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Tubbs suggests reasons for resignation

By OLIVIA K. CURNOW
Managing Editor

Dr. LeVester Tubbs, student affairs vice president, could only guess the specific reasons he was asked to resign. He said the evaluation by Provost Gary Whitehouse was vague and unclear.

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Nature, anatomy and sexuality express Art Gallery's exhibit

By ANN BOROWSKI
Staff Writer

"They look like tapestries. I just love the surfaces of these paintings, I want to touch them." These reactions by both students and faculty echoed throughout UCF's Art Gallery on Oct. 16 as the exhibit "Land and Body: Corporeal Metaphors in Current Landscape Painting" opened.

"In these paintings, the human body gives form to the land and the land gives form to the body," said Jerry Cutler, curator and artist in the exhibit. "The body can manifest itself in these works indirectly and masked, as a figure in the landscape or as an easily recognizable part of the body."

Cutler's painting "Passing Through" displays masked body parts to show the metaphor between land and body. Green cactuses in the back corner of the landscape painting look like tapestries. I

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By KELLY BRYANT
Staff Writer

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For several years, the training has been held each semester at the UCF pool. Recreational services chooses a campus lifeguard who is a Red Cross certified instructor to teach the course.

The course is being taught by Todd Poxon, an Air Force ROTC student. Bill Choisinski, director of recreational services, said the training course benefits the students and the school.

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Students who are not interested in spending long hours in the sun may want to consider the course for other purposes. Warner said knowing basic life-saving techniques could prove to be valuable out of the water as well. "Being certified in CPR and first-aid is something good to know in general, just in case you are ever in an emergency situation," Warner said.

Training consists of a mandatory two-hour pre-courses in addition to four full days of sessions. The class instructs students in standard first-aid, CPR and life-guard training. "The training classes are tough, but once you're done with that it's worth it," sophomore Joanna Edmunds said. "Lifeguarding is fun and you get the chance to meet a lot of people."

The course training was held on Oct. 17 and the four classes will occur the next two weekends. Students who miss the mandatory meetings should call recreational services at the beginning of the spring semester to register. Due to limited class size, early registration is encouraged.

The cost is $50 for UCF students and recreational members and $120 for the general public.

Resignation brings different reactions and reasons

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class during all semesters.

David Siegel, SG senator, is happy to see Tubbs go. "Tubbs misleads students into thinking he is on their side and then changes his mind concerning student issues," he said.

Siegel also said he believes the SG shutdown two years ago had a lot to do with Tubbs' pending resignation. Tubbs also "flip-flipped" his ideas then to appease both sides, according to Siegel.

In Tubbs' response to the orientation problem he said two instances occurred during the recent round of orientation sessions.

"The first was communication with the President as to where he was to report for an orientation session," Tubbs wrote. "An area to target for improvement involves increased cooperation and compromise with the colleges and independent programs."

Kristin Corbett, director of the orientation office, said she has had no problems with Tubbs. She said they are in the process of doing a thorough evaluation of orientation.

"We have had little negative feedback," she said. "Overall, people are very pleased with the orientation program."

Regarding housing, Tubbs said a planning committee for student housing project is being formed. Although there are many administrators on the committee, Tubbs said there is no student representation.

"Student input is viable, but it's not shown in this committee," he said.

Two years ago, President John Hitt told Tubbs he would now report to the provost instead of the university administrator. Tubbs said this was unfair since he is the only student affairs leader out of the nine state universities who reports to the provost. Tubbs said this was the reason he resigned and the reason he is contesting his position. Tubbs said McFall and Warner are in the process of determining which of them is to take Tubbs' position at this time.

McFall said Warner had been held each semester at the UCF pool. The training is a standard first-aid, CPR and life-guard training. The training classes are tough, but once you're done with that it's worth it," sophomore Joanna Edmunds said. "Lifeguarding is fun and you get the chance to meet a lot of people."

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Class ring stolen from residence hall commons

By JENNIFER PRIDEMORE
Campus Crime

A student's class ring was stolen while he was assisting a residence hall student. Victim Joseph Smith was reportedly washing dishes around 7-45 p.m. on Oct. 8 in the commons kitchen area and had laid his class ring on the counter. He left the area to take a phone call, leaving his class ring behind. Smith then had to leave the commons area to assist a student in a residence hall.

Around 9 p.m., he noticed that he did not have his class ring on, and phoned Shannon Roberts who had just arrived at the commons area and asked her to look for the ring. Roberts could not find the ring; Smith then checked the kitchen, his room and the areas in between.

During the times that Smith had forgotten the ring, the kitchen had been open to the public, and there were two meetings held in the area as well. There are no suspects at this time, but the victim will prosecute.

In other reports from the UCFPD:
- Dr. Allyn Stearman reported that on Oct. 8, an unknown person broke into a metal cabinet in a room on the first floor of Phillips Hall. The officer on the scene reported that the cabinet had been pried open, yet there were no tool marks visible.
- There had been two heavy-duty pad locks on the front as well. Dr. Stearman, who represents the University Honors Program, stated the cabinet is worth $330. Furthermore, Stearman believes that the burglary occurred due to contamination between Oct. 8 and Oct. 9.
- Between Sept. 25, around 12:50 p.m., and Sept. 29, around 10 a.m., someone entered a building on campus and took a Sony Discman belonging to professorCharset Carey. The Discman is valued at $220. On Sept. 25, Carey had observed the Discman on his desk, but had not used it since that time. He noticed the Discman was stolen four days later. Carey reported all keys to his office are accounted for, but there were several periods when he left his office, during the time in question, unlocked. Carey also reported he had seen no suspicious people in the area, but will be in touch with campus police on the matter. The officer on the scene inspected the area and found no evidence concerning the theft.

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Art comprised of water color, coal and tobacco

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"This idea of land and body as one is really a way of addressing the important issues concerning nature in this environmentally sensitive time, such as acid rain and global warming."

"Cutler's work is a moving personal statement," said Steve Lotz, the Art Gallery curator. "This metaphor of land and body is very powerful and for that reason I asked him to curate this exhibit."

To the left of Cutler's paintings in the gallery is the abstract painting "Totems of the White Man Number I." Cutler compares "Totem" artist, Michael Pictari, with Jackson Pollack, an abstract painter of the mid-20th century.

Pollack would stand over his canvases and drip paint on them. Similarly, Pictari stands over his canvas and spits chewed tobacco on it. Along with a mixed media of coal and sand, Cutler said "Pictari is making a political statement about how tobacco farming and coal mining destroyed the land."

Russell Weedman, another artist in the exhibit, paints scenes of flooding water hitting tree limbs. His painting "River Cumberland" shows water fighting against dead trees, which look like internal anatomy such as the intestines. In the center of this raging water is a panel that shows colorful, veiled membranes and atmospheric events.

"Weedman comes from a figural tradition that started with crucifixion scenes during the time of the Renaissance," said Cutler. "In his paintings, he shows a crucified landscape, a vulnerable landscape.

In contrast to the other artists, Ruth Ava Lyons paints female figures in her landscapes. The title of her painting "Mikvah/Shekinah" is a Jewish reference to the female part of spirituality.

Cutler said that the human figure in Lyons' paintings is just one body part of the larger symbolic body the work is representing. "Mikvah/Shekinah," a naked woman sits on top of a hill between two long legs of green hedges.

"The woman in that painting is representing sexuality," Cutler said.

Also included in the exhibit are works by Mary Armstrong, whose paintings show a beating heart amongst the roots of a tree, and Nick Blosser, whose paintings show small landscapes of trees and hills.

The exhibit runs through Oct. 31. The gallery hours are 9-4, Monday through Friday.

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Competition to raise food for the homeless

By NATALIE NATALE
Staff Writer

Lambda Chi Alpha kicks off its ninth annual canned food drive on Oct. 25. The fraternity will team up with the Second Harvest Food Bank of Central Florida to fight hunger in the Orlando area.

