University of Central Florida welcomes Bob Dole

By BRIAN SMITH  News Editor

Bob Dole, the former majority leader of the U.S. Senate and Republican presidential nominee, will speak at the UCF Arena at 8 p.m. Wednesday. There will be a brief reception beforehand with selected members of the Student Government Association, Campus Activities Board and university officials.

Dole is in Orlando to attend an American Legion convention and will speak at UCF as a tie-in date.

He is expected to focus his speech on leadership and how leadership affects UCF as a university.

Dole, a Kappa Sigma alumnus from Kansas University, will be presented with a gift from the UCF chapter. Jack Howard, president of Kappa Sigma, will make the presentation.

Howard said there will be a huge turnout of Kappa Sigma members.

"Everybody that can make it will be there," Howard said.

Dole's appearance was funded by the Student Activities Board and university officials.

"We're giving a certain budget by the SGA and instead of spending our budget on lots of small name speakers we decided to spend the money on several big name speakers," Penne said.

"This year we have a great balance. We got Bob Dole who is way over on the right and then we got Oliver Stone who is way over on the left."

Penne said the speakers committee decided to spend the budget on a few notable speakers who will bring more attention to UCF.

"The CAB Speakers Committee is one of UCF's key instruments in giving something back to the community of Orlando," Penne said. "We have one of the most diverse lecture series in our history this year. I think it will be a great balance of what our student community wants."

Dr. Terry Fine, advisor for College Democrats, agreed with the speakers committee's decision.

"The college experience is seen as a fun one but when we bring in important speakers it has a lot of positive community impact," Fine said.

Reaction to Dole speaking on campus has been positive.

"Bob Dole is a good example of perseverance," Fine said.

Fine encourages all of the members of College Democrats to attend.

Senior Amy Pounds said, "He knows more than I do and I'm looking forward to learning from him. He's an important guy and it's nice he took time to speak to the students. It'll be neat to meet him."

Carmen McDonald, former president of the College Democrats, said the hopes Dole will address when the GOP will begin to take the interest of the students at hand.

"We want jobs, a place in the world," McDonald said.

New center to improve writing skills

By BRIAN SMITH  News Editor

Beginning on Sept. 2, students who need help with a writing assignment will be able to get professional advice from the University Writing Center.

The UWC, located in trailer LS-616 across from the business administration building, is a peer review service for all undergraduate students at UCF.

The UWC will provide workshops for writer's block and use of APA format. In addition, it will offer writer support groups and classes and teach students how to document sources. CLAST review workshops are also available.

Research method and grammar review classes are in development.

The center will staff about 40 consultants. The consultants will be mix of undergraduate and graduate students.

Dr. Beth Young, director of the UWC, said the student benefits more from professional help than having someone untrained look it over.

Students can either make an appointment to consult or walk-in. However, appointments are encouraged for a consultation or they can walk-in after their cousin died, a 21-year-old senior.

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Center offers hope for healing

By OLIVIA K. CURNOW  Managing Editor

In the spring of 1995, eight months after her cousin died, a UCF student walked into the Counseling and Testing Center, seeking help that was long overdue.

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Scholarship program helps students take the lead

By JENNIFER LINDSTROM
Staff Writer

One program at UCF gives freshmen the chance to take the lead: they arrive on campus—LEAD Scholars Program.

In 1995, UCF President Dr. John Hitt, Vice Provost Gary Whitehouse, and the UCF faculty and staff established the LEAD Scholars Program for one specific purpose: to connect talented, first-year students with all the aspects of academic and co-curricular college life. It is the only program of its kind in the Florida State University System.

LEAD joins students together with faculty and staff from various departments and involved alumni. They work together on the program’s three focal points: leadership, scholarship, and service.

Two hundred eighty students comprising of freshmen and sophomores are in the program. The LEAD Scholars program is a great way to get involved in college because you meet so many diverse students, work with faculty and alumni and also get a chance to give a lot to the community, said Alex Comis, a LEAD Scholar alumni and legal studies major.

Dr. Pam Anthrop, director of LEAD, said the selection process is competitive.

“We are looking for students who are team players, collaborators, involved in various activities, such as band or student government and understand what it takes to make a difference in the world,” Anthrop said.

Faculty members look beyond GPAs and test scores when reviewing applications. Applications are required to complete a one-hour seminar course in addition to the large group seminars. The division of enrollment in academic services, teams with the universities five colleges to provide further enrichment in the program’s focal points.

During the second year in LEAD, students participate in a service learning project involving their intended major or in an area of interest. They are required to complete 35 hours of service each semester, and write an essay response at the end of the year.

Additionally, LEAD Scholars are eligible for a number of benefits including on-campus housing with other LEAD students, special class scheduling privileges, official notation on student transcripts, technology link with other students, and graduation recognition.

Students must maintain a cumulative 3.6 GPA, satisfactorily complete the foundation of leadership courses and be an active member in the Lead Scholars Association and in student organizations. They also need to accumulate 24 credit hours each year and develop a professional portfolio.

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Senate reallocates $738,000 at recent meeting

By JOHN TURNER
Staff Writer

The Student Government Senate voted to reallocate the $738,000 which Dr. Hitt recently line-item vetoed from the students annual activity and service fee budget. Thirty-five clubs and organizations will benefit from this reallocation. The total allocation was more than $230,000.

The number of clubs and organizations added to the budget is unusual, since in the past there have only been eight to twelve of them even on the budget. Other new projects were added to the budget by the Senate that would benefit the students. These projects total over $400,000 and include a Homecoming Carnival, Creative School roof repairs and subsidies to the various colleges to improve the student lounges and study areas.

Included in this reallocation was the increase in the SGA scholarships by 22 at $1,000 a piece.

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Center offers help to students in need

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brought the letter and felt 100 percent better because
I had written all the stuff down, even though no one's ever read it," she said.

About 2,000 students a year visit the Counseling and Testing Center. The majority request individual counseling, according to Dr. Mike Burgan, associate director of the center.

"We're the only office on campus that is designated to do mental health services," Burgan said. "Ours is a psychological and emotional kind of counseling."

Individual sessions last an hour a week and the average is five sessions per person.

"Sometimes we can deal with the problem in one session and sometimes it takes longer," he said. "The issues that we deal with range all the way from homesickness to serious long-term depression."

Their largest areas are stress management, depression, anxiety disorders and relationships.

Group counseling is also available. There are five groups planned for the fall semester: eating disorders group, dealing with both anorexia and bulimia; stress management group; general psychotherapy group, which will promote personal growth; performance enhancement for athletes group, aiming to reduce anxiety and utilize relaxation techniques and visual imagery; and human potential group, designed for graduate students to help them get the most out of their education.

"If we have enough interest in any other area, we'll get a group together for that," Burgan said.

