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Business thrives in Student Union

By OLIVIA K. CURNOW
Managing Editor

Word-of-mouth is the most popular form of advertising for the Student Union, and, according to business officials in the union, it seems to be working.

Emil Gentolizo, manager of Knight Stop convenience store, said more than 400 people visit his store every day. He said customer service is very important and he tries to meet every student's needs.

"Customers have been making suggestions and we've been able to place those orders a week after they ask," Gentolizo said. "It's good we have a separate contract from the university because we can handle this end of the business."

Lissy Guererro, a barista for Java Express, said the company's intake exceeds every other cart in the business. She said an average of 400 people visit her cart every day.

"It's a great location because everyone wants coffee, everyone wants a perk," Guererro said.

University Floral and Gift is also seeing a good amount of business.

"People come in and buy cards non-stop," said sales associate Jamie Juniskis.

Mark Hall, director of the Student Union, is very pleased with the union's prosperity.

"We just got most of the month-salaries reports," he said. "The businesses are either meeting or exceeding their expectations."

Local businesses have been affected by the union's popularity.

Jay Burke, a server at Dragon Rescue, agreed with the union's popularity.

"Students danced to the Latin beat in front of the Student Union during Diversity Week. See page 3 for full story.

Is affirmative action on the ropes?

By JEFF BILLMAN
Staff Writer

Affirmative action is one of the most divisive social issues in recent history. Republicans want to end it, Democrats want to fix it and most people don't understand what affirmative action means.

To answer some questions about the history and future of affirmative action programs, the Fifth Annual Affirmative Action Council meeting was held Oct. 8 in the Presidential Ballroom of the Administration building.

Melvin Rodgers, moderator of the discussion, began by discussing the lack of knowledge people have about affirmative action programs.

"If I asked a class, 'Who supports affirmative action?' very few hands went up,'" Rodgers said. "And if I asked 'who was against affirmative action' quite a few hands go up. When I asked the class 'if someone could tell me the history of affirmative action' no hands go up. That concerns me."

Regina Soffer, keynote speaker at the meeting, led off by defining and describing affirmative action, its basis in law, its successes and failures and its future.

Senators oppose funding for UCF Rescue

By BRIAN SMITH
News Editor

About 20 UCF Rescue members attended the student senate meeting on Oct. 9 to ask for the approval of a $21,000 funding bill.

Senators who opposed the bill were concerned about the amount and if Student Government could be sued if a person died while being given first-responder treatment.

"In the past, clubs have come for a start-up fund," Sen. Rick Andrade said. "Twenty thousand dollars is a large sum of money."

David Siegel, appropriation and finance, said money could be a problem because the senate has a limited budget.

"It's $10,000 out of our pockets if it fails," Sen. Connie Larossa said.

Dominic Fariello, pro-tempore, said.

"They can sue every single person who passes this bill," Larossa said. "If we're held responsible for millions of dollars the Student Government would not be able to function. We need to cover our butts."

Keith McDonald, SG president, said UCF Rescue will benefit students, and senators should not worry about lawsuits.

"It's a big plus for UCF to be the first university in the state to have this organization," McDonald said.

"Any organization that saves lives is worth giving money to because lives mean so much," said McDonald.

"I was aware of the legality matters. The club has changed its scope. The liability issue is no longer," John Turner, senate representa-tive for UCF Rescue, agreed with McDonald.

"It's not about money, it's not."

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Cassini launch

By OLIVIA K. CURNOW
Managing Editor

JASON HEIRONIMUS warns students about radiation poisoning.

On the Screen

POOR REVIEWS FOR 'Seven Years in Tibet.'

New leading man

JUCO transfer receiver leads the way for UCF's passing attack.

Dancing for diversity

Students danced to the Latin beat in front of the Student Union during Diversity Week. See page 3 for full story.

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New policies for vendors on UCF campus

By GWEN R. RHODES
Staff Writer

Vendors on the UCF campus must abide by the new rules or stay away.

Last semester, vendors set up on the green in front of the student center. They were supposed to have permission to set up their wares but the area began to resemble a "flea market," said Mark Hall, Student Union director.

"We were getting a lot of complaints from students, staff and faculty about the type of traffic that was coming into the green area," said Reuban Rodriguez, director of student activities.

"With the opening of the Student Union, we were able to move a lot of the vending activities to the plaza around the union," Rodriguez said.

Prior to the opening of the Student Union, the student activities office handled most of the vendor traffic and reservations. With the opening of the Student Union this fall, the union administration office handles the vendor reservations and activities inside Pegasus Circle.

The student activities office has stepped back and is "basically handling other things" now that the Student Union administration office is handling the vendor activities, Rodriguez said.

The Student Union has designated Wednesdays during the fall and spring academic terms as Market Days, Hall said.

Market Days are the only days vendors can display their products in the Student Union Plaza and Pegasus Circle.

During the other days of the week, academic departments and student organizations sponsor various events on the plaza like the Crime Prevention Fair and the Latin American Fair.

During Market Days, there is no charge for off-campus vendors to reserve spaces and they must pay an additional cost for tables and chairs.

Many campus organizations sponsor off-campus vendors. These include credit card and long-distance calling card companies.

"Hopefully the organizations are realizing some financial gain from the sponsorship," Hall said. "Vendors with sponsors do not have to pay any of the fees but a representative of the organization has to come fill out the required paperwork for the vendors."

Hall's window looks out over the Student Union Plaza and he said vendors are lucky to be able to use the space.

"We are doing the vendors a favor by giving them access to a popular area in the center of campus," Hall said. "This helps us to maintain some control over the situation."

"We can't allow people carte blanche to set up when they want to, anywhere they want to. We have had a number of people show up who aren't supposed to be here. They will just come in and see the tables and set their stuff up. Then we have to go down there and find out who they are and tell them to move."

Elsewhere on campus, vendors are allowed to set up their merchandise tables any day of the week. Each building has a manager who determines who is allowed to set up and where they are allowed to set up.

A list of building managers is kept in the office of Dr. Joyce Clampett in the finance and administration office.

"We no longer allow anyone to set up in the green area near the student center and residence halls," Rodriguez said. "This area is monitored by the campus police department."

Joe Taormina from MBNA America, a bank offering the UCF Mastercard, was set up near the Reflecting Pond.

"Most students are curious about what we are offering on the tables," Taormina said. "It's weird. If I call out to them and ask if they want to apply for a UCF Mastercard they will either ignore me or say no. But if I don't say anything at all, they'll come and talk to me."

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A celebration of diversity at the Student Union

By JAMES COMBS
Staff Writer

The Student Diversity Celebration kicked off on Oct. 8 to encourage students from different cultures to join clubs and organizations.

The opening ceremonies were held at the Student Union Plaza. UCF President John Hitt addressed students the need for UCF to have diversity among its students.

