UCF police officers' authority limited

By JAMES COMBS
Staff Writer

UCF police will be limited in assisting with off-campus arrests after UCF's legal counsel declared its mutual aid agreements were null and void. A review by UCF's legal counsel of laws governing the mutual aid agreements concluded that existing law did not include UCF within the agencies authorized to execute mutual aid agreements, said Bill Merck, vice president for administration and finance.

Mary Beth Liberto, general counsel, has been reviewing the laws for three years to determine mutual aid applies to university police. A memo released by Liberto on Oct. 21 said representatives from the police department have presented several statutes including section 901.15. This statute allows sworn law enforcement officers to make warrantless arrests anywhere in the state.

Liberto said mutual aid does not apply to employees of a state agency like the UCF police department.

"My main concern is if we keep mutual aid officers, we could be left without worker's compensation and liability insurance," Liberto said.

Sgt. Tom Gorbas, crime prevention unit coordinator, said he thinks Liberto's interpretations are inaccurate. "The officers feel that she is interpreting these laws that we don't have the same authority that other police agencies in the state of Florida have," Gorbas said.

Merck said without mutual aid, UCF police officers may not engage in law enforcement activity in situations occurring on property not owned or controlled by the university.

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Senate meeting cut short because of counsel memo

By OLIVIA K. CURNOW
Managing Editor

The Student Government senate meeting was cut short on Oct. 30 because of a memo from Mary Beth Liberto, UCF general counsel.

The memo, addressed to Dr. LeVester Tubbs, vice president of student affairs, regarded SG meetings and a possible violation of the Sunshine Law.

It read: "It is the opinion of the university's general counsel that meetings which begin or continue past 11 p.m. would not provide reasonable access for many members of the public who might wish to attend. Accordingly, if a student government meeting cannot be concluded by 11 p.m., the meeting should be adjourned and reconvened, after appropriate public notice, as soon as feasible.

Since SG did not want to take the chance of violating Liberto's orders, the meeting was adjourned around 9 p.m.

As a result, the senate was unable to discuss funding for many clubs and organizations including UCF Dive Club, Philosophy Club, American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics, America Society of Mechanical Engineers, Alpha Kappa Psi, UCF Rescue, Baccalarts and College of Business Student Association.

"We didn't want to spend too much time on one bill because the other bills wouldn't get the same equality," said James Barnard, pro tempore.

The senate meeting on Oct. 23 was adjourned early for the same reasons. Barnard said Student Union building manager Dean Treneman walked into the meeting room and told the students the meeting had to cease. The senate left a half-hour later.

"There's no true procedure in the Student Union policies and procedures manual," Barnard said. "[Treneman] handled it to the best of his ability, and we handled it to the best of our ability."

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Family Ties provides safety for kids

By GWEN RHODES
Staff Writer

On Nov. 7, 1996, two-year-old Sarah Donner was shot and killed by her father while visiting him at his apartment.

During her speech at the grand opening of the Family Ties program last Wednesday at the Cherokee School near downtown Orlando, Sarah's mother, Laura Jones, said "I naively believed that this would never happen to me. Although I feared for my own safety, I never thought that the man I had once loved so deeply could commit such a heinous act against a defenseless child."

In the past two months, six children in Florida have died as a result of domestic violence.

The concept for the Family Ties program grew out of a growing concern over the murders of children whose families were involved in a bitter child custody dispute.

The purpose of the Family Ties program is to allow child-parent contact in a friendly environment with assurance of child safety during a contested court case.

"In a perfect world, parents who divorced would do so in a friendly manner and the children would be able to see both of their parents in a safe environment," Jones said.

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Watermelon Bust a success

Sisters Stephanie and Susan Levinson of Alpha Delta Pi compete in the watermelon cal­apult at the intramural fields.

"Let's do the Time Warp Again" A review of the Rocky Horror Picture Show.

Coaching Duo

Laura Smith and Nancy Richter have succeeded despite anonymity.
Learning the fine art of etiquette

BY LORI RITTERSTEIN
Staff Writer

On Oct. 24, 1997, the Consultants for Effective Leadership (CEL) hosted its Seventh Annual Etiquette Dinner. The event took place in the Country Hearth Inn on International Drive.

The Etiquette Dinner is CEL's primary fall function. The event was open to UCF students and guests. Students were charged $15 and the guests were charged $32.

The difference in the cost for students was covered by the student activity and service fee.

"Consultants for Effective Leadership hosts this event every fall to gather the UCF community together for a special evening that is both fun and educational," said Chip Deger, student director for CEL. "Our team realizes how important it is for students to be aware of proper etiquette and we want to give students the opportunity to learn something that you wouldn't learn in your everyday curriculum."

The evening began with a greeting line that welcomed the guests. Appetizers were served before dinner.

Gayle Beatty, an etiquette consultant, discussed the ABC's of dining such as taking your seat, where to place your napkin, the proper silverware to use and how to eat during the different courses.

Following the etiquette instruction, guests took their seats for the five-course meal.

The CEL team was spread throughout the room to help answer any questions that guests had during the meal. Beatty was available to answer questions as well.

At the end of dinner, the guests were invited to stay for ballroom dancing instruction given by Michael Dean and Mary Ladiani.

"The evening was very enjoyable and I was thrilled to learn how to do the tango," said Jessica Perez, a student representative from Alpha Kappa Psi. "I will definitely go again next year."

Kim Aviles, a Lead Scholar representative, agreed with Perez.

"This was the second year I attended the Etiquette Dinner and had fun both times," Aviles said. "It is a great opportunity for you to get dressed up, have fun with your friends, eat a great meal and learn how to dance all in one place."