Last year, UCF chapter of Lambda Chi collected 29,000 pounds of food for the hungry. The fraternity internationally collected 835,000 pounds of food.

"This year, our goal is to raise 40,000 pounds of canned food," said Richard Davis, vice president of Lambda Chi. "The secret to our success is involving the community and campus in our fight against hunger."

In an effort to make donating food convenient to the Orlando community, members of Lambda Chi will drop off 3,000 brown bags in Orlando neighborhoods on the morning of Saturday, Oct. 25. On Nov. 1, members will pick up the bags filled with food from the doorsteps of the homes.

Lambda Chi will involve the campus in the canned food drive through Watermelon Bust, its annual philanthropy competition. Last year, Watermelon Bust was recognized as the largest single-day philanthropy event ever.

Lambda Chi divides itself amongst the competing teams. Each team has two captains and 10 members to prepare them for the competition.

"My team stays focused throughout our practices," Jake Myers, Delta Delta Delta's team coach, said. "Everyone's main goal is to win."

Watermelon Bust teams compete in three categories: cans, banner, and games. Teams can acquire 100 bonus points if each of their 10 fans present at the games.

In the can category, teams strive to collect the most amount of food based on weight. Teams will continue to bring food in until Oct. 25.

This is a key component to Lambda Chi's tremendous food drive, said J.B. Moncrieff, treasurer of Lambda Chi.

"The competition amongst the teams enhances the amount of cans collected," Moncrieff said.

In the banner competition, teams put their creativity and artistic abilities to the test. Each team designs a banner based on the Watermelon Bust theme.

The Watermelon Bust games include: the watermelon chunk toss, the watermelon stacking relay, the seed spitting contest, watermelon bowling, the grease watermelon relay and the watermelon toss.

Games will begin Oct. 25 at the intramural fields. A leader board posting current team standings, displays of Watermelon Bust banners and aromas of a barbecue will pervade the intramural fields. The day of events will require more than 150 watermelons.

The final results of the competition will be announced that night at the awards ceremony.

Senate postpones UCF Rescue funding for one more week

By OLIVIA K. CURNOW
Managing Editor

At the Oct. 16 senate meeting, funding for UCF Rescue was delayed for one more week because of a letter from Garth Jenkins of student affairs.

In a letter to SG president Keith McDonald, Jenkins said UCF is not authorized to provide funding to UCF Rescue through the activities and service fee fund because the organization needs a license to operate.

Joe Espino, president of UCF Rescue, said it did not need a license because it will not transport people in the ambulance, only equipment.

"We are requesting the money for administrative costs, medical supplies and maintenance for the vehicle," Espino said. "We've been around for a year. We've been providing training in the meantime, but not providing medical services."

Sen. John Turner said UCF Rescue will get a letter from the state department of emergency medical services that states the only way it needs a license is to transport people. In the meantime, UCF Rescue will raise funds to purchase its own liability insurance, which costs $1,500 for a million-dollar coverage.

Turner also motioned to freeze funding to Greek Council for a week. The motion was passed. "Greek Council did not register themselves as an organization on campus," Turner said. "We halted funding because it would break university rules if we didn't."

Also at the senate meeting:

• Elections held for the clubs and organizations committee.
• Committee members are Alberto Amoros, Travis Bell, David Comer, Chris Day, Richard Maxwell and alternate Jaime Halstock.
• Michael Klaus hired as technology specialist.
• Funding for A.U.V.S. passed.
• Funding for Surf Club registration passed.

"Because there are so many people who don't understand Pegasus, we hope that the help desk can provide a way for more people to understand it inside and out," said Shawn Marshall, a text support assistant.

The help desk, located in the Computer Science building, room 311, is open to any faculty member or student who has questions directly related to the Pegasus system. Those with questions can either go to the room or they can dial into the Pegasus Support Line at 823-6207. Voice mail is available. Hours are 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Text support assistants make computer work easier

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port assistants cannot just resolve the problem over the telephone. On a case-to-case basis, they request users to bring in their PCs to the office. If the problem is due to lack of specific software, the assistants install the programs on the user's PC.

The Pegasus Help Desk is increasing its work load daily because of the growing number of students utilizing the free Pegasus account.

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Imagine this: You're standing at the coffee stand in the student union, waiting for a cappuccino while balancing 65 pounds of books on your back. All you come for is a quick coffee between classes.

“Sawyer's roommate is...”your finger is about to brush against the edge of a yellow notepad. Your roommate. Sawyer's roommate is...”

You politely decline, “No thanks.” Instead of going away, the undergrad gets very agitated.

“Why do you have to sit in my union, waiting for a cappuccino between classes.”

“Sorry...”You give him the phone and he called his dad. His father walked in and after listening to him begin cursing God and breaking things.

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A patient lives by religion

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but he couldn’t walk it to so he had to make noise to wake up his roommate. Sawyer's roommate gave him the phone and he called his his parents to tell him he was sick.

His father, who was in Virginia on a business meeting, called immediately to the by his son’s side. Sawyer went to the hospital with a 102 degree fever. The next day, doctors told him he had third-stage cirrhosis in his liver, and he had only six months to live.

“I felt like every dream that I ever wanted was gone,” Sawyer said.

Sawyer second point was people allow circumstances to control their outlooks on life. He said when he a IV turned into AIDS he became scared and went into denial.

“I didn’t know why this was happening to me,” Sawyer said. “I didn’t drink, smoke or use any drugs. I was one of the good guys.”

In 1993, during his senior year in high school, his number of white blood cells dropped to 213 and his weight dropped to 113 pounds.

“I looked in the mirror and saw someone who is dying,” Sawyer said. “I wanted to graduate from high school and go off to college, but I didn’t see that happening every time I looked into the mirror.

This has got very angry and began cursing God and breaking things. I punched things so hard that my knuckles bled.”

Sawyer said he began pushing his family away and told them they had no idea what having AIDS is like. One day Sawyer’s father walked in and after listening to him curse God, his father cried and told Sawyer he couldn’t help him and the only person who could do it was himself.

“I listened to him and began praying to God to help me,” Sawyer said. “Believe it or not, during the next few months I began gaining weight and feeling better.”

The third point Sawyer talked about was that everyone can have hope, joy and peace no matter what circumstances one may encounter. Sawyer talked about a trip to Daytona Beach he went on with a religious group from his college. One night on the beach he began discussing religion with two other people. At the time, Sawyer said he wasn’t into religion.

“One day he began discussing that God wanted everyone to live a perfect life,” Sawyer said. “He persuaded me that if you live a life with God on your side you will be happy.”

Sawyer said since then he prays to God every night and said he has a different outlook on life.

“Some sick knob...”Sawyer said. “The greatest relationship you can ever have is with God. I would much rather have AIDS and have Christ in my life then to be perfectly healthy and not have Christ.” Sawyer concluded his speech with a prayer and a story. The story was about a professor doing an experiment.

The professor pulled two rats out of a cage and put them in water. The first rat swam around and around and died. The second rat swam around and around and lived.

There are already plenty of churches in central Florida, and it disturbs me to see this kind of religious drive on a public campus. What about the Muslims, Jews, and other students here. Do they get SGA funds to put on concerts? I was asked to “find Jesus” numerous times during the two day festival on campus by the people working the crowd. It almost made me wish that this was a public high school so that I could be protected by the “separation of church and state” doctrine. I mean, the last time I checked, this was a public university.

The bottom line is this: What are we here to do, learn, buy, or convert?

—Justin Boise

Money lenders in the Temple?

Letter to the editor

“Unbelievable, man, people don’t even support their school sports!” the flyer freaks say disgustedly and walks away, looking for other people to bother.

This must not be a big deal to you, but later, you feel insulted. Why, after all, do you have to accept every piece of literature thrust into your face at the Student Union? And why should you be so “too mild” if you don’t spend your Friday (at midnight) watching UCF tip off, the basketball players practice?