"We need to work together to make UCF an inclusive university," Hitt said. "We need a place where all students feel welcomed and are involved in the activities on this campus."

Nashia Carrera, a multicultural international students coordinator, helped plan ideas for this year's event. She said she would like to see diversity on campus every week. "Diversity is very important on this campus," Carrera said. "We should all learn about the cultures of every race. I think that is a very important step so we can all get to know and respect one another better."

Many of the events took place at the Student Union Plaza. Free sandwiches, potato salad and drinks were served to the students. Various bands and students danced to the music. Deja, a band comprised of students, played reggae and calypso music. Umoja, which plays for a technical radio station, played African music. Students from the Hispanic American Student Association (HASA) played a variety of Spanish music.

While HASA played, the audience picked the best dancer and the person won two tickets to Disney World.

Two paintings were on display for the event. One is a picture called "Encounter," Ontoel Alvarez and Riza Ortega, Cuban artists, painted it. The painting shows different cultures uniting, and it is on display in the Administration Building.

The other painting is the "Sacred Buffalo" by James Durham, and it is on display in the Student Activities Center auditorium. It illustrates the seven sacred rites of the Lakota Sioux Indian Tribe.

Members of different cultural organizations on campus held signs at the Student Union during diversity week.

Senate debates if UCF needs first-response team

From PAGE 1 about lawsuits, the university is going to cover it," Turner said. "The liability debate is a scare tactic, he added.

Eichenholz explained how the first-response unit will benefit students. "UCF averages 1-6 rescues a day," Eichenholz said. "UCF is a small city. We have the support of the fire department and police department. "We went to the appropriation of finance committee and it was approved with the highest ratings."

Dan McCarthy, relief district chief for Orange County, said response time for emergencies is critical. It takes about 11 minutes before the Orange County Response Team can make it to the UCF campus, McCarthy said. In that time a person can bleed to death or, if it's a head wound, the person can become brain damaged for the rest of their life.

UCF Rescue will respond to only campus emergencies. "I would love to be able to help people who need medical care in one of the off-campus apartments, but we can't do that with out additional funding or personnel," Eichenholz said.

The bill passed on second reading by a two-thirds majority roll-call vote.

The third-reading vote will occur on Oct. 16. If the bill is approved, UCF Rescue will be given the $21,000 start-up fund.
Panel meets to debate affirmative action

From PAGE 1 future.

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pel myths people have about affirma­tive action. She said there are five misconceptions.

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Orlando Commissioner Ford, fifth district and former mayor pro tempore, reflected on the difficulties he faced as a young black man in the 50's and 60's when jobs, bathrooms and water fountains were closed to him.

He spoke on the dangers of labeling people based on race, sex, gender or anything else. He said he was not a member of the African American race but a member of the "human race."

All races have similar numbers of well-adjusted, adequately

adjusted and maladjusted people, Ford said.

These proportions are regard­less of which race one chooses to look at.

"In the course of human events all we have is each other," Ford said.

Michael Hodges, a member of local foundational boards such as

"The problem is that the courts have taken away our ability to fashion the most effective kinds of remedies."

—Frank Ranitch, Law Professor the African American Chamber of Commerce and the Orlando Science Center, spoke about cause and effect.

He said attacks on affirmative action were, in reality, an attack on "the evolution of affirmative thinking."

People who oppose affirmative action programs in reality are opposing true equal opportunity employment, Hodges said.

Rida Hisagary, a local property lawyer, said diversity has allowed her to better represent her clients who are often poor and largely minority. As a Hispanic, she said she never faced discrimination in the work force. There were "ample opportuni­ties" awaiting her because of her race, she added. She strong­ly discouraged disabling affirmative action programs.

Instead, she favored a moderate plan to "revamp" affirmative action.

Jacqueline Barr, who works for Equal Opportunity Employment in Orange County, said while equal employment is the law, affirmative action is the mecha­nism used to implement equal opportunity law.

Title VII, which was enacted to improve economic and social conditions by providing equality of opportunity, only deals with employment issues.

Barr said the problem with affirmative action was it was not always implemented well, and she was worried that affirmative action could be dismantled by political issues such as the Civil Rights Act of California in 1991 and Florida Senator John Berry's "209" initiative.

Barr said she hopes enough support can be raised by the ben­eficiaries of affirmative action to spare the programs.

The six panelists agreed affirmative action needs to be spared and redone, yet were fearful of what they see as the impending fall of the programs.

Cases like Pecanaway v. New Jersey, which the Supreme Court is scheduled to hear this term, could end affirmative action.

Popular opinion has already been swayed against affirmative action by the media-savvy politi­cians and court restrictions are the main thing keeping effective and fair affirmative actions laws from being made, Ranitch said.

"The problem is that the courts have taken away our ability to fashion the most effective kinds of remedies," Ranitch said.

"Laws only go so far, people have to change before any true societal change can take place."

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Construction in union’s future

From PAGE 1

Court in Oviedo, said very few
UCF students and professors
visit since the union opened.
“We’ve seen a decrease by
about 20 percent in our lunch-
es,” he said.

Kristin Carr, a manager at
Kelsey’s Pizzeria in the UCF
Plaza, has noticed the scarcity
also.
“We don’t see as many cars
out in the plaza,” Carr said.
Hall said the union will be
undergoing another phase of
construction in the near future.
Retail and office spaces and a
1,000-seat ballroom will be
built off Lighthouse Mall. There
are currently six to eight com-
panies on a waiting list, includ-
ing in-line skating and cellular
communication companies.
Working with a $7-million bud-
get, the university has hired an
architect but has yet to design
the addition, according to Hall.
“If things go according to
plan, construction will finish
fall 1999,” he said.

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Fraternity provides basics for business majors

By Lori Ritterstein
Staff Writer

Alpha Kappa Psi is the nation's oldest and most prestigious professional business fraternity. UCF's Nu Chi chapter was founded on April 20, 1991, and has grown tremendously since its founding.

The chapter has participated in corporate tours at local area businesses such as SunTrust, AAA, Orlando International Airport, Lockheed and Hughes Supply. In addition, Nu Chi has hosted guest speakers for interviewing, motivation, resume writing, stress and time management and dressing for success.

Nu Chi is a supporter and national affiliate of Junior Achievement and Service Corps of Retired Executives. It is also a member of the American Assembly of Colleges of Schools of Business and the Professional Fraternity Association.

Nu Chi was presented with the Fraternity's Superior Award at a national conference in Phoenix, Ariz.

"This Superior Award was given to chapters for their performance in membership, professional and social programming, academics and finances," said Kim Hankins, Alpha Kappa Psi's district director.

Nu Chi was awarded with the Circle of Excellence Award last year for its chapter development and expansion.

