines imaginable. The cheesiest she’s heard to date goes like this: “Hey baby, that’s a cute outfit you have on. I think it matches my carpet at home—let’s go find out.”

Scott says that one roommate of hers preferred to meet people through class projects instead of the usual campus hangouts, such as bars and fraternity parties. “You get to know them in a casual setting, and there’s no alcohol involved,” she says.

You could order the summary execution of any three people, who would they be and why? (If that sounds too creepy, the authors say an alternative would be: “If you had to be locked in a Motel 6 bathroom for the weekend with any three people, who would they be and why?”)

Then, there’s always the opportunity to meet someone in English Lit or Psych 101. A few Assocs can be used before class, according to Elliott and Brantley:

• “What did the professor talk about last time? I missed class.”
• “If I fall asleep and start to snore or drool, will you please kick me?”
• “Do you think the professor was drunk last time, or what?”

The authors note that some lines are “so old they’re moldy” and should be avoided at all costs. They include:

• “Are you a model?” (Or the modern variation, “Are you an aeronautics instructor?”)
• “Live around here? Come here often?”

Your father must be a thief, because he took the stars from the sky and put them in your eyes.” (People have actually said this, the authors note.)

Also, avoid lines that sound good only when delivered by old blues musicians, such as: “Honey, I’d drink your bathtub water.”

• “You could make a blind man see,” and “Lord, have mercy.”

Rob Gleason, a Miami sophomore, says he’s looking for someone who enjoys coffee and good conversation and who has a “great set of legs.” But he, for one, won’t be relying on any lines to snare his date.

• “I don’t use pick-up lines,” he says. “They don’t work.”

According to the survey, though, Gleason will likely have to make the first move if he wants to meet that special someone.

It may be the ’90s, but 77 percent of men still ask their potential mates out the first time, whereas only 16 percent of women take the first step.

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Athletic Departments Investigated For Pell Grant Fraud

By Marco Buscaglia
College Press Service

WASHINGTON—Athletic department officials expect a lot of visitors this time of year: reporters are checking out the hottest football players, boosters are looking for tickets, and scouts from other teams show up to evaluate their competition.

But this month, athletic departments across the nation are dealing with new visitors: federal investigators in search of evidence of Pell Grant fraud.

U.S. Education Department officials have been visiting schools to take a close look at the financial aid records of student-athletes in search of possible abuses.

ESPN, the all-sports cable network, has reported that players at 22 universities—almost all major football powers—have been targeted by the Education Department, working with the General Accounting Office.

The department's Office of Inspector General acknowledged the visits, although officials there wouldn't say which schools are involved.

Dianne Van Riper, assistant inspector general for investigations at the Education Department, says the investigations are centered on Pell Grants, namely who gets the money and for what purposes.

"We want to take a close look at the process in individual situations," Van Riper said. "We're looking for actual examples of abuse."

Van Riper said at least one school is being investigated by a separate federal grand jury for illegal financial aid procedures.

Although not confirmed by Van Riper, various sources reported that Mississippi State University may be the focus of the larger federal probe.

David Boles, associate athletic director at MSU, says his department has nothing to do with Pell Grants. "That's something that's handled by the financial aid office," Boles said. "That has nothing to do with us. And I'm sure the people at financial aid don't treat football players or basketball players any differently. I hear them complaining. They have to wait in line and on the phone just like everyone else."

Van Riper said the latest investigation is a direct result from a probe into the University of Miami in 1994.

Federal officials noticed a pattern of financial aid abuse there that could be traced to other schools.

"We received information that the financial aid abuses were taking place at other campuses," Van Riper said. "The current investigation is a way to check on those allegations."

The investigation led to the conviction of Anthony Russell, an academic adviser who helped football players and other athletes illegally obtain financial aid with falsified records. Russell was recently released from prison after serving a sentence for fraud.

Although the current focus is on Pell Grants, Van Riper said investigators are taking a close look at work-study programs as well.

Pell Grants are a form of financial aid from the federal government for students from low-income families. The money is meant for college tuition. Nearly 3.7 million students received the grants last year.
Some college students to get a quick high from alcohol and marijuana.