Well, this is just an example of the swap meet atmosphere surrounding the new Student Union. Why are students constantly assailed upon to buy corporate sponsors and walking advertisements all over campus to finance itself? (Not to mention an endless train of junk mail credit card applications with UCF logos all over them (only 23%! Act NOW!)

No, this is not a rally against capitalism, either. Hey, I like money, too. I’m sure most of us do. However, just as I get tired of the endless solicitation so rampant in our culture—on the phone, on TV, on the web, etc., I find the daily solicitations of salespeople on campus superfluous, annoying, and completely inappropriate. The counter argument to this would seem to be “Yes, we need the money.” Yet, with talk of replacing the fountain with a bell tower (what a waste), building a second parking garage, plus the completion of a 100 million dollar mall—I mean, Student Union, I just don’t get the perception that this school is that strapped for cash. I have attended four colleges in three cities, but I have never seen anything like UCF’s attempt to ruin its own integrity and image by making itself look like a trashy strip mall/circus/revival tent.

What’s next, a diploma with an AT&T logo on it (this degree brought to you by...AT&T?) Furthermore, why has UCF come to stand for University of Christian Fundamentalism? My courses encourage cultural pluralism, cultural relativism, acceptance, and enlightenment, but our campus and student activities board likes to spend money bringing Christian “demonstrations” to our campus. How appropriate is this? I thought I was here to learn, not convert.

—Steve Stepan

A patient lives by religion

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Cassini satellite is not a threat

This is in response to the opinion article printed on Oct. 15, 1997:

With the successful launching of the Cassini satellites, NASA has achieved yet another marvel in space exploration. Despite all the controversy and hype about a "plutonium package," the launch barely caused anyone to blink. Well, not many people at least.

The author of the article in reference did not directly attack NASA's plans to launch Cassini, but his opinion is that of an 8-year-old child watching Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles for the first time and witnessing the radioactive ooze that transforms four pet turtles into mutant ninjas "oozing" out of a container. (And I loved the reference he made about plutonium being used in Back to the Future. By the way, Cassini doesn't need 1.21 GigaWatts in order to function. And what does that mean? A lot less plutonium used to be necessary to use plutonium. Is it necessary for a doctor to use a laser that had already been used to cut cancerous tissue from your own healthy body? I don't know about you, but I would want the doctor to use the best laser that had never been used before, instead of a $3 butcher knife and a roll of toilet paper. And you ask yourself, why is he using such a weird analogy like that? Good question. Here's the answer. Since the closing of the Apollo program, NASA's budget has been slashed dramatically to under 50 percent of what it was pre-Apollo. And they're still doing slashes on personnel and equipment. (Trust me, I know.) What does this mean? It means that there is less money to invest in research of fusion reactors. (Those that DO NOT use plutonium for your furry cats out there.) It means less money to build better and more economically efficient means of transporting equipment and humans into space. It means less money to finance labs for space horticulture. (Get a dictionary.) It means less money for all these and many, many more projects and ideas. NASA's current budget allows for a tin can, two gallons of gas, and a matchbox with three matches.

Some of you still ask, "Why do we need any of this? I mean, we gave NASA a ton of money and all we got from them was TANG." Yeah, right. Which planet did NASA pick you up from? You ever wondered how wet suits keep you dry when they zip up? God only knows what would happen to those people with heart problems if it wasn't for NASA. Let's not even talk about computers. And as far-fetched as this sounds, if you want to end overpopulation, world hunger and limited resources, then GET OFF THE PLANET! There are plenty of raw materials on the moon, PLENTY of "space" in space, and we are refining the technology for advanced agriculture and hydroponics today, so that there will be plenty of food for all in the future. You still ask, "But is it safe?" The answer is yes. And what do many people think about it? On a poll taken prior to the launch, 56 percent of those who were asked the question, "Do you think it is safe to launch Cassini?" answered yes. (Results posted at www.seds.org/spaceviews/cassi ni) And besides, we've launched other satellites with "plutonium packages" before. Ever heard of Pioneer 10 and 11? How about Voyager 1 and 2? Galileo? (Yeah, that satellite on a mission to Jupiter.) How come no one went stir-crazy about this before? If you ask me, it's plain ignorance. For more information about the Cassini satellite, I implore you to check out NASA's homepage at www.ksc.nasa.gov or several other web sites such as www.seds.org/spaceviews/cassini.html and pegasu.sc.ucf.edu/~shaun/cassini.html. But, if you don't trust anyone, or just don't want to be swayed by any particular writer, then head over to a library and pick up a book on plutonium or nuclear powered satellites or something. The reading isn't heavy and you don't have to be a quantum physicist to understand. Hey, we all know plutonium can be deadly, but it's not in this case.

—Shaun A. Marshall

Letter to the Editor

Established after the Challenger explosion in order to make sure that safety is a prerequisite on ALL NASA functions. (If it's not safe, it's not happening.) Extra precautions and safety measures were in place to make sure that a mini Chernobyl doesn't occur. And even if the Titan Rocket that carried Cassini had exploded, there are measures protecting us from the "EXTREMELY DANGEROUS plutonium package" so that you and I would receive far less radiation than what we get from watching five minutes of MTV. Some (including the author of the article in question) ask if it is really necessary to use plutonium. Is it necessary for a doctor to use a laser that had already been used to cut cancerous tissue from your own healthy body? I don't know about you, but I would want the doctor to use the best laser that had never been used before, instead of a $3 butcher knife and a roll of toilet paper. And you ask yourself, why is he using such a weird analogy like that? Good question. Here's the answer. Since the closing of the Apollo program, NASA's budget has been slashed dramatically to under 50 percent of what it was pre-Apollo. And they're still doing slashes on personnel and equipment. (Trust me, I know.) What does this mean? It means that there is less money to invest in research of fusion reactors. (Those that DO NOT use plutonium for your furry cats out there.) It means less money to build better and more economically efficient means of transporting equipment and humans into space. It means less money to finance labs for space horticulture. (Get a dictionary.) It means less money for all these and many, many more projects and ideas. NASA's current budget allows for a tin can, two gallons of gas, and a matchbox with three matches.

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Campus Activities Board

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Mr. UCF
TONIGHT, Wed., Oct. 22 at 8pm, Student Center Auditorium

Homecoming Organizational Meeting
Thursday, Oct. 23 at 7pm, Student Union, Garden Key

"Gender Gap" with Krispin Wagner-Barr
Thursday, Oct. 23 at 7pm, Student Union, Key West

College Bowl Sign-up Deadline
Friday, Oct. 24, Student Union room 215

CEL Etiquette Dinner
Friday, Oct. 24, 6:30pm, by reservation only

The Craft
Sunday, Oct. 26, 8pm, Student Union, Cape Florida

The Dating Game
Tuesday, Oct. 28, Look's in the Student Union

The Rocky Horror Picture Show
Wednesday, Oct. 29, 8pm, Student Center Auditorium

Masquerade Ball
Friday, Oct. 31, 8pm, Outside the Student Union

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Cookies to help fight against Alzheimer’s disease

By TARA SUH DORSEY
Staff Writer

The Student Nurses Association (SNA) is using what it learned in the classrooms to lend a hand in the community. It is organizing three events for the end of October and November.

"As a student nurse, I feel it is important to reach out to the community," Dione Souza, SNA president, said. "We should use the skills we acquire to benefit others to support associations like this and be aware of what we want to do for the community," Michelle Ricciardelli, SNA's public relations officer, said.

On Nov. 15 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the SNA will partner with the Coalition for the Homeless for its fourth annual Coalition for the Homeless Health Fair.

"This community event brings a variety of services to the homeless population: HIV/AIDS, vision, blood sugar and scoliosis tests," said Terry Hirtz, SNA's vice president. "Furthermore, we will provide health maintenance measures like flu and immunization shots, and we will also be providing educational literature on health issues."