Alpha Kappa Psi was founded in 1904 at New York University and has grown to more than 250 college chapters and more than 80 alumni chapters within the United States. It is one of the 20 largest national college fraternities with more than 140,000 members; 4,500 members are faculty, who are mostly successful business executives. Alumni include Richard Nixon, Ronald Reagan, Malcolm Forbes Jr., Sam Walton and J.C. Penney.

Alpha Kappa PsiPsi provides traditional classroom experience by providing life-long friendships, networking opportunities, practical hands-on experience and exposure to the business community.

The coed organization is comprised of a diverse group of business students who strive to become well-trained, ethical, skilled, resourceful and experienced business leaders.

"The brothers of our chapter are constantly strengthening their ability to work as a team, communicate effectively, enhance their creativity and become more adaptable to change," said Nu Chi President Jeremy Sprague. "Being in a leadership position has definitely enabled me to apply the management concepts and theories learned in class while handling real life situations."

Dr. Bill Callerman, Nu Chi chapter advisor, agrees with Sprague.

"Alpha Kappa Psi is one of the many ways students can become involved in their profession while attending the university," Callerman said. "The Superior Award is one of the many ways this chapter is recognized for its outstanding achievements."

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October 27-DEC. 5*
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LEAD STORIES

• In July, a group of lawyers and state legislators petitioned the Illinois Supreme Court to halt all executions immediately and appoint a commission to study why, in the 20 years since the state reinstated the death penalty, more death row convicts have subsequently been found innocent and freed (nine).

• Though the Fiesta de San Isidro in Madrid, Spain, in June is reputed to be the world's largest bullfighting event, organizers this year had economized by buying cheaper, dodge Bulls. An ordinary card would feature special with three Dexterous. One night, the main Bulls were boiled and the three substitutes quickly used up, so one of the repeated Bulls was painted with white spots and returned to the ring masquerading as a fresh one. However, the crowd got wise, and rioted, when the toreador's red pants turned white and with each pass.

• Ahi-born Israeli mechanic Azzam Azzam, who's been in jail in Egypt since November, charged with industrial espionage, again turned down for release in August, despite flimsy evidence against him, and faces life in prison. Azzam, working in Egypt on an Israeli joint venture, was accused of writing Egyptian factory secrets into invisible ink on Calvin Klein women's underwear and pass them along to a cohort, who allegedly sent them on to Israel. Egyptian authorities say the cohort has confessed, even though no one knows what Azzam could possibly have learned that could be of use to Israeli intelligence.

UH-OH!

• After Calle, 30, a San Francisco Zoo elephant, had many times rejected her tuberculosis medicine, the curator and a local pharmacist finally devised a drug-delivery system in August: Calle was fitted with special 10-inch-long, two-pound, cocoa-butter suppository containing the medicines, which shall have to take daily for at least 10 months. A team of four is required to administer each one, and, said associate curator Michele Rudovsky, "it's not a pretty sight."

• Surprises: In July, Charming Isaiah, 24, awakened in the middle of the night in Pompano Beach to an unfamiliar toilet in her bed. When she turned on the light, there on her pillow was Theodore, a 5-foot-long box-contractor that had escaped from a neighbor's house weeks earlier. And in August, in Copenhagen, Denmark, Thor Skjel's toilet seat first thing one morning and saw the head of a 3-foot-long python peeking up through the bowl; it had been hiding in the plumbing since the previous occupant of Skjel's apartment moved out in April.

• In April, San Diego plastic surgeon Joseph Graves was found negligent by the jury in breast-implant surgery on a 30-year-old former beauty queen. According to the woman, Graves was assisted by surgery on a friend of his, a wailer, who may actually have been the one who inserted the implants. More than 20 lawsuits against Graves are still pending.

• In August, the Centers for Disease Control reported the first instance of HIV transmission through sex or drugs but through deep kissing. However, doctors insisted the transmitting agent was not saliva but blood. Doctors said that the man had gum disease, canker sores, and "hairlike growths on his tongue," and the couple nonetheless were very affectionate.

• In August, it took a recovery team two days finally to pull out the body of a 23-year-old tourist who slipped and fell over a scenic waterfall at Waterton National Park in Alberta, Canada. During the two days, visitors expecting to take in a remarkably beautiful site were forced to gaze at the dead body lodged in the rocks at the bottom of the waterfall.

THINGS TO COME

• Latest escape through a narrow jail opening by a soap-uped prisoner (Walterboro, N.C., August, William Evans, 18, 6 feet tall, 150 pounds, 9-inch passage between two waifs; lately over-done robbery (East Knoxville, Tenn., July, three men with a 9mm handgun took four bags of potato chips from a Subway sandwich shop); latest fantastic discovery of treatable brain tumor (Sacramento, Calif., August, revealed when a woman had an MRI after being hit by train; latest wealthy dog (New York City, August, mixed-breed shepherd belonging to the late tobacco heir Doris Duke, had a $100,000 trust fund approved by a judge).

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RECURRING THINGS

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Opinion

If Cassini launches, check for missing limbs

BY JASON HEIRONIMUS
Opinion Editor

On Monday, NASA tried to launch one of the most historic and some say important rockets in space exploration history. Unfortunately, the launch was scrubbed due to several problems including high wind. It was to explore the ringed planet of Saturn and return with information that was once believed to be unreachable. This mission is without a doubt one of the most exciting to date. What was once seen as an enigma is going to become an educational experience for the space program and for the public. Isn’t all this progress and exploration fascinating?

There is one small problem, however. Saturn is really, really far away and it will take a long time for the rocket to get there. But that isn’t the problem. The problem is that instead of just filling up on special unleashed they have to use plutonium. Yes, plutonium. For all you science fans out there, that is what Doc used in Back to the Future to power his Delorean throughout time, and, inevitably, back to the future. So if this stuff is powerful enough to push a Delorean through time and a rocket to Saturn then we’ve got something to worry about right? RIGHT!

I am not a science guy, though I do indulge in a little Star Trek from time to time, and I tend to stay away from anything NASA but this issue demands attention. You see, if this thing blows up, on take-off than it will blanket the space coast and the surrounding counties with plutonium radiation and thus will result in thousands of cases of radiation sickness. Hello? Hasn’t anyone ever seen The Toxic Avenger, look what happened to him! Sure he had all those cool powers, but, look what happened to him!

I don’t know exactly what happens to a person with radiation sickness but I assume that it is much worse than a cold. The original launch time was around 5 o’clock in the morning, just in time for all the little kids to grow third ears and extra fingers before they get on the bus. But I guess there really isn’t a time safe enough to launch a rocket loaded with a severely toxic substance.

The argument here is: is this absolutely necessary? I believe it is but in like 50 years when we all use plutonium to get from here to there, here to there meaning Oviedo to Ely, Minnesota in five minutes. I just don’t understand the logic, I completely support the space program and the exploration of the great unknown but I don’t support putting innocent people’s lives in danger. The chance of a explosion happening is something like 1/435, but isn’t that way to small? I mean, the chances of me sinking a 50 foot putt are about the same, but it does happen from time to time. Why must we take a gamble like this one? If the rocket doesn’t blow up, which it probably won’t, than the mission is a great success and science teachers have more fodder to slaughter over for the next year, but, if it does blow up, than it is a science fiction writer’s dream.