Besides individual and group counseling, the center also assists students in choosing a major or career by administering interest, personality and aptitude tests. These tests, along with the counseling, are free to students. However, standardized tests such as the ACT or the CLAST require a fee.

Burgan said the location in the Student Center will attract more students and hopefully encourage them to seek the help they need, like Caroline did two years ago.

"All of us here in our degree programs are trained to be good listeners, to be receptive, to be helping professionals," Burgan said. "It's good to hear that that's how we are perceived."
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The future is so bright ... I gotta wear shades

By JASON HEIRONIMUS
Editor Opinion

Can you smell it? It is a stench unfamiliar to you. It is a stench unfamiliar to you and me. It is a stench that lingers on our campus. Can you put a finger on it? Do you have to let it linger? I think that I finally have after minutes and minutes of hard-core thought.

What I refer to is not a stench at all. In fact it is an aroma which has taken entire too long to find its resting place on UCF grounds. Those of us that have been at UCF for more than a few days can feel it. It is a strange feeling. Is this a good or much promise.

It seems UCF has invested $50,000 on student parking. For the love of God, somebody do something about the parking. For the love of God, somebody do something ABOUT THE PARKING! It's driving me insane! I can only listen to Ross, Bo, and Dirty Jim so many times while trying to park the Beamer. In reply I usually say, "Uhh, sorry about your luck." Then I walk on and that beauti­ful structure of parking perfection comes into plain view. Soon, though not soon enough since it is not open now, the new parking garage is going to open. For the love of God, somebody do something about the parking. For the love of God, somebody do something ABOUT THE PARKING!

Has anyone failed to notice who our beloved Knights, UCF Knights that is, are playing this year? Hello! Has anyone heard of a little school called NEBRASKA which has basically owned college football since, well, since it was invented. And did anyone know that they are ranked 72 in Sports Illustrated's top 100! AND, did anyone know that we have one of the top three rated quarterbacks in the nation, yes, our nation. Though we may actually win very few of these games the point is that UCF football has hit the big time. We should be excited for this upcoming sea­son. This season is only a small indication of the great things that are to come from our football team. GO KNIGHTS!

Perhaps the most exciting thing about this year is homecoming. Supposedly our school has gotten a little band that no one has ever heard of called BLUEZ TRAVELER! I don't know how they knew Blues Traveler into playing for the UCF homecoming and I'm not sure that I want to know. Once again, the point is that our school is bringing in one of the hottest bands in the country, yes, our country, to play at our school, for FREE! Somebody deserves a huge put on the back for that stunt. I, personally, would like to send out a huge debt of appreciation for bringing Blues Traveler here and would like to offer my services to you of no charge, whatever those services may be.

We are in the wee moments of the semester. Everything is hectic. There just seems to be too many things going on at the same time. How does the man expect us to get all these preliminary chores done with all the drinking that we are forced to cram into only a couple of days. Problems with our school are just another thing to annoy us. But we must stay strong, for we are the young, and what doesn't kill us only makes us stronger. Sorry, just got a little Ben Hura Pat Benatar in me. We are forced at this point in the semester to see the other side of the story. Look at the black instead of the white, the tails instead of the heads, the good instead of the bad. Beyond this chutter we call our school is another school waiting to rise up.

Look with me, if you will, into the future. I see a completely blue reflection pond. I see a computer center in every building with workers that are willing and happy to help you. I see a food court that has 20 restaurants instead of two. I see students riding on skateboards that hover just above the ground. I see a building for each college. I see the Knights in the Sugar Bowl. I see a better UCF.
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Golf carts stolen for joy ride

By JENNIFER PRIDEMORE Staff Writer

On Aug. 20, two golf carts, valued at $1,500 each, were reported missing from the Student Union, and found later on campus, according to UCF reports. Students and faculty who use golf carts daily for on-campus jobs say this type of incident happens often, but usually goes unreported. Students running a quick joy-ride to class or around campus are often the suspect.

The golf carts are usually recovered.

Health officials Vicki Warner and Vereta Powell reported leaving the carts on the sidewalk when they went inside for a meeting that lasted an hour. When they returned, they found the carts missing, and reported the incident to the campus police.

After a search was dispatched, an officer found both carts abandoned on campus.

Due to rain, there were no traces of accurate fingerprints on the cart. The officer recommended the case be closed.

In other reports released by the UCPD:

• John Abbot, 25, was arrested for driving under the influence on Aug. 20 around midnight. Police ordered him to pull over after he ran a red light on Centaurus Boulevard and turned onto Alafaya Trail.

When asked how much he had to drink, Abbot did not respond. Later he admitted to drinking one beer. He was given a series of field sobriety tests, and was arrested for DUI. When tested at the DUI facility of Orange County, his blood alcohol level was .158 and 1.134.

• At a party on Greek Park Drive, police arrested Gena Hillcox, 19, for the unlawful use of a driver's license on Aug. 23 around 1:30 a.m. An officer questioned her for wearing a hose wristband that he suspected not to be her own.

After insisting she had an out-of-state ID, but not with her at the time, she presented the officer with a Florida ID, and insisted it was her own. Later, Hillcox admitted to the officer she did not have hers, and gave the police her real name and social security number.

• On Aug. 21, Cindy Farley, 21, was arrested for driving under the influence on Greek Park Drive. Farley and a passenger were parked in a "Disabled Only" parking space without a permit. After smelling alcohol in the car, the officer asked Farley how much she had to drink that night, to which Farley did not reply.

Although Farley became argumentative, she consented to take the field sobriety tests and the breath test after being informed her license would be suspended for one year if she did not. However, despite her earlier consent, Farley terminated the testing before it was complete, including the breath test.

• UCF police investigated a missing planner on Aug. 22, containing about $200 and a debit card. David Trzeciwniak, 19, reported having his planner in class in the Computer Science building. After going to his next class, it was realized he was missing from his back pack. There are no leads or suspects.

• On Aug. 23 around 5:20 a.m., campus police arrested Marshall Cassidy, Ill 19, for driving under the influence and the unlawful use of a driver's license. Police observed Cassidy's vehicle leaving a parking lot on Greek Park at a high speed, spinning his tires and fish tailing. Cassidy proceeded to run a stop sign on Greek Park and Gemini, and then ignored a blinking red light on Alafaya Trail.

After the vehicle returned to the parking lot, police approached Cassidy, and gave him a series of field sobriety tests. Police took him to the DUI center. His blood alcohol level was .152 and .121. While being searched at the center, another Florida driver's license was found on Cassidy that was not his.

Valerie Raza, 24, reported a theft from Howard Phillips Hall on Aug. 22. She left her book bag with an acquaintance while she was gone for about 15 minutes. When she returned, she found her book bag lying on the floor, and the acquaintance was gone. A school book valued at $50 and prescription pills were missing. There are no suspects or leads at this time.

