Health center undergoes reconstructive surgery

By ROSS STEIN
Staff Writer

Plans to renovate and expand the UCF Student Health Center are underway. Health Center officials said the changes will allow physicians to provide more efficient service to students.

“We have looked at other college health centers such as UF, FSU and Georgia to get ideas,” said Bob Faust, director of medical health administration for Student Health Services. “We want good patient flow.”

The reconstruction of the Health Center began in July, but the idea to renovate came about four years ago. Since then Faust and the health administration board have been separating some of the health fees students pay each semester and have collected about $500,000 for the project.

The undertaking will consist of three phases, the first of which is underway. The first phase is to connect the Health Center with the Wellness Center located next door. The enclosed area will be used to enlarge the lobby.

Phases two and three will entail relocating the Wellness Center to the mobile units. The ROTC occupies the empty space where the Wellness Center used to be will house new offices for the Health Center’s appointments and accounting offices.

Lastly, the old accounting and appointment offices will be reconstructed as six new patient examining rooms, increasing the number of patient care rooms to twelve. Faust said this increase will aid in reducing patient waiting time.

Along with the expansion will come a larger pharmacy. Currently the pharmacy occupies a 200 square-foot area which only allows room for storage of about 30 prescription and over-the-counter medications. The pharmacy will encompass 1,000 square feet, increasing the number of storable medications to 100. The increase will also allow the sale of more common over-the-counter products.

“One of our goals is to hold cost down and become very competitive,” Faust said. “We want to at least meet or beat prices at other local pharmacies or clinics.”

Sheryl Gamble, pharmacy manager, said the new facility will be like a Walgreens or Eckerd’s, only more accessible to students.

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By Olivia K. Curnow Managing Editor and Brian Smith News Editor

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A model of the Carillon Bell Tower to be seen on the side of the Reflection Pond

Chiming in a new tradition

By JENNIFER LINDSTROM
Staff Writer

A group of parents and students visiting UCF for the first time will typically hear a tour guide say, “Right in front of us is our Reflection Pond, the place where our first graduation ceremony took place in 1968, as well as our yearly homecoming movie nights and pep rallies.”

However, this may not be the case if a few preliminary designs by project architect, Azita Dashtaki, get approved and funded. Dashtaki, with the assistance of UCF facility planning, helped with the plans.

In the design, the pond would no longer be a semi-circle, but a small circle with a fountain in the center. At the front of the pond where once stood a podium for former President Richard Nixon who gave the first UCF commencement speech, will be a small pool of water that will waterfall into the fountain.

Around the fountain will be a series of trees that will have benches underneath. The trees will have low lights that will illuminate the evening hours.

The request for this new design is due to the trouble that UCF maintenance has been experiencing.

“The pressure cleaning of the reflection pond to keep it free from dirt and algae has become somewhat of a maintenance headache,” said Peter Newman, director of facility planning.

However, the reflection pond changes are not the only design Dashtaki has made. There are also plans for a 72-foot Carillon Bell Tower to be built on the side of the pond, further up the hill near the library.

The bell tower will be made with either black slate or marble. A control room will be built inside the library or the administration building to operate the tower.

“We chose this location because when the carillon bell rings it can be heard throughout the campus,” Newman said. The preliminary idea is to have the bells chime every hour. There are also ideas such as playing the UCF Alma Mater every day at noon and possibly Christmas carols during the winter.

“I think the new pond and bell tower will help to enhance campus life at UCF,” said Student Government President Keith Smith.

“That part of our campus is the first new students see when they walk out of the administration building on a tour, and I think it will look beautiful when it is complete.”

In addition to the pond and tower, Dashtaki also designed a new sign and sculpture that will replace the current ones that appear at all four gateway entrances. The sign will also be made of black marble, like the bell tower.

Newman said the only project designed by Dashtaki that has been funded is the entrance signs. There is currently no funding for the reflection fountain or the Carillon Bell Tower.

The department of administration and finance is working on it.

Jill Painter, a junior majoring in exceptional education thinks the new plans are a good concept.

“I think shrinking the pond will make it easier for maintenance to keep it clean and presentable,” she said. “As for the bell tower, I feel it will make our university even more traditional than before.”

By MIKE MARSHALL

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Blind intern does incredible work in counseling

By ERICA TYLER
Staff Writer

When one listens to the story of Cameron Dean, an intern at UCF’s Counseling and Testing Center, the word ‘incredible’ comes to mind.

During his third year at the Ohio College of Podiatric Medicine, Dean was diagnosed with Von-Hipple-Lindau, a rare genetic disorder. This disorder led to a condition that damaged his optical nerves, leaving him blind. Since then, Dean said his perspective on things changed and he became enlightened about the importance of physical well-being. The result was he felt a need to help others.

After his rehabilitation he went back to college to take undergraduate classes in psychology. Dean applied to the doctorate of psychology program in clinical psychology at Fuller Theological Seminary graduate school in Pasadena, California. He is currently in the pre-internship program, which is the latter stage of obtaining a degree and a full internship, with what Dean jokingly refers to as a “starving salary.”

Dean wanted to work with the student population and UCF was the closest university in Florida with counseling services. He contacted Dr. Robert Harman, director of the Counseling and Testing Center, about possible openings. He came in for an interview and was selected with four other interns. Each pre-intern has a supervisor which is how Dean met Dr. Allen Hale, a psychologist at the center.

Dean is currently advising students in academics and helping them in making career choices. He is also co-leading counseling groups and is involved in outreach programs. Many students may have seen Dean with his seeing-eye dog, Dreyfus, a very friendly labrador retriever, has been with Dean for six years. Dean fondly describes him as a “very educated dog.”

Dean has already done four individual counseling sessions. The most difficult aspect of counseling Dean says is the non-verbal cues, such as body language.

“In trying to understand a patient, a lot is said through body language,” he said.

Dean describes himself as determined, energetic, and an honest individual who truly enjoys helping others. He enjoys the interaction with students who want to improve. Dean says that the loss of his sight has taught him not to make long range goals. Dean’s special interest is in helping those who have been in accidents or have had illnesses that left them disabled.

In the future he estimates that he might be in a private practice, and he would like to stay in Florida.

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Intern Cameron Dean, and his seeing-eye dog Dreyfus are a common sight at the counseling and testing center.

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Dole inspires leadership at UCF Arena

By BRIAN SMITH
News Editor

Bob Dole, former majority leader of the U.S. Senate and the Republican presidential nominee, took center stage 8 p.m. Wednesday at the UCF Arena.

Betsy Penne, speakers director for the Campus Activities Board, introduced Dole as one of the greatest leaders Americans have ever known.

Dole walked to the podium as students and community members stood in ovation.

After wishing luck to UCF’s football team against South Carolina, Dole said he came to UCF to discuss leadership.

His speech focused on the definition, decline and future of leadership.

Dole defined leadership as the moral belief in accountability and integrity.

"Leadership is not an expression of style but an expression of character," Dole said. "Leadership without responsibility is not leadership at all. It's an ability to inspire trust."

Dole said decline in leadership over the years is due to negative influences such as opinion polls, television and the media.

"This has caused people to have a lower expectation of politicians and a lower trust in government," Dole said.

"I have lots of friends in the media, especially after the election," Dole said.

"Politics is not a spectator sport. The easiest thing a person can do is sit on the sidelines." "This nation will either reflect your high standards or your low expectations. Your generation of leadership needs to be value based leadership, public morality and public leadership."

"After the speech, Dole answered questions from the audience and received a black and gold jersey from Kappa Sigma President Jack Howard.

Student response to Dole's speech was positive.

"I think he was great," Student Government Vice President Karen Montague said. She added that it was inspirational when Dole said one reason he has persevered in politics over the years was by looking at the U.S. Capitol at night. She said SGA can relate because just looking at the Student Union and other advancements for UCF have helped kept them going.

"He bounced around quite a bit and he was a little difficult to follow," junior Lane Reinert said. "His speech on leadership might get more people involved with the country."

Dole left UCF with one final thought.

"Schools are shelters for high yields and aspirations, to test limits. UCF is one of the finest bargains and best schools in the country. I have faith in your generation."
Sororities show their appreciation to police

By JENNIFER PRIDEMORE  
Staff Writer

UCF has the lowest crime rate in the state university system. This is because UCF has its own police department that works within the university.

To show appreciation to the department for their hard work and dedication, the seven national Panhellenic sororities will continue the Adopt-A-Cop program this fall. The program was temporarily passed for the summer months when sororities do not hold meetings.

Adopt-A-Cop has the seven sororities taking turns every week to give the police department a bag of baked goods or homemade cards. In the future, posters and signs with positive messages of thanks will be placed around the department.