Some students at Rollins College decided to do something about it. They held a protest. They all gathered and, I don’t know, I guess they just didn’t blow up, which it probably won’t. Than the mission is a great success and science teachers have more fodder to slaughter over for the next year, but, if it does blow up, than it is a science fiction writer’s dream.

The launch was rescheduled for this Wednesday morning. If it is canceled again then NASA will have lost millions of dollars. I suspect that it will be launched no matter what though the forecast does call for high winds. We must remember that, like any business, NASA wants to turn a profit just as bad as Joe’s Plumbing does. They may be in the business of finding new advancements for our country, like Targ, but without the almighty dollar their business becomes no business.

So as you stumble through your classes today and the next make sure to check yourself out for any added or lost body parts, or even super-natural powers that make you fly like Superman, or stretch like Plasticman, or talk to marine animals like Aquaman. And if you do acquire any of these powers, more power to ya!

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By ANNEMARIE MONTALI
Staff Writer

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Insults scratched into 2 cars at Delta Delta Delta house

By JENNIFER PRIDEMORE
Staff Writer

Kimberly Coleman, 19, and Kristen Keen, 21, met with the UCFPD about damage to their cars at the Delta Delta Delta sorority house. When the vehicles were left in the sorority parking lot on Oct. 5, there was no damage. However, at about 1 p.m., when Coleman returned to her car, she found words scratched on it. When the officer examined both cars, he found the words "Syco Coolaide" scratched into the passenger door of Coleman's Saturn, and "Syco" scratched into the right rear quarter panel. Keen's car had scratches running down the rear quarter panel and right door.

In other reports from the UCFPD:

- Hatem Hussein, 20, was pulled over at about 3 a.m. for having a busted right front headlight. When asked to give his license, Hussein said another police officer had taken it from him because it was suspended. Hussein was arrested and taken to headquarters on Oct. 3, where the arresting officer was told that Hussein's New York driver's license was under suspension. He was charged with a misdemeanor of driving with two suspended licenses.

- Soobok Lee, 18, was charged with the possession of a controlled substance, under 20 grams, and the possession of alcoholic beverages by a person under 21. Lee was approached by the officer and asked if he was 21. After Lee said he was only 18, the officer searched his pants pockets and found a plastic bag containing what appeared to be marijuana. The substance was tested with a field test kit and came up positive for the presence of THC. Both the marijuana and the malt liquor were submitted as evidence.

- Courtney Halperin, 19, reported her wallet missing from the Pi Beta Phi house. Halperin is willing to prosecute.

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Career path site helps take work out of job hunting

By STEVE BARNES
Web Editor

CYBERSPACE — If college is just a place for you to hang out and meet girls (or guys), please skip to the next article. If you intend to someday find gainful employment, read on. Although few people enjoy the arduous task of job hunting — drafting letters and resumes and searching for the perfect job can be time consuming and stressful — using the Internet can often make the job of finding a job a little easier.

One site that offers help is careerpath.com. Career Path is basically a search engine designed to facilitate access to job listings around the country. The site boasts more than 500,000 new job listings each month, each categorized by type and location.

The hub of the site is a search page that allows visitors to select a newspaper in the part of the country in which they would like to work, and the type of job desired. Dozens of major newspapers from nearly every major market are included and the range of jobs runs the gamut from accounting to nursing to travel.

After entering the information, which is selected by using check boxes and scrolling menus, the program performs a search of the classified sections in the newspapers you have specified and lists the results. Unlike some other programs of this type, Career Path allows the job hunter to search several newspapers and job categories simultaneously. The results are grouped by newspaper and each list the total number of jobs in that field to be found in the publication.

By following the provided link, visitors are transported either to a page within the site that lists the positions available, or are taken directly to the classified section of the newspaper. Either way, the job seeker is likely to find an abundance of information, including job descriptions, qualifications and salary ranges.

Most companies also provide contact information and sometimes an E-mail address to which you may send your resume. Many times you will also find a company profile, which may help you decide if you would be comfortable in that particular corporate climate.

Business owners can also post job listings to the site and a separate section is devoted to human resource professionals who are considering posting job listings on the web. While Career Path won't land you a job, it can save you tons of time and money and provide leads on out-of-town jobs that you might have missed otherwise. I highly recommend adding this free service to your favorites files and checking it often. Career Path can be found at: http://careerpath.com

If you know of a web site that you think would be of interest to our readers, drop me a line and I'll try to review it in a future article. My address is news-guy@usa.net. Till next time, keep on surfin'.

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Entertainment

'Seven Years in Tibet': A long, long climb

By DEAN G. LEWIS
Entertainment Editor

Pretty boy Brad Pitt takes a wrong turn in director Jean-Jacques Annaud's dull epic "Seven Years in Tibet." Written by Becky Johnston ("The Prince of Tides"), the story of famous Austrian mountaineer Heinrich Harrer never, and I mean never, delves deeper than an inch in its treatment of Harrer's legendary expedition into the Himalayas that sadly went awry.

In the autumn of 1939, before the onset of the second world war, Harrer (Pitt), along with countryman Peter Aufschnaiter (David Thewlis), set out to climb Nanga Parbat, one of the Himalayas' highest peaks. On top, the air is thin and brutally cold. On the bottom, rocks hang low under the clouds, hopefully waiting for a fallen climber or an avalanche or just a small patch of snow. Annaud pushes us through several seasons, and years as well, in his documentary of Harrer's journey that inevitably led him to the Dalai Lama.

We see Harrer locked up in a POW camp. The scenes are fast, edited with a displaced sense of emotion. That's just too bad because Pitt, who never really gets his Harrer accent down pat, is left with nothing to do but make funny, facial groans and grunts. In the rain, he shakes the barbed wire fence that surrounds him. He tries numerous times to escape, but with no avail. An hour or so into the picture, we finally meet the Dalai Lama in Tibet.

Johnston has no new striking revelations to tell us about the Tibetan culture. While most of the scenery is arguably chewable, Annaud ("The Bear," "Quest for Fire") has taken a transparent screenplay to work from. "Seven Years in Tibet" is Hollywood's prime example of bad epic-making. When a 2-hour-plus foray into exotic locales and accents is this bad, it's miserable. Congrats to Annaud and Pitt. They've pulled off one of the year's worst pies.