The Office of Student Activities, Student Government Association and the 1994 CEL Team sponsored the event.

The CEL team gives thanks to the Office of Student Activities staff, Student Body President Keith McDonald and all of the guest for making the evening possible.

The Consultants for Effective Leadership is recruiting for the spring term. Applications are available in the Office of Student Activities and are due by Nov. 14.

Functions planned for the spring include a spring leadership activity in conjunction with student activities and an evening dedicated to ballroom dancing.

Officers able to make citizens’ arrest off campus

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"If an Orange County deputy needs a backup because there is a bank robbery across our jurisdictional line, we cannot help that deputy as UCF police officers only as citizens based on Beth Liberto's interpretation of the law."

—Tom Gorbas
UCF Police Department

Gorbas said UCF police officers disagree with the interpretation of the law and are seeking a higher level legal review. Gorbas said he expects attempts at trying to get mutual aid back.

"There will likely be a request to the legislature to expressly include university police departments within the statutory definition of the term law enforcement agency," Gorbas said. "This should allow the resumption of mutual aid agreements but to be sure this is a question for legal counsel."
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ONLY AT THE Disney-MGM STUDIOS
NRG builds a leadership and service bridge among organizations

By JENNIFER LINDSTROM
Staff Writer

"An organization on campus strives to put a new spark of leadership and service into the students of UCF. NRG (a euphemism for energy) is an organization designed by a group of LEAD Scholars last spring who wanted to push their commitment past the two-year LEAD program and develop another way for UCF students to get involved on campus and in their community."

NRG has 15 members who helped design the organization. They range from freshmen to seniors. NRG’s mission statement explains the main goal is to get involved on campus and in the community.

NRG requires its members to communicate through their e-mail distribution list at least once a month. Letters are sent to members through the mail about upcoming events, and they display advertisements in the Engineering Building on the TV monitors.

"We believe in each other and the ideas that we are trying to achieve, and I think that NRG will take UCF students far in their endeavors to become strong and successful leaders," said sophomore Lucas Henderson.

Since NRG is still a new organization at UCF, it is continuing to make plans for the spring semester and beyond.

The plans it hopes to implement include speaking to local high school students and providing seminars to them about leadership and getting involved at the university level. It also wants to provide the same kinds of seminars at UCF for the students.

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To find out more information about NRG locate it on the web at: http://www.geocities.com/College/Epitaph/9019

Funding for clubs delayed due to Sunshine Law

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Tresmen declined to comment.
Sen. David Siegel said he did not understand the memo.
"There is nothing in the Sunshine Law about times of meetings," he said.

According the Citizen’s Guide for Florida Government in the Sunshine, the Sunshine Law prohibits elected officials from meeting behind closed doors to decide matters that affect the citizens they represent.

Liberto said, "The bottom line is that Florida legislature directs public officials to construe the various 'government in sunshine' laws as liberally as possible to afford the public full access to public meetings.

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Watermelon games help raise food for the hungry

By NATALIE NATALE
Staff Writer

Watermelon Bust kicked off at 8 a.m. on Oct. 25 when about 150 students flocked to the Lambda Chi Alpha Quad. The seven teams ate Dunkin Donuts and drank coffee before helping the fraternity gather food for the less fortunate.

The teams drove around the Orlando area dropping off brown bags to the doorsteps of neighborhoods. With the combined efforts of all the participants, 9,000 brown bags donated by Gooding’s and Publix were delivered. Homeowners filled the brown bags with non-perishable food items such as canned foods and rice. On Nov. 1, members of Lambda Chi Alpha returned to collect the food items.

The teams competed to collect the most amounts of non-perishable food items based on weight in addition to dropping off the brown bags.

In total, the teams raised more than 30,000 pounds of food for the Second Harvest Food Bank of Central Florida. Second Harvest will distribute the food to more than 9,000 seniors and the needy.

“A report from the Florida Impact Education fund estimates that four out of every 10 children are hungry in the Orlando area,” said Jenny Kate Herring, public relations manager of Second Harvest Food Band.

The various competitions took place at the intramural fields where participants viewed banners and competed in a series of events involving watermelons. In the past, events took place on the lawn outside of the Education Building but due to increased participation, this year’s events required a larger location. The games began at noon when two members of each team used a towel to catapult a watermelon across the field in the melon toss.

In the chunk shoot, team members had 20 attempts at tossing pieces of watermelon into a bucket held by their blindfolded Lambda Chi coach. Team members spit two watermelon seeds as far as they could in the seed-spitting event. In the grease watermelon contest, team members wore greasy visors on top of their clothes and ran a relay race carrying watermelons.

In the helmet carving contest, teams carved helmets out of watermelons. The designs had elaborate contours, UCF carvings and electric lights. Helmets were judged on creativity, originality and craftsmanship.

“The events ran smoothly,” said Dave Bond, junior marketing major. "Everyone was in good spirits."

Participants returned to the Quad in 9 p.m. for the Watermelon Bust awards ceremony.

The following organizations received first-place ribbons: Kappa Delta for service and the melon toss; Delta Gamma for the chunk shoot and banner; Zeta Tau Alpha for seed spitting and the grease watermelon contest; and Alpha Delta Pi for blind watermelon bowling and the helmet carving contest.

"The second place overall runner-up is Delta Gamma," said John Carroll, senior health services administration major. "Our first runner-up is Zeta Tau Alpha.