"Last semester we also gave the police department cupcakes for Easter, and sent letters out inviting officers to different barbecues and parties. They seemed to really appreciate it," said panhellenic house chair Jane Luong.

In November 1994, panhellenic delegate Angel Passailaigue and Sgt. Tom Gorbas started the program to improve student-police relations by showing gratitude to the officers. Since then the program's first plan has been slightly altered.

"Originally, the program started with each sorority adopting an individual cop, but now we are just doing the entire department as one. We are trying to build the program up," Luong said.

Heather Wojtowicz, the panhellenic director of chairs, said the program has been going very well between the sororities and the police officers. Gorbas said.

"I thought the program to be a good idea," he said. "Police officers often get no appreciation for their work, and this is a great opportunity for the community to show their appreciation and gratitude."

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LEAD STORIES

- In July, a judge in Division One, South York, England, released suspect Martin Kamara, 43, a black man who had been accused of threatening a financial advisor, because of police impotredness. Cops were unable to get a lineup of suspects for identification, but because of recent racial incidents, no black men could be found who were willing to stand along-side white suspects. The judge ordered a makeup artist to put black faces on seven white men for the lineup. (However, the artist forgot to make up the men's hands.)

- The Wall Street Journal reported in July that the Environmental Protection Agency has ordered 71 mining companies in Idaho to submit copies of all of the paperwork they have produced in the last 117 years. EPA says it needs the information to help determine who is responsible for lead pollution in Idaho's Silver Valley. According to the president of one firm, the order was so crazy that the EPA investigators "must not live on this planet." Another pointed out that there are not enough copy machines in the region to handle the work.

- A joint report released for the Australian Foreign Ministry and with unimpressed appraisals of many South Pacific leaders, was accidentally left on a table at a regional economic ministers meeting in Cairns, Australia, in July, and reported in the press. While the Australian delegation was outwardly friendly toward its smaller, island-nation neighbors, the report described by name many of the nations' leaders as inept or corrupt. And two weeks earlier, Austria's foreign minister came under fire for his name-calling at a breakfast meeting in the Netherlands. Minister Wolfgang Schuessel reportedly called one German official "a real pig," the Belarus president a "smelly Turk," and U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright "an aging Bette Davis."

POLICE BLOTTER

- Four young men were arrested for trespassing and attempting to remove tires from a vehicle at a car-auction lot in Des Moines, Iowa, in May. These young men actually returned the car, but the police were holding it as evidence.

- Fleeting on foot just ahead of cops in hot pursuit near Collinsville, Ill., in June, murder suspect Ronald Hardwick, 24, ran into a field and attempted to hide. However, alert Texas County Sheriff's deputies noticed that a few cows, rather than idly grazing, had seemed to congregate in a certain area and were staring at a particular place where the animal had turned into some thicket. He headed that way and soon ran across Hardwick.

- Irene Laby, 75, was arrested in Barrington, Ill., in April and charged with felony shoplifting. It was her 145th arrest since 1989 (under as many as 60 aliases). This time, according to police, she had lifted a half salami, two rolls of cheese, and several bottles of Xerren's juice from a Jewel/Osco supermarket. In the police holding room, an officer said he heard a thump on the floor at Laby's feet and looked down to see a package. "What was that?" he asked her. Laby responded, "Would you like some cheese?" The officer then added a package of cheese to the charge.

- Robert Hayden, 30, was arrested in East Moline, Ill., in February and charged with attempted robbery of the Esquire Lodge East. According to police, Hayden walked into the lobby with a hood over his head, and simulta necous with his weapon in hand, and demanded money. Hayden, who is black, then sheepishly aborted the robbery when he realized that the Esquire Lodge East was black-owned and -operated. He fled, but police caught him nearby.

PEOPLE WITH TOO MUCH TIME ON THEIR HANDS

- At a celebrity auction in May, Debbie Durocher, New Mich., bid $5,625 for a pair of Mr. Ed's horseshoes and was so overcome with joy when she won that she had to retreat to the ladies' room for 20 minutes until she stopped crying. Later she told a reporter that she would keep the horseshoes in plastic because specks of brown residue in the nail holes "can't be washed out, and I hope it is because then I have a piece of him."

- A June Associated Press profile of Bernard Williams, 77, of Hannibal, Mo., described his work over the last 13 years: He has rewritten both the Old and New Testament of the Bible into rhyme in two books published by a local man, Jim Herfy, doing business as Hannibal Books. Williams' goal was to make the scriptures more accessible to readers.

UPDATE

News of the Weird reported in 1996 on hard-luck Oklahoma rastafarian Darron Bennalford Anderson, who had received a 2,300-year sentence in 1994 but was up for parole in 1997. Unfortunately for him, he was convicted again and this time given more than 90 additional centuries behind bars, a total of 11,250 years, including 40 centuries each for rape and sodomy, 17/12 centuries for kidnapping, 10 centuries for burglary and robbery, and five centuries for grand larceny. In July 1997, the state Court of Criminal Appeals held that the grand larceny charge was double jeopardy on the robbery conviction and dismissed it, speeding Anderson's release date up five centuries to the year A.D. 12,744.

WRONG PLACE, WRONG TIME

- Jimmy Robert Jowell, 33, was arrested in May in Redondo Beach, Calif., and charged with indecent exposure. He had opened the door of his van to Flash his female passerby, who just happened to be carrying a camera in order to take pictures of a house she had her eye on. She snapped several photos, of Jowell and of his license plate, and police tracked him down short time later.

US News ranks UCF in lowest tier

By OLIVIA K. CURNOW
Managing Editor

On a 4.0 scale, UCF scored 1.7 in academic reputation, according to a U.S. News survey of America's Best Colleges.

UCF was ranked in the fourth tier, lower than Florida State University, University of Florida and Florida International University.

The rankings are based on academic reputation, freshman retention, faculty resources, student selectivity, financial resources, efficiency and alumni giving rate.

The freshman retention indicates whether a school is retaining and graduating those who enroll there. Although UCF scored 72 percent, UCF surpassed UCF with a rate of 90 percent. FIU scored 21 percent for alumni giving, six percentage points higher than UCF. FSU scored 15 percentage points higher than UCF for the percentage of classes under 20.

"The ranking criteria tend to penalize younger institutions in two ways," said Dean McFall of university relations. "Younger institutions don't have a long track record and aren't ranked as high as older universities. UCF has historically been an underfunded institution. We [figures] would improve when the dollars come as they have this fiscal year."

McFall said the quality of our students has improved because UCF is the third most preferred university in Florida, the application growth is "astounding," and the ACT scores for incoming freshmen are the third highest in the state.

"Seminole, a graduate student in educational technology, did not know UCF ranked low. "It probably would have affected my decision to attend UCF because I looked all over the country," she said. "But, I'm happy with what I've gotten since I've come here."

Freshman Nicole Stockall said the rankings would not have affected her decision if she saw them before she applied to UCF. "I know if I had gone to UF, which was my alternative, the classes there would have been a lot of 11:250s, including 40 centuries each for rape and sodomy," she said. "We think [the students vote] is more important than any magazine rating."

McFall said.
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It's all within your reach.
Get to know your new dean in education

By OLIVIA K. CURNOW
Managing Editor

UCF is the first and only Florida state university to receive a $300,000 grant to improve student-police relations.

The University Hiring Program grant is awarded for 3 years by the U.S. Justice Department. This money will be used to hire five police officers to implement the Community-Oriented Policing (COP) program. The officers will be stationed at the residence halls, Lake Claire Apartments, Greek Park Drive and the Student Union.

"The COP program is getting back to the basis of the beat cop, which is the officer working in partnership with the community," said Sgt. Tom Gorbas, public information officer.

Gorbas said the officer will still enforce laws and make on-site arrests but will also build a relationship with the students.

"He'll get to know people on a first-name basis, become a mentor for some of these students, develop a friendship between the community and police department and get that trust back because that has been lost over the years," Gorbas said.

Before the grant was awarded, the police department participated in an extensive application process, explaining the goals of the department. Sgt. David Zanbri of the training division handled the application process prior to the grant period.

"We want to actually assign officers to housing, to provide assistance to housing," said Zanbri. "Students, faculty and staff will be more involved with the police department."

Sophomore Jason Lee lives at Lake Claire Apartments and thinks the COP program is an interesting idea.

"I hope it will improve relationships between students and law enforcement officers here and hopefully give students a feeling they can talk to police officers and better relate to them," he said.

Gorbas said the university agreed to keep the five officers longer than three years because the campus is growing every year. The officers must be matowne bike certified and have public speaking skills for crime prevention seminars.

Gorbas said the response from housing officials has been positive and they are hoping to have more COP officers throughout UCF in the future.