* (out of four) F
2 hrs. 11 min. Rated PG-13

Photos courtesy of Paramount

Brad Pitt (left) stars as Heinrich Harrer and David Thewlis as Peter Aufschnaiter in the TriStar Pictures and the Mandalay Entertainment presentation "Seven Years in Tibet."
Andrew Dice Clay is back

By IAN SPELLING
College Press Service

The Diceman comes again. Yup, ready or not, like it or not, Andrew Dice Clay is back on the scene and back on the airwaves with his second TV series in two years, "Hitz." The bombastic funny man, one of the hottest stand-up comedies of the 1980s, stars in the ensemble sitcom "Hitz," airing Tuesdays on UPN. Clay plays Jimmy Esposito, the fast-talking, hard-driving, chain-smoking head of HiTower Records, an independent label whose A&R guys (Claude Brooks and Rick Gomez) seek to please their boss—and keep their jobs—by unearthing the next chart-topping act.

"It's so simply why I did this show," Clay says. "I get to be who I'm supposed to be. I have my kind of attitude, my edginess, which is what I enjoy giving my fans. I get to dress the way I dress, and I get to smoke. I hate these shows where nobody smokes. I smoke, so Jimmy smokes. They might as well just have called me Dice in this thing."

Though Clay earned his reputation for his foul-mouthed, crude stage act, he insists that "Hitz" doesn't crimp his style.

"What my fans have always loved about me is my confidence and attitude, and that's what I'm bringing to the show," he says. "It's a balls-out attitude. My last show, 'Bless This House,' which I call 'Bless This Bomb,' was something I wanted to try, but it just wasn't right. Any actor with some ability could've played my part. They didn't need me. That was a turn-off for me and the fans. That show was so depressing to do on 40 pounds in a month and a half."

As he speaks in that Brooklyn tough guy-ese of his, it's impossible not to hate the Clay of the glory days, the loud, go-for-broke comedian who alienated 99 people for every one who became a fan.

"But what fans. They adored this guy. Transforming his appearances at 20,000-seat arenas into intimate club gigs, buying up his records and turning HBO specials into rating hits."

Then it started to slip away. Clay's would-be star-making film, the dreadful "Adventures of Ford Fairlane," crushed at the box office. Fewer people started turning up at his shows. Other comedians won the attention of critics and audiences.

Clay's day came and went. Or so it seemed. He kept working, playing smaller clubs, guest starring on TV shows, doing his thing, his way. And while "Hitz" may not be "E-R," it's on the air, and despite an initial shellacking by critics, UPN seems to be sticking with it. So what does Clay say to those who wish he'd just hang it up?

"They're very wrong about me, my kind of attitude, my edginess, which is what I enjoy giving my fans, and that's enough. If people say I should hang it up, they're the people who never liked me to begin with."

Meanwhile, Clay swears he's a nice guy. Really.

"I'm the same guy I always was," he says. "I remained down-to-earth. I'm from a good family, and they taught me right from wrong and how to deal with people. I'm not saying I'm great with everybody because if I get an asshole coming over to me, that's what he gets back. But if people are nice, I'm nice."

"Anyway, I always like a challenge, which is good, because I've had so many ups and downs. 'Hitz' is a challenge," he continues. "I've been wanting to break into TV and now it's happening. Each week the ratings are going up, and I think the show will end up being a huge success."

When he's not busy with "Hitz," Clay can usually be found at home in Los Angeles with his wife and kids or in Las Vegas performing on stage. As the conversation comes to an end, Clay addresses the issue of whether or not he's like the personas he projects in public.

"I like doing outrageous stuff. It's juvenile. It's the kid in me," he says. "The language is so dirty and so vile. How can anybody take that seriously and think I'd live to be my age if I were really like that? I'm from Brooklyn, so I've definitely got that Brooklyn attitude, but it's an act, a job, what I do for a living. The people who don't get the joke are just not fans. And you know what they're missing? A lot of laughter. So I really don't care about them."

"My life away from my public personas is completely different. It's very family-oriented. My personal views are very different from what I do comedically. I'm pretty low-key, actually, but when you get on stage, people don't want to see low-key. And I don't blame them. They're paying to have a good time."

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Desecration of culture during Diversity Week

It's amazing what can happen during Diversity Week. Jim Durham, a proud Native American artist, has on display a full-size buffalo skeleton completely etched and inked with stories of his culture. A non-affiliated UCF religious group has repeatedly vandalized the area outside where Durham's creation, "The Sacred Buffalo," is displayed. The word "sacred" is not to their prejudice, and the group in question as gone as far as plastering the front door of the exhibit with "Repent" signs, and stealing signs that give directions to the exhibit. This group has repeatedly desecrated the area and has even taken credit for their actions. These actions again are taking place during Diversity Week. I am taken totally aback by this situation. I've been studying Anthropology for the past four years and am currently president of the Student Anthropological Association.

Anthropology is the study of human culture, material remains, biology, history, relations and more. As an anthropologist, one of the first things I learned is to view all cultures with an open mind, without ethnocentrism. During Diversity Week, this approach should be increased ten-fold. The University of Central Florida provides a remarkable gathering of very diverse and similar cultures. Sometimes, different groups of students provide a glimpse of their own cultural heritage. The university allows cultural groups to display unique material that has personal meaning and historical significance. Durham's display of the "Sacred Buffalo" is doing just this. There is no reason for any human to degrade what he brings to this campus. As humans, we should constantly strive to broaden our cultural understanding. Diversity is what our campus is all about.

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--SHAWN STAFFORD

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Jim Durham's display of the Sacred Buffalo has created controversy among religious groups.

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"We had them," said a front-end supervisor of the Clemson University bookstore, which is awaiting another shipment after going through the first three batches of dolls. "We get several phone calls a day for them. We've sold through over a thousand already.

Students, faculty and staff are clamoring for the dolls, which are packaged in their traditional cotton-candy pink box. The older crowd is buying the doll in bulk quantities, he said, to give to their children or grandchildren.

When she's in stock at Clemson, Barbie sells for $14.99, which is $3 off the suggested retail price. All the colleges who sell the doll are making half a certain percentage of the wholesale price.

Of course, the doll, dubbed University Barbie, has drawn some criticism because she doesn't exactly look like a typical college co-ed, not only in her way to psychology class or a biophysics lab.

"She's got pom-poms," Gorski said. "Her knees bend forward and backward so she can do more gymnastics-based stuff."

Instead of a backpack, she carries an oversized hairbrush. Not that anyone was expecting University Barbie to carry a slide rule, but the doll has been criticized by many for looking, well, not quite as intellectual as her real-live female counterparts.

"I suppose I could see people getting peeved at that," Gorski said. "But it's a toy. This is not necessarily a symbol of what college students should be."

Experts urge students to vaccinate against Hepatitis B

TAMPA, Fla. - Hepatitis B, a potentially deadly liver disease reported in the United States each year, about one million people are believed to be carriers of the disease.

Task force recommends dropping SAT

BERKELEY, Calif. - A task force says the University of California may want to drop the use of SAT scores if it wants to boost Hispanic enrollment.