"Ladies and gentlemen, for the first year ever we have a tie for first place. The overall first place Watermelon Bust champions are Alpha Delta Pi and Kappa Delta."
LEAD STORIES

- New York City special effects artist Matt McMurtry, 39, had been offering his life-size, authentically detailed, steel-skinned silicone dolls, under the moniker "Real Dolls," for months on the Internet, for around $4,000 each plus shipping. So far, Stacy, Natasha, and Leah, all available, with choice of hair color, skin color and height (either "supermodel" or short and voluptuous). His original doll was intended as sculpture until lengthy men bombarded him with price inquiries. Said McMullen, "There is no way this can compete with the real thing, but it can fill a deep void in someone's life."

- "Mommy?" The Orlando Sentinel reported in August that a man had gotten into a bind at a Winter Park massage parlor when he couldn't pay a woman the $150 price for sex and was threatened by her with a semi-automatic rifle. The man telephoned his mother and asked her to bring the money to a nearby restaurant. And in an Atlanta suburb in September, Sherrod Terry, 19, and Akram Muhammad, 20, were charged with armed robbery of a Long John Silver's restaurant after a short stand-off in which police trampled the men inside. Police said one of the robbers, fresh out of ideas on how to handle the siege, had telephoned his mother for advice.

- In September in Newmarket, Ontario, a jury foreman announced, "We find the accused (and here, the foreman cleared his throat) guilty," but the judge and other court personnel heard it as, "We find the accused not guilty." The defendant, Howard Burke, charged with attempted murder, did not wait around for clarification, but the error was detected within minutes, and Burke finally gave himself up three days later and had the correct verdict imposed.

COMPPELLING EXPLANATIONS

- St. Petersburg Baptist minister Dr. Henry Lyons, president of the National Baptist Convention and who had been accused of misspending church funds and falsifying documents, explained in August why he had told an interviewing committee (when applying for the position of president) that he was single, when actually he had been married and divorced twice: "I forgot (those marriages)." He noted that the marriages had been brief.
- Reports surfaced in July from San Francisco social-service organizations that poor kids who participated in a summer lunch program were being served moldy green bologna in sandwiches (for many of the kids, their main meal of the day). According to Dr. John J. Ojo, the Health Department's principal investigator, what he saw while investigating the complaints was "not that bad," and anyway, moldy bologna will not cause food poisoning.
- John E. Herndon, at his May sentencing (he got 20 years) in Little Rock, Ark., for using two teen-age girls in pornographic photos after giving them alcohol beverages: "They were my muffins and my flowers," he told the judge. "They were earth angels. I renew my promises to the girls as a born-again Christian that I will always love them and protect them.
- Lee Walter Nance was arrested in Hood River, Ore., in June on suspicion of public decency when police noticed him in a parking lot on the complaint of a woman who said Nance was harassing her. According to police, Nance explained that he was merely working on his tan because he was on a church softball team and was afraid that if he didn't have a base tan, he would get sunburned.
- At the June attempted-rape trial of Abel Martinez, III, 30, in St. Joseph, Mo., the 60-year-old victim described how she fought back, testifying that she missed her first lunge to bite his penis but succeeded on the second, even though she was not able to bite with full force. "I tried," she said, "but my false teeth turned on me."

WEIRD SCIENCE

- Two high school chemistry students from Skipwith, Va., experimenting with a slime they had created in order to play a joke on their teacher in October 1996, accidentally produced an edible plastic, and in June 1997, a company paid them $100,000 for a one-year option on their invention. Piazz Technologies Ltd. specializes in multi-in-the-mouth medications and believes the substance might make a better capsule, at which point the boys' work would be worth about $1 million.
- The Times of London reported in August that the California firm Interval Research has developed a prototype for a new wristwatch that would be worn not on the wrist but in the wrist. A liquid crystal display, microchip and battery would be implanted under the skin, close enough to the surface so that the time would be readable. Battery-recharging and time-zone changes would be done by remote control.
- In a 25-hour operation in September, surgeons in Melbourne, Australia, reattached the face of a 28-year-old woman who had ripped off in a farm machinery accident. But one week earlier in London, surgeon Steve Gill described to a British Society of Neurosurgeons audience how in February 1997 he had reattached a woman's entire head after removing it (except for the spinal cord, key blood vessels, and skin at the front of her neck) to correct a crippling condition that was causing her face to point downward. (It took him only 17 hours to take the head off, remove a wedge at the base of her skull, and reattach the head with a metal plate and two screws.)

FAMILY VALUES

- Mentoring: Linz Carlos, Marra, 47, was arrested in Minneapolis in June after his 12-year-old daughter told hospital emergency-room personnel that she had smoked crack cocaine with him. According to the police report, Marra said he was trying to show the girl the difference between good crack and bad crack. And in July, Dennis Dunn, 46, told sheriff's deputies near Brookings, S.D., that he was chasing his stepson's car at speeds near 85 mph only because he wanted to catch up to the boy so he could teach him not to speed.
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Honeymoon is over for bandwagon fans

By JASON HEIRONIMUS

Opinion Editor

Much like the Burger King 99-cent chicken sandwich that is so unapologetically reeking in my stomach, a good meal is always for a limited time. You can only have so much money loaded up on fake chicken sandwiches before you realize the party is over, back to the Raman.

Once you return to the raman you reminisce about your joyful meals that brought so much happiness. It was clean, fast and simple and it got the job done. But now you are in the midst of a Raman nightmare. You have no money and about 400 packages of Raman that your mother bought for you the last time she was at Sam's. It's Raman for dinner the rest of the semester.

Though this may not be the best comparison, it works for me, so it's going to have to work for you.

Recently camera crews have been lurking around the UCF campus like rats looking for cheese. For most of us, it is kind of exciting, regardless of their reason for their intrusion. It is like a little piece of "show business," and with the news there is a chance that you, Joe Student, can be part of the whole extravaganza.