• On Aug. 23 around 7 a.m., police arrested Brian Gately, 21, for driving under the influence. After being given a number of sobriety tests, Gately was taken to the DUI center where his blood alcohol level tested at .154 and .144.

• On Aug. 21, Greene reported leaving his car in good condition, and after returning to his vehicle and driving about a half mile, it was flat. Police examined the tire and found a tear about three inches long.

There are no suspects or witnesses at this time. However, Greene is willing to prosecute.

• Jennifer Harvey, 18, was arrested for driving under the influence on Aug. 21 around 3 a.m. Police observed Harvey's car stopped in the middle of the road on Aquarius Avenue, and hit three curbs while attempting to park on campus, the car was pulled over.

• Officers gave Harvey the series of field sobriety tests and her blood alcohol level was tested at .104 and .102 and the DUI center.
College students vulnerable to net addiction, say psychologists

By Colleen De Baize
College Press Service

CHICAGO — Diane Kerwin, a University of Chicago sophomore, used to spend 40 hours a week on the Internet, surfing or "chatting" with friends.

But the Net began to interfere with her normal life, so now, she says, she's cut back.

"My boyfriend dumped me because I spent too much time online, but he was a loser anyway," Kerwin, 22, said. "It hurt a lot, so I cut down."

Kerwin admits that she is not like other college students who dial up the Net to research a paper, check football scores or read a horoscope. Like an "addict," she said.

"It's like an addiction for me, like booze or drugs for other people," Kerwin said.

In fact, the obsession some college students have for the Net can spark mood swings, tear apart personal lives and disrupt studies, similar to drug and alcohol abuse, according to psychologists.

In a study of 277 college students, three out of four said their use of the Internet upset various activities of daily life. As a group, college students—who at many campuses have free access to the Net—are considered to be at high risk for Internet abuse, according to Janet Morahan-Martin, a Bryant College psychology professor who conducted the study.

Students were considered "pathological addicts" if they admitted to four or more symptoms indicating abuse. "Compared to others, pathological users scored significantly higher (on a loneliness scale), were more likely to go online to relax, talk to others with similar interests, meet new people and for support," she said.

She also found that many Net addicts report that it's easier to open up and meet people online. Edwin Colon, 21, a University of Chicago junior, admits that's why he enjoys chatting on the Net. He spends about 30 hours a week online.

"I express myself better online," he said. "I feel like the constraints of the keys allows me more freedom."

Also, "I can talk to my friends in my underwear, and not be embarrassed," he said.

But too much time spent on the Net can hurt attention to studies. Kimberly S. Young, a University of Pittsburgh psychologist, says some college students spend so much time on the Internet that they flunk out of college.

Such obsessive behavior should be viewed by the mental health community as seriously as alcohol or drug use, says Young, who conducted a three-year study on net addiction.

Obsessive Internet users, or "dependents," stay online for hours each day and often create new personalities for themselves in chat rooms, she said. Over the course of her study, she identified 396 "dependents" and found that 42 percent were unemployed college students or homemakers.

The "dependents" said they enjoy fantasy games similar to Dungeons and Dragons, where they can interact with people like themselves. They spend an average of 38 hours online each week, compared to eight hours a week reported by avid, but not addicted, computer users.

"When asked about the main attractions of using these direct dialogue features," said Young, "86 percent of dependents reported anonymity, 63 percent accessibility, 58 security, and 37 percent ease of use."

Other users report that they like to "transform" and take on new identity when they're in a chat room. Bonnie Mathis, a University of Chicago sophomore, says she creates a new personality for herself once a week.

"It allows me to experiment and change myself," she said. "It can go scary, with all the stories you hear, but nothing can go wrong if you are smart."

A number of well-publicized cases have spelled out all too clearly what can go wrong.

Earlier this year, a Barnard College student accused her cyberspace pen pal of sodomy and torture. The alleged 20-hour ordeal happened when they finally met face-to-face, after weeks of exchanging messages over the Internet.

The man, Oliver Jovanovic, a Columbia University doctoral candidate, has been charged with kidnapping, assault and sexual abuse.

The woman is now suing to have her e-mail correspondence—in which they discussed sadomasochistic experiences—from being entered into court.

"My e-mail discussions are private...adventures in which I push myself to think...to work out troubling philosophical problems," she wrote in an affidavit.

"To have something that personal just handed over to the man that raped me...is like ripping something out of my soul."

In her study, Young found that for many users, chat room relationships answer "a deep and compelling need in people whose real lives are interpersonally impoverished."

The psychologist found her research subjects by sending a query out on the Internet. "Dependents" met certain criteria, including: a preoccupation with the Internet, inability to control use, and restlessness, irritability or other withdrawal symptoms when trying to cut back use.

Research subjects also said they had jeopardized relationships, jobs and other opportunities for the Net.

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Students are loco for LOCOS in the Student Union

BY MELINDA SCHUBACH
Staff Writer

The smell of Jiminy Buffett and the smell of food drift into the Student Union, inviting students and faculty to sit and relax and look at pictures from UCF football games, various events and other student activities. A mural of downtown Orlando will soon decorate the wall with the motto "Welcome to downtown UCF."

Where are you? LOCOS. LOCOS is owned and operated by Dean Monaco and Scott Kaylor, UCF alumni. Monaco received an accounting degree and Kaylor a degree in hospitality management. Together they worked on this project for three years.

"This has been something we always wanted to do," Monaco said. "I tell the students that this is their place."

Printed on LOCOS menus is the promise of serving the MAC-quality food at college prices. The restaurant is open from 7 a.m. to midnight and serves breakfast, lunch and dinner. The menu has anecdotes the restaurant's owners made up during their college days, such as the appetizer Platypus Droppey's and in 1999, the Knights Special will be Gator Tail.

"We're going to get a siren. As soon as someone walks in with FSU or Gators apparel we're going to turn it on and all do something crazy, because we don't want it in here," said Monaco.

Before and after games LOCOS will be having a pre-and post-game party offering drink specials for anyone dressed in black and gold.

Next to LOCOS is Campus Cove, a billiards and entertainment center. In between classes students can relax and play a few games with friends.

"The pool tables are too expensive," said junior Jennifer Metzler. "They need to make them cheaper because we played for an hour and it costs us about ten dollars. It's fun but it's pricey."

For students who can buy a beer on campus, LOCOS offers a variety of domestic and imported beers.

"I like the fact that you can actually get a beer on campus and not have to go across the street to Applebee's," said student Dave Morris.

"They also have pretty waitresses." Students feel LOCOS tries to meet their needs.

"The wings over there rock and they are also very accommodating," said sophomore Crystal Gambier.

For a student or faculty member wishing to avoid long lines there is a take-out window outside of LOCOS on the patio.

"We have combo meals and you can go up to the window if you only have a couple of minutes and eat on the patio," said Monaco.

For students on the meal plan, LOCOS may soon be available.

"We're trying to work with Marriott to get a meal plan right now because I've been getting a lot of response from students," said Monaco.