The member of Hispanic students at UC's nine campuses could fall by as much as 70 percent by the 1998 full semester, said the Latino Eligibility Task Force. "Numerous studies have questioned the SAT's ability to predict college success for minority students," the task force said in a report presented to the UC Board of Regents. "It seems to have been a barrier for eligibility in UC for disadvantaged students since it was incorporated into admission requirements in 1968."

The task force said if high school grade-point averages and alternative tests were weighted during the admission process instead of SAT scores, Hispanic students' eligibility would rise 59 percent.

The board discussed the task force's report for several hours at its Sept. 19 meeting. Any changes to the admission process would require the board's approval.
O’Brien is second in TAAC history with 19 shutouts

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to do it where I was happy.”

Richter had coached her club team in high school and said they had a good relationship. “She wasn’t happy and she talked to me, and we went through Georgia and got her release. There was no question in her mind where she wanted to play.

“She does a lot to lead our defense,” Richter said, “and she’s very dangerous from distance.”

Last year, Harris scored five goals and set a school and conference record with 15 assists. Most of those assists led to goals by forward Amy Jones, the team’s leading scorer. Now Jones is an assistant coach and Harris is the new go-to person.

“I feel a lot more pressure to score goals now that Amy is gone,” Harris said. “It’s a different role, but I’m still trying to do my part to win.”

Richter recognized that Harris is still growing into her new role. “Other teams have keyed on her and that’s frustrated her. Last year they would key on Amy and that would free up Danya. She’s got to learn to play around that.”

O’Brien considered Harris’ offensive contributions vital. “The team makes an effort to go through her on every play,” she said. “She tries to make it go through her too.”

Both players said that they know they need to take the season one game at a time. Six games remain on the schedule before the TAAC tournament. For the first time, the conference crown includes a play-in date for the NCAA Championship against the Conference-USA winner.

Some look at the team’s underachieving 4-6-1 record and remain cautious. Harris is one of them. “We can go to the tournament, but we’ll be playing teams that are like those who are beating us,” she said.

O’Brien felt that a fifth straight championship will breed new life into the team that has not played its best at times this year.

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Goalkeeper Alyssa O’Brien, who has a 1.69 goals-against average, is keeping UCF in games despite its poor offense late.
Lawsuit threats fuel chapter changes

By MAT HERRON
College Press Service

LEXINGTON, Ky.–For social fraternities, parties could cost more than a vicious hangover. Because of an increasing number of lawsuits nationwide, insurance companies are cracking down on the Greeks by charging higher premiums for liability insurance.

Companies such as Lloyds of London, which insures the Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity at University of Kentucky, are now looking more closely at past behaviors and problems of the chapters it insures.

"For the first time, the fraternities are seeing the light," said Joel Epstein, consulting attorney at the Higher Education Center for Alcohol and Other Drug Prevention. "The companies are saying, 'You have to learn to manage the risk.'"

This risk of injury has not always been well-managed, Epstein said. At the University of Idaho in 1993, 18-year-old Alpha Phi social sorority member Regena Coghlan left the premises of the fraternity after falling from a balcony. She had been at two fraternity parties before that fall, one that was titled "50 Ways to Lose Your Liver."

Already there is evidence fraternities are being forced to make changes. One school, Bowdoin College in Maine, has proposed that its Greek System be expelled by 2000, and the National Fraternity Conference is trying to get 800 chapters to go alcohol-free by that year, Epstein said.

According to a 1991 risk management report from the Manley, Burks, Lipton and Cook law firm, fraternities are the sixth-riskiest to insure, ranking behind hazardous waste disposal companies and ahead of engineers, doctors and lawyers.

Liability insurance covers "a slip, a fall, some type of accident that occurs within the premises of the fraternity," said Tony Hayden, president of the Interfraternity Council and a member of Sigma Nu social fraternity. Most claims filed against fraternities result from fights or falls from high places, according to the spring 1997 edition of Knightly News, published by Sigma Nu. The lowest number of claims are filed for hazing incidents.

According to a 1991 risk management report from Phi Gamma Delta International, if a fraternity member knowingly violates the law, i.e. serves alcohol to minors, etc., and a claim is filed as a result of an accident, the insurance company may not have to pay.

In 1987, fraternities and sororities formed the Fraternity Insurance Purchasing Group, a nationwide group to which a majority of Greeks belong, Hayden said. In the first three years the group existed, member fraternities and sororities developed a loss-premium ratio so high that insurance companies were losing 26 cents for every dollar it paid out for claims, Hayden said.

Almost all chapters at the University of Kentucky belong to this insurance group, with the exception of about four or five. For those four or five that don’t, their nationals have instituted a policy similar to the group’s, Hayden said.

Ultimately, chapters may have to do away with alcohol if for any other reason than to keep from going bankrupt, he said. "Either go dry and (pay lower premiums)," Hayden said, "or stay wet and (insurance companies) are going to hike (rates) up so high that only the biggest, richest chapters will be able to afford them."
Midnight Madness ushers in hoops season

By TONY MEJIA
Staff Writer

The notoriety of UCF sports is reaching a feverish pitch. Following suit from the attention the football team has received, the men’s and women’s basketball teams are doing their part in helping the athletic program enter realms experienced only by other big-name schools.

Central Florida, get ready for "Midnight Madness."

"There is a lot of people who are taking pride in the university because of what the sports have done," football coach Gene McDowell said. "I believe the basketball teams will be equally fun to get behind and watch.

For the first time in school history, the midnight extravaganza that has become synonymous with the beginning of the college basketball season hits UCF. The festivities get under way at 10:30 p.m. on Friday, with three-point and slam-dunk contests, fan prizes and a pep rally.

Many schools around the country hold these nocturnal events yearly, as basketball teams hit the hardwood for the first official practice of the school year. The NCAA has declared Oct. 17 as the first day teams are cleared to practice, and the Knights will waste no time in getting their feet wet with scrimmages.

"It’s an exciting way to kick off the basketball season," McDowell said. "We’re trying to create support for our basketball teams among students and faculty and there is no better way to do it."

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The UCF women's soccer team was defeated 2-0 by the University of North Carolina-Charlotte (10-3-0) Sunday. The loss was the fourth straight for the Golden Knights (4-7-1), who now haven't scored a goal in 482 minutes dating back to a 2-0 win over Stetson on Sept. 22.

UNCC forward Dana Erato drilled an 8-yard blast past UCF goalkeeper Alyssa O'Brien in the 37th minute, giving the Lady 49'ers all they would need. O'Brien kept the game close with five saves. Despite the loss, coach Karen Richter felt that her team played great.

"I feel like we aren't playing well enough to keep in the whole game," she said. "We're getting worn down and getting enough decent opportunities." Yet Richter feels confident the team is on the upswing out of this scoring lull.

"We've played a tough schedule, and we just aren't playing up to our top level against non-conference opponents," she said. "We just need to finish the chances we're getting.