I must admit to making myself a little more available to the news van while walking by. I didn't even know what all the hubbuballoo (I finally got to use it) was about, but I was ready and waiting. But, unfortunately, I was passed over for an interview once again.

I found out what all the commotion was about later in the day. I discovered the UCF football team was under investigation for cellular phone fraud. My first thought was, "What is cell phone fraud?" Apparently cellular phone fraud is using an unauthorized telephone number for a cellular phone. As far as I can tell, that is what some of our UCF football players are under investigation for.

No one has been arrested and no one has been suspended from the team. And from what I have heard, these things are not going to happen in the near future, or maybe even ever. However, this does not look pretty in the national spotlight.

I understand that from what it looks like, not all of our players were in the wrong. This is a refreshing fact.

But the damage has already been done. Welcome to I-A; big-time collegiate football. I'll appear UCF will fit in real well among the FSUs, UFs, and Miamis of the world. Rules are harsh and it is almost impossible to follow every little one, but why can't it be done? Why does our school have to be shut down in the way that is in the campaign for national publicity?

Though this year has been a disappointment in terms of wins and losses, it has not been a worst comparison, it works for me, so it's going to have to work for you.

Though their actions may have been completely without any criminal intent — the point is we are now under investigation. In the media and in the public, even if the investigation comes up empty, the football program will be branded. These things just do not go away. No matter what happens, the program will be damaged for the long run.

Those players under investigation are taking the time to think about what they've done.

Though their actions may have been completely without any wrongdoing in mind, they were committed without any thought. These players are guilty of only one thing — being young and naive. I'm not sure that if someone offered me a deal like they thought they were getting, that I wouldn't have done it. But I do wonder. Surely other players were approached for these cellular phones who turned them down. Why did they turn them down? Why did they make the right decision while others did not?

There are only two games left in the season, one being homecoming. The fans have supported the Knights all season, suffering through every heart-breaking loss. This investigation is disregarding, to say the least. But we must keep the faith. No matter what, this is our team. We are the real losers because, despite the controversy, we will still cheer our hearts out, still make the trek all the way to the Florida Citrus Bowl, and still cheer for when we go home with a loss.

Unfortunately, however, no matter the outcome of the battle on the field, we all lose.
West garage to alleviate shortage of parking spaces

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Dear Editor,

There has been some indication from UCF administration that a restructuring of the Division of Student Affairs will occur on our campus. As graduate students in the Student Personnel program, we would like to inform the UCF students about the division of Student Affairs. We feel that such a restructuring of this division may affect each one of us in a way that we haven’t considered.

Currently, there is a vice president for Student Affairs. This position is a member of the senior administration here on campus, allowing the student’s voices to be heard on top. This person is in a student and considers the needs of the UCF students to understand the depth of this division in order to realize that a “restructuring” of this division may affect each one of us.

Within the Division of Student Affairs there are many departments addressing the various needs of the student body here at UCF. Student services that are housed in student affairs are as follows:

- Student Activities (CAB, Volunteer UCF, CEL, Clubs and Organizations)
- Student Government
- Greek Affairs
- Orientation
- Housing and Residence Life
- Student Union
- Recreational Services
- Student Health Services
- Counseling and Testing
- Student Legal Services
- Evening and Weekend Student Services
- Dean of Students and Judicial Affairs
- Career Resource Center
- Student Disability Services
- Wellness Center
- Creative School for Children
- International Student Services
- Veterans Affairs

As you can see, student services affects a majority, if not all of the students here at UCF. As a fellow students who work with students in the areas mentioned above, we urge you to become as involved as possible in protecting these services on the UCF campus. Make your wants and needs known to the university administration, especially President Hitt and Provost Whitehouse (jwitt@pegasus.cc.ucf.edu & whitehouse@ucfvm.cc.ucf.edu). We should demand that there is student participation in the decision making process for the future of student affairs and student services on this campus. Please don’t just assume that all of these services will remain intact at the university.

Get involved and make sure that they do.

Members of Student Personnel Association

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Graduate students explain student affairs division

Letter to the editor

students to be top priority. While change can sometimes be positive, the absence of a vice president for Student Affairs will lead to a perception that students are not valued on our campus.

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Psychology students help resolve parent-child relationships

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parents but here at the Family Ties center it's a rude awakening to reality," said Judy Bittman, program coordinator. "We want the kids to have access to both parents in a safe manner. Until this program started four weeks ago, there was no one looking out for the kids."

A unique aspect of the program is that the center uses UCF psychology students as volunteers to help run the program.

The main impetus to get the program started came from 9th Circuit Court Judge Robert M. Evans, who was handling Laura Jones' divorce case when her daughter was killed. The deaths of two more children in late 1996 helped to propel the program forward and win Orange County community support.

"What separates this grand opening from every other opening you've ever been to is we have no capital investment here," Evans said. "There's not one new brick laid. Instead, it's the response of people coming together to meet a desperate need in the community. This wouldn't have happened without everyone being willing to cooperate."

The Family Ties program is a two-fold program.

"We provide supervised visitation and monitored exchanges," Bittman said. "Both require a court order with a judge insisting that it needs to be that way for the safety of the child."

Not all supervised visitations are required due to domestic violence. For example, a court order may be prescribed for a non-custodial parent to have supervised visitation due to the parent's substance abuse, home-les status, out of state residency or is known to carry guns, Bittman said.

The other type of service is a monitored exchange.

"We actually move the kids from one parent to the other to prevent any problems," Bittman said. "We do not allow the parents to have any contact with each other."