"I think it's a phenomenal idea because it's going to keep everyone in line and the police will give students a friendlier perception, not just enforce the law," said resident assistant Larry Mattacchione.

"They just don't give tickets," he said. "If you know a police officer by name, you'll be friendlier toward them."

Dean to teach a new lesson in education

By TARA SUH DORSEY
Staff writer

The college of education welcomed a new dean this semester, Dr. Sandra Robinson. She was the interim dean at South Carolina prior to coming to UCF.

Robinson is happy with her initial experiences at UCF.

"What a wonderful faculty, such a dynamic atmosphere, full of energy and enthusiasm. I am very impressed," said Robinson.

"I have visited other colleges and the degree of caring for the students here is tremendous. The faculty finds different angles to benefit the student body and, from there, choose their decisions. It is extraordinary."

"The opportunities for the students here are enormous. Students are prepared to be able to teach in any town, city or metropolitan." Robinson said a 20 mile radius from the main campus allows students to participate in those three key environments.

"Facilitators sharing the Robinson's enthusiasm are the local schools in the district, the Orlando Science Center and Walt Disney's Celebration School."

"Students at UCF are able to intern with the Celebration School, which is really unique," said Robinson. "We are one of four partners with them. The others are Auburn, John Hopkins and Stetson. It is a nice way to make friends literally across the miles."

"Her colleagues and staff have nice things to say about her. She is very innovative. I think the college and its interests are her main concern," said Jill Swanson, executive administrative assistant. "We are very fortunate to have her."

"She just recently arrived, but I think the college is headed in a successful path," said Sandra Martinez, education office's receptionist.

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I was very excited to get a chance to see Bob Dole deliver a speech, in person. This is a man that our children will be reading about in their boring history classes when they're in college. Though you may disagree with his politics, and the fact that he is a politician in general, Bob Dole is a man that deserves respect.

I was surprised, however, to find that many students were disinterested in this most important event. As students we should embrace an event of this magnitude. Though we may rather go to the library than sit through a long, boring speech by some slick politician who is just looking to gain public support for his new crime bill, we should at least mildly interested.

Mild interest seemed to be the driving force behind the majority of the students that winced into the Arena for the speech. I noticed many scanning eyes and whispering mouths during Dole's speech. At one point it seemed more like a high school rally rather than a speech by the former Senate Majority Leader. A certain amount of respect should be considered during an event such as this one, and it was sorely evident that perhaps UCF students are not ready for a speaker that demands a little compposure. I was wondering if Mel Gibson was going to walk out onto the stage or Bob Dole.

All self-righteousness aside, the actual speech was a bit on the boring side. I didn't care about most of the issues that he spoke of and found myself struggling to pay attention. It was interesting to see my counterpart actually fall asleep during the speech, and she was more gung-ho about the whole thing than I was.

We did, however, notice one thing about the speech itself: once a politician, always a politician. At the end of the speech the question and answer period proved to be the most intriguing part of the evening. Over and over again Dole commented on his beliefs that you should stick up for what you believe in and make a stand. But when Dole was asked straightforward questions, he gave no straight answers. Even in private life he feels the need to give the approval of the masses. Even when he has nothing to lose by voicing his opinion he backed down and gave the grayest possible answer that he could think of. I enjoyed watching him pull this off though, so I found it to be extraordinarily funny. Imagine being trained to talk like that: "Would you like some peas with that?"

"Boy I sure do love peas. I eat peas with meatloaf sometimes but other times I have yams. Yams are yummy! I remember one time back on the farm I had a dog named Glue, he sure did love that glue, and he ate up all these yams right after eatin' a bunch of glue and he darn near got 'em stuck to his snout. Me and ma, we laughed for an hour 'bout that one."

"Soono, do you want any peas with that?"

As a politician he is trained to answer the question without actually giving an answer. It is quite hard to do in any other job other than politics, or even in school:

"Can you tell me what the quadratic equation is for a multi-racial, singular number function given for $a$, when $x$ is really $r$ and looks like $??$"

"Well, you see, it is really hard to tell. I mean, them are just so many factors... No okay, I DON'T KNOW!"

In the academic world you just can't be shudy about anything, so it was amusing watching a man do what he does best: politics. For those of you that missed it, you missed a great performance by an old pro. And why weren't you there?"
Health center goes under knife

Diplomats tackle diverse issues

By JOHN MORGAN
Staff Writer

UCF does not offer an international studies or geography degree, but if you are interested in issues such as diplomatic talks among nations, world trade or human rights, there is a group on campus worth knowing about.

The United Nations Association chapter at UCF has been active for about three years. The group of about 20 students involved in the U.N. Association simulate and discuss similar issues as the actual United Nations.

The United Nations was formed in the wake of WWII, to find solutions to problems of any kind that effect humanity anywhere on the globe. People from differing political and social systems, rich and poor alike, participate to achieve peace.

Students involved agree there are significant skills to gain. "I have more respect for the differences among people of the world," senior Amar Mahabir said.

Twice a year the U.N. group attends conferences. The conferences allow students to apply and simulate the actions of the United Nations.

Universities nationwide participate by representing various countries of the world.

Students said by representing countries that have controversial histories, they are able to ascend beyond negative preconceived views.

In fall 1996, UCF students attended the regional conference and represented Columbia and Cuba. They are especially proud to report they won an award for their representation of Cuba.

"I was glad we were able to represent Cuba in a positive way," said Mahabir.

The national conference takes place in New York and host many U.S. colleges. Last year, there were students from Germany and Egypt.

Just as the actual U.N. is culturally diverse, so to is the group at UCF. There are students from origins such as Poland, Iran and the United States.

"I have made so many good friends through the U.N. club," said Graciela Noriega, the president of U.N. group.

The U.N. association is also good preparation for various careers or graduate studies programs.

"The experience I have gained is going to stick with me, even after I leave UCF," said senior Alemendez.

If your interested in finding out how to become involved in the U.N. Association, contact Noriega at GDN03504@pegasus.cc.ucf.edu.

"Students from all academic backgrounds are welcome," Alemendez said.
Huntington makes web banking easy

By STEVE BARNES
Web Editor

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What Factors Go Into Deciding What Student Attends a School?

By SUNNI DENICOLA
College Press Service

Ever wonder what the deciding factor was in your being admitted to your alma mater? Was it that great application essay you agonized over? Did those sky-high SATs blow admissions officers away? Or how about that 4.0 GPA that took years of sweat and tears?

Believe it or not, a final selling point might have been which high school you attended. Yes, if your parents had bought that house one block over, you might not be at your college right now. Some selective colleges give a boost to applicants based on the high school you attended. In fact, says Ralph Williams, executive director of the National Association of College Students, a nonprofit group that counsels students applying to college, "It gives preference to people who do not need preferential treatment," he said. "If a student comes from a wealthy suburban area has mostly A's and a few B's, but in an economically deprived area receives all A's, the student who received all A's should be given higher consideration, provided the classes are at equal levels."

Yet when admissions offices are inundated with applications, whose GPA and SAT scores are all high, a "weighting scale is often used to narrow the pool, " said Seppy Basilis, managing editor of Kaplan/Newweek's How to Get Into College guide. "The practice of weighting factors in college admissions is practical, not elitist," said Basilis. "The University of California-Berkeley received 12,000 applications from students who had over a 4.0 GPA because the UC system gives extra credit for AP (advanced placement) courses... And, if you were relying just on scores, you'd do kids a disservice because some don't test well, but truly are top students."

Not surprisingly, weighting systems often give preferences to under-represented minorities, children of alumni, the number of honors courses taken, campus leadership activities, etc.

But the selection process also leads to the practice of weighting high schools, says Basilis. "The real tension is: how do you compare students from very, very different schools? It really is a tough call," he said. "Admissions committees often need to weight factors like a high school's competitiveness in order to equitably evaluate, for example, an applicant who has a 4.0 GPA at a school with a challenging curriculum and another who has a 4.0 GPA at a school with a weaker curriculum."

Truly competitive colleges have to be this selective, says William S. Dingley, Jr., an independent college counselor in South Carolina. "It is important for admissions officers to compare the nature of the academic background and training that each student has in order to make a decision, " he said. "If the discussion was about athletics and their potential to become a top college or pro player, one would look closely not only at their physical abilities, but also how they performed in competition and what level of competition they were up against."

While most agree a weighting system is necessary, not everyone feels it should be applied to the high school itself. "Although I understand why and how it would happen, I personally feel it is not fair to students," said Williams. "Any student should have the shot to get into any college based on how they've applied themselves in high school, without any preconceived notions of admissions officers of a school. It is important to look at individual merits of students and not the merits of an individual school."