New lab to alleviate overcrowding

BY ERICA TYLER
Staff Writer

The Student Government computer lab opened on August 21 and is designed to alleviate the overcrowded computer labs on campus.

Located on the second floor of the Student Union in room 209, this high-tech and customer-oriented lab features various changes from the old lab to better serve students.

Doug O'Brien, the SG computer lab manager, said he wanted to create a computer lab to accommodate the students' needs.

The first UCF computer lab opened in 1989 by O'Brien. When construction began on the Student Union, he had the idea of moving the MAC lab from the Computer Center. He said he listened to what the students had to say and came up with the layout for the new lab.

Takeya Sutherlan, a senior psychology major and an assistant in the lab, said she feels it is convenient to have the lab in the Student Union so a student does not have to wait in line to access e-mail. Sutherlan also said the most common question she hears is, "How do I log onto e-mail?"

The lab features more space by offering 19 workstations. The old lab had about 17 Macintosh computers. Twelve of these were either bought or upgraded.

Along with the Macintosh computers, there are 27 PCs, three typewriters, a Zip drive in every computer, color scanning, color printing, and Internet and Pegasus access.

The center row of workstations features computers to be used for e-mail only and are restricted from Netscape. O'Brien said this is for students who have work to do and are not hindered from those just surfing the internet.

Chris Melbourne, a junior physical therapy major and a lab assistant, said, "It's nice to have an option for people who prefer a MAC to an IBM."

Wednesday, Sept. 3, will be the grand opening of the lab. From 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., prizes such as t-shirts, pens, and Busch Garden tickets will be given out. Demonstrations will be part of the celebration. The current lab hours are: Mon-Thurs 9 a.m.-midnight, Fri 9 a.m.-9 p.m., Sat 12-7 p.m., Sun 2 p.m.-midnight.

Future additions include Office '97 for the Macintosh computers and software compatibility for every computer. O'Brien said he believes the lab came out well.
LEAD STORIES
• It took 26 years, but in June, former inmate Frank Smith, 64, became the first person to win damages based on the deadly riot at Attica prison in New York in 1971. A jury awarded him $4 million based on injuries from his torture by guards after they recaptured the prison from the inmates. There are 1,280 other Attica-related claims against the prison pending, totaling $2.8 billion.
• In May, the Minnesota Court of Appeals reversed a $1 million award by a jury that had found parishioner Dale Scheffler, 30, to have been molested at age 14 by Catholic priest Robert Kapoun, finding that Scheffler’s lawsuit was barred by the statute of limitations. Two weeks later, the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis announced that it had filed with the court a claim of $4.9 million against Scheffler to recover part of its legal expenses since the archdiocese is now regarded as the winning party. Father Kapoun filed for $1.081.
• The Meadowdale High School (Dayton, Ohio) girls 1,600-meter relay team was disqualified in the semifinals of the state championship meet in June because it violated the rule that requires matching colors when two or more members of a relay team decide to wear apparel that can be seen under their uniforms. Two Meadowdale runners were wearing white sports bras, and two were wearing black ones.

THE ENTREPRENEURIAL SPIRIT
• In May, the Convent night-club opened on Armitage Street in Chicago, a traditional dance club but themed after the Catholic Church. The non-Catholic owners, sisters Suri and Shari Manoshian, feature restaurants labeled Yums and Hors, house drinks called “Holy Water” and “Confessionals,” waitresses in typical Catholic schoolgirl outfits (plaid skirt, white blouse, knee-high stockings), and bartenders in priests’ collars. The VIP rooms are Heaven (upstairs) and Hell (lower level). Said Suri, “We’re certainly not intending to be sacrilegious in any way.”
• Bangkok’s largest English-language newspaper, The Nation, reported in February on a raging war by coffin sellers in the southern Thailand city of Nakhon Si Thammarat. Eight shops are located across the street from the city’s largest hospital, and both of hospital personnel for clients are common. A television station reported that one shop’s agent sneaked into several hospital rooms to disconnect oxygen to terminal patients whose relatives were already known to the shop and thus might have given that shop their business.
• In May San Jose Mercury News story, local dead-beat cleanup professional Neil Smithers recalled his most trying cases: (1) The April 1997 case of an 82-year-old hermit whose house contained 16 dead chickens, 2,000 dead rats, two inches of rat feces in all kitchen cabinets, and a bathtub and toilet filled rock-hard with human feces; and (2) the September 1996 case of a man dead for a week in his unventilated apartment and whose body had essentially oozed into the sofa.
• An April issue of New Scientist magazine reported that Australia’s national research organization CSIRO has already made three sales of its “phlobotin” device (at about $3,500 U.S.) that inflates the genitalia of dead insects to make it easier to classify them. Its official name is the “vesica everetii,” and it will work on genitals as small as those of moths with wingspans of 2 millimeters.
• An April Wall Street Journal story reported on the work of Japanese engineer Dr. Hiroshi Kanamori, who has been pulverizing simulated moon rocks for the last two years in order to develop cement that would be used for building condominiums on the moon (with golf courses, naturally). Several Japanese construction companies have spent $40 million on moon-based projects.

FAMILY VALUES
• Parents of the Year: In May, a 7-year-old girl was murdered in a restroom stall at a Princess, Nev., casino at 4 a.m. while her father was gambling. Police security guards had already asked him twice to take custody of the girl, who had been rooming with the casino owner. In June, authorities in Cincinnati removed three toddlers from a feces-stained bedroom they were locked into for up to 12 hours a day; their mother, Sandra Hacker, allegedly did not know they were disturbing her while she was on the Internet. And in Chicago in May, Dianna Meeks, 27, was charged with manslaughter for ignoring a doctor’s order to take her 2-month-old, severely malnourished son to the hospital; instead, Meeks said the child was too hot. A judge granted Dr. Lee limited access to the child, based on his financial support.

INEXPLICABLE
• Elementary school principal Lyla Ann Wolfenbarger, 46, was charged with misdemeanor trespass in Pocatello, Idaho, in February based on photographs Richard Clothier took in an effort to find out who had been running onto his property since September 1996 on Sundays and defeating, even once taunting as she ran by. Clothier said he was “floored” to learn of the woman’s occupation and says he had never met her. Wolfenbarger pleaded not guilty.
• Toronto’s Globe and Mail newspaper reported in May that Britain’s world-renowned, government-owned broadcaster BBC will spend about $8.6 million in public money for a new logo, in which its letters will stand up straight instead of their present 17-degree tilt.
• According to USA Today in May, a bill pending in the Texas legislature would allow anyone with a record of mental illness nonetheless to obtain a concealed weapon permit if approved by a doctor.

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UCF student goes
Cosmo over summer
Cosmopolitan

By JAMES COMBS
Staff Writer

Cheerleading skills, big muscles and an outgoing personality have paid off for Danny Luna.

