Business thrives in Student Union

By OLIVIA K. CURNOW
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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 Guarro, 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," Guarro said.

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

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New policies for vendors on UCF campus

By GWEN R. RHODES
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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."

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."
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 activities 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 played 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," Otoniel Alvarez and Rita 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.

Last weekend, the Student Union held signs at the Student Union during diversity week.

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Senate debates if UCF needs first-response team

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Panel meets to debate affirmative action

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She began by attempting to dispel myths people have about affirmative action. She said there are five misconceptions.

The misconceptions are: these programs are quotas, it leads to unqualified individuals being hired, Title VII (Civil Rights Act of 1964) is insufficient to discuss affirmative action, and these programs are largely helped Hispanics and women more than they have helped blacks, Soffer said.

Florida entered an agreement with the Department of State in 1978 for a policy that said nondiscriminatory practices will be enforced in every area of the state University System. These mandates have come under fire by various anti-affirmative action groups and could be repealed by various anti-affirmative action groups and could be repealed following Supreme Court cases that will be reviewed this year.

Soffer encouraged the Board of Regents not to dismember these programs but to "support, review and continue" them.

Frank Ranitch, a law professor and resident expert on civil rights law, wondered why Americans have a distaste for affirmative action policies. He said affirmative action debates, like the ones in Texas and California, are ruled by the "politics of soundbytes, where it's very easy to instill fear in people, to scare white males essentially into believing that every time they don't get a job, it's because of affirmative action, not because they weren't the most qualified person. It's easy to do that in 30 seconds."

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 African American Chamber of Commerce and the Orlando Science Center, spoke about his difficulties he 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 dismembered 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 beneficaries 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 Picaudawsky 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

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"We've seen a decrease by about 20 percent in our lunches," 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 companies on a waiting list, including in-line skating and cellular communication companies.

Working with a $7-million budget, 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 Collegiate 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 Psi supports 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 Spurgin. "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 Callarman, Nu Chi chapter advisor, agrees with Spurgin.

"Alpha Kappa Psi is in the many ways a student club, but it becomes involved in a separate way by promoting a professional side that is not seen in a traditional club. Nu Chi is one of the many ways this chapter is recognized for its outstanding achievements."

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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) than have been executed.
- Among the many varieties of Tamagotchi toys (eggslike, electronic "virtual pets" that mumble for what they eat or die), "My Baby Dinosaurs" manufactured by a company in Goshen, China. An Associated Press story in August reported a complaint of Ms. Dale Brooks when she bought one at the Meriden (Conn.) Square Mall. The user's manual apparently was written by someone for whom English is not the primary language, and in several places, instructions on how to deal with the dinosaur's virtual defection freely and matter-of-factly use the words "hurt" and "kill".
- In June, the Court of Appeal in London, England, turned down Thomas Morgeniello's challenge to his fraud conviction and 18-month prison sentence. Although Morgeniello was able to prove that Judge Richard Hamilton still was able to give a summary of the case for the prosecution, citing the facts that inmates' petitions for Jewish shawls, which are helpful to them come to prison and don't die, the state reinstated the death penalty, more death row convicts have subsequently been found innocent and freed (nine) than have been executed.

**SCHEMES**
- In August, a judge in Des Moines, Iowa, turned down two inmates' petitions for Jewish ceremonies, citing the facts that men were only interested in sex or drugs but through deep kissing. However, doctors insisted the transmitting agent was saliva, not saliva. Doctors said that the man had gum disease, cancerous tumors and "haithie 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 also at the dead body lodged in the rocks at the bottom of the waterfall.

**RECURRING THEMES**
- Latest escape through a narrow jail opening by a soap-operated prisoner (Walterboro, N.C., August; Williams Evans, 18, 6 feet tall, 150 pounds, 9-inch passage between two walls; latest murder-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).