Williams says he feels enough other criteria exist for schools to use. "Standardized tests, quality of admissions essays, quality of recommendations, timeliness of applications—these are all things that can be evaluated at the same level," he said. "All things being equal, such as grades, these are the things they should look at."

In Detroit, the media recently took the University of Michigan to task for weighting high schools. UM uses a rating system called SCUGA—Schools, Curriculum, Unusual, Geographical, Alumni. That means that the caliber of the college is one of five factors considered. Others include giving preference to AP courses; "unusual" or distinguishing attributes such as leadership activities, involvement in creative projects, or being in an ethnic minority under-represented geographical location; and whether parents are alumni.

"We don't want admissions in this way, because students have little to say about where they attend high school," said David Smith, dean of admissions and financial aid at Syracuse University. "Our question is, given where the student has gone to school, what has that student done with the opportunities available to him or her? We don't hold the student accountable for things over which the student has no control."
CAL - Berkeley produces most Peace Corps volunteers among universities by far

By COLLEEN DE BAISE
College Press Service

WASHINGTON—The University of California at Berkeley has produced the most Peace Corps volunteers since President John F. Kennedy founded the agency 36 years ago.

Berkeley ranked No. 1 on the agency’s top-50 list, with 2,960 alumni serving as Peace Corps volunteers over three decades, the agency said. The University of Wisconsin-Madison was second with 2,237, followed by University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, 1,966.

University of California at Berkeley has produced the most Peace Corps volunteers among universities by far during the agency’s history, TIAA-CREF said last month.

Berkeley graduate Patricia Wilkinson Garamendi, now 50, said she was inspired to join after hearing Kennedy’s Bay Area speeches in the early 1960s.

As a high school senior, she and her classmates traveled to the Berkeley campus to be among 80,000 people who “heard the call for young men—and young women—to serve,” she said. “As women, it opened the doors of the world to us.”

Garamendi, whose husband, John, is the U.S. Deputy Interior Secretary, went to Ethiopia as a Peace Corps volunteer after her graduation from Berkeley.

“John had been accepted to Harvard for an MBA,” she said, “but I said, ‘I’d love to marry you, but we’re going into the Peace Corps.” He said he’d been thinking of joining, too, so we went together.”

Nearly 6,500 serve now in the Peace Corps. The top 20 universities that have produced the most volunteers, according to the Peace Corps, are:

4. Harvard University, 1,966.
5. University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, 1,921.
6. Michigan State University, 1,756.
10. Stanford University, 1,240.
11. Cornell University, 1,207.
12. Ohio State University, 1,196.
14. University of California-Santa Barbara, 1,159.
15. Indiana University-Bloomington, 1,123.
16. University of Texas-Austin, 1,091.
17. San Francisco State University, 1,044.
19. San Jose State University, 970.

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James Taylor brings years of song and dance to Orlando Arena

by PETER KUNDIS
Staff writer

This past Thursday night, one of the best musical acts of the seventies era, made a very strong presence here in O'Town. The nearly full-house, was something that even former-Beatle Ringo Starr and His All-Star Band weren’t able to generate during their latest stop-over in Orlando. Even though the name James Taylor may not be all the familiar with much of today’s younger crowd, there were quite a lot of young faces present at the concert.

James Taylor had a very impressive music catalog from which to draw the many songs that he played live for Orlando. And not surprisingly, most of his songs still sound just as fresh as they did, when they were first recorded. For those readers who just can’t recall any of his biggest hits, I’ll try to bring you up-to-date: "Fire and Rain", "Carolina in My Mind" and "How Sweet It Is (To Be Loved by You)" come to mind.

Unlike most of the groups today that depend heavily on a very amplified sound to get their message across, Taylor prefers to use his warm voice and a mellow musical background to do it for him. Backing Taylor was a very solid band of musicians, and four very talented back-up singers: Valerie Carter, Arnold McCuller, Kate Markowitz, and David Lasley.

Mr. Taylor provided a very satisfying bending of both his classic hits from the past with many of the songs from his latest release, "Hourglass". One of the songs that is receiving a lot of airplay on WMMO 98.9 FM is the love song "Little More Time With You". The lyrics of this song give reference to his former drug and alcohol problems: "I passed on the cocaine/ said bye-bye to my methadone... Still I feel like a hopeless junkie/Like a man who can’t say no.

Another song "Line 'Em' Up", starts out talking about the reception line for Richard Nixon’s presidential resignation, and ends with mention of the the massive wedding ceremony, held in Madison Square Gardens by the Unification Church.

The album "Hourglass" also features the songs "Anmous", a song that is half in French and half in English. "Up in Your Life" is a spiritual hymn for agnostics (according to Taylor). The album is a multimedia CD, which contains an interactive portion featuring interviews with Taylor and insights to the backgrounds of some of the songs.

So when you need a refreshing break, from all of the intensive studying you need to do during the term, pull out a copy of the "Hourglass" CD, to relax with.

This year's summer movie season invades fall

by ARTHUR A. PAULK
Staff writer

Well summer is over. Or is it? Batman is busted, the Speed 2 ship sank, and aliens reigned supreme, thru 1996, but despite the autumn breezes, the summer movies keep on coming. The fall and winter movie season is packed with horror, sci-fi and action flicks.

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Now I know what you’re thinking. Those last two movies don’t really count since they were pushed back from their initial summer release dates right? Wrong. That’s just another clever tactic in the grand scheme of Hollywood to proliferate our lives with popcorn cinema 365 days a year.

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Looks like event pictures dominate December. Not that I’m complaining or anything. I love the genre pictures and what’s on the horizon? Well this year’s summer movie season began Memorial Day weekend.

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Shows what I know.

Now we are well past Labor Day, and what’s on the horizon? Well this month, it’s The Peacemaker, an action film with George Clooney. October finds An American Werewolf in Paris, the long awaited sequel to An American Werewolf in London, with Julie Delpy, as well as Nightwatch, the much delayed Ewan McGregor horror-thriller. November brings the one two punch of Aliens Resurrection and Starship Troopers.

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Fleetwood Mac returns to form with lively reunion piece ‘The Dance’

by DEAN G. LEWIS
Entertainment editor

The rumors have spread once again throughout the music industry. Is one of America’s best-selling, influential rock bands reassembling for a rare reunion tour? You bet.

The original line-up from “Rumours” (1977) returns with a ferocious live set that’s sure to spark major buzz and reminiscing from longtime fans. Yes, Fleetwood Mac is definitely back. The group’s just-released “The Dance” is tops on Billboard’s album charts. Nostalgic for the 70s? With the fiery musical instincts of Lindsey Buckingham, Stevie Nicks, Mick Fleetwood, Christine McVie and John McVie, the group has rewritten rock history. Mac afficionados can now rejoice.

On the blistering 17-song set, Fleetwood Mac reconstructs classic old tunes with four new memorable songs. The standout is the lovely Buckingham composition “Bleed To Love Her”. Stevie Nicks’ former mate has never sounded better. Perhaps sounding better some twenty years later is key to Mac’s amazing stamina. Unlike the Eagles’ reunion effort several years ago, Mac enjoyed a resurgence into pop popularity with tunes like “Rhiannon (Will You Ever Win)”, “Say You Love Me” and “Monday Morning”. That success extended to the historic “Rumours” and served Mac well on its ambitious, double-set “Tusk” two years later in 1979.

Four years ago, “The Chain”, an engaging box set that featured rare takes, deep cuts, live performances and a slew of hit singles, made its way to record stores. The set also covered the early days of the group, when Bob Welch (who went on to make the solo “Ebony Eyes” and “Sentimental Lady”) and Peter Greene contributed their talents to many radio staples. Old hits that may sound familiar from Mac’s heydays include “Hypnotized” and “World Turning”.

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The first single from the new album, a beautiful rendition of the 1975 ballad “Silver Springs”, is already on radio stations across the country. Inviting the USC Trojan marching band to join the group on the album’s last two songs, Mac goes pompous near the end. However, those blaring versions of both “Tusk” and “Don’t Stop” prove Fleetwood Mac hasn’t lost a bit of its magic.
Two Ivy Dye in U.S. News’ Best College Rankings

By COLLEGE PRESS SERVICE
WASHINGTON—Harvard and Princeton share top honors as the nation’s two best universities, according to annual survey by U.S. News and World Report. That’s the first tie in the No. 1 spot since the magazine began publishing its controversial but influential rankings in 1983. Last year’s No. 1, Yale, dropped to third place where it tied with Duke University.

Swarthmore College was a repeat for the second year in a row as the top liberal arts college. Amherst grabbed No. 2, and Wellesley and Williams colleges tied for third.