Luna, a member of Pi Kappa Alpha, was featured in the summer issue of "Cosmopolitan." He was one of six male cheerleaders selected from across the U.S.

Luna works as an instructor for a cheerleading company called Universal Cheerleaders Association. His company travels around the country, competing in international competitions.

Luna, 21, said Cosmopolitan randomly asked cheerleaders from around the country if they wanted to be in the feature. However, the final choices included Luna and five of his UCA partners.

The five others selected were from Memphis, Panama City, Tampa, Chicago and Schertz, Texas.

Luna, a Spanish and finance major, said he was proud to be chosen.

"I felt like all my hard work and dedication to cheerleading has paid off," he said. "It was cool to see my pictures in the magazine."

The photos were taken at Walt Disney World. There are six pictures of Luna in the magazine. The magazine features photos of him flexing his muscles and posing with other cheerleaders on the beach.

"I think it was great he was in the magazine and the pictures of him were great," said fraternity brother Shawn Findlan.

"He represented our fraternity to the fullest." Along with Luna's picture is a caption describing him as a "free spirit who will try anything" and an "open-minded, sociable guy who likes just about everybody."

Also in the caption was a quote from Luna about what type of woman he finds attractive. He wants "a woman who is up front and personal — utterly without guile. Game players need not apply."

Cosmopolitan printed the addresses of each selected cheerleader. Luna said he has had a lot of responses.

"I've had a lot of letters from girls who leave me their phone numbers and want me to call them or write them back," he said.

Luna said he even got a personal invitation from a female who invited him to a party in Brooklyn, N.Y.

"I never made it though," he said.

Luna's fraternity brothers have teased him about being in the magazine. They refer to him now as "Mr. Cosmopolitan."

"It's pretty cool Danny was in it because it gives our fraternity a lot of recognition," said Brent Steele.

"I wish I was in it."

Women cadets submit to VMI's Rat Line

By Colleen De Baise
College Press Service

LEXINGTON, Va. — Thirty young women entered the "Rat Line" at the Virginia Military Institute Aug. 18, officially beginning a new era of co-education for the 158-year-old military college.

By the end of the first 24 hours, one female cadet had dropped out before getting the required buzzcut; another took a break during morning calisthenics. But neither were women.

In fact, the college's first-ever female cadets appeared to keep up with 430 male classmates during the morning military drills, which consisted of an hour's worth of push-ups, sit-ups and other exercises along with a mile-and-a-half run in formation.

During the exercises, a male cadet was forced to sit out for a few minutes before rejoining his company. A day earlier, an unidentified male freshman dropped out before the traditional head shaving.

VMI spent six years and millions of dollars in legal fees to prevent co-education, until a Supreme Court ruling last summer forced the state-supported school to open its doors to women. Still, VMI has refused to relax its rigorous physical training for women, as other military colleges have done.

The only concession the college made was to the buzzcut. The men's heads are closely shaved on the sides with a half-inch left on top, while the women's hair is trimmed to three-eights of an inch on the sides and an inch on the top.

VMI officials said they hope to avoid some of the troubles that have beset the Citadel, which dropped its all-male policy last summer. After the fall semester last year, two of its first female cadets transferred to the University of South Carolina, saying they were hazed and sexually harassed by male cadets.

VMI has hired a female counselor and a female physical education instructor to ease transition to co-education.

"All eyes are on VMI," senior class president Kevin Trujillo told an assembly. "Some are just salivating at the thought of our failure. All will take it as the mistake of one person."

Among VMI's freshmen women are distance runner Rachel Love and discuss thrower Kelly Sullivan, who are the college's first female scholarship athletes.
Sinatra subject of academic conference

By College Press Service

NEW YORK — Some colleges hold somber colloquia on James Joyce. Others host scholarly lecture series on the Dead Sea Scrolls.

And then there's Hofstra University, which has invited about 50,000 people to a three-day conference next year on the life, music and legend of "Old Blue Eyes.

That's right, it's a conference on Frank Sinatra, baby.

"We felt that with the 20th Century coming to an end, we wanted to look back and say, "who has persisted in influencing popular culture,"" explains Eric Schmertz, a Hofstra professor and conference organizer.

"Frank Sinatra was, I guess, the first person to come to mind."

The event, planned for November 1998, is expected to be two-thirds academic and one-third glitz, with historians, political scientists, sociologists, biographers, and a number of entertainers invited to attend.

Schmertz says the 81-year-old singer is not expected to attend, although several members of his family plan to be present. The event would feature panels, forums and other discussions on Sinatra's 60-year career.

"We thought he'd be the kind of guy that a major university should give some attention to on an academic and scholarly basis," Schmertz says.

The law professor also has directed conferences on Ronald Reagan, Dwight Eisenhower and Babe Ruth.

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With students arriving back on campus sporting retro fashion, Maki decided to compare price tags from 1977 and 1997 to see how much of a difference 20 years will make at the cash register.

What he found is that women will pay a lot more for fashion today than they would in 1977. For instance, a pair of platform shoes selling for $20 in 1977 would cost $32 today. And while a pair of jeans was $4.50 in 1977, women's apparel is up a whopping 84 percent.

That's because retailers have caught on to the fact that more women are in the work force and control their own money now— and are willing to dish out more cash for clothes, Maki says.

Back in the '70s, women's apparel was largely overlooked by designers, he says. But it's a different story today. For those designers who are cashing in on the 70s look two decades after The Brady Bunch, "there's a lot of money there," he says.

GRE Scores May Not Be Success Predictor

ITHACA, N.Y. — The Graduate Record Exam is a poor predictor of graduate school success, a study says.

While most applicants are required to submit GRE scores, the test does little to forecast who will do well in graduate programs for psychology and possibly other fields as well, according to researchers from Cornell and Yale universities.

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Knights look for breakthrough win at South Carolina

By TONY MEJIA
Staff Writer

Last season ushered in a new era for UCF football. Entering their first season as a Division I-A member, the Knights traveled to Columbia, SC for their first test against a fellow I-A foe. They were greeted rudely.

South Carolina took care of the pesky Golden Knights rather easily last season. The Gamecocks responded with 23 unanswered points following an Eddie Mack touchdown reception that gave UCF a 7-0 on the opening drive.

The Gamecocks prevailed 33-14, despite mustering only a field goal in the second half. It was a learning experience for UCF, and a solid first test for a Gamecock team that finished the year with a somewhat disappointing 6-5 record.

As the '97 season opens, the Gamecocks have a first hand opportunity to witness just how far the Knights have come.

One thing is for certain; UCF has proven it belongs after the near-upset of Ole Miss. The team showed the attitude of a hungry team no longer scared or intimidated. That's a scary thought for teams matched against the underdog Knights.

"Central Florida has already come a long way in their development. They played as tough last year, and will be tougher this year. Our players will not look past them," said South Carolina coach Brad Scott.