On Nov. 22 and 23, the SNA will conduct a therapeutic touch seminar in the Student Union. Dr. Jean Kijek, who learned the method under leaders Dr. Dolores Krieger and Dora Kunz, will instruct the seminar. Students can enroll by mail.

Therapeutic touch is a modernized version of several ancient healing practices. It is not derived from any religious beliefs but is based on current research that has been published in reputable journals.

"It focuses on distributing and releasing restricted areas of energy to flow evenly throughout the body," Souza said. "The brushing of the hand helps to untie unwanted knots of energy. Those knots can aid to many current diseases."

Students who are interested in the workshop or in joining SNA can call (407) 629-1288.
Would you use a computer lab that didn't offer internet or e-mail, but did offer word processing capability?

By Peter Kundis

Yes, I would use this lab for writing papers and completing assignments, that I need to type immediately.

--Janelle Gallatin, Sophomore, Nursing, Jupiter.

Yes, I most certainly would. While the internet is a valuable service, I strongly would emphasis the labs for documentation preparation and word processing. There should be a distinct lab for both, here at UCF.

--Gino "Dallas" Anioce, Senior, Radio-TV Communications, Brooklyn, NY.

Yes, but I think that having use of the information highway is important, in case you need to do some last minute research or just need a break.

--Edward Mahoney, Senior, Communications, Elkton, Maryland.

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Due to the fact that I don't have a computer at home, I do think that having a computer lab, strictly for word processing would be of benefit to the students.

--Felice Weiner, Senior, HSA, Orlando.

I have a word processing capability at home, but having the ability to not wait in line for computer time, would be very useful. The lab would be a great utility to those without home access.

--Kim Burke, Senior, Psychology, St. Petersburg.

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Chuck Shepherd's
EYE OF THE WEIRD

LEAD STORIES

- In May, at a National Organization for Women's gathering in Utah, Elizabeth Joseph, an attorney, and Ellen George, secretary of the NOW Utah office, praised multi-wife polygamy as an alternative for feminists, an idea that was a few years ago denounced by NOW as slavery. Joseph lives informally in such an arrangement with her husband, six co-siblings, and 20 children; some wives stay home, and others work. Said George, "We fight for lesbian families and single-parent families. I don't know why we wouldn't support this.

- The University of Minnesota was seeking more "specialists" to work on its three-year, $35,000 program to set an "odor emissions rating system" for regulating the stink of 35,000 animal facilities, according to an August Minneapolis Star Tribune story. Having judges, or government officials, go sniff the stink apparently would give insufficient due process of law; rather, a panel of sniffers will develop objective standards on the types of odors and their strength. Already 35 people are employed and have begun sniffing the nearly 200 chemical components of cow and pig manure in order to categorize them for the formal state test.

- In a study released in September and using United Nations statistics, University of Pennsylvania professor Richard J. Estes concluded that the United States enjoys only the 27th most favorable social conditions among 160 nations of the world, ranking behind such paragoids as Bulgaria. According to Estes, the social situation in Bulgaria is "miserable," but the country responds to basic human needs (literacy, basic health care, housing, retirement income) better than the United States. (In the U.N.'s own data analysis, the U.S. is fourth in the world.)

I'VE GOT MY RIGHTS

- Bathroom Rights in Alabama: In January, the U.S. Supreme Court put to rest Luverne High School student Jerry Boyett's 1993 lawsuit over whether a public-school student has a right, if he needs it, to a restroom break during class. Last April, a jury in Columbus, Ala., told Clara Kizer the same thing about her dog. She had filed a lawsuit against her neighbors for complaining about her dogs' poop. She said dogs should have the right to poop wherever they want, because that is public land even if it appears to be private property.

- In August, Scott and Sonya Rutherford filed a $40,000 lawsuit against a Houston school district because the baseball coaches at Cypress Falls High School failed to use him enough as a pitcher to give him a chance at a college athletic scholarship. The Rutherfords say, also, that they have been humiliated around town by the coaches' failure to play their son. According to the Rutherford's lawyer, the coach's decision violates the U.S. Constitution.

- Civilized gentlemen do not wear short-sleeve dress shirts, said Derrill Osbon, director of men's clothing for Neiman Marcus, apparently speaking for many managers in a July Wall Street Journal article. The few who speak up for the comfort of those shirts, especially in the summer, accused Osbon and others of a brand-new political incorrectness: "stevism."

- In February, members of the West Palm Beach Pit Bull Terrier Club received notices that some insurance companies would not renew their home-owner policies because that breed of dog was responsible for an increasing number of liability claims. Club officer Linda Kender termed such insurance company stereotyping "dog racism."

- The Dutch Federation for Military Personnel union (which 20 years ago won the right for soldiers to wear their hair long) announced in April that it would back a female recruit's desire to wear a tongue ring. The code of conduct, the union said, bars "bizarre jewelry, the head," not "in the head."

CLICHES COME TO LIFE

- In May, Kent, Wash., elementary school teacher Mary Kay LeTourneau, 35, gave birth to a baby girl, the father of whom is one of her sixth-graders. LeTourneau is the daughter of ex-U.S. Rep. John Schmitz, an intense right-wing Republican who was on notorious opposition to sex education in schools that he would move little Mary out of any school contemplating such a program. In August, she pled guilty to child rape. (Unoficially, though, she admitted the boy "There was a respect, an insight, a spirit, an understanding between us that grew over time." They met when he was in second grade.)

- Reasons College Men Fight in 1997: In Ithaca, N.Y., in 1997, a 21-year-old college student was arrested for beating up a guy in a bar fight over who had the better-looking goatee.

- Life Imitates TV: (1) A "Case of the Weird" story about a guy who was looking for someone to take his dog for a walk. He found him in the "Concrete Enema and Other Stories of the Weird Classics," (2) A "Case of the Weird" story about a woman who had a nose job that looked like a "Swiss cheese" face. She said she learned the trick from watching the TV show "MacGyver." (2) A 27-year-old man driving a stolen truck was caught by sheriff's deputies in Salt Lake City in August but before he eluded one deputy by vaulting over a backyard swimming pool while the squad car went straight in, lights flashing, reminiscent of "The Dukes of Hazzard."

- Psychologist Sandy Wolfe told The Times of London in June that her research on fans of "Star Trek" reveals as many as 10 percent more of the clinical definition of addicts, especially when they go through physical withdrawal during their show's absence. Further, like classic drug addicts, they seem to require ever-increasing doses to overcome their tolerance levels.

COLLECTORS

- News of the Weird reported in 1994 on the controversy over who owned the world's largest cow hairball, but it now appears that an also-ran at that time, Mike Canchola of Sterling, Colo., is now No. 1. In 1994 a Garden City, Kan., historical society had a 37-inch, but Canchola has since come across one measuring 43.3 inches around. In the course of his work at a local beef plant, Canchola plucks out the non-championship hairballs, dries them, has colleagues Frank Alcala paint faces or scenery on them, and sells them for $50 each.

- United Hospital in St. Paul, Minn., announced in May that it was looking for someone to take over curing its collection of more than 14,000 human hearts, each stored in a plastic bag and the collection featuring specimens of nearly every kind of heart disease. Dr. Jesse Edwards, who started the collection and is now 85 years old, is retiring and says maintenance of the hearts by a staff of five costs $65,000 a year.

- In June Associated Press feature, Dr. Charles Emerick, 67, a retired ear, nose and throat specialist in Portland, Ore., described his 450-item collection of things that he has personally removed from patients. Among the most prominent: a bag of decomposed bees (a kid ran into a swarm of them); an eraser that a kid put up his nose that stayed for 15 years until the boy, then in the Navy, had trouble breathing; and a plastic whistle from a boy. (His parents said he whistled every time he took a breath.) And Dr. James A. Downing's collection of 300 similarly gathered items remains on exhibit through Oct. 27 in Des Moines, Iowa.