UCF students fill the roles of supervisors in the visitation program and are the monitors performing the trade between the parents for the exchange program.

The application process for UCF students to participate in the program is ongoing one, said Dr. John M. McGuire, professor and interim chair of the department of psychology.

"We started with about 20 students this summer," McGuire said. "I get the paperwork done and then arrange for the orientation and train the volunteers." Bittman said that students who apply to be volunteers need to be committed to the program.

"The students have to do something because they have to give up at least eight hours on the weekends," Bittman said. "We hope to get funding for an internship program so we can give the students a better reward for their time."

The students are also being allowed to attend a courtroom during injunction proceedings, said McGuire.

"The students are getting an excellent practical field experience to add to their educational one," McGuire said. "For those who go to court, they spend more time than just the weekends working in the program."

Kimberly Shepard, court program specialist on domestic violence for the 9th District, said students get an education they could not get in a classroom by attending court sessions.

"The students who go to the courtroom get a clear understanding of the situations these children are having to live with and get to see the dynamics of the parental relationship," Shepard said. "This helps them to see exactly why the children need the Family Ties center."

Nikki Chace said the time spent in the program is beneficial.

"I feel that we are making a difference," Chace said. "The community really needs this and the kids really need this. I am interested in working with abused kids when I graduate. They (the Family Ties Program) offered me an opportunity to do good work and I am keeping the help they needed." Many of the students are volunteers, and the others are working in the program as part of a class project or independent study. The students who are earning credit for the experience are required to keep a journal, write a paper and do research. The Family Ties center is open on Saturdays and Sundays. There are law enforcement officers on the site just in case there is a problem.

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Do you feel that there is an excessive amount of religion being promoted on the UCF campus?

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No, everyone's entitled to their own beliefs. They can do whatever they want, as long as they don't bother me.
-- Rodel Oiga, Sophomore, Physical Therapy, Jacksonville.

No, I don't believe there has been an excessive amount of religion promoted at UCF. Everyone has the right to express their opinion on what they believe.

Yes, there's is too much religion, but the religion that is being promoted is consumerism. I have found that our entire college system lets students work for a degree, not an education. Consumerism is the "new religion."
-- Dale Robertson, Senior, Humanities, Okeechobee.

No, not really. To me it seems like religion is hidden. I used to go to church all the time, now it's hard to find out where and when church is.
-- Julie Perlman, Freshman, Legal Studies, Ft. Lauderdale.

Most definitely! But it is also true throughout the nation. What also seems to go hand-in-hand with it is Anti-Semitism and intolerance of others. This is a major part of Political Correctness.
-- Gary Roen, Senior, English, Orlando.
SARC helps students in need of educational assistance

By JENNIFER HANLON
Staff Writer

What's beyond the big red door? Many students have heard of the Student Academic Resource Center (SARC) but few know who runs it and what it does.

SARC began in fall 1996 and is directed by Pat Pates. The program is designed to help students achieve their potential standards. These students are monitored for three semesters to make sure they are coping with their classes.

Another program called Pegasus, which is similar to SARC, helps under-developed students. These students arrive in the summer, take two courses and must pass with 2.0 GPA. In addition to CAP and Pegasus, there is a series of weekly study sessions instructed by peers for students taking difficult classes. The peers are referred to as SI leaders. These leaders are expected to attend class, operate as a model student, integrate how to learn with what to learn, demonstrate critical thinking and problem solving techniques, and empower students to become independent learners.

SARC also has a tutoring program for the CLAST. Some of the tutoring consists of computer practice tests and software that supports classes such as physics or chemistry. The practice tests and software enable students to visualize similar material.

Pates said SARC is dedicated to helping students.

"I'm excited about working at SARC because there is potential for success in every student," Pates said.

Student Carlos Assaf said the people who work at SARC enjoy helping others.

"It's great that we have tutors," Assaf said. "Some people struggle with physics, chemistry and biology. I even come here to study sometimes."

Robin McCormick said she enjoys visiting SARC.

"The SARC center is a fun environment and a place where students can come to find whatever they need to know," McCormick said.

The week prior to final exams, SARC is open for a 24-hour period to help students in need of assistance.
You can't beat alligator wrestling

By DOUG LANSKY

ORLANDO, FLA. — Alligator wrestling? I'm not talking about ripping the label off a Lacoste tennis shirt. This was the real thing.

Well, sort of.

Mike, a veteran alligator wrestler at Gatorland, an alligator-theme park located about 30 minutes and $3 in tolls from Disney World, would be the first to tell you he's more of a "handler" than a "wrestler." Still, of the last 35 Gatorland wrestlers have been bitten, most more than once. The job doesn't pay that well, so I hope they have a great health plan.

The alligators they wrestle aren't the 1,500-pound monsters that swim around Gatorland's pools, attack each other and eat fish and chicken tossed by tourists. (I got to throw a frozen chicken from the "Gator Jumping Booth," but I didn't even look around my waist in case a hungry gator tried to take more than $3 in tolls.

Mike picked out Jughead, the most famous alligator at the park. This isn't easy when you're up to your thighs in water and I got so nervous I I was supposed to keep an eye on the characters in Rocky Horror Picture Show movie goers began dressing up like their favorite characters and acting out the script in front of the audience. It also became customary to bring certain props along to throw at the screen when certain words or scenes would appear. Props may include toilet paper, toast, rice and flashlights. At the UCF showing, audience members were encouraged to participate in this as well. Water, flames, hot dogs and prunes were prohibited from being used. The rules vary from theatre to theatre. Another Rocky Horror Picture Show ritual is to initiate first-time viewers of the film by making them do something harmless and silly in front of the rest of the audience.