To determine the rankings, U.S. News considered several criteria, including academic reputation, graduation rates, and the ratio of faculty to students. The magazine compiled data from questionnaires sent to 1,400 four-year schools in early 1997. A similar ranking was done in the methodology for this year accounted for several changes in the rankings. The final score of each ranked school was rounded to the nearest whole number, as "small statistical differences among institutions are not significant in setting them apart," the magazine said.

Rounding out the top 10 national universities were: 5. Stanford University; 6. Haverford College; 7. Cornell College; 8. Bowdoin College, Bryn Mawr College, Claremont McKenna College; 9. Davidson College; and Wesleyan and Washington and Lee University.

The magazine said the rankings are a guide for prospective students.

"Out ultimate goal is not to give an absolute measure of the "best college" for any and all students," the magazine said, "but to give parents and their students a set of tools to help them make a complex decision.

Vonnegut Really Will Speak At Commencement
HOUSTON—This year’s "it’s no rumor:" Kurt Vonnegut really will impart words of wisdom to college graduates next spring.

For months, a copy of a commencement speech mysteriously attributed to Vonnegut has circulated at an address, supposedly delivered to Massachusetts Institute of Technology graduates, by 1960s "Ladies and Gentlemen of the class of 1967: Wear sunscreen.

In reality, Vonnegut gave no such speech. The whimsical poke at commencement speeches was written by Chicago Tribune columnist Mary Schmich for a 1995 column. Whether by mistake or oversight, hundreds of thousands of Internet users—including Vonnegut’s wife Mary Krenn—have been fooled.

Next spring, however, the acclaimed novelist will address Rice graduates. "We wanted the college of ’98 to have a thing," Rice President Malcolm Gillis joked.

The university actually invited Vonnegut, whose novels include "Slaughterhouse-Five" and "The Sirens of Titan," by 1983. The Department of Agriculture research finds that eight out of 10 college-age women and more than half of men don’t get enough calcium in their daily diets.

College students should drink at least three 8-ounce glasses of milk each day to meet the daily calcium requirement, Barr said. "Many college-age men and women don’t realize their bones continue to grow until mid-30s, so it’s crucial to bolster the diet with calcium-rich foods, like milk, while they still have the window of opportunity," she said.

"It’s the surest, most effective thing," Barr said. "We're working to highlight the importance of milk, trying to get students to drink more milk." And while some may believe drinking milk makes them acne-prone, "It’s just an old wives’ tale," Barr said. "We encourage parents to set a good example by drinking milk themselves."

Milk is the first beverage student-athletes are encouraged to drink during their daily training sessions, Barr said. "We encourage drinking milk as the body’s natural nutrient after exercising," she said.

"We’ve got an extra $3,000, and it will be open to all students," Barr said. "We’re going to focus on students who need the money." Barr said the money will go to students with financial need.

"We’re trying to give an absolute measure of the "best college" for any and all students," the magazine said. "It’s basic training, it’s not ‘Hell Week’," Mace said. "We have decreased the tempo."

In 1997, Citadel President Malcolm Mace, told the college’s cadet commandment, Emory Mace, told the 20 women and 538 men in the freshman class, "If I find out about it, the hammer will fall, and it will be a pretty big hammer." The college dismissed four women last year but two dropped out after one semester, saying they were hazed and sexually harassed by male cadets.

The college is hoping to better integrate women into its corps of cadets this year. It has appointed a new female commandant, and brought in a professional actress, whose name is a secret, to encourage students from diverse backgrounds to consider cadet training.

The Education Department Weighs Changes in Student-Aid Policies

By Charles Dervarics
College Press Service
WASHINGTON—The U.S. Department of Education is considering a "super Pell Grant" that would give the neediest students an extra $300 in their second year of college, one higher education officials said.

The program, designed to promote the retention of low-income college students, has been a "reward" for students who complete their freshmen year and give them an incentive to continue their education, said one higher education lobbyist.

But the program would be open only to Pell recipients with no exception to the program, meaning it would target only the most needy students, he said.

The plan is part of the Education Department’s draft Higher Education Act (HEA) reauthoriza­tion plan circulating among higher-education leaders. The department is likely to reintroduce the package formally when Congress returns from its recess in September.

Congress is in the final stages of approving a Clinton administration request to raise the maximum Pell Grant from $2,700 to $3,300. The "super" grant presumably would raise that amount to $3,300.

The idea has strong support from some members, but finding the extra money may be another matter.

"How the [Education] Department would pay for a super Pell within the five-year balanced-budget agreement is the question," the official said.

By seeking the extra $300, the Education Department is following the basic framework of an earlier suggestion from The College Fund, a Washington-based nonprofit that recommended giving an extra $1,000 to Pell Grant recipients who maintained a B average in their first year of college.

The new plan is "very close to recommendations UNCF made," said William Blakely, Washington representative for The College Fund. He welcomed the Education Department’s move, noting the extra $900 would complement the $1,000 the department gets when students need additional aid.

"It gives them a modest boost, but a boost nonetheless," he said. Other elements under discussion at the Education Department include:

• Restricting it to six years the amount of time a full-time undergraduate could receive student aid. This plan, meant to encourage students from completing their degrees in four years, would set upper limits on Pell aid. The limit would be lower for those who need the money the most.

"It is a time limit would punish the very students who need aid the most."

"At a time limit would make sense for students with financial need who are not jobs and families," said Noah Brown, government relations director of the Association of Community College Trustees. "But students might have trouble finishing in a part-time program."

Currently there is no limit on how many years a student may receive a Pell Grant.

• Increasing access to aid for students enrolled in distance-education programs.

"The assumption is that if you’re taking a distance-education course, you’re expenses are lower," Brown said.

One possible change could allow students to receive financial aid and for shorter-term coursework leading to certificates rather than just toward bache­lor’s or associate degrees. Also, aid may be available to include the cost of a computer when calculating their cost of attendance.

The Education Department also may take a more serious look at the quality of distance-education courses. Brown said. Such recom­mendations include: guidelines for college and university accrediting agencies to assess the quality of these programs.
Manning’s Moon, Other Incidents, Cost Tennessee

BY MARCO BUSCAGLIA
College Press Service

TENNESSEE-Peyton Manning is everywhere this college football season. You’ll find his smiling face on the cover of nearly every pre-season football publication and see the talented quarterback interviewed endlessly on ESPN.

But the one thing you won’t see is the Manning attribute that cost the University of Tennessee $300,000.

Last year, Manning mooned—that’s right, mooned, the kind of thing that’s right, mooned, the kind of action you partake in on sixth-grade field trips—a friend of his in a training room during the spring practice season.

However, Manning’s pal, a male track athlete, missed his field trips—a friend of his in a training room during the spring practice season.

Jamie Whited, a female athletic trainer, was standing in the way. He tried to contact her in person to say he was sorry, and he eventually sent a registered letter of apology just to make sure she knew he really, really meant it. And since the incident caused some negative press for the Vols, Manning had to run a lot of laps and stadium steps as punishment.

Still, Whited said the mooning incident was one of several complaints she said were ignored or not taken seriously by UT administrators. She made a motion to sue and finally settled the incident through the University of Tennessee’s Intensive English Program.

So the Volunteers’ quarterback— the one with the former pro quarterback for a father, the one with the squeaky clean image, the one who stunned football fans last fall when he announced plans to return for his senior season instead of playing in the NFL—was forced to apologize.

And apologize he did. Manning left numerous messages on Whited’s home answering machine saying his moon was never meant for her eyes. He knew he really, really meant it. Manning had to run a lot of laps and stadium steps as punishment.

In her suit, Whited made 33 allegations of various types of sexual harassment and inappropriate behavior, saying most took place between 1994 through 1996. The incidents, she said in her suit, ranged from having jokes made about the size of her breasts to having Manning drop his shorts and expose his behind. She said the school’s general counsel, Beauchamp Brogan, didn’t return a call to her home. Her answering machine indicated that she said he was sorry, and he eventually sent a registered letter of apology just to make sure she knew he really, really meant it. And since the incident caused some negative press for the Vols, Manning had to run a lot of laps and stadium steps as punishment.

This payment is not an admission of liability by the university or any other party and is a compromise of a disputed claim,” said the school’s general counsel, Beauchamp Brogan.

Whited didn’t return a call to her home. Her answering machine indicated that she was not taking educational leave effective immediately through June 1998. According to UT athletic department officials, Manning has nothing more to say on the matter.

Neither do any of the football players.