(Check your Weird News to Chuck Shepherd, P.O. Box 1700, St. Petersburg, 33738, or Weird@compuserve.com. Chuck Shepherd's latest paperback, "The Concrete Enema and Other News of the Weird Classics," is now available at bookstores everywhere. To order it direct, call 1-800-642-6489 and mention this newspaper. The price is $6.95 plus S&H.)
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 unleaded 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 then 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 1/1355, 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 slather 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 kind of hung around all night until it was supposed to launch and then, well, I guess they went home. Somehow harmless but at least they spoke up and told the world what they thought about the issue.

There are many skeptics out there. A lot of even science historians and people that always think the glass is half empty are completely averse to the launch. They believe as I do, that the odds are too small and the risk is not worth taking. They are also very afraid of plutonium and its harmful affects on the human body. These people are so opposed to the launch that they have actually packed their bags and left Florida for fear of radiation poisoning. Seems as though they’re taking this whole thing a little personally don’t you think? Well, I don’t think so. I guess if I were really smart and could do math and actually understood all this space stuff then I would be pretty scared too.

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 turn a profit just as bad as Joe’s Plumbing does. They may be in the business of finding new advancements for our world, like Tang, 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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The Student Advantage Card offers students discounts

By ANNEMARIE MONTALI
Staff Writer

What if you could get discounts at more than 15,000 businesses such as McDonald's, Miami Subs and IHOP with a card?

Student Advantage Program has made this available to students for free. The Campus Activities Board is sponsoring the Student Advantage Program. Students who are customers of AT&T are eligible to receive a free card good for a year.

"Students need only to call AT&T and ask them for a card," said Kristi Potts, Student Advantage Program representative. "If they are a customer, AT&T will pay for the $20 annual fee and students will get the card for free."

Students are enjoying the benefits of the card.

"I bought the card last year and used it on everything from CDs to food," sophomore Julie Walls said. "Now that it is free, I definitely going to renew my membership."

"Many students don't know about this offer and all of the other advantages of this program," said Potts. "Our goal is to make them aware of it and almost bring the discounts to its customers who live on campus last year, but they do not know which customers are students."

"I heard about the card last year, but I thought I had to pay $20 a year for it," sophomore Bill Meyers said. "Since all I have to do now is call, I think all of the discounts are really worth it."

Along with the card, the Student Advantage Program now has a spot on-line. Students can use it to find out about job openings, send their resumes to employers, read newspapers from more than 120 colleges and get a list of all of the businesses that offer the student advantage discount. There is also a matchmaking service and Java games. Right now there are six sites on the Student Advantage web site. The Main Quad, which allows students to chat with others and a matchmaking service; U-Wire, where students can read from other school's papers; Bridge Path, which lists jobs and internships available; Locit, filled with different games; and Student Advantage Membership and Student Advantage Discounts, where students can register for the card and find out where they can use it.

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Will sing for soap

Members of the UCF choir held a car wash last week. They will sing the National Anthem at the Homecoming game and are raising funds to buy t-shirts for the event.

Photo (right) by AMBER BOWERS

GO KNIGHTS

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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 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 suspended. 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 was in the TV room of the sorority house and left, forgetting her purse on Oct. 3 at about 1 p.m. When she returned on the same day, she discovered that her purse was gone. After searching the house, the purse was found around 2:15 p.m. in a bathroom. The wallet was missing from the purse.

The wallet contained $2 in cash, a Florida driver’s license, UCF ID and ATM, social security and credit cards. 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 lists 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'.
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 documentation 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 Mandayle Entertainment presentation "Seven Years in Tibet."
Andrew Dice Clay is back

By IAN SPELLING
College Press Service

The Diceman cometh 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 comics 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.

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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 placing "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.

Diversity Week is an event on our campus that provides a glimpse of our diverse and similar cultures. Occasionally, different groups of students provide a glimpse of their own cultural heritage. The university allows cultural groups to display unique material that broadens our cultural understanding. Diversity is what our campus is all about. Attacking Durham's "Sacred Buffalo" is an act that is not needed on our campus. I apologize to Durham on behalf of all the university students who value other cultures. I do hope that those who feel the same way as I do will speak out against activities that degrade our university environment.