"That is why the educational campaign we are announcing today is so very, very important," the attorney general said. "When mixed with alcohol, these drugs can be as lethal as a gun or a knife."

UCLA has purchased 40,000 bookmarks and plans to put one in every textbook sold this fall.

Two Students, Coach Die In Van Accident

By College Press Service

CARROLLTON, Ga.—A van carrying 12 members of the University of West Georgia's cheerleading squad crashed Aug. 10, killing two cheerleaders and the squad's coach.

The coach, Stephanie Shaw, lost control of the van she was driving when a tire blew and the vehicle flipped over on a Georgia highway, authorities said. Shaw, 27, was killed instantly.

Sophomore cheerleader DeAndré Hamilton, 20, died hours later. Another cheerleader, Michael Massa, 18, died a week later from injuries sustained in the crash.

Ten other cheerleaders, male and female, were injured when they were ejected from the van.

The squad had been on its way to Myrtle Beach, S.C., to prepare for the season opener. The van was traveling in excess of 70 m.p.h., and no one wore seat belts, police said.

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Brooklyn-Raised Rosie Perez doesn’t Takes The Subway—Unless It’s For Work

By Ian Spelling
College Press Service

NEW YORK—"I stopped taking the subway three years ago," says Rosie Perez, co-producer and co-star of a project called Subway Stories, as she chats over lunch at a SoHo diner. "I took my truck into the City today. I’m much a Brooklyn girl. I swear. But I stopped taking the subway after my gun incident."

Gun incident? Perez, the energetic 29-year-old star of Do The Right Thing, White Men Can’t Jump and Fearless, giggles. One time, she was on a subway when a dead ringer for Rick Morris threatened to kill everyone. Out of nervousness, Perez and other straphangers laughed in his face, and he ran off. Another time, an unruly fan assaulted her in a subway station.

The subway-challenged Perez even happened to be on the same train, different car, all those years back when Bernie Goetz went off, and they detained everyone going to a high club. Everyone taped and the cops. We just got off the platform and saw the yellow body. They didn't tell us what even happened to be on the same train," Perez says. "We were years back when Bernie Goetz was on a subway after my gun incident." "You don’t act to not be seen. If you want to act just for yourself, stand in Washington Square Park and act your butt off. That’s not to sound narcissistic. You want people to share and laugh and react to your work. It’s like a painter who wants his paintings displayed at the gallery, so everyone can see them. Video and cable are my savors. Everyone has seen Fearless on cable. They show it all the time. So, it helps to know everything will eventually get seen."

"I think ours works because we have the tone right," she says. "It’s fulfilling because I get to believe good work will eventually get seen."

Sometimes they work, like most anthologies are tricky beasts. TV’s In Living Color, that produced Subway Stories in association with us," says Perez, who produced and choreographed the Fly Girls" dance sequences on TV's In Living Color, as she chats about some that worked and some that didn't, in order to find the common ground in the good ones and what was missing from the bad ones. And the answer in both cases was tone. On our project, we wanted the tone to be right emotionally, as well as in terms of the comedy and the piece’s look. They all have similar lighting and texture.

"It seemed as though Perez hadn’t been around much lately prior to Subway Stories, there’s a good reason. She wasn’t. After the modest hit It Could Happen To You and the quick-fade Somebody to Love, Perez took a year off. She then spent a year and half bringing Subway Stories to life. During her hiatus, Perez hung out with her family and friends in Brooklyn and basically got her head together."

Always something of a unlikely star—it was Perez whose success opened doors for the current crop of Latina actresses, headed by Lauren Velez, Salma Hayek and Jennifer Lopez—Perez also has a reputation for mixing major films, say White Men Can’t Jump and It Could Happen To You, with such independent fare as A Brother’s Kiss and Somebody to Love. As a result, she’s done some fine work in films that were barely seen."

"My feelings are mixed," Perez says. "Demme's company and I discussed that a lot and we looked at some that worked and some that didn’t, in order to find the common ground in the good ones and what was missing from the bad ones. And the answer in both cases was tone. On our project, we wanted the tone to be right emotionally, as well as in terms of the comedy and the piece’s look. They all have similar lighting and texture."