"It was definitely interesting and not quite what I expected," freshman Brandi Waterson said of her first Rocky Horror Picture Show experience. "I had a lot of fun and I would see the movie again.

Perhaps the highlight of the evening was when the entire audience joined together to do the "Time Warp," a dance started by a student. It was stated at the beginning of the evening that everyone was required to participle in the dance and spectators obliged.

Sophomore Ian Aroson said he felt that seeing the film at UCF was a great experience.

"I've seen the movie a few times but seeing it here was really fun," Aroson said. "I was surprised at how much everyone got into it." Although Rocky Horror Picture Show may not be for everyone, the traditions do provide entertainment for most.

"I don't understand the whole fascination with the movie," CAB promotions member Ryan Sheedy said. "I think it's more fun to watch the audience act out than the film."

For anyone interested in Rocky Horror Picture Show trivia visit its web site at http://www.rocky-horror.com
Health association recommends vaccination

By COLLEGE PRESS SERVICE

BALTIMORE—The American College Health Association is recommending that college students get vaccinated against meningitis, a deadly disease that often strikes university campuses.

In the past, ACHA recommended the vaccination of students only after a college outbreak. But the health organization changed its policy because the number of meningococcal meningitis outbreaks has risen sharply, officials say. Since 1992, 36 outbreaks have been reported, compared to only 13 outbreaks between 1981 and 1993.

More than one-third of the outbreaks were reported in schools, universities or other organizations.

"All of us who work in college health live with the fear of a phone call reporting meningococcal meningitis or the death of a student who was well just a few hours before," said Maureen Collins, MD, chair of ACHA's Vaccine-Preventable Diseases Task Force. "No one expects young, healthy adults to die from a disease that could have been prevented by a vaccine.

Meningococcal meningitis is a potentially fatal bacterial infection that causes swelling of the membranes around the brain and spinal cord.

The disease is spread through the air from sneezing or coughing, and direct contact with an infected person. Because college students often live in close quarters, such as dorms, they have an increased risk of meningococcal disease, ACHA officials say.

Studies of college outbreaks also suggest that the lifestyle of college—smoking, drinking and going to bars—increases the risk of catching the disease. Symptoms may include fever, severe headache, stiff neck, rash, nausea, vomiting or lethargy. About 2,600 Americans contract meningococcal meningitis each year, and approximately 300 die from the disease.

Students, Faculty Protest College Accepting Men

CHICAGO, Mass.—A women's college in Massachusetts has announced that it will open its doors to men starting next September.

The College of Our Lady of the Elms, also known as Elms College, says the decision was prompted by declining enrollment. The Catholic college has less than 1,300 students.

"This in no way diminishes our commitment to the education of women," said Sister Kathleen Keating, the college's president. "In fact, the experience of other women's college that have admitted men has been that there is a heightened awareness and commitment to the needs of women students because they can no longer be taken for granted.

Still, many students and professors did not welcome the news. Dozens wore yellow ribbons to protest the co-education policy.

Keating said the college would immediately begin preparing for the arrival of male students. Dorms are to be renovated, athletic programs revised, and admissions brochures updated.

Supreme Court Rejects Prayer At Graduation Case

WASHINGTON—The Supreme Court has refused to hear a challenge to Indiana University's tradition of including prayers at graduation ceremonies.

Indiana law professor James Tanford and student Joseph Urbanski had appealed to the high court, arguing that prayers violate the constitutional separation of church and state.

The two had sued the university in 1995 but a federal judge and an appeals court upheld the university's practice of having a clergy member offer non-denominational prayers.

"The university's practice...has prevailed for 135 years and is widespread throughout the nation. Rather than being in violation of the [Constitution] it is simply a tolerable acknowledgement of beliefs widely held among the people of this country," the appeals court ruled.

A 1992 Supreme Court decision banned clergy members from offering prayers at public grade schools or high schools. But in the Indiana case, the appeals court made a distinction between college graduates and younger, more impressionable students.

Tanford, who is Catholic, had argued that non-denominational prayers trivialize religion; Urbanski is an atheist.

The Supreme Court announced its docket for its upcoming session on Oct. 6. The Court rarely gives a reason for its denials and rejected the petition without comment.

Student Wins A NEW CAR! At Game Show

DAYTON, Ohio—When she heard the words, "Demetria Hawkins, come on down. You're the next contestant on The Price Is Right," she couldn't believe her ears.

Hawkins, a junior psychology major at the University of Dayton, says she always wanted to be one of the people who won a car on the popular game show.

But it didn't happen until the fall of her senior year, when she won her way on stage by guessing a $663 dresser was worth about $656.

Once on stage, Hawkins was shocked at her next lucky break: a chance to win...A NEW CAR! She played the game "One Away," where she had to decide if each number in the five-digit starting price was one up or down from the actual price of a 1990 Ford Windstar mini-van.

"You just can't think with so much pressure," she said.
Attitude, youth key in

By BRANT PATRICK PARSONS
Staff Writer

The UCF women's basketball team has seven freshmen, a new coaching staff and a new pressing style of play.

The team has even developed a new attitude. "We've picked up (coach Lynn Bria's) character," junior guard Chariya Davis said. "She's a very disciplined person and that is evidenced on the court."

The architect of all these changes is enjoying her second year at the reigns of the program. After being named the interim head coach under after the death of Jerry Richardson last year, Bria enters this year with a team molded in her image.

"The atmosphere is so much more positive (this year). We have eight new players, we are like a brand new team," she said. "It's very positive, our work ethic, our attitudes, there is a lot more togetherness."