UCF's next game is at FIU on Oct. 17. If the Knights beat the Panthers, UCF will be 4-0 in the South division and will clinch a spot in the TAAC tournament.

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THE GOOD
Central Florida's passing game moved the ball at will against the porous Samford defense. The Knights' defense allowed only two sacks, with Palmer forcing six, pass interference five. The Golden Flashes were penalized for a single false start.

THE BAD
Defensive back Avery Mattison was named to the first team all-season.

The Knights' defense allowed only 200 yards of total offense, the entire game. UCF stifled SU's running attack except for a few option plays and shut down the passing game. The latter was key coming off what defensive coordinator Brian VanGorder called an embarrassing effort against Kent.

THE RECORD BREAKING
Dante Culpepper's third 300-yard passing game of the season gave him sole possession of the UCF career mark with six, passing Darin Hinsaw, who previously had five. Culpepper needs only two more 300-yard passing games to pass Darin Slack's season record of four set in 1987. Culpepper also now has seven games in which he has thrown for over 300 yards, tying Hinsaw, who has two 400-yard games to his credit, including a UCF record 437.

Culpepper easily shattered his own mark for most consecutive completions, opening the game by going 15 for 15. The previous mark stood at 12, achieved on two occasions by Culpepper, with the first coming in his debut against Eastern Kentucky, and the second occurring in last year's win at UAB. For the record, Todd Cleveland was the recipient of the record shattering 13th consecutive completion.

The 26 completions in only 31 attempts is second in UCF's single-game accuracy at 83.9 percent. That ranks second behind Culpepper's performance against Samford in 1995, when he went 14 of 16 for an 87.5 percent mark. On the season, Culpepper stands at 62.4 percent, which would shatter Shane Willis' 1999 mark of 60.5. For his career, Culpepper currently stands at 59.5 percent, second behind Willis' mark of 60.2.

Culpepper has thrown 47 touchdowns passes tying Darin Slack's mark for second on the UCF all-time list. He passed Slack in passing yardage to move into sole possession of second place with 6,516 yards, trailing only Hinsaw, who sits at 9,000. Incidently, Culpepper's next completion will be the 500th of his career.

Grant has been a touchdown monster, adding three more against Samford to push his season total to 11. Grant has already tied the single game mark with four touchdowns earlier this season, against Alabama, and he has tied the rushing touchdown mark of three for the second time this year.

With four games to play, Grant is currently tied for sixth on the all-time list in touchdowns in a season. Brett Cooper set the record in 1992 by finding the end zone on 15 occasions.

Did you Take a walk off the gridiron before resuming their schedule on October 25, at Mississippi State? Jake Sheriffs Bulldogs are 4-2 on the year, coming off a 24-10 win over UCF's final road opponent, Northeast Louisiana, who they play on November 1. MSU's Matt Wyatt was 6-6 passing, threw two touchdowns and led the Bulldogs to the comeback win over the Indians. The Knights next home game is their homecoming encounter against Eastern Michigan on November 15.
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But he made his decision final when he met quarterback Daunte Culpepper and anticipated catching passes from him. He said Culpepper has helped put him in the spotlight.

"He makes it easy, the ball is always right where it should be," Burley said. "When the line gets some time, he can always make things happen."

Burley said he saw the talent Burley had in the first spring drills.

"I figured he'd be real special and do some things to help us win," Culpepper said. "I'm not surprised at all because he's a great football player."

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Burley’s outlook is just as bright as the spotlight he's shinning right now.

"I don't see us not having a big-play threat," he said. "You will see him step up and the rest is history."

While Burley remains focused on helping the team to that winning season, Kruczek sees a bright future for the receiver.

"When Todd went down, he stepped up and the rest is history," he said. "You will see him the next year and a half making big plays for us."

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Burley is averaging over 100 yards receiving a game. Photo by TIM SPRINGER

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Women's soccer powered by dynamic duo

By KEN JACKSON
Staff Writer

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Men's soccer edges No. 3 FIU

By BROOK BENNETT
Staff Writer

The UCF men's soccer team defeated Florida International University, who was ranked third in the nation, for the second time this season with their 3-2 triumph on Oct. 11.

The Knights (8-3-2) are now the top team in the Trans America Athletic Conference. The regular season TAAC champion will host the post-season on Nov. 7-8.

The team will lay off practice perhaps a little bit for the remainder of the season, due in part to injuries to key players.

“Right now we're first in the conference, but we need to win the rest of our games to host the TAAC tournament,” coach Bob Winch said. “There's more to it than just the loss, we need to save [the injured players] strength for the games.”

UCF will play next on Oct. 16 against FAU at the UCF Soccer Field at 7 p.m.

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Seniors in action for UCF Men's Soccer. Photo by PETER KUNDIS

and four years together and that's a big chunk of the players' lives, especially at the stage in their lives during the transition from high school to college.”

The positive part of playing some many road games has been the winning. UCF, outside of a loss at No. 31 Arizona State, has such teams as Michigan, Connecticut and even Louisiana State twice in Baton Rouge, La. They have claimed the championships in (the UNLV Volleyball Tournament) and Louisiana (the Tiger Classic) and finished second in a tournament in Texas (the Ladyjack Invitational) to ASU. The solid play on the road gave the Knights a No. 34 ranking in the Sept. 22 USA Today/AVCA poll.

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Assistant coach Miriam Metzcu said this season has featured the fewest home games in her seven years with the program. Metzcu, who has been at UCF for seven years as a player or coach, said the one reason for the low number is most schools are tied up in conference play during October and November.

“We are only guaranteed four home games in [the TAAC South Division] while most other schools get six or seven,” Metzcu said. “With the better schools off in conference play, we're kind of just stuck.”

Even if the team had more home games, senior night would have come eventually, Smith said.

“There's more to it than just the volleyball game in terms of the relationships and I think there will be a few tears,” she said. “I know there will be for me. I get teary just thinking about it, but it's a part of life. Things never go on forever.”
Cross country teams place 3rd at UF Invitational

The University of Central Florida men's and women's cross country teams placed third overall at the University of Florida Invitational held in Gainesville on Oct. 11.

Anna Panaggio was the top finisher for the UCF women, coming in 13th place with a time of 18:41 in the women's 5,000 meter race. Following her finish was April Vitori (19:10) and Stephanie Cameron (19:27) who finished 22nd and 29th, respectively. Susan Hartley finished 31st with a time of 19:33 and Gemma Dimery placed 33rd with her time of 19:38. Kerrie Klammes rounded out the top five runners for the UCF women, finishing 40th with a time of 19:58.

Lou Snelling led the way for the Golden Knights finishing in 13th place with a time of 26:55 in the men's 8,000 meter run. John Hope placed 19th with his 27:14 time while Lee Rosa and Sarah Schleis finished 40th and 42nd, respectively.