With last year's top offensive weapon Duce Staley currently lining up in the Philadelphia Eagle backfield, the Gamecocks will be forced to find a new go-to guy, and possibly a new offensive philosophy.

Quarterback Anthony Wright returns for his junior season, and becomes the primary triggerman in the lineup. In a secondary role last season, Wright tossed for 1,850 yards, and should improve on that total behind an offensive line which returns four of the five starters. He should also benefit from a more than capable target in junior wideout Zola Davis, who struggled last year following a redshirt freshman campaign in which he caught nine touchdowns. Davis was touted as the top receiving prospect out of high school in 1994.

Vying to replace Staley will be three tailbacks with contrasting styles. Senior Scott Moritz is the veteran of the trio, a straight ahead runner who will probably be the goal line carrier. Sophomores Troy Hambrick and Boo Williams are receiving the most attention.

Hambrick is a powerful, breakaway type in the mold of Staley, while Williams specializes in weaving through holes and improving on the run. The Knights did an acceptable job against the Ole Miss backfield, but that was without tailback John Avery.

Stopping USC's running game will be a much tougher as all three players fight to distinguish themselves as the featured tailback.

"Duce was such a big part of our offense last year, so it's going to be key to find someone to replace him. Luckily, we do have capable candidates who might step up to match his production," Scott said.

Defensively, the Gamecocks return eight starters, including standout outside linebacker Durron Hanbrick. As the focus of the USC defensive scheme, Hanbrick and the Gamecocks are at their best when he uses his quickness to create havoc in opposing backfields. Few in the SEC are quicker to the ball than Hanbrick, which could present a problem for UCF's young offensive line.

The Knights are no longer the easy mark they may have been their rookie season in I-A. The experience gained last season should make USC appear menacing.

The 80,000 hostile fans that await the Golden Knights don't seem to matter as much.

After making their initial splash, nobody looks past UCF anymore. Their performance against Ole Miss has assured that.

Now, the program needs a victory that will vault them into prominence. The major upset is inevitable, Brad Scott knows that.

The Gamecocks main motivation may be to avoid being that initial victim.
Golden Knights fall short in heartbreaking defeat at Oxford

The passing game struggled all night. There were big plays, such as Culpepper throwing his third touchdown to wide receiver Charles Lee in overtime, but too many passes failed to hit their mark.

McDowell said Culpepper, who finished 17 of 42 for 196 yards and interception, was not the only one to blame for the bad numbers.

"We weren't efficient. They weren't efficient," McDowell said. "That's part of the game. We dropped two or three balls. Duante Culpepper didn't have a hot hand. Our receivers didn't have a hot hand. I don't think we ran good routes."

After an emotional loss, the Knights have to recover quickly with a trip to improving South Carolina coming this weekend.

McDowell said UCF did good and bad against the Rebels and the team must play better against the Gamecocks.

"I'm not saying we are not happy," McDowell said. "You have opportunities in football to respond and be big. No one is happy about the loss. You can be upset, so what. You have to line up and play again next week in South Carolina."

A distraught Daunte Culpepper (8) leaves the field Saturday night along with backup quarterback Jason Thorpe.

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Mississippi Game Notes

No thanks, again
UCF received the first and second half kickoffs, but did little with them.

By winning the coin toss and deferring to the second half, the Knights gave Mississippi the first-half choice of whether to kickoff or receive. The Rebels decided to play defense and UCF elected to receive to start the third quarter.

How did they use the advantage? The Knights went three-and-out on both series. The two drives combined lost nine yards.

Injuries and such
The biggest scare came when Culpepper (bruised rib) took a shot in the third quarter while trying to complete a pass on third down. He went down on his hands and knees immediately afterward but walked off under his own power.

Linebacker Mike Palmer (leg cramps) and wide receiver Todd Cleveland (right leg) both limped off the field in the second half but returned in the fourth quarter.

Mississippi's standout running back John Avery (dislocated elbow) was injured early in the first period and did not return. He finished with three yards on two carries.

The Good
* Run defense-UCF held the Rebels to 67 yards on 38 attempts, including 11 tackles for loss.
* Special teams-Punter Marek Butcher averaged 43.6 yards on eight punts, including a clutch 51-yard punt with 1:12 remaining and the Knights on their own 27. The punt coverage unit allowed just 26 return yards and junior Jeff Fye recovered a Mississippi fumble which led to a game-tying, fourth quarter touchdown.

* Defensive ends Jermaine Benoit and Mike Osuna-Benoit had a team-leading 12 tackles (seven solo), two for loss and a sack. Osuna had back to back a tackle for loss and sack which disrupted a long Rebel drive in the first period. He finished with five tackles, one for loss, and a team-high one and a half sacks.
* Wide receiver Charles Lee and tight end Joey Hubbard catching their first career touchdowns in the clutch.

—Derek Gonsoulin

The Bad
* Linebacker Emory Green had two penalties aiding Mississippi's first touchdown drive. The more critical of the two came when Green chased the opposing running back out of bounds and slung him to the ground, giving the Rebels first-and-goal from the eight. Mississippi scored on the next play.
* Pass defense-The run defense forced the Rebels to throw, and did they ever. Mississippi quarterback Stewart Partridge finished 24 of 37 for 303 yards and a touchdown. Partridge was sacked three times, but he had the time to wait for receivers to get open most of the day.
* Pass offense-Culpepper finished 17 of 42 for 196 yards passing, but there were several drops by the receivers and Rebel blitzes forced more incompletions. The one ill-advised pass came when Culpepper collided with a blitzing linebacker and still tried to throw the ball. The resulting intercepted pass led to a Mississippi field goal.

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Ole Miss running back Alishma Alexander stepped up for the injured John Avery by scoring two touchdowns.

Running back Mike Grant (above) led the UCF rushing attack with 41 yards on 12 carries. Rebel quarterback Stew Patridge (below) kept Mississippi form succumbing to the Knights' upset bid.
Golden Knights host Auburn in opener

A CFF Staff Report

A season-opening home game against Auburn and visits to Florida, Marquette and South Florida before the New Year highlights the University of Central Florida's 1997-98 men's basketball schedule that was released on Wednesday by head coach Kirk Speraw.

The season-opener against the Tigers on November 14 promises to be an exciting part of homecoming weekend at UCF. The Golden Knights, who have pre-season exhibitions scheduled against St. Pete AAU (November 5) and Lithuania Select (November 10), begin TAAC play the first weekend of January with a pair of road games at Mercer (January 3) and Georgia State (January 5). UCF then returns for a three-game homestand against TAAC newcomer Troy State (January 10), Centenary (January 12) and Samford (January 15). Defending TAAC champion College of Charleston, who ended last season with a national ranking by ESPN, looks to return to the John Kresse Arena after defecting to Charleston, S.C.