Last year's team lacked the depth and size and perimeter strength to allow the style of play she wanted, so Bria went out and recruited the type of players she needed to do so. With roughly two-thirds of the team in their first year with the program, the Knights' style has definitely changed.

"We lost some speed when I compare the two teams, but we've gained size, and we've gained depth," said Bria. "We really want to push the ball, run more, press a little more."

Kelli Ely, a freshman guard from Indianapolis, Indiana, is ready to meet that challenge. "I'm excited about stepping in," said Ely. "The freshmen are going to contribute a lot this year, and we are going to have to step up."

Along with being more fundamentally sound, Bria welcomes the strength she feels has been brought to the guard spot.

"(Last year) we were weak from the perimeter," she said. "This year, other teams won't be able to sit back in the zone. We'll be able to hit shots, [and then] they're going to have to come out and guard us."

Bria said the Trans America Athletic Conference will be more competitive than any year before, so the new faces will be asked to take a prominent role for the Knights early and often.

"We will need them, no question, we will need them," said Bria. "We really want to push the ball, run more, press a little more."

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By STEVE BARNES
Web Editor

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After completing a section, you may view it as it will appear on the web. Once you are satisfied you can move on to the next section. The nice thing about this program is that it allows you to make changes and additions at any time without a lot of fuss.

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Knights clinch losing season for 2nd straight year

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just 43 yards on 10 plays on their first three series. Conversely, the Knights had rolled up 140 yards in the same span and forced a fumble. The turnover led to a Culpepper six-yard touchdown pass to long snapper and backup tight end Ben Goldberg, who caught the first pass of his career on the play.

NLU outgained UCF by over 100 yards the rest the way. A 21-6 second quarter gave the Indians’ a one-point halftime lead, but more importantly NLU gained confidence in that they could move the ball against the Knights’ secondary. The Indians completed three passes over 20 yards in the quarter, including touchdowns of 44 and 22.

Senior safety Keaton Rickerson said UCF needs to play much better if it wants to salvage its season.”

It’s just on the defense tonight,” Rickerson said. “It’s still a team sport, but things just aren’t working out for us. It’s a two-game season now. We need to play better than we did against Northeast.”

The Knights’ offense once again played off of its strengths. Wide receivers Mark Nonsant and Lee combined for 217 yards and three touchdowns on 10 receptions. Lee, a redshirt freshman, had touchdown catches of 21- and 61-yards en route to the man, had touchdown catches of 44 and 22.

Quarterback Daunte Culpepper threw for season-highs with 385 yards and three touchdowns of 44 and 22. Culpepper also rushed for another 95, including a 44-yard touchdown in the fourth quarter. The 480-yard, six-touchdown, total-offensive effort was the best in school history.

He would have had the first 100-yard rushing and 300-yard passing game in school history if not for the season-high nine times he was sacked. The Knights running game, outside of Culpepper scrambling when his receivers were covered, was once again ineffective. Junior running back Mike Grant had nine carries for only 17 yards. Freshman Dwight Collins saw limited action but gained 24 yards on three straight carries in the third quarter.

With the running game gaining little, UCF used five-wide receivers most of the game. The problem with so many pass-catchers is no backs or tight ends are left to help block.

Junior defensive lineman Steve Foley didn’t need any advantage. Foley abused Knight blockers and racked up five sacks and five tackles for loss. McDowell said he knew how good the 6-foot-4, 255-pound end was, but could not figure out a way to contain him.

“He did nothing that changed my mind on how good he is,” McDowell said.

When UCF tried to return defensive pressure in kind, NLU seemed to stop every blitz and pass rush. Junior middle linebacker Mike Palmer, who finished with eight tackles and a fumble recovery, said the Knights’ couldn’t stop the Indians’ defense due in large part to freshman quarterback Daniel Jeremiah. Jeremiah, who entered the game having thrown for only 810 yards and three scores in the first nine games of the year, threw for 128 yards and two touchdowns in the second quarter alone. Palmer said he could tell from watching film that the quarterbacks talents were better than his season statistics showed.

“We knew he was young and we didn’t know what to expect for this game,” Palmer said of Jeremiah, who finished with career-highs in completions (22) and yardage (310). “He’s made some big plays this year. Just kept put the ball where ever they needed him to put it and it hurt us.”

McDowell said the Knights’ porous pass defense may not get much better until a few more seasons of recruiting have past.

“It just seems like the last few games we cannot cover the forward pass,” McDowell said.

“That’s what it seems like. I think it had a lot to do with the the two things it takes to stop it: you’ve got to have a [pass] rush and you have to have coverage and the combination of those things don’t seem to be getting the job done. And again we seem to bring the best out of a quarterback who never had a day like that in his life.”

Lee said he thinks the key to winning the final two games will be settling down now that the chances for a winning season are over.

“I think we just have to settle down and learn to play football, especially when we get a lead,” Lee said. “It feels like when we get a lead we are waiting for the clock to run out. That’s what you’ve got to do when you are a good team. You have to play good when you’re up and play good when you’re down. That’s what Northeast did tonight.”

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a 165-11 record, including a school record 67-match winning streak. They made two AIAW and one NCAA Division II national championship appearances during her time as a player.

"It's unfortunate that the program didn't keep those records," Smith said. "It would be nice to look back at those records, but I never played for individual records."

The statistics exist from Richter's playing days, and they are quite good. She played in 48 career games from 1987-90 and gave up just 30 goals. Her 0.59 goals-against average and 30.5 shutouts are the best in school history.

"There wasn't as much competition then," Richter said. "We were about to be successful with less support."

During her career UCF made two NCAA appearances, including a Final Four showing in 1987.

The two coaches took similar paths to come to UCF as players, but the paths to their current head coaching positions differ.