(Check out your Weird News to Chuck Shepherd, P.O. Box 452, Kansas City, Mo. 64111-0386. The price is $6.95 plus $2 shipping.)

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| STUDENT ACTIVITIES/CAB  | $704,470 |
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| SG COMPUTER/CAB         | $12,570   |

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| ADMINISTRATIVE/EXECUTIVE | $600,000 |
| ORLANDO (MAIN CAMPUS)    | $1,281,446|
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| SENATE                  | $155,000  |
| BROVARD                 | $63,518   |
| DAYTONA                 | $72,564   |
| SCHOLARSHIPS            | $56,582   |
| TOTAL BUDGET            | $4,875,831|

As many of you may already know, I recently was appointed as a full-time instructor in the Department of Molecular Biology and Microbiology. I wish to take this time to thank you, my former students, for the role which you played in this development. I am certain that your feedback through teacher evaluations and comments to other instructors played a significant role in my appointment. Your performance in subsequent classes and the performance of those students who have gone on to professional school have also validated my instruction. It is rewarding to know that I have been able to present you with a challenging, informative and yet enjoyable class(es). It is also good to know that I will have the opportunity to do so again.

Again, thank you for your support and best wishes to you in your futures.

- Frank Logiudice
MIT students dies of alcohol poisoning

By COLLEGE PRESS SERVICE

BOSTON—Days after a fraternity drinking binge, a freshman pledge at Massachusetts Institute of Technology died from alcohol poisoning. Scott Krueger, 18, had been in a coma since he was found unconscious in his room at Phi Gamma Delta fraternity house after a Friday night party.

His blood alcohol content was more than five times the legal driving limit, authorities said. The case has been turned over to homicide detectives who want to know if Krueger was forced to drink, according to published reports.

The death at MIT is the latest in a string of binge-drinking tragedies on campuses nationwide. In August, a 20-year-old fraternity pledge at Louisiana State University died after drinking an estimated 24 drinks. Other alcohol-related deaths have been reported in Maryland, New York and California.

A recent study by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention found that nearly 34 percent college students admit to binge drinking. The football game went on as planned, although it ended on a sour note, too, for Indiana U. They lost to New Haven, 42-14. And yes, even though a few members were missing, "the band did play on," Massaro said.

Stanford paper fires columnist

By RYAN TATE

The Stanford Daily has fired a longtime staff member for refusing to axe a Chelsea Clinton reference in his column. When editor in chief Carolyn M. Vest promised to vent binge-drinking, which is when a student drinks five or more drinks in one sitting, the university's demand that the supports underneath gave way under all the weight—and members of the band came tumbling down after it. "They were loading up the west side [of the grandstand], and it came down as a punch," said Richard Massaro, chief of the Allington Fire District, who responded to the accident.

Frankenstein, Mummy Go Pastoral

WASHINGTON—Faces that have frightened millions will grace a new batch of 32-cent stamps. The football game went on as planned, although it ended on a sour note, too, for Indiana U. They lost to New Haven, 42-14. And yes, even though a few members were missing, "the band did play on," Massaro said. "Other than that, it is turned out to be a good day."

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When your roommate's significant other moves in

By COLLEEN DE BAISE
College Press Service

Heather, a freshman at Syracuse University, didn't realize she'd have a third roommate, too, when she moved into the dorms with Ernestine.

His name is Adam, and he's Ernestine's HTH (hometown honey).

For the past three weekends, Adam, still in high school, has come to visit his sweetie. When he's taking up precious breathing space in their cramped quarters, Heather says she's really stuck.

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Hopkins, an Indiana senior, who ran into the problem last year while sharing a room in a fraternity house.

"I was rooming with a really good friend. He met a girl around Halloween, and he went from like, no dating to being married," Chad says. "Plus, she hated her place at the sorority. Chad kept a lid on it for three months, then "everything boiled over," he says. "We were screaming at each other! He thought he wasn't doing anything wrong. Basically it almost split up a friendship."
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The Washington Post has a website dedicated to helping students find just the right internship in a variety of fields including communications, science, performing and visual arts, government and others. Information regarding location, type of work, amount of time required and whether or not the internship pays is included. Application and deadline information is also listed.

The communication section is geared primarily toward journalism. Internship opportunities and contact information is provided for several large papers including The Washington Post, USA Today and the Baltimore Sun. There is also information regarding several smaller papers and some public relations opportunities.

Within the Arts section can be found information on the Smithsonian Institute and other culture-oriented enterprises. The Smithsonian offers a number of internships within its archives department. Among the positions available on a regular basis are those in archival management, institutional history and collections management.

With the government section can be found a listing of several internship opportunities including those in the State Department, Congress and a variety of think tank and research organizations. As with the other categories, a number of links are provided in order to make contacting the correct person a little easier. Some links are strictly for E-mail while others are to web sites maintained by the organization, many of which are dedicated to providing detailed information on internship opportunities.

Descriptions and links for students interested in visual and performing arts are provided to a number of prestigious institutions, including the Archives of American Art, the Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden and the National Museum of African Art. Many of the links provide detailed accounts of requirements, deadlines and length of internships.

Science majors will appreciate the breadth of internship offerings including those at institutions such as NASA, The National Institute of Health and the Environmental Research Center.

Each of the categories also contains testimonials and first person accounts of interns' experiences with various organizations including the amount of effort required and the value of the experience they gained.

Also within this site can be found tips on resume preparation and a link to American Express University, which provides more detailed information on resume creation including a number of templates which can be downloaded in Mac or PC versions. Once they are downloaded, simply plug in your information to get a perfect resume — no formatting needed.

There are also links to a number of related sites including the Student Center (http://www.StudentCenter.com), a site which serves as a database for college internship opportunities around the country. Following these links will lead you to sites which offers opportunities not listed in the Post.

If you are serious about getting a good job after graduation and don't want to start at the bottom, now is the time to begin looking for a good internship. In addition to the experience you will gain and the contacts you will make comes the added benefit of being sure you have made the right career choice before spending four years preparing for your dream job, only to find you hate the work.

While this is not a comprehensive listing of opportunities it is an excellent place to start. The address is http://www.washingtonpost.com/4papers/ scoop/interns/intern.htm.

If you know of a web site that you think would be interesting to our readers, drop me a line and I will try to review it in a Future article, My E-mail is news-guy@usa.net.

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Alachua Music Harvest moves and grooves the masses

By CORBETT TRUBEY
Staff Writer

Thousands upon thousands of shiny, happy people poured into Gainesville as a cool breeze and excitement (or was that beer?) as the Alachua County Fairgrounds starry sky beckoned all toward a weekend full of music, dancing, and a lot of partying.

Friday night kicked off with a slew of funky bands, including Super Sugar. What it is, and Big Shirley. The crowds were gettin’ down to everyone who came on, and with four different stages to choose from, I found it impossible to see every group I wanted to see. My friends and I were also too busy setting up camp with many others on the huge camp area and trying to keep together through our hike over to the festival. Daryc Dozen was one act I got to go get a good look at, who was breaking down a sweet jazz vibe on the main stage. The dance music stage featured Dmitry from Dose-Lite and a knock-out performance by Electric SkyChurch.

Saturday was the busiest day of all with the bulk of the musical acts performing all day and night. It took us a while to wake up and fully recover from the night before, but eventually we made our way back to the festival and to catch Man or Astronaut on their usual weirdness. Later on that night, we caught Dubtribe, who had everyone and their mom screaming and throwing their hands in the air during a brief rain shower.

Highlights of the night included The Hazies and Less Than Jake, and later on everyone headed to a quaint area back in the woods where local underground club Southouse set up an intimate and nicely decorated dance area complete with some unbelievable house music.