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Hungry Knights’ volleyball feast on Bulls and Eagles

By JEFF CASE
Staff Writer

After five consecutive TAAC championships and three straight NCAA tournament appearances, UCF women’s volleyball team wanted some competition.

Good competition. “In the last two years, we just haven’t beaten enough good teams,” said UCF coach Laura Smith. “We’ve beaten teams like Clemson, Georgia and Kentucky, but we really haven’t beaten enough good teams lately to warrant the kind of respect we deserve.”

“I want this team to be challenged (this season),” Smith said.

UCF conquered its first challenge of the season on Friday, upsetting No. 22 USF in the UCF Volleyball Classic. The Knights, who also defeated Eastern Michigan 3-0 on Saturday, scored their first win over ranked USF to open the season.

“At the same time I’m kind of glad (we played them) because I want this team to be challenged, and what a better way to do that than to start the first match of the year with this kind of competition,” Smith said.

UCF defeated USF, 3-2, taking the first two games 15-6, 15-8 and the fifth game 20-18. In the final game, the Bulls trailed or tied the Knights eight times. With the score tied at 11 and pressure mounting, Smith called an early time-out to give some final advice. “I took the time-out earlier than I normally would, but with rally scoring, you’ve got to, because the game just goes so quick,” Smith said. “What I said was that we have to call upon everything we’ve done for pre-season. The spirit, the magic and everything.” “It can’t just be physical (performance), it has to be mental (performance), it has to be spiritual (performance), it has to be a (team) bonding experience ... and they bought it.” Tyra Harper, who finished with USF game highs in digs (20), kills (29), and blocks assisted (7), said the victory was good but a win in Tampa would be even better.

“This was a great win for us, and it’s always a team goal to beat USF,” said senior Tyra Harper. “But we always split the [season] series with them and have a hard time winning there (at USF),” Harper said.

In Saturday action, UCF spiked the EMU Eagles 15-4, 15-7 and 15-6. As a team, UCF doubled EMU’s production in kills (56) and sets (46), while also producing 46 digs and 12 assisted blocks.

Defending TAAC player-of-the-year Renata Menchikova and Harper paced the Knights with 19 kills. Stephanie Noieux posted a game-high in digs (10) and percentage (.909), while also leading the team in service aces (2).

The Knights travel to Nacogdoches, Tex., to compete in the Ladyjack Invitational Tournament. UCF will open against the Arizona State Sun Devils on Sept. 5.

Blue Devils wash out women’s soccer

By KEN JACKSON
Staff Writer

It rained down hard on the UCF women’s soccer team Monday. The weather was bad, too.

The Golden Knights finished the 2001-02 UCF Women’s Soccer Classic 0-2 after losing 4-0 to Duke in a constant drizzle.

The Blue Devils (2-0), ranked 12th in the nation, beat Soccer America, scored on their first two shots. The Golden Knights didn’t record a shot until the 39th minute of the first half and managed just four shots. Even when the rain subsided in the second half, UCF failed to get a single shot on goal.

Knight coach Karen Richter gave the Devils’ depth and defense credit. “We did pretty well considering our youth,” Richter said. “We were disappointed with our play in the first and last five minutes. They knew how to expose our breakdowns.”

Duke took a quick 2-0 lead five minutes into the game on goals by Mariana Muiruri and Emily Feeney, backing up goalie Maria Banuls. The freshman was named starter because of a left thigh contusion suffered by goalkeeper Lays O’Brien Saturday versus Georgia.

“Maria made some great saves. It could have been a blowout,” Richter said. Banuls first collegiate appearance. “It wasn’t really a blowout; that last goal came real late.”

Banuls was disappointed with the loss but felt she held her own against the Blue Devils. “I made the saves I had to make,” Banuls said. “It’s crazy to think your first start would come against someone like Duke. I didn’t expect to play much this year.”

Duke head coach Bill Hempen was impressed with the freshman’s performance. “Their keeper ... where did she come from?” Hempen said. “She made some really great saves.”

The scoring barrage and driving rain eased at the end of the half. Duke added two more goals near the match’s close as the rain picked up again. Feeney finished the game by scoring her fifth goal of the tournament, which combined with three assists gave her 13 points on the weekend.

“Today we had a chance to organize our defense, that was one good thing about the pressure they put on us,” Richter said. “Our goal is to be where they are at the end of the year. “There’s a lot of positives that come from playing two (regionally) ranked teams,” she said. “This is one of the best tournaments in the Southeast.”

Florida International, UCF’s next opponent, also competed in the tournament. They lost to Duke 6-0 Saturday and played Georgia Monday. UCF will host the Panthers (0-2) this Friday at 4 p.m. in the UCF Arena Soccer Field.

“This week we’re going to focus on improving our attack,” Richter said. “When we did get forward (against Duke) we weren’t too organized.”

The Knights look to head into Friday’s game with a healthy squad. Richter said O’Brien and Alice Uhler, a midfielder who sat out Monday with a sore left ankle, will return to their starting positions.

Center midfielder Dunya Harris, the team’s top returnee from last year, left the game Monday with a sore knee, but will also start on Friday.

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At a glance
UCF vs. South Carolina

- What: Saturday, Sept. 6 – Central Florida at South Carolina, 7 p.m.
- Stadium Capacity: 80,250
- Head Coaches:
  University of South Carolina - Brad Scott, 17-16-1 in four years with the Gamecocks
  Central Florida - Gene McDowell, 5-7 in second year at Division I with Knights
- Series: USC, 1-0. In their opener last season, the Gamecocks defeated UCF, 33-14.
- Last time out: First game of the year for USC. The Knights lost at Ole Miss, 24-23 in OT.
- Radio: WINZ 740 AM
- Television: Sunshine Network
- Notes: USC - With East Carolina and Clemson as their other non-conference games, the Gamecocks cannot afford a loss to UCF if it wants to make it to a bowl game ... Leading the offense is junior quarterback Anthony Wright (1,850 yards, eight touchdowns passing in 1996). Wright should have time to throw behind a veteran offensive line led by senior center Paul Beckwith (6-foot-3, 275 pounds) ... USC must find a replacement for the SEC's 1996 leading rusher, Duce Staley ... The defense is anchored by senior defensive tackles Henry Taylor (6-foot-1, 290 pounds) and Michael Maddox (6-foot-4, 280 pounds).
  Central Florida - Tough test for Knights after emotionally draining overtime at Ole Miss ... Erratic passing game (17 for 42 last week) needs to get timing down on deep routes with receivers Siaha Burley and Todd Cleveland ... Mike Grant (12 carries, 41 yards) found few holes against the Rebels, but made big runs when he did ... Run defense held Ole Miss to 67 yards, but allowed 303 yards in the air. UCF will need a stronger pass rush from the defensive tackles to keep USC's Wright from scrambling and making plays.