"I want so much more," she says. "I'm very happy, but I do want more. I'm not disappointed. But I want to keep going and doing and creating. I want a career like Barbara Stanwyck's. Everyone underestimated her when she first came out, because she wasn't a glamour-puss. But, boy, did she rock 'em, sock 'em. In the end, she got her Oscar."

"So, Perez concludes, "I've got to believe good work will prevail."

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New signees give Coach Jay Bergman more options

By KEN JACKSON
Staff Writer

All of the recruits for next year's Golden Knight baseball team are finally signed, sealed, and in place.

And Coach Jay Bergman has made it clear: UCF doesn't rebuild, it reloads.

Friday, the school announced eight late signees for next year's team. Two pitchers and a utility player head the list.

Bill Oakley (Libertyville, IL HS), led Chicago with a .525 batting average and 45 runs batted in. Jason Arnold holds all school pitching records at Melbourne High. Lefty Lester Victoria had a 1.44 ERA last year at Northwest (Ala.) Community College.

"We got into the last series at the end where our pitching staff struggled a little. We have a couple of pitchers coming in that have the ability to hopefully rise to the occasion of an important game."

"Our team was lead by our young players this past year, so these new guys should fit in just fine," Bergman said.

Two second baseman, Tim Booth (Tallahassee CC) and Andy Johnson (Barron Collier HS), will join the young Knights. Booth has already been drafted by the Boston Red Sox and Milwaukee Brewers, and Johnson is the third of three brothers to suit up for the Black and Gold.

Two UCF players were drafted in June's Major League Draft. Senior pitcher/designated hitter Todd Bellhom was selected in the ninth round by the San Francisco Giants, and spring recruit Matt Bowser (Tarpon Springs HS) was chosen by the Toronto Blue Jays in the 10th round. Both passed on the pro money and will play for Bergman next season.

"Having Todd Bellhom back is like having another recruit because we didn't count on having him back," assistant coach Greg Frady said. "He will be a tremendous boost to our pitching staff and to our leadership.

"We have deeper talent than we did last year, but until they together and gel, you can't say, 'This team is better than last year,'" Frady said. "They have an opportunity to better this past year."

"We're going to have a real good offensive team next year with depth at every position," Bergman said. "This could be the best team we've had, and with these new players we've got a great foundation for the future."
GAME NOTES

What: Saturday, Aug. 30-Central Florida at Mississippi, 7 p.m.
Stadium Capacity: 42,577
Head Coaches:
Ole Miss-Tommy Tuberville, 11-11 in two years with the Rebels
UCF-Gene McDowell, 5-6 in first year at division I with the Knights
Series: First meeting
Key Injuries-
UM: None reported
UCF: MLB Deaubrey Devine (shoulder) questionable. C Bill Dayton (knee) out.
Last time out: First game of the season for both teams
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Notes: Ole Miss- With just 20 total juniors and seniors on their roster, the Rebels will be count­ing heavily on their first full recruiting class since coming off NCAA probation to provide depth...
Senior RB John Avery, a former teammate of UCF safety Deon Porter at Northwest Mississippi Community College, will lead the Rebel offense. Avery had 788 yards and five touchdowns in 1996...
The defense is led by senior LB Nate Wayne, who had team-high 115 tackles last sea­son.
UCF-A combination of McDowell's displeasure with the fullback and tight end positions and the depth at wide receiver will prompt many three and four receiver sets. Look for QB Daunte Culpepper (2,667 yards, 21 TDs in total offense) to test an Ole Miss defense that was next-to-last in passing efficiency defense in the SEC last year...
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UCF hopes to improve on a unit that allowed over 150 yards rushing a game and intercepted just six passes in 1996.
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second-placed preseason ranking in the TAAC East Division.
The season opens on Aug. 29, at home against Long Island University in the UCF Soccer Classic. Starting goalkeeper Tuomas Tuomilehto, forward Ari Nurmi and midfielder Riiguid O'Sullivan have suffered nagging injuries, but coach Bob Winch said all three should be ready for ULI.
The tournament concludes on Aug. 31 against Winthrop, who defeated the Knights 3-1 in South Carolina last season.