By the time Sunday rolled around, we were proud to have made it as far as we could and were looking forward to the two biggest acts to come on: De La Soul and George Clinton. While we anticipated the shows we wandered around and looked at all the various vendors and information tables offering anything from hemp necklaces to animal rights brochures. We also checked out overrated dj Keoki, who was struggling to excite a bored group of listeners. Finally, the sun set and De La Soul broke down a short but bass-bumpin’ and energetic show. George Clinton followed with his entourage of P-Funk All Stars, pulling out all the stops and causing mass butt-shaking and chanting.

The Alachua Music Harvest was a magical weekend. The quality and quantity of music involved was unique and unlike any you’ll ever see. Not only that, but the fairgrounds were huge and there was practically no security, allowing the very friendly, laid-back crowd to fully enjoy itself. The Gainesville Music Alliance (GAMA) deserves many props for putting this together, and I’m sure I’m not the only one who feels extremely fortunate to witness such a fun and special event. I can only hope that next year will feature the same caliber of entertainment and that more people will be able to make their way up and be a part of what will surely be musical history.
By DOUG LANSKY
College Press Service

MUNICH, GERMANY — If you’ve ever had the urge to go out in the back yard with a case of beer, stand on the deck furniture and trumpet drinking songs at the top of your lungs until you fall off and pass out in the shrubs, I highly recommend a trip to the famous Munich Oktoberfest, where you can join thousands of people from all corners of the globe with this same passion.

A few people may wander in by mistake, many are on vacation, but some come to Oktoberfest purely on instinct, the same mysterious force that draws mosquitoes to a light and keeps them ramming their heads against the bulb. This last group mostly refers to young, vibrant, traveling in Australia and New Zealand, where I once sat for two hours with a 75-year-old beer-loving Bavarian wrapped his arm around my neck and told me stories in German (not a language I understand) at very close range until I accumulated so much saliva on my face that it began to drip on the table.

When I arrived in Munich this time, someone — I think it was an Aussie — told me I had to see the Hofbrauhaus for myself. When I popped my head in, all 10,000 people were standing on the tables and yelling — in a "Tastis Great" vs. "Less Filling"-type competition to be loudest — "AUSSIE!" "KIWI!" "AUSSIE!" "KIWI!"

As the chant ended, each side declared itself the winner, and a barrage of celebratory underwear and bras exploded into the air. I made my way through the crowd until an Aussie (or maybe it was a Kiwi) standing on a table, dressed in a rugby shirt (almost everyone was wearing rugby shirts), pointed toward me and yelled, "UNDERWEAR! YOU HAVE UNDERWEAR!

He looked possessed. I started to back away when a beautiful young woman, seemingly trying to straighten things out, asked politely, "Are you wearing underwear?"

"Of course," I answered without thinking.

"HE’S WEARING UNDERWEAR!!" she cried.

Five people descended on me, they let go and headed off to more pressing business.

The beautiful young woman gave me a pat on the back. "No worries, mate," she said. Then she flashed her bare breasts and bra exploded into the air.

Still dazed, I noticed for the first time that about 30 percent of the people were wearing ripped bras and underwear on their heads. (I suppose I’d previously dismissed them as rugby headbands.)

I retreated to an area off to the side and tried to buy a beer ($7 for a one-liter Stein), but I wasn’t allowed to order because I didn’t have a place at a table. A friendly Kiwi with a seat agreed to order for me and we began talking. Our conversation ended in the "AUSSIE!" "KIWI!" chant resumed and underclothes started flying again. Several men and women, on the shoulders of their friends, decided to bash everyone, which received great approval from the entire tent.

I finally found a place to sit at a table full of Germans — perhaps the only ones in the tent. Every time the "AUSSIE!" "KIWI!" chant started, they sided with the Kiwis. "Because New Zealand is smaller and they need more help," one German offered. "And the Aussies got our underwear.

They seemed happy. After years of oompah bands and guys in lederhosen, they may have thought this was the greatest thing since German TV picked up "Baywatch."

The most surprising thing was that during the months I spent traveling in Australia and New Zealand, I never saw anything like this. The Aussies and Kiwis were much more restrained in their own countries. Here, they seemed to be drinking to set world records. In their process, they may have, in their own unique way, re-invented the Oktoberfest. Right here in the middle of Munich.

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO TIPS:

The 16-day Oktoberfest begins on the third Saturday in SEPTEMBER, NOT OCTOBER.

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"Western Europe on a Shoestring." Lonely Planet Books 1996

PRACTICAL GERMAN PHRASES FOR OKTOBERFEST:

Is dieser Platz frei? (Is this seat taken?)

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Was haben Sie in Ihrer Tasche? (What’s that in your pocket?)

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Wieso? (How much?)

Wieso macht das in dollars? (What’s that in dollars?)

Hi, ist das ein Scherz! (Hi, You must be joking!)

WEBSITES: WELCOME TO THE OKTOBERFEST:

http://www.munich-tourist.de/english/hs.html

THE HISTORY OF THE OKTOBERFEST:

http://www.munich-tourist.de/english/o2.htm

Doug Lansky is a 20 something humorist who lives out of his backpack.
Senate provides assistance for loan consolidation

By CHARLES DERVARICS
College Press Service

WASHINGTON--Students who rely on federal loans or national-service programs to help pay for their education were some important assurances from Congress Oct. 1.

Bowing to pressure from the White House and others, the House of Representatives dropped plans to cut in half the budget for AmeriCorps, President Clinton's national-service program. The House had wanted to take $200 million of the program's $400 million budget to pay for veterans programs, but the idea met resistance from Congressional aides said.

The agreement reached last week would provide $425 million for national-service programs, about $20 million more than current funding, congressional aides said.

The final figure falls short of President Clinton's request for $520 million, but the idea met resistance from both parties voted 43-0 to send the measure on for final action. "Both Republicans and Democrats see the urgency in helping young people who have been left in a credit crunch because of the U.S. Department of Education's failure to manage the direct loan consolidation program," said Rep. Howard "Buck" McKeon (R-Calif.), who chairs the House post-secondary education subcommittee.

McKeon called on the Senate to approve the emergency bill quickly. "Any effort in the Senate should be seen as an attempt to protect an inept federal bureaucracy at the expense of students," McKeon added.

Congress should have another three weeks to complete action on the emergency legislation. Lawmakers must remain in session through October to finish work on most 1998 spending bills, including one for higher education.

Filipino-American Month Celebrated

Thursday in the Barbara Ying Center, the Filipino Student Association held a Cultural Meeting, in recognition of October being Filipino-American History Month. At this meeting the guest speaker, Clifford Cabansag, spoke of the many contributions that American society now enjoys because of the hard work and involvement of its Filipino-American citizens.
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The art of imagination

"Last Frontier/Lost Wilderness" by Ruth Ava Lyons is an oil on canvas that can be found in the UCF Art Gallery until Oct. 31.

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Kappa Delta sorority observes its Founder's Day

Epsilon Omicron chapter of Kappa Delta will be commemorating its 100th anniversary of its sorority’s founding. Kappa Delta sorority was founded at Longwood College in Farmville, Va., on Oct. 23, 1897 by Mary Sommerville Sparks, Julia Gardiner Tyler Wilson, Lenora Ashmore Blackiston and Sara Turner White. The sorority has a total membership of more than 100,000 in college chapters and alumnae associations throughout the country.

Since its founding, Kappa Delta has been active in philanthropic activities. Members support the National Committee for the Prevention of Child Abuse and its affiliate groups with a nationwide one-day fund raiser. The sorority also has contributed more than a half-million dollars for the care and aid of patients at Children's Hospital in Richmond, Va., and has awarded more than $150,000 in awards for outstanding orthopedic research.

Mrs. Richard Stegall of Houston, Texas, is a national president.