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Men's soccer wins two

By JEFF CASE
Staff Writer

To UCF men's soccer coach Bob Winch, early victories can be the start of a successful season. "You want to get off on a good start, especially this year. Usually we play four games before our first conference game, but this year we only have two before our first game with Jacksonville [University]."

UCF (2-0) aimed their goal, defeating Long Island University 3-0 and Winthrop University 4-3 in the UCF Soccer Classic. Statistically, UCF outplayed LIU on both sides of the ball. The Knights had 15 corner kicks to the Blackbirds' three and outshot, LIU 23-6.

Heikki Rtvinen, the nation's leading scorer in 1996, scored the game winning goal while goalkeeper Antti Laitinen recorded his first-ever shutout, saving all 5 shots he faced.

Laitinen, a freshman, played in place of last year's starter, Tuomas Tarmila. Tarmila (1.12 GAA), who has a fractured foot, will have X-rays this week and may return against Jacksonville on Sept. 9.

LIU coach Arnold Ramirez, Jr., said his team's lack of fitness and UCF's teamwork explained the loss. "It was difficult for us to guard them because we are not in my physical condition," said Ramirez. "These guys [Heikki Rtvinen, Ramu Velmans, and Arti Nurmi] I'm sure, in Finland, played together all summer and when they came here, they came fit."

It was a tale of two halves in UCF's next game, Winthrop.

UCF again outplayed their opponent, scoring four goals in the first half. The first goal of the half was an unassisted score by Armo Nurmiisto in the second minute.

In the 6th minute, Jason Kirk assisted Niko Martinson on the second score of the game. The third and fourth goals were also scored by Rtvinen at the 16th and 24th minute, respectively.

Winther's only first half score came from Ricardo Golzi off a Scott Millar assist in the 7th minute of the first half.

But the Eagles turned it around in the second half. Winther managed only five second half shots, but two found the back of the net.

Will Hays assisted goal in the 49th minute and the score went 4-2. Darryl Gomez's score off a Millar assist in the 66th minute closed the gap to 4-3.

Despite the flurry, the Eagles unable to tie and the Knights eked out a victory.

Rtvinen said he couldn't explain UCF's second half performance. "I don't know what happened in the second half, but we have to work on that," said Rtvinen. "We played really bad. I can't explain it. We have to talk with the first (of the team) about it and figure out what it might be.

"The goals they scored were good shots and we have to learn how to stop stupid plays," Rtvinen said.

Winch said the changes he made at halftime may have caused the Winthrop comeback, but he definitely felt UCF played like two different teams.

"We made a couple changes at halftime, and it's hard for guys to step right in and pick up the tempo of the game," Winch said. "They had two very good shots that went in and when you hit two good shots like that, it's very hard to defend it. But I'm not worried about it," said Winch.

UCF opens conference play on Sept. 9 against TAAC newcomer Jacksonville University. Game time is 4 p.m. at Brevard Field on the UCF campus.

Knights fall a yard short to Rebels

By DEREK GONSOLIN
Sports Editor

OXFORD, Miss. — Gene McDowell had no regrets for letting his best player decide his team's fate.

Duante Culpepper was tripped up crossing the line of scrimmage on the fateful two point conversion attempt in the heartbreaking, 24-23 overtime loss at Mississippi. The right call and the right player to run it, Culpepper should have scored McDowell said. "It's not a roll of the dice," McDowell said. "That play scores. All he has to do is run into the end zone. I think he could have made it. I think he reached for it and got [the ball] knocked out of his hands."

Showing the traits of a leader, Culpepper was much more critical of himself than his coach. "It comes down to getting it done," Culpepper said. "I was confident that I was going to make the play," Culpepper said. "I was free. I should have been in the end zone."

McDowell said the Knights wanted more than nearly defeating the Rebels in overtime. In addition, he said if UCF had to go on offense first in overtime, he would still have gone for the conversion anyway.

"There is no such thing as moral victory and I never have any second thoughts," he said. "I don't like overtime, that's why I went for two. If we'd have gotten the ball first and knew they would score touchdown, I would have gone for two then."

The game itself was in contention from start to finish as both teams held the biggest lead of seven points. McDowell said the reason for the close game was poor execution by both teams with a dislocated elbow in the first quarter.

The passing game for Mississippi more than made up for the lack of a ground game. Rebel quarterback Stewart Patridge threw for over 300 yards, mostly coming on one-on-one coverage in the Knights' secondary.

Defensive end Jermaine Benoit, who had the team with 12 tackles, said he was not surprised by Patridge's big day. "He played like a quarterback supposed to play," Benoit said. "He took his team and put them on his shoulders and they did what they needed to win the game."

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UCF women's soccer faces familiar foe

By KEN JACKSON
Staff Writer

In the UCF women's soccer team's season opener, student faced off against mentor.

Unfortunately for the Golden Knights the mentor was victorious.

The University of Georgia (1-0-0), led by former UCF coach Bill Barker, defeated the Knights, 2-1, to open the UCF Soccer Classic on Saturday. Bulldog forward Allison Thornbury scored the winning goal from 15 yards out in the 115th minute.

Barkley took the Knights' coach from 1988-1992. UCF coach Karen Richter played under Barker from 1988-1990 and served as his assistant before taking over his team.

Following the game the two coaches hugged and exchanged pleasantries. Despite the outcome it was a happy moment.

"Karen has a program here that will take care of her," Barker said. "I just wished they would get her a nicer playing surface, some lights and a scoreboard."

This was a typical opening season game. Both teams abandoned their style. She has new people, we've got new people. Karen has history and a team that will fight," he said.

"Bill is still a friend and someone I call on for advice," Richter said, downplaying the former player/coach rivalry.

The season got off to a quick start for UCF. Freshman forward Wendee Hoffman took a pass from Wendy Wilsey and scored on the team's first shot 3:38 into the game.

The score remained 1-0 in the second half when the ball wound the wrong way for UCF.

A shot from UGA's Bentley Bickerstaff deflected off a player and the right post into the net.

The game played a scoreless 15 minutes of overtime. In the second extra period Thornbury beat goalkeeper Alyssa O'Brien to seal the victory.

"Karen's team did a good job of capitalizing on our mistakes," Barker said.

"At halftime I told them they could continue to play like they were in the first half or get into our system ... that they had to step up and get into the game."

"I knew after the second half that this would be a dogfight with the winner being who out-scrapped who," he said.

Richter found out it is not a good idea to get into a dogfight with a team of bulldogs.

We had freshmen in the starting lineup, so we are definitely rebuilding," said Richter, who is trying to lead the team to a fifth consecutive TAAC title.

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Another member of UCF's squad was part of the reunion. Junior midfielder Danya Harris played at UGA her freshman year. A local product from Lyman High School, Harris transferred to be closer to home.

"It wasn't much of a big deal, because there is only one or two people left from when I was there," Harris said.

"The outcome made us lose its faster."

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