Crew
Athletes wanted-no experience needed: The UCF Crew is looking for men and women to row on the team. NO EXPERIENCE IS NEEDED to join the UCF Crew. An informational meeting for inexperienced rowers will be held on Wednesday, Aug. 27, 1997, at 4:00 p.m. in the Wayne Densch Sports Center, Room 122. For more information or if you missed the meeting, please call coach Chris Deutrick at 823-3558 or email Deutrick@ucf.com.

Women's Basketball
Coach Lynn Bria announced the addition of three foreign players and one transfer on Aug. 22.

Five-foot-10 forward Anu Mahlamaki, a native of Espoo, Finland, was a member of the YMCA Lappeenranta basketball team in Finland. Small forward Frida Stompquist, a native of Lidingo, Sweden, played for a club team in the highest division in Sweden. Vuokko Timola is a 6-foot-1 forward from Lahdi, Finland.

The signings mark the first time since 1984 someone born outside of the United States has played women's basketball at UCF.

Bria also announced Kristy Purinton of Hernando has transferred from Florida State and will sit out the 1997-98 season.

Men's Tennis
The 1997 Men's Tennis team was named one of ten All-Academic teams by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association. All 300 division I men's squads were eligible for the honor who had at least a 3.2 GPA. The team already had won UCF's academic team award for the 1996-97 school year.

Matias Akesson, the TAAC student-athlete and tennis player of the year, was the Knights' lone representative on the All-Academic team. Akesson was 20-5 at No. 1 singles while main-

ing a 4.0 GPA in economics his senior year.

Women's Tennis
Hadas Ronen will not play this season and may not return until January 1999 due to her required military service in Israel.

Coach Gail Falkenberg said Ronen put in a request to have her service deferred until after college, but the request was either denied or not heard. The No. 3 singles and No. 2 doubles player intends to be a Knight again after her 12 to 18 months of duty is complete.

Ronen 28-1 in singles and 21-5 in doubles as a true freshman last season and will have three years of eligibility left when she returns in the fall of 1998 or spring of 1999.

Cross Country
Coach Marcia Wentworth is praising her team for being in such good shape coming into practice. This gives UCF a jump on improving both the men's and women's squads second place finishes in the TAAC championship meets last year.

Chris Duncan, a freshman from Camp Verde, Arizona, could help the men overcome last year's champion Georgia State. Duncan won the Arizona state championship in the mile (4:16) and in the 5K run (14:26). Wentworth said despite his past accomplishments, Duncan can be much better.

"He's an untapped talent," she said. "But he's very coachable, so I expect big things from him. He has no idea how good he can be."

After winning the conference women's track title in the spring, Wentworth said UCF has the momentum to overtake last year's champion, Samford.

"I think we can (win the conference) even though Samford's going to host the championship this year," she said. "It will be tough."

The men's and women's teams begin their seasons on Sept. 12 in the UCF Invitational at the UCF Arena track.

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Photo by TIM SPRINGER
Redshirt freshman center Chris Lorenti (76) has stepped in for the injured Billy Dayton.

"He just needs reps! It's all about repetition," Culpepper said. "He's a great center and I'm glad we have him.

Lorenti and Herndon said the support of the players and coaches have helped greatly with their transitions.

"It's kind of nerve-racking," Lorenti said. "But I feel pretty good about it because I have a good support cast around me and everybody is motivating me and telling me what to do."

Lorenti said Herndon has a more difficult task than he does.

"You have to respect Herndon for what he's doing," Lorenti said. "Because it's hard, especially the high school he comes from.

He's not really used to all the passing and stuff, so I really respect him for what he's doing."

Herndon said he appreciates the coaches pushing him and not letting him use his lack of experience as an excuse.

"They've been riding me a lot, but that's good," Herndon said. "It makes me work harder."

With less than two weeks until opening day, Lounsberry still doesn't want to rush the young centers.