--- A CFF staff report

Local journalists to speak at the Visual Arts Auditorium

By BRIAN SMITH
News Editor

On Oct. 23, Central Florida news reporters, editors and other journalism professionals will be at the Visual Arts Building Auditorium at 5 p.m. to discuss the changing face of local news and other time-sensitive issues.

The event, "The Future of the News: A Local Perspective," will include speakers from The Orlando Sentinel, WESH Channel 2, WFIV Channel 9, WCPX Channel 6 and Central Florida News 13. Turn Stegall of Houston, Texas, is a national president.

For more information contact the Nicholson School of Communication at 823-2840 or Kathy Catton, graduate student, Nicholson School of Communication at 668-9967.
Protecting those who can’t protect themselves

By JENNIFER HANLON
Staff Writer

"Think Globally-Act locally!" This is a motto used by the Campus Action for Animals. The group meets once a week in the Student Union to discuss a variety of ways to promote the protection of animals.

One of the protests called "McDeath" day took place at the McDonald’s in the UC-7 shopping plaza on Oct. 16. Flyers and posters were made and distributed to customers and shoppers that said "What’s the connection between McDonalds and starvation in the Third World? Why is it wrong for McDonalds to destroy rain forests and why is McDonalds responsible for torture and murder?"

"McDeath" day started when Greenpeace was sued by McDonalds for handing out pamphlets that contained accusations not completely true," said Greg Rivera, a member of the Campus Action for Animals.

During the meeting, member Andy Meyers, read a current issue from Indefensive Animals magazine. The articles purpose was to obtain one million people to disavow the concept of animal ownership and property by the end of 1998.

Also during the meeting, a petition to boycott Proctor and Gamble was passed around. The group disagrees with the use of animals in the testing of consumer products. On April 3-5, a conference is planned with about 15 animal rights activists. Some speakers invited are Heidi Prescott and Freeman Wicklund.

The Campus Action for Animals also participates in park clean ups, Fur-Free Friday at Gayfers, canoe and camping trips and vegan dinners. These dinners are made with no animal products.

The group is sponsored by Ronni Hawkins, biology professor, and the group president is Carely Hare. There are about 25 members and they encourage other students to participate to protect animal’s rights.
By MARCO BUSCAGLIA
College Press Service

Being a college kicker is no picnic.

On most days, you come off the sidelines, do your job, receive a few congratulatory pats on the helmet and head back to the bench. But on those days when the expected becomes the impossible, you're the loneliest guy on the field.

"It's not something you get over easy," said Matt Davenport, Wisconsin's starting kicker. "You miss a kick and everyone looks the other way. You're hanging out there all alone."

But a good week can change a guy's outlook. Davenport sealed a Badgers' victory over Indiana with a 43-yard field goal in the game's closing seconds. In fact, the Big Ten named Davenport special teams player of the week for his work in Wisconsin's 27-26 victory.

"You wait for moments like that because you know you're going to be a hero if it goes through," Davenport said. "On the flipside, everyone wants your head if you miss, but that's the chance you take. Your job is to kick field goals. If you don't do it, there's no reason for you to be on the team. If you can't do it, you're gone."

Such is the life for many NFL kickers who find themselves looking for a job on Monday after missing a game-winning kick on Sunday.

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Women's soccer still perfect in TAAC

By KEN JACKSON
Staff Writer

It took four matches and 17 days, but the UCF women's soccer team scored its first goals of October as the Golden Knights wrapped up a conference post-season bid this weekend in South Florida.

UCF (6-7-1) clinched the TAAC Southern Division title with a 1-0 win over Florida Atlantic (3-11-0) Sunday. Midfielder Danya Harris scored on the first shot of the match, off passes from Wendy Wiltsey and Kim Shrum, just 2:22 into the game.

On Friday, the Golden Knights ended a five-game losing streak and a scoring drought of 562 minutes in a 2-0 victory over Florida International. UCF held FIU to one shot on goal, and Harris found the back of the net in the 80th minute of the game. She added another goal minutes later.

Coach Karen Richter spoke highly of her team's weekend performance.

"Against FIU, we played great," she said. "We're getting plenty of scoring chances, finally. That first goal kind of opened up the door for us. And considering the conditioning, we played great against FAU since they hadn't played in five days and we had many players go 90 minutes on Friday."

Harris, who leads the team with 19 points (nine goals, one assist), was nominated for conference Player of the Week honors. Defensively, goalkeeper Alyssa O'Brien had two shutouts gave her 21 for her career, two shy of the TAAC career mark of 23 held by Centenary's Martha Chaney.

UCF is 5-0 against conference opponents this season and has outscored them 8-0. The Golden Knights can finish the clean sweep today at home against Stetson at 4 p.m.

By virtue of clinching its division, UCF has a bye into the second round of the conference tournament, which will be held Nov. 6-8.

"The bye is critical because the tournament is three days in a row, and we won't have the fatigue factor to play against," Richter said.

Richter feels fatigue would be one of the easier opponents the team would face this year.

"Four of our losses have been to nationally ranked teams, so it's been a tough stretch," she said. "This is one of the toughest schedules we've had here, and with such a young team, it's a tough situation to play in."

Crew opens season at Head of the Charles

The University of Central Florida women's crew team opened its 1997-98 season this weekend at the annual Head of the Charles Regatta in Boston, Mass. UCF, which competed in only two races over the two-day event, finished 25th, out of a field of 23, in the Lightweight 8 race.

In the Club 8 race, the crew made up of Suzanne Bonichi, Melissa Coverson, Melinda Horpner, Sara McKenna, Courtney Nelson, Patti Oates, Jennifer Poltz, Christine Robinson and Samantha Scott finished in a time of 17:56.81. The first-place finisher, Queen's University, finished in 16:58.48.


UCF competes in the First Coast Head Race in Jacksonville on Oct. 25.

Sophomore surviving first season as starter

Sophomore midfielder Wendy Wilsey, left, and the Knights have already qualified for the conference tournament.

Junior midfielder Gretchen Lindsey, above, has helped the same level as them," Liljenquist said. "I don't feel like I'm that young. I've been around the girls three years, and I feel pretty comfortable around them. It's really no pressure. We just get psyched up for every game, so there's never really any pressure to win."

Senior Suzie Queisser said Liljenquist is one of the key players this season and may be the secret to NCAA success. "She's our key," Queisser said. "You look at the stats of Tyra [Harper] and Renata, but the balls are going to them. That's what we're going to hopefully use Lisa for when we get into the conference tournament and the NCAA's. She's going to be one of our star players. She's a phenomenal player."

Liljenquist and her teammates will play their next game on Oct. 24 at Florida Atlantic University at 7 p.m. The game will open an 11 game road trip.
**At a Glance**

**What:**
October 22, 1997  
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**Where:**
Central Florida Golden Knights at Mississippi State Bulldogs, 2:30 p.m.

**Stadium Capacity:**
40,656

**Head Coaches:**
UCF - Gene McDowell, 8-10 in second year in Division I with the Knights.  
MSU - Jackie Sherrill, 38-35-2 in seventh year with Bulldogs.

**Series:**
First meeting.

**Media:**
Television - Sunshine Network, Radio - WINZ 740 AM

**Notes:**
MSU (4-2), like UCF, is coming off an open week and it could not have come at a better time for the Bulldogs. After a 3-1 start, MSU was trounced in its only road game of the year, 47-0 at No. 16 Georgia, and had to rally from down 10-3 in the second half at home to beat NE Louisiana 24-10. ... The latest Jeff Sagarin Computer Index has the Knights (45th) ranked ahead of the Bulldogs (46th) in the Oct. 13 poll. MSU is only a four-and-a-half point favorite for this weekend's game. ... The Bulldogs have no offensive players rated in the top 50 in any category. ... MSU has a major weight advantage over UCF. Left tackle Anthony Kupp (333 pounds), Right tackle Robert Hicks (351), nose guard Eric Dotson (360) and defensive tackle James Grier (331) lead a smash-mouth mentality against the Knights' undersized and quick defense.