Chris Kail rounded out the top five runners for the UCF men with a 35th place finish and time of 28:14.

Women 5,000 Meter Run

Team Scores


Men 8,000 Meter Run

Team Scores


Women's golf finishes third at the Beacon Woods Invitational

Led by Tatiana Londono's 74, the University of Central Florida women's golf team shot a final round 303 and finished third at the prestigious Beacon Woods Invitational in Bayonet Point Sunday. 19 shots behind team champion Indiana, The Golden Knights were fifth heading into the final round. Mississippi's Meagan Breen was tournament medalist, finishing at seven-over-par 223. Line Berg was UCF's highest finisher, tying for ninth at 230. Londono tied for 15th, along with teammate Zoe Grimbeck, at 232.

Beacon Woods Invitational


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Knights have their way with Samford

By DEREK GONSOLIN
Sports Editor

It's hard to believe, but Samford used to be a big game for the Knights. Only three years ago, the Bulldogs rallied to beat UCF 35-33. For junior college transfer Siaha Burley, it was a bit of recent history he couldn't believe.

"I heard the stories about how they [SU] came back from three touchdowns down," said Burley, who had 59-yard touchdown catch in the first quarter. "That's terrible. None of that this year."

With its 52-7 victory over the J-AA Bulldogs, UCF (3-4) not only closed the book on their rivalry with the Bulldogs (3-4) but put an exclamation point on its legitimacy as a F-A program. Several players had career bests or big days in a game the Knights dominated from start to finish.

"We just get an old-fashioned whipping today," SU coach Pete Hart said. "They came out and spread the field and took advantage of their speed. The difference between us and them is the team speed."

UCF coach Gene McDowell said his team played sloppily at times after racing to a 17-0 lead, but that difference in talent was too much for the Bulldogs to overcome.

"We're a better football team than we've ever been before," said McDowell, who is now 7-3 against the Bulldogs. "To Samford's credit, [Hart] and his staff did a great job of coaching and their kids play hard. But it is amazing the difference in skill level and how it can separate in a short amount of years."

The numbers leave little doubt to whether the Knights controlled the contest: UCF outgained SU 551-205 in total yards, 181-113 rushing and 24-11 in first downs.

UCF's defense failed to convert three consecutive third-down conversions in the second quarter but otherwise dominated. Quarterback Danne Webster went 26 of 31 for 339 yards, three touchdowns, no interceptions and he completed his first 15 passes, a school record. Burley, who leads the team with 45 receptions, had seven catches for 123 yards. Running back Mike Grant scored three touchdowns, giving him seven in two games at the Florida Citrus Bowl this season.

The Knights' defense forced three-and-outs on SU's first two possessions and UCF led 17-0 less than 10 minutes into the contest. The defense also recorded a season-high five sacks, including two each by defensive end Jermaine Bennet and linebacker Mike Palmer. Palmer forced and recovered a fumble on one of his sacks of quarterback Jake Rackley.

"I wasn't concerned about our mental attitude coming into the game because I knew our defense was just sick over what happened last game," McDowell said. "We needed this opponent this week. We did let up some in practice, time-wise, so we needed an opponent we weren't going to have to fight tooth and nail for four quarters. We've had six of those games already."

A week after allowing 551 yards passing to Kent's Jose Davis, UCF held Rackley to only four of 12 for 75 yards. Rackley, who entered the game with 110 yards in five games, was intercepted by linebacker Emory Green and defensive tackle Justen Moore.

Defensive coordinator Brian VanGorder said keeping the team's intensity after so many road games was the one thing the defense had been lacking the last three weeks. After allowing 911 passing yards and 84 points in games at Auburn and Kent, the team needs a break, VanGorder said.

"We want to be a little relaxed this week," VanGorder said. "The kids have been through some unbearable travel. We want to make sure they recover well so we are ready for the last four big games."

Senior cornerback Darryl Latimore said after a week of recovery, UCF will be ready for its last big challenge, Mississippi State.

"We're going to lick our wounds and try to get some of our hurt players healed up," Latimore said.

"We're going to study film two weeks in advance, check Mississippi State out and then go up there and try to bring it home," Latimore added.

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Siaha Burley never expected to lead the Golden Knights in receiving. Not from the media or his coaches.

Burley, a transfer from Mesa (Ariz.) Community College, was expected to be an understudy to UCF's talented starting wide receivers, Todd Cleveland and Mark Nonnast.

When Cleveland suffered a hip flexor injury in fall drills that has slowed him, Burley made the most of his chance to show he had no business being a back-up player.

"When I came here for Media Day, not too many people talked to him," Burley said. "I was patient because I knew I was going to get my shot."

That shot came Sept. 6 against South Carolina. Burley started in place of Cleveland and scooped the Gamecocks' defense for 231 yards on 15 receptions.

Offensive coordinator Mike Kruczek said he recruited Burley's talent in the recruiting stage.

"I specifically recruited him of Mesa in December," Kruczek said. "Other people may not have known about him, but we knew he had incredible ability, good speed and great hands."

"There was no doubt in the spring what kind of player he was. Of course nobody else knew about it."

"We knew all along Siaha Burley was going to contribute in some way," receivers coach Sean Smith said. "With Todd Cleveland being hurt, we depended on him earlier than we thought."

Burley said he didn't know much about UCF other than what his grandfather, pastor of a church in Mount Dora, told him. Having family in the area helped Burley make the decision to become a Golden Knight.

Running back Mike Grant has rushed for seven touchdowns in two home games this season.

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For UCF's seniors, there will be no place like home

By DEREK GONSOLIN
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Afer Oct. 21, it's over. The 1997 class of UCF volleyball seniors will be playing their final home game of the year that day, which comes before five consecutive weeks of road games.

The Knights (15-1, 3-0 in conference play) have won all six matches at home and get only one more home game before nine straight road games leading up to the Trans Am Conference tournament on Nov. 21-22.

The past three seasons, led by seniors Tyra Harper, Renata Menchikova, Mariel Miyross and Sony Quieser, UCF has enjoyed some of its best seasons ever. A 28-3 home record, a 70-24 overall (leading into the game with Jacksonville on Oct. 15), three conference championships and the school's only three NCAA appearances.

Harper said with the seniors coming up together in the program, UCF is primed for its best season ever.

"Every school goes through a rebuilding year," Harper said. "You work with the same group of players for four years. Finally and hopefully that fourth year you win your strongest team."

"Everybody knows each other, you've grown up together, you've played together and it's the same thing with this team," she said. "We pretty much know each other inside and out and it's definitely going to be our strongest year."

Coach Laura Smith said it will be difficult watching the seniors play at home for the last time.

"It's going to be a tough night," coach Laura Smith. "I don't think any of us want to think about it until it comes. We've spent three years together."

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UCF's Renata Menchikova will be one of four seniors playing in their final home game.

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