But UT senior Cliff Alexander does. He’s busy making a T-shirt he hopes to sell at football games in this fall.
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• Men's and Women's Cross Country-UCF Invitational from UCF Arena Track
• Volleyball at Tiger Classic in Baton Rouge, LA, vs. University of Michigan, 6 p.m.
• Women's golf at Lady Seminole in Tallahassee

Saturday, Sept. 13
• Football at Nebraska, 12:30 p.m.
• Rugby vs. Iron Horse, 2 p.m.
• Volleyball at Tiger Classic in Baton Rouge, vs. Louisiana State University, 2 p.m.
• Volleyball at Tiger Classic in Baton Rouge, vs. University of Connecticut, 6 p.m.
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Sunday, Sept. 14
• Women's Soccer vs. Florida Atlantic University, 2 p.m. at UCF Arena Soccer Field
• Men's Soccer at Florida International University, 7 p.m. from Miami
• Women's golf at Lady Seminole in Tallahassee

Democracy in action on UCF campus

by BRIAN SMITH
News editor

The UCF Student Government senate elections will be conducted on Sept. 16 and 17. The voting booths will be located at the Health and Physics, Education, Business and Engineering buildings. The booths will be open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Along with senator nominees, there will be five Constitutional Amendments and a Referendum on the ballot.

The two main amendments and the Referendum deal with the following issues.

Constitutional Amendment #5, adding to Article III, Section VI.A, states that all agreements between Student Government and other entities that involve Activity and Service Fee funds must be signed by the Student Body President and ratified by the Student Senate.

Constitutional Amendment #6, adding to Article III, Section VI.B, states all fee transfers from student funded trust fund accounts must be signed by the Student Body President and ratified by the Student Senate.

The Referendum deals with whether students would support the construction of a Recreational Services Building if it caused an increase in the student Activity and Service fees.

All currently registered and enrolled UCF students are eligible to vote.

UCF football hopes for bigger crowds in its season opener, Sept. 20 against Idaho, after strong showings at Mississippi and South Carolina.

Photo special to the FUTURE
UCF football looks to make a legend against a legend

GONZO'S GROWL
By DEREK GONSOLIN
Sports Editor

How can you describe it as anything other than big?

UCF football's foray to Lincoln, Nebraska on Aug. 13 will be the biggest single event in the school's pigskin history. November 13 weeks have the same in-state flavor the game with No. 1 Florida.

"It’s big time," running back Mike Grant said. "It’s the epitome of college football ... the Nebraska Cornhuskers.

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"It’s big time," running back Mike Grant said. "It’s the epitome of college football ... the Nebraska Cornhuskers. Ever play a team that never thinks about losing??"

Coach Gene McDowell knows the Cornhuskers' storied tradition and recalls some of his own when he was a coach with the Seminoles. Back when a fledging FSU program in the late 70's was taking cash payouts from big name schools to build up its program. The breakthrough game came at the turn of decade. It came against Nebraska.

"There was some writer that asked me after that ball game 'at what point in the game did you start thinking you could this thing?" McDowell said. "Way before the game started. Way before the season started."

Listening to ESPN’s Chris Fowler or reading the Miami Herald, one would think the program had sold its present for the future. The two reported the Knights excepted an NCAA record $1.4 million, guaranteed, to play seven road games. Over a million to sacrifice any chance at a winning season and, as Fowler put it, 'to pay for psychiatric help for the players.'

"Sure we can beat Nebraska," said McDowell, whose team is a 42-point underdog this weekend.

"There’s no rule that says we can’t beat Nebraska. The rules say that whoever has the most points when time expires will be declared the winner. They play the games to figure who was going to win. If they knew who they were going to win ahead of time they wouldn’t even play."

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A record setting evening in Columbia

South Carolina Notebook

The record setting began prior to kickoff, when 81,908 fans piled into Williams-Brice Stadium. That mark is the third highest in USC history and easily breaks the record for a UCF game. The previous mark was set on Sept. 23, 1995, where 76,600 gathered at Doak Campbell Stadium to watch the Florida State Seminoles beat the Knights, 46-14.

Stasha Burley posted 231 receiving yards on eight receptions to tie David Rhodes’ record for most receiving yards in a game. Rhodes set the mark on ten catches in a 50-36 loss at Western Kentucky on 10/24/92. South Carolina wideout Zola Davis’ ten receptions ties the mark for the most catches a UCF player. Several players have accomplished the feat, with the last being Marty Booker on Oct. 19, 1996, in a 39-38 win for Northeast Louisiana over UCF at the Citrus Bowl. The Gamecock defense also tied a record,registering eight sacks. Georgia Southern is the only other team to have sacked UCF as much back on Dec. 8, 1990.

Duante climbs the charts

With a 71-yard touchdown pass to Burley in the third quarter of Saturday’s loss, Duante Culpepper accomplished several personal feats. For starters, it was the longest pass completion in Culpepper’s career. The Burley reception also tied Mike Collier for the fifth longest reception in UCF history. The pass also vaulted Culpepper past Dana Thyshen for third place on the UCF passing list with 4,996 yards. He surpassed the 5,000 mark with a 20-yard completion to Burley on the following drive. Culpepper also passed Thyshen for third place in completed passes with his 381st completion on a 28-yard pass to Todd Cleveland, which also extended Cleveland’s mark for consecutive games with a catch to 19.

Mark Nonsant also caught a pass to extend his streak to 13. Nonsant’s consecutive games with a touchdown reception ended at five. On the season, Culpepper is 30 of 69, for 495 yards, six touchdowns and one interception.

Penalty party

Unbelievably, USC and UCF combined for 28 penalties for 247 yards. The teams nearly set a record with the Knights losing 112 yards in penalties and the Gamecocks losing 125 yards. Both coaches had interesting remarks soaked in sarcasm.

“It’s early in the season, that’s all you can say.” USC coach Brad Scott said. “Penalties, turnovers, the kicking game (are problem areas)—and we mastered two of them tonight. I take full responsibility for that.”

“Those were some of the worst penalties I’ve ever seen,” McDowell said. “Absolutely ridiculous. Of course I’d never accuse SEC officials of home cooking.”

The good

* Special teams—Blocking two punts, an extra point and stuffing another extra point opportunity.
* Darryl Latimore was a hero with both blocked punts while Emory Green snuffed out the PAT. Fred Waczeski accounted for seven UCF points, drilling four extra points and a 45-yard field goal.
* Culpepper to Burley: An absolutely terrific performance. Burley loves to be the go to guy and Culpepper made him the first option in his reads.
* Run Defense—Troy Hambrick was tremendous, carrying the attack for 81 yards on 18 carries. Hambrick also scored one of USC’s two rushing touchdowns. The other was a sneak by Anthony Wright. Both Wright and Hambrick scored on three-yard runs.

The bad

* Pass defense—After allowing 303 yards passing to Mississippi State Anthony Wright tossed for 266 yards and three touchdowns, with Zola Davis catching 10 balls for 120 yards.
* Rushing—Mike Grant played very well late in the game, but amassed just 48 yards on 11 carries. Mike Huff and Kendrick Moore combined for just six yards on six carries.
* Penalties—The officials probably needed loosened after calling 17 penalties for 122 yards on the Knights. The worst came when Deon Porter was flagged for a illegal block on a punt return, pinning UCF inside its own five. The offense failed to move the ball and USC started a touchdown drive at the UCF 27.

The interesting

* Injuries—UCF-Mike Spencer hobbled off in the second half. His status is up in the air. Deaubrey Devine played and should be in the starting lineup against Nebraska. South Carolina lost Darren Hambrick for a couple of weeks with an ankle injury.
* Central Florida was a 19-point underdog against USC, meaning they have been an underdog by a combined 33 points. They have lost the games by a combined three points.
* Freshman tailback Dwight Collins entered college football for the first time this season. Collins entered the game at 11:46. At 8:52 in the second quarter, he got his only carry and gained one yard.

Next week: Nebraska

The Knights face probably their toughest opponent next week, when they travel to Lincoln to face the No. 5 Nebraska Cornhuskers. With the expectations from a national perspective sure to be that of a massacre, will USC go into the game overwhelmed?

“We’re just going to keep plugging away. One of these days we’re going to upset one of these big name teams. That’s when the USC program is going get rolling,” said Culpepper.

“It’s frustrating. We should have won these last two games. Now, we have to regroup and regroup and come out for Nebraska,” said tailback Mike Grant. “They can only line eleven people out on the field at one time, just like we can. We’ll see what happens.”

“We feel it’s a little insulting that people expect teams to beat us by a lot of points, but they never do. We play hard, against Nebraska it will be no different,” cornerkid Reginald Doster said. “They put their shirts and shoes on the same way we do. They are just another team.”

-TONY MEJIA

Despite being sacked eight times, quarterback Daunte Culpepper (left) had another big day throwing for three touchdowns including 71 and 49-yard scores to receiver Stasha Burley.
Special teams anything but losers vs. Gamecocks

by TONY MEJIA
Staff writer

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Amazing efforts by many individuals went into the 33-31 loss to South Carolina. However, it was the special teams play of the Golden Knights which stood out among the rest. Several blocked kicks opened the door for UCF’s first touchdown and kept it open throughout the game.