UCF (3-4) is looking to win its second consecutive road game and third straight overall. ... Quarterback Daunte Culpepper is currently 10th in IA in passing efficiency and 10th in total offense with 296 yards a game. ... Wideout Siua Burley's 100.6 yards receiving per game ranks him 14th in the country. ... Kicker Fred Waczewski has yet to miss an extra point, going 31 of 31. ... This may seem like the Knight's last chance at a big win, but No.24 Toledo is unbeaten and comes to the Florida Citrus Bowl in both teams' season finales. The defense will try to improve on its interception total (eight) has MSU quarterback Matt Wyatt attempts to salvage a poor season ... (49 of 102 for 701 yards, four touchdowns and nine interceptions).

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Quarterback Daunte Culpepper is 10th in the nation in total offense with 296 yards a game.
Men's soccer loses, snaps winning streak

The University of Central Florida men's soccer team lost to Florida Atlantic University, 3-2, Thursday at the UCF Arena Soccer Field in a Trans America Athletic Conference game. The Knights (3-3 in TAAC play) snapped a three-game win streak with the loss and the victory for FAU gave them a clean sweep over the Golden Knights this season. FAU is now 6-7 overall and 3-3 in conference.

Weber scored the winning goal for FAU when he chipped a pass from Max Holmstrom over the top of the goal and landed in the University of Central Florida goal. Kindahl had four goals in the 89th minute past Tuomilehto. Kindahl had six. FAU had the edge over the Knights in shots, taking 13 to UCF's 12. Tuomilehto had five saves while Kindahl had three. FAU took three corner kicks to UCF's six.

The Knights ended last week's action by defeating Belmont University and Thomas College at the Florida Invitational at Stetson University Oct. 17 and 19. In the 6-1 victory over STU, Ritvanen scored four goals in the first 41 minutes of play as UCF (10-4) cruised to its seventh straight win. Ritvanen scored seven times in the invitational and now has six career hat tricks.

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Benoit looks to help UCF stop Mississippi State ground game

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mediated so far and he doesn't expect that to change.

"Everybody says we're undersized but our speed makes up for it," Osuna said. "The coaching staff does a good job of rotating us, so we are fresh all the time."

Osuna said despite the rotation, there is a little envy of Benoit's numbers. "I try not to think about who is leading the team in goals, but I do," said Osuna, who has 2-5 goals. "We really don't have a competition like that, but he's a really good player and he deserves his success."

Benoit credits his play to the team's off-season workouts, which have given him the endurance to maintain his quickness late into games. "I like to use my speed and get to them when they are real tired," said Benoit, who has 15-3 career sacks. "When I'm tired I can still get off the ball at full speed and that's how I always get them."

Cox said it will be hard to replace Benoit next year. "He's a great player," Cox said. "He runs to the football and works hard. He's got a lot of talent and he's kind of sneaky. He just kind of sneaks through the crowd. You just wish you had him another year to work on his technique and get him a little stronger."

And if the Bulldogs or any team tries to run him over, Benoit said he will be ready. "I take it game-by-game," he said. "The future is unpredictable right now. I'll be ready."

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Sophomore standout

Sophomore Lisa Lijonenquist, right, like seniors Renata Mencikova and Tyra Harper, has played in every game this season.

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Big Knight

Men's basketball coach Kirk Speraw, left, hopes the addition of guard Mark Jones and forward Bucky Hodge helps UCF challenge for the TAAC title. Junior guard Charliya Davis, top left, is UCF's returning leading scorer. Davis averaged 11.3 points a game last season. Women's basketball coach Lynn Bria, right, needs immediate help from six recruits to make up for the graduation of three seniors. Fans of UCF hoops, top right, show their appreciation for the men's and women's teams Friday night.

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Sports

Inaugural Midnight Madness a success

By TONY MEJIA
Staff Writer

The spectacle of basketball at midnight filled the UCF Arena with more than 1,000 loud, anxious fans in the early hours of Saturday morning. For the first time in school history, "Midnight Madness" took place at Central Florida, and the results were more than positive.

"It was really a solid performance and is something for the fans, students, and boosters to get excited about," said men's basketball coach Kirk Speraw. "Hopefully, it will become a school tradition to start the basketball season this way.

Both the men's and women's teams were announced shortly after midnight, the first official day the NCAA declares legal for college basketball squads to practice. The men's scrimmage gave UCF fans their first look at transfers Bucky Hodge (Georgia Tech) and Mark Jones (Minnesota). Jones, a pre-season All-TAAC selection, scored the first points of the scrimmage, knifing through the lane snatching with a resounding slam dunk that should be a preview of things to come. After playing in front of capacity crowds at Minnesota, Jones is looking for a little home cooking at UCF.

"It was nice to see the gym loud and excited," he said. "Our main goal was to give the fans a good show. Now we want to keep them coming back, so it's time to get after it for real."

The Black team, led by Jones, Hodge, and sophomore forward Mario Lovett, handily trounced the White team 58-32 in a 15-minute scrimmage. Lovett surprised the spectators by showing off a new dimension and launching a pair of three-pointers to pace the Black. Returning sophomores Davin Granberry and D'Quarius Stewart also thrived for the winners, while junior Brad Traina, sophomore Cory Perry, and freshman Benoit Simmons paced the White.

Senior forward Tony Marlow shows his stuff during warm-ups during Friday night's Midnight Madness. More Madness photos, Page 27.

Hunger for experience drives Liljenquist

By JEFF CASE
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UCF assistant volleyball coach Miriam Metzcus describes redshirt sophomore Lisa Liljenquist in one word: Raw.

But through quiet observation and listening, Liljenquist has become the young star on a senior laden team.

"She wasn't really taught everything about the game [entering UCF]," Metzcus said. "She didn't know there were so many strategic ways of hitting, looking at the court and looking at your opponent."

"She has turned into a tremendous player. She's very quiet, but she is so in tune and keyed into what is going on. She listens to what everybody has to say.

"Liljenquist is close with teammate Renata Menchikova and uses Mencikova's experience as a guide. Liljenquist shows no fear being relied upon by the seniors to help carry the weight, both offensive and defensively, Metzcus said.

Coach Laura Smith said Liljenquist's inexperience has made each game a challenge.

"This girl had no training; she was raw," Smith said. "She has a disadvantage, in my opinion, against every team we play, because I know that one of those players played two if not three years of club [level] (prior to college), and she played very scarcely. I couldn't be more thrilled with her as a player."

After graduating from Oviedo High School in 1995, Liljenquist redshirted her freshman year. Appearing in 52 of the Knights 36 matches, Liljenquist split the season at both setter and hitter. With the addition of setter Amanda Fielding, a University of New Mexico transfer, Liljenquist will continue to play the season at hitter.

Senior Anabel Marcos says Liljenquist's lack of experience is not apparent.

"She has shown a lot of maturity and a lot of experience even though she doesn't have it," Marcos said. "She definitely has the poise and the confidence [to win] that NCAA game, and we definitely treasure her.

Liljenquist says being younger only motivates her more.

"I want to play better so I can be at the top of the pack, like a veteran in the postseason.

What might have been far from Benoit's thoughts

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Benoit had only one sack in each of his first two seasons while playing behind Emi Ekoye, who signed with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers in 1996. With the starting right end spot to his own his junior year, he cut loose with an eight sack, 55-tackle performance. Benoit said he regrets not having one more season.

"Sometimes I wish I had taken the year off, but everything is working out for me," he said. "You can't turn back time."

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"He's been результатive in his career, he's got good feet. To be honest, I hope no one figures this out: I've got a feeling people are going start running at him instead of away from him where he can chase down the play. Instead of letting him chase they could get a 300-pounder to hit him in the mouth and I hope that doesn't happen."

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