Therefore this behavior must stop, and those responsible need to face the appropriate punishment. The study of other cultures dates as far back as 484-425 BC to Greek historian Herodotus. Herodotus criticized his own people for not exploring other cultures in order to understand humans better. Herodotus traveled as far as India and North Africa to observe humans in different cultures. We as UCF students are lucky. We do not have to travel the world to see other cultures. We have a unique opportunity at the University of Central Florida to understand and explore a multitude of very diverse and beautiful cultures. We should not react in anger or violence towards ideas that we do not understand. In exploring other cultures without hostility we just might learn something. Maybe a healthier understanding of what it means to be a human being.

--SHAWN STAFFORD

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In a closing note I would like to thank Durham for the time he has already spent on our campus. Anthropologically and humanistically, Durham is creating a more diverse atmosphere for students to expand their personal knowledge. I should not have to emphasize the importance of this situation. What is happening to Durham is not a reflection of UCF. Therefore this behavior must stop, and those responsible need to face the appropriate punishment. The study of other cultures dates as far back as 484-425 BC to Greek historian Herodotus. Herodotus criticized his own people for not exploring other cultures in order to understand humans better. Herodotus traveled as far as India and North Africa to observe humans in different cultures. We as UCF students are lucky. We do not have to travel the world to see other cultures. We have a unique opportunity at the University of Central Florida to understand and explore a multitude of very diverse and beautiful cultures. We should not react in anger or violence towards ideas that we do not understand. In exploring other cultures without hostility we just might learn something. Maybe a healthier understanding of what it means to be a human being.

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I talk so much

telemarketers hang up on me.
By COLLEGE PRESS SERVICE

America's favorite plastic sweetheart is a college girl now. Under a special licensing arrangement, Barbie is on sale at college bookstores on 19 major campuses, including Clemson, Duke, Wisconsin, Arkansas, Georgia and Virginia.

While the huge breasts and small waist are the same, the doll's new outfit is now a cheerleader uniform customized with the school's colors. And how are sales going?

"They were going great while we had them," said Pete Gorski, 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 $5 off the suggested retail price. All the colleges who sell the doll got to keep 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 on 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-life female counterparts.

"I suppose I could see people getting annoyed 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 number of Hispanic students at UC's nine campuses could fall by as much as 10 percent by the 1998-99 academic year, according to a study by researchers at the University of California at Berkeley.

Many students, in fact, told researchers that they know little about disease-unlike AIDS, which has been the focus of a major awareness campaign, "While our research was conducted at UC Berkeley, we have no doubts that lack of knowledge about Hepatitis B is present on many other college campuses as well," said Rama Gungul, a UCSF medical professor and a lead researcher in the study.

Like AIDS, the hepatitis B virus is spread through blood and bodily fluids. Risky behavior includes sharing unsterilized needles for bodypiercing, tattooing or drug use, and having multiple sex partners.

The hepatitis B virus, however, is more easily spread than HIV, and can be transmitted when people share toothbrushes or razors. Although most colleges do not require students to get the hepatitis B vaccine, the American College Health Association recommends it because the disease is so prevalent among college students.

Maclean Buffins, chair of ACHA's Vaccine Task Force, says most students are covered for the vaccine under their parents' insurance plan, and for those who are not, many universities offer it at a reduced student rate.

"But more than that, the vaccine is significantly less expensive than having to repeat a term because of illness," she said.

Hepatitis B is a major cause of infectious liver disease throughout the world. Symptoms include fever, fatigue, muscle or joint pain, loss of appetite and vomiting.

While 300,000 cases are
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 called 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, that 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.
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 was left paralyzed 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."

Another fraternity member, 18-year-old Hayden said. In the first three years the group existed, member from the University of Kentucky belonged to a nationwide group to which a fraternity insurance company may not have to pay.

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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-time schools.

Central Florida, get ready for "Midknight 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 among students and faculty and there is no better way to do it."

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Women's team shutout for 5th straight time

By KEN JACKSON
Staff Writer

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 148 minutes dating back to a 2-0 win over Stetson on Sept. 22.