Cornerback Darryl Latimore’s two punt blocks led to the first and last touchdowns. Latimore said the special teams just took advantage of a Gamecock weakness.

“They had a slow punter, and we saw on film that he was blockable, so we just massed. Whoever got to the ball first got the block,” said Latimore, who accomplished the feat both times.

“It’s all about following technique and wanting to do it. I wanted to get the block for my teammates. When I got the opportunity, I took advantage of it. Nothing special, it’s all about effort.”

What a difference the effort made. Latimore’s punt blocks kept UCF in contention. The special teams also kept points off the board by smothering South Carolina on a botched snap of an extra point, and Emory Green blocking another extra point try outright.

On the other side of the ball, Fred Waczworski made good on all four of his extra point tries, and added a career best 45 yard field goal in the second quarter for good measure. UCF punter Marek Butcher performed solidly for the second straight week, and saw his punts go unscathed into the night air of South Carolina, which was something.

Gamecock coach Brad Scott would have appreciated.

“They have a fine offensive attack and their defense hung in all night, but it was their special teams that killed us,” said Scott. “Their special teams outplayed our special teams, and that was the difference in the ball game.”

The Knights did come up short in their upset bid of USC, but if this performance was any indication, the UCF special teams is going to have a very big say in the outcome of many ball games this season.

“Nothing surprised me about it. Going in, we thought we could block their punts, and that’s exactly what we did,” said coach Gene McDowell.

“None of it was very easy, but it was there for the taking. I’ll have to check the film to see how we blocked that extra point. That surprised me, because that’s really tough to do. I have to see how we did that.”

Extra special effort probably had a little something to do with it.

Women’s Golf ready for fall season, Seminoles

By BROOK BENNET
Staff Writer

The UCF women’s golf team is getting ready for another fall season, with promising new editions and reliable returners.

The golfer, under the coaching of Jill Fjelstul, are directly behind each other in the five qualifying rounds already played. Leading the pack with an average of 77 on a tough qualifying course is returner Line Berg from Norway. Next in line is Emma Soderlindh, a junior from Sweden with a 78 average. Zoe Grimbeek, a transfer from Lynn University, Boca Raton, averaged 79, and was the Division II champion last year.

Another new edition to the team is Loren Connnatser, with an average of 82, a transfer from Temple Terrace. Fifth and 6th on the team are Tatiana Londono from South America and Hege Fritting from Norway.

UCF will start the season out at Florida State this weekend. Coach Fjelstul is confident in her team.

“We have so much depth compared to last year. We’ll be much more competitive,” Fjelstul said.

“We had a big recruiting season and were fortunate to obtain quality athletes. We need to start off good at Florida State because of all the regional teams that will be in the tournament.”

The second tournament will be at Auburn, then at the University of South Florida, and finally the team will travel to Hawaii for their fourth and final tournament of the fall season.

The team went to the NCAA two years ago.
### At a Glance
**UCF vs. Nebraska**

**What:**
Saturday, Sept. 13-Central Florida at Nebraska, 1:30 p.m. (eastern time)

**Where:**
Memorial Stadium in Lincoln, Neb.

**Stadium Capacity:**
72,000

**Head Coaches:**
Nebraska-Tom Osborne, 243-49 in 25th season with Cornhuskers.
Central Florida-Gene McDowell, 5-8 in second year at Division I with Knights

**Series:**
First meeting

**Last time out:**
Nebraska (1-0) had the week off after defeating Akron 59-14. The Knights (0-2) lost at South Carolina, 33-31.

**Radio:**
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**Notes:**
Nebraska-Ranked No. 5 in the ESPN and USA Today polls ... With preseason injuries allowing the tailback position, option quarterback Scott Frost (1,440 yards, 13 TDs passing in 1996) will be expected to carry more of the load ... Offensive linemen Eric Anderson and Aaron Taylor highlight a unit which averages 300 pounds ... the defense is led by senior defensive end Grant Wistrom (9.5 sacks in 1996) and senior tackle Jason Peter (10 tackles for loss in 1996) ... Talented but young, only three defensive starters return from 1996.

UCF-Proving equal to their tough schedule with a win against Ole Miss or USC was more realistic than against the Cornhuskers ... The Knights have lost their first two games by a total of three points, but this week it could get ugly. The Gamecocks manhandled UCF in the trenches both defensively (Eight sacks of Daunte Culpepper and 31 rushing yards) and offensively (No sacks allowed and 153 yards rushing). Nebraska is well known for having the strongest line play in the country ... Culpepper and junior receiver Siaha Burley connected eight times for 231 yards and two touchdown against USC, but no other receiver had more than one reception. The team needs everyone to get involved in the passing game to keep this one close ... UCF has yet to intercept a pass or recover a fumble on defense ... The special teams have blocked two punts and recovered a fumble.

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Nebraska-Ranked No. 5 in the ESPN and USA Today polls ... With preseason injuries allowing the tailback position, option quarterback Scott Frost (1,440 yards, 13 TDs passing in 1996) will be expected to carry more of the load ... Offensive linemen Eric Anderson and Aaron Taylor highlight a unit which averages 300 pounds ... the defense is led by senior defensive end Grant Wistrom (9.5 sacks in 1996) and senior tackle Jason Peter (10 tackles for loss in 1996) ... Talented but young, only three defensive starters return from 1996.

UCF-Proving equal to their tough schedule with a win against Ole Miss or USC was more realistic than against the Cornhuskers ... The Knights have lost their first two games by a total of three points, but this week it could get ugly. The Gamecocks manhandled UCF in the trenches both defensively (Eight sacks of Daunte Culpepper and 31 rushing yards) and offensively (No sacks allowed and 153 yards rushing). Nebraska is well known for having the strongest line play in the country ... Culpepper and junior receiver Siaha Burley connected eight times for 231 yards and two touchdown against USC, but no other receiver had more than one reception. The team needs everyone to get involved in the passing game to keep this one close ... UCF has yet to intercept a pass or recover a fumble on defense ... The special teams have blocked two punts and recovered a fumble.

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COLUMBIA, S.C.—During UCF visiting some of the elite powers in college football, the Knights have encountered an advantage which they are not accustomed to in Orlando—fan support.

Lots of it.

Sadly, with so many alumni from different universities residing in the Orlando area, UCF has yet to generate the fan base that their opponents enjoy. Not to say that the typical Golden Knight fan leaves something to be desired when compared to one of another school, UCF has many quality fans. It's just that UCF fans can't pack the vast capacity of the Citrus Bowl. Historically, they haven't even been able to pack a fourth of it on a consistent basis.

The usual emptiness of the Citrus Bowl became crystal clear when the Knights trotted out on a consistent basis. The crowd was screaming fans at Williams-Brice. The atmosphere with much to be desired.

"That's Gamecock football. We love our boys, and we stand by them. This is an event," said proud USC fan Jerry Grace, one of the many crimson and black fans who packed Williams-Brice for the first time in nine years. "UCF had a lot of confidence, but we pulled through. We take great pride in backing them to win games like these."

The fans in Columbia, S.C. also take great pride in partying, as the tailgating was in full effect hours prior to the home opener. A loud marching band, food and football talk had the crowd into a frenzy before even entering the stadium. It was a carnival atmosphere, and to say the Gamecock fans were rowdy and excited would be an understatement. Raucous is more like it.

But where does that leave UCF? The Knights are looking for more support in its second season in Division I-A. Although a crowd the likes of the one that gathers at Williams-Brice is unlikely, having played in the self-proclaimed "best setting in the nation to watch a college football game," will give UCF something to look forward to when they open their home schedule Sept. 20 against Idaho.

"We have a team that can have a great season, and they are exciting and provide a great show," said UCF fun Tony Nicholson, who trekked to Columbia to root on the Knights. "If we don't get the fun support in Orlando for this, I don't know what's going to bring them in. We are a I-A team, and we are not a slouch. This team is for real, and they need supporters. Eventually, the players and this program will fill the seats."

That moment can't come soon enough for a UCF team that seems to be outgrowing the baby steps phase of their development. The question remains how many will be there to see the finished product?

UCF staff report

As the 1997 season starts, the UCF Men's Rugby Club is determined to return to its tradition of dominance. After winning five Florida State Championships over the past seven years, this year's team looks to improve upon last year's second place finish in the State Championship and the seventh place finish in the Southeast. Led by Captains Joachim Wiese and Craig Hochman, the team is setting its sights on the Southern Championship, currently held by the University of Florida.