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Thorp finds inspiration through religious beliefs

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Volleyball
The Knights host the UCF Labor Day Classic Aug. 29-30 at the UCF Arena. On Aug. 29, UCF plays South Florida at 7:30 p.m. On Aug. 30, the Knights take on the nationally-ranked Florida Gators at 7 p.m. The team will be trying to prove a point, again.

The Knights split two games with the Bulls last season and both squads lost in the first round of the NCAA tournament. However UCF is ranked No. 22 in the preseason USA Today/AVCA Coaches Poll, and UCF did not receive a single vote.

Coach Laura Smith said because the Bulls upset highly regarded Pacific last in the 1995 season and play in the stronger, USA conference, UCF is regarded as the better team by the ranking committee.

"They got a bye in the NCAA tournament which I was thrilled about," Smith said. "We beat them handsily here, late in the season. It was the率领 I judged us on before the tournament last year.

Smith said if the Knights were to beat the Bulls this time around, UCF still may not get the recognition it deserves because it is so early in the year.

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Men's Soccer
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Attention doesn’t faze Culpepper

BY TONY MEJIA
Staff Writer

Who is that kid wearing No. 8?" That’s a question you won’t have around Orlando anytime soon. Daunte Culpepper has reached bona-fide status, and everyone in the country is taking notice.

Considered among the top signal callers in the nation, Culpepper is widely recognized as the best in Florida.

Three years later, Culpepper has no regrets about his college choice.

"I stuck with UCF because they stuck with me. I came here to play football and that’s all I ever wanted to do," said Culpepper. "It’s nice to have people think so highly of me, but I like to keep that off-field stuff to the side and concentrate on my performance.

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Backup QB gets boost from biblical words

BY JEFF CASE
Staff Writer

Jeremiah 29:11 "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans for good and not for evil, plans to give you hope and a future.

To UCF backup quarterback Jason Thorpe, these words from the Holy Bible have helped him understand why.

Why did colleges such as Dartmouth, Harvard, and Wake Forest withdraw their scholarship offers to him after he spent two years at Oklahoma State university?

Why did he cut his first walk-on attempt at UCF in the fall of 1994?

Why in the spring of 1995 in his second walk-on attempt did he begin practice two weeks behind the nine quarterbacks back then?

The answer: There was something better in the future.

"After my injury my senior year I just thought I’d play again," said Thorpe. "My doctors told me that if it was up to them and I was their son, I’d never play again because they don’t know what’s wrong with it.

"I only came to UCF because they gave me an academic scholarship, so I thought that was what the Lord wanted me to be," he said.

But as his first fall semester progressed, Thorpe felt spiritually led to return to his past.

"I felt that the Lord was leading me to walk-on (in the fall of 1994), so I walked-in on and got cut. I came back out in the spring and started ninth of nine quarterbacks, so I was at the bottom of the totem pole.

"But just over the last few years from people transferring or switching positions or quitting, I’ve moved up to number two.

"It’s been a total blessing of God, it’s nothing that I’ve earned or that I deserve, but I just thank him and give him the glory.

Spending both the 1994 and 1995 seasons as a backup, Thorpe saw limited use in actual game situations. On October 26, 1996 at Georgia Tech’s Grant Field, Thorpe got his first taste of being a backup.

With starting quarterback Daunte Culpepper out for the second half with a slight shoulder separation, Thorpe stepped onto the field to try to rally the Knights from a 13-6 halftime score.

UCF offensive coordinator and quarterback coach Mike Kruczek knew he didn’t have to tell Thorpe anything before he sent him in.

"At that point I didn’t say anything to him. I was a backup quarterback my whole life, so I could relate to Jason and his position. You’ve got to think of yourself as a starter and have confidence in your ability.

"And he has tremendous confidence in his ability without being overconfident," said Kruzcek.

Georgia Tech opened the third quarter with a one yard touchdown run by tailback Charlie Rogers to increase the score to a 20-6 Yellow Jacket lead.

Thorpe entered the game and guided UCF down field to the Tech one, gain 6-9 for 60 yards, but an end zone tackle by UCF tailback Mike Kuczek stalled UCF’s drive. Tech recovered for a touchdown on the one yard line.

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