UCF forward Dana Erato drilled an 8-yard blast past UNC Charlotte goalie 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, adding, "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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Football Notebook

THE GOOD
Central Florida's passing game moved the ball at will against the overheated Samford defense. The Bulldogs' defense, which gave plenty of cushion for UCF's receivers, allowed Daunte Culpepper to fire the ball to wide open targets on almost every play. Eight different Golden Knights made a reception, with Nicky Barley leading the way by catching seven balls for 123 yards. Mike Grant and Charles Lee both had career highs in catches with Grant catching six and Lee natching five. The offensive line did not allow a sack for the first time all season. In fact, that feat was last accomplished in last year's Homecoming game on Nov. 2, which was a 42-15 win over Illinois State.

Culpepper, made good on all the time he was allotted in the pocket, finishing 23-for-31 for 309 yards with only three quarters of action.

THE BAD
Was there anything bad about this game for UCF? Outside of the four straight possessions ending in no points in the second quarter and a blown coverage allowing the Bulldogs only score, the offensive and defensive units were dominant. The Knights' defense allowed only 205 yards of total offense the entire game, UCF stifled SDU'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, when the Golden Flashes burned UCF for 615 yards, 531 of them coming through the air. Samford's lone touchdown came on a coverage error, but little else went wrong for the UCF defense. Mike Palmer and Jeremiah Benoit each recorded two sacks, with Palmer forcing and recovering a fumble. Tony Rossier gained his first collegiate sack, while Jason Moore and Emory Green nabbed their first collegiate interceptions.

THE RECORD BREAKING
Daunte Culpepper's third 300-yard passing game of the season gives him sole possession of the UCF career mark with six, passing Darin Hinsaw, who previously had five. Culpepper needs 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 shunted 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' 1989 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. Incidentally, Culpepper's next completion will be the 500th of his career.

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Volleyball at Jacksonville University, 7 p.m.

Thursday 16
Men's soccer vs. Florida Atlantic, UCF Arena Soccer Field, 3 p.m.

Friday 17
Women's soccer at Florida International, 7 p.m.

Saturday 18
Men's soccer at Stetson University Tournament in DeLand, vs. Belmont Univ., 1 p.m. Cross Country at USA College Championships in Tampa. Women's Crew at Head of the Charles River in Boston.

Sunday 19
Men's soccer at Stetson University Tournament in DeLand, vs. Thomas College, 1 p.m. Women's soccer at Florida Atlantic in Boca Raton, 6 p.m. Women's Crew at Head of the Charles River in Boston.

Monday 20

Tuesday 21
Volleyball vs. Stetson, UCF Arena (Senior night & final home game), 7 p.m.
Burley has emerged as UCF’s big-play threat

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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 right where it should be."

"Burley had in the first spring drills. He was going to play well, but I didn’t expect either."

"He picked up our schemes faster than we thought," Beckton said. "We were able to get him into the game more early on."

"He’s been a blessing to us. We knew he was a good player, but we didn’t think he’d be as good as he’s been playing this year."

Burley’s outlook is just as bright as the spotlight he’s shining in right now.

"I don’t see us not having a winning season," he said. "That’s how determined we are. Our goals were a lot higher than the media’s."

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."

Junior college transfer Siaha Burley is averaging over 100 yards receiving a game.

Photo by TIM SPRINGER
Women's soccer powered by dynamic duo

By KEN JACKSON
Staff Writer

The UCF women’s soccer team raced out to a quick start this season, winning or tying five of its first seven games.

During that stretch, the Golden Knights held opponents scoreless for 388 consecutive minutes.

 atribut e that to Alyssa O’Brien, junior goalie kepper extra-ordinarie.

A 3-0 record against conference opponents also came from that run, and UCF emerged as the TAAC Southern Division leader at the season’s halfway point.

Much of the credit for that goes to junior Danya Harris, center midfielder and goal manufacturer.