New Head Coach Ken Lindsay brings years of experience and an unparalleled understanding of the game to the team. Under his tutelage, and with coaching help from John Holton, and former Captain Will Defellow this young team should mature quickly. Team Captain Joachim Wiese looks for this season to be a building season.

Hochman said, "With the talent an leadership brought back by our returning veterans, and the strong play that we have seen so far from our new players, there should be nothing to stop us."

Highlights on this season's schedule include the opening match against the local men's team, Iron Horse, on Sept. 13. On Sept. 27, UCF will host the defending Southern Champion, University of Florida, in a rematch of last year's state championship game.

FALL 1997 SCHEDULE

Sept. 13 Iron Horse
Sept. 20 @ Naples
Sept. 27 University of Florida
Oct. 11 @ Daytona
Oct. 18 Emory
Oct. 25 @ Sarasota
Nov. 1 University of Miami
Nov. 16 Alumni

All of the home games are at 2:00 p.m. on the intramural fields. Everyone is invited to the games, and there is no charge for admission, so come out and support the team.

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Knights play well but suffer loss at South Carolina

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hopes something could be done
about the offensive woes.

"We were very fortunate: I
think they may have relaxed
Going into halftime," UCF coach
Gene McDowell said. "They
may have thought they had
the game won and relaxed. It took a
couple of touchdowns by us for
them to wake up."

The wake up call was provided
by Burley. After Culpepper was
sacked twice more by the
Gamecock blitz, he finally got
some time to throw and found
streaking Burley over the middle
for a 71-yard scoring play, the
career.

"He's such an exceptional ath­
lete. I knew it was just a matter
of time before he got rolling," said Culpepper of his new game­
breaker.

Burley finished the night with
eight receptions for 231 yards,
by David Rhodes school record for most receiving yards in a
game. The performance cer­
tainly woke up the sleeping
Gamecocks, who answered
USC territory when Mike Huff
missed a Culpepper option pitch
for second consecutive week.
The fumble opened the door for
the Gamecocks, who proceeded
to score on a Troy Hambrick
three-yard touchdown run. USC
drive, that culminated with a six­
yard toss to receiver Jermaine
Kelly. The snap on the extra
point was botched, leaving USC
up 33-24 with just under eight
minutes remaining.

"We were ten points down,"
USC coach Brad Scott said.
"You find out a lot about your­
selves in that situation. They
have a good team that came to
play. Our guys just fought back,
and that's a good sign."

A second blocked punt by
Latimore set up the final UCF
touchdown on a two-yard run
by Huff, but the Gamecocks
were able to use Hambrick's running
speed to run out the clock,
running the Knights out of town­
narrowly.

"We were close to winning
again," said defensive end
Jermaine Benoit.

"This was a tough loss for us,
but we'll have to put the game
behind us and get ready for the
next one. We made some good
plays but they just weren't
enough to win tonight."

The Knights may have raised
a few eyebrows with their tough
play in the early season, UCF has
made it clear they are not content
with enhanced credibility alone.

"The team, overall, played very
well, and everyone deserves a lot
of credit," said Culpepper, who
threw for 299 yards and three
touchdowns.

"However, I can speak for the
team when I say we aren't happy
with a loss. We're never happy
with a loss."
Arizona State hands UCF volleyball 1st loss

By JEFF CASE
Staff Writer

The saying is that things are always bigger in Texas. According to UCF women's volley­ball coach Laura Smith, so are its volleyball tournaments.

The Knights participated in the LadyJack Invitational Tournament Sept. 4-6 going 3-1. UCF defeated Rice University, North Texas University and host Stephen F. Austin University while the losing came against nationally ranked Arizona State University.

Smith said the Knights lost due to the Sun Devils' height advantage and UCF's miscues.

"They were huge. I like to think I have a tall team and most people agree, but when you play a team from the PAC-10, which is what they are, there is definitely a size factor," Smith said.

"We had some breakdowns, and that just can't happen against teams like that," Smith said.

Smith said the trip was a learning experience for her players and that their performance turned several heads. Smith is frustrated her team could not compete against a high-caliber team like ASU.

"We learned from it, and it was a valuable experience," Smith said. "Rice, North Texas, and Stephen F. Austin are all very good teams, and we beat them.

"But at the same time, it was a frustrating one because we only get to have this kind of competition enough [in the season]," she said. People at Stephen F. Austin came up to us and said 'What a match!' We just wish we could have it more."

ASU coach Patti Snyder-Park was impressed by UCF's performance, Smith said. Snyder-Park told Smith she considered seniors Tyra Harper and Renata Menchikova to be All-American candidates and the Knights deserve to be nationally ranked.

Smith considers this idle talk unless UCF wins a few rounds in the NCAA tournament.

"Now we have to win and go on in the NCAA's so that these players can be seen and recognized," Smith said.

UCF will now prepare for their TAAC opener, Sept. 10 at 7 p.m. against Jacksonville University. Smith plans to stress defense in practice, which was a weak point at the LadyJack Invitational.

The Knights will try to win their 53rd consecutive conference game, a team and conference record. Smith hopes the UCF student body will help her team break into a new record book, the American Volleyball Coaches Association.

"We want to have 1000 fans at this Wednesday's game so we can get into the 1000 Fan Club," Smith said.

"This is an actual record that's kept, and we've never gotten in. We only have four home games this year, so I'm urging the students to show up.

"We want this record."

UCF Men's soccer team ranked 10th in south region

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University on September 9, kicking off the Trans America Athletic Conference season. Last season UCF finished in first place of the TAAC's East Division. Following that roadtrip, UCF will take on Florida International University September 14.

"If we can beat Jacksonville and FIU we should climb even higher in the region," Smith said.

Neil Thompson, a senior transfer from USC-Upstate, has started in Hedrick's position in midfield. Thompson left the win against Long Island University with a back injury, but played against Winthrop.

Tuomas Tuomilehto, UCF's All-Conference goalkeeper in 1996, was hoping to be released from a fracture in his foot. Tuomilehto, a senior transplant from Finland, was an All-Conference goalkeeper in 1996, was hoping to be released from a fracture in his foot. Tuomilehto, a senior transplant from Finland, was an All-Conference goalkeeper in 1996, was hoping to be released from a fracture in his foot.

Sophomore midfielder Richard O'Sullivan is still out with a fractured foot and is expected to be back in a couple of weeks.

Women's basketball hires third assistant

UCF women's basketball coach Lynn Bria announced Aug. 4 the hiring of Linda Batz as assistant coach. Batz is the sister of former UCF's women's basketball coach Darby Batz (1990-94).

"Linda is a very intelligent person who has the professionalism and organizational skills needed to become a good coach," Bria said. "She also has an obvious knowledge of the game and the deep desire she has to succeed in coaching shows. Linda will be a great asset to the team."

Batz, a native of Greenfield, Ind., played basketball at Valparaiso University. She earned a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering and is currently enrolled in the business administration graduate school at UCF.

Batz's experience as a coach varies: she served as a graduate assistant at the VIU basketball team, was a volunteer league basketball coach for girls and boys and was a volleyball coach for several graders. She has been Project Manager/Design Engineer for Johnson Controls for the past three years.

She will assist Bria in all phases of coaching with an emphasis on post-players.

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Knights second upset bid slips away
by TONY MEJIA
Staff writer

COLUMBIA, S.C. — The UCF football team did many great things in their upset bid Saturday night. Unfortunately, they made just as many bad plays.

Struggling to make their big splash in the 1-1 ranks, UCF came up short against an SEC rival for the second consecutive week by falling 33-31 to South Carolina.

A huge day from junior wideout Stasha Burley and special teams excellence were offset by a costly fumble and a bundle of penalties. Add a devastating USC pass rush and the Golden Knights failed to send a sellout crowd of 11,908 home unhappy.

Early on UCF silenced the crowd with the first of numerous big plays on special teams. The first of cornerback Darrell Latimore's two blocked punts set up a Duante Culpepper four-yard pass to Mike Grant. UCF had a 7-0 advantage just 76 seconds into the game.

"It’s a momentum swing, like an interception," Latimore said. "The field position makes it easy for us to get into the end zone. This is a team game, and we play as a team."

The Gamecocks awoke as Anthony Wright tossed a touchdown pass to Kerry Wood twice in the first half, taking a 14-10 lead into the locker room. It was the manner in which they took the lead which was the most disturbing, blitzing Culpepper at will, sacking him four times and denying UCF positive yardage in the first quarter. At one point in the second quarter, the Knights had been out gained 147 to minus ten yards.

"South Carolina put a lot of pressure on us," Culpepper said. "They did a lot of blitzing.

Defensively, UCF withstood the Gamecock attack, keeping the team close in the first half.

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