The two have become team leaders at their respective ends of the soccer field. Harris lead the team in scoring with six goals. O’Brien has had an 1.69 goals against average and her 19 career shutouts ranked second in TAAC history.

Both made decisions to play for UCF based on the program’s experienced coaches and a system in which they could thrive as players.

O’Brien said that head coach Karen Richter’s background as a former UCF goalkeeper has helped her own playing career thrive.

“She’s a tremendous athlete and has the ability to make the big save and keep us in the game. We wouldn’t have won the Cornell game [a 3-0 home victory] without her. She steps it up when we’ve needed her to,” Richter said.

She has shown her clutch ability by shutting out all three conference opponents thus far this year. Teammates Harris and junior defender Christina Webb recognized her leadership.

“[Alyssa] O’Brien] leads us from the back,” Webb said. “It’s all positive talk and that’s what we need. She can’t do much on offense so she’s got to do it all at her end of the field.”

“Alyssa’s playing great,” Harris said. “She’s doing her role. I feel like maybe we’ve been letting her down, relying on her to step in for our mistakes,” she said of a four-game losing streak in which the Knights failed to score.

Harris also wanted to play college soccer close to her home and family, but this wasn’t always the case. After graduating from Altamonte Springs’ Lyman High School in 1995, she decided she wanted to go away to college. But after playing at the University of Georgia her freshman year (and scoring the program’s first-ever goal), she realized she needed a change.

“Me and the coach there [former UCF coach Bill Barker] had differences, and I didn’t like it,” Harris said. “I thought if I was going to enjoy soccer, I wanted...”

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Photo by PETER KUNDIS

Midfielder Danya Harris leads UCF with six goals.

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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, 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 exposure can be 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 Nevada (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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Anne 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 19:38. Kerice Klammes finished 13th place with a time of 26:55 for the UCF women, finishing in third overall at the Beach Woods Invitational Oct. 11.

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
Beacon Woods Country Club, Bayonet Point, Fla.
Par 72
Team Scores

Individual Scores
Meagan Breen, Mississippi, 75-73-75-223; Jenny Gray, Indiana, 74-75-75-224; Erin Carney, Indiana, 76-73-76-225; Brand Miller, Miami, 74-76-75-225; Jennifer Krupa, South Alabama, 75-76-76-227; Lauren Mellen, Mississippi, 75-78-78-228; Sam Montgomery, Indiana, 75-81-73-229; Pia Joesfson, Mississippi State, 75-80-74-229; UCF Finishers: Line Berg, 80-75-75-230; Tatiana Londono, 78-80-74-232; Zoe Grimbeck, 77-77-78-232; Emma Soderlindh, 84-77-76-237; Hege Friling, 87-79-81-247.

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Knights have their way with Samford

By DEREK GONSEULIN
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, 35-36. For junior college transfer Shiha 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,” Burley said. Burley, who had a 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 (#4-1), not only closed the book on their rivalry with the Bulldogs (3-4) but put an exclamation point on its legitimacy as a J-A program. Several players had career bests or big days in a game the Knights dominated from start to finish.

“We just got an old-fashioned whipping today,” SU coach Pete Hurt said. “They came out and spread the field and took advantage of their speed. The big difference between us and the team speeded up.

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, [Hurt] and his staff do 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 offense failed to convert three consecutive third-down conversions in the second quarter but otherwise dominated. Quarterback Dante Culpepper went 26 of 31 for 309 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-out series 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 one the 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 unbelievable travel. We want to make sure they recover well so we are ready for the last four home 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.

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

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Transfer Burley unexpected leader among talented receivers

By KEN JACKSON
Staff Writer

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

Burley, a transfer from Mesa (Ariz.) Community College, was expected to be an understudy to the seniors coming in.

When Cleveland suffered a big favor 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 me or 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.

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

By MIKE MARSHALL

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Shiha Burley has made an immediate impact at UCF, leading the team with 45 catches for 704 yards.

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Offensive coordinator Mike Kruczek said he recognized 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 Shiha Burley was going to contribute in some way,” receivers coach Sean Beckton 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.

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