Smith came to Florida from Bayside, New York, and began her playing career at Flagler College in 1976.

"I was playing on a club team, and a lot of the players where from [then] FTU," she said. "They liked the way I played and convinced me to transfer."

She finished out her playing career here, earning the first Division II All-American honors in 1977, and again in '79. There's a story behind the honor.

"We played in a 16-team tournament in 1977," she said, "and we were ranked 16th. We ended up finishing fourth so we went out that night and partied. The next morning they had the awards ceremony. Someone told me I had earned All-American status.

"I was totally shocked, I didn't think they had an award like that," she said.

In 1980, moved to the coaching ranks as a UCF assistant until her first head coaching job surfaced. It was a successful tenure, as she compiled an 88-37 record in four seasons was named Coach-of-the-Year in 1983 by the Orlando Amateur Athletic Association. She moved on to Florida Southern in 1984, and coached the volleyball and softball programs there before returning to Orlando in 1988 to coach at Dr. Phillips High School.

At that time, Smith was finishing her degree in physical education, and kept track of the volleyball team here. She said her professional volleyball career (she played indoor professionally with the New York Liberty from 1987-89), which took her around the world, helped prepare her to find a way to support herself so I started coaching Lyman High School.

A Chicago native, Richter was a three-sport star at Naperville High School. She said she chose to come to UCF because her choices were limited.

"There were so few very good women's teams at the time," she said, "and it had a great goal-keeping tradition."

When her playing career ended, she joined the UCF staff in 1991 as an assistant to coach Bill Barker. At the time, she didn't see herself as a career coach, even though she had served as an assistant coach at Lyman High School starting in 1989.

"I didn't think full-time coaching was realistic, but I was trying to find a way to support myself so I started coaching Lyman my junior year," she said. "Bill was supportive and gave me an opportunity."

Barker said that she wasn't sure that was what she wanted to do. "Coaching was probably the farthest thing from her mind," he said. "She didn't approach it as a vocation, but she grew into it. Her parents had things mapped out for her. They thought she would be coming back to Chicago."

That idea was dispelled when Barker accepted the opportunity to begin the women's soccer program at the University of Georgia, and Athletic Director Steve Sloan offered her the chance to become UCF's head coach.

Richter has made the most of it. A win over Siuson Oct. 22 gave her 51 victories, one more than Barker, and she has four TAAC titles.

This past summer, the 27-year-old coach revived her own playing career, joining the Tampa Bay Extreme of the USISL's "W" League as the starting goalkeeper, to the delight of head coach Rui Farias. He had been pursuing her for quite some time.

While the two work in relative obscurity on campus, collegiate athletic organizations recognize their work. Smith was honored as TAAC, Coach-of-the-Year in 1993 and in 1994 she received the OAAA Outstanding Team Award.

Richter was recently selected as the coach of the Florida Women's State Select team, and this summer served as an assistant for the U.S. Olympic Development Program.

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Jones fuels cautious aspirations for men's basketball

By TONY MEJIA
Staff Writer

It's been a tumultuous couple of years for coach Kirk Speraw and the UCF men's basketball program. Up and down seasons have been the trademark of Speraw's previous four seasons at the helm of the Knights. After TAAC tournament championship in 1995, UCF didn't even qualify for the tourney in 1996.

Patience and teaching have been the strength of the Speraw regime, but the Knights have really not had to do much with lofty expectations because of the turnover with the program's top players.

This year could be different, however. Quiet grumblings of a possible return to a fans hungry for a championship. The Golden Eagles also boast the top individual performer the Knights will see all year in senior point guard Aaron White and Davin Granberry.

The Golden Knights' schedule this season will be visits to Florida, South Florida, Georgia Tech, and a talented Marquette squad, who should post UCF's stiffest challenge.

Speraw's previous four seasons at the helm of the Knights. After TAAC tournament championship in 1995, UCF didn't even qualify for the tourney in 1996.

"People are starting to take notice of UCF because of all the success that the athletic programs here have been enjoying," said Speraw.

"We hope to make our own waves and expect that the basketball team will be equally exciting to watch and get behind."

Definitely worth watching will be UCF's debut, Nov. 14 against Auburn at home in the UCF Arena. Highlighting the Golden Knights' schedule this season will be visits to Florida, South Florida, and a talented Marquette squad, who should post UCF's stiffest challenge. The Golden Eagles also boast the top individual performer the Knights will see all year in senior point guard Aaron Hutchins.

Fortunately for UCF fans, the Knights have their own star performer to come out and watch this season.

Those talented returnees include junior Tony Marlow, Inyo Cue, Mario Lovett, Inyo White and Davin Granberry.

Called the TAAC's top pro prospect by the Sporting News, 6-foot-5 Minnesota transfer Marc Jones is expected to help the Knights contend for a conference championship.

Brad Traina, the team's leading returning scorer, senior co-captain Tony Marlow and serviceable, junior walk-on Brian Connor.

Jones, a 6-6 guard, has already been donned with preseason All-TAAC honors.

Jones fuels cautious aspirations for men's basketball.

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Scandal overshadows up and coming Division I-A program

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"We've got more media than usual out here trying to talk to people and it's a distraction, but it won't bother us," McWhorter said before the trip to play Northeast Louisiana. "No matter what kind of trouble any our teammates get into we always support or stand by them. No matter what you do outside of football, once you step on the field, we're a team."

Students began to wonder if the allegations were true when Cleveland and Grant, both suspended for the final three games of 1996 for breaking team policy, had their names listed among those being interviewed.

"I was shocked when I heard the news. It's not something you would expect to hear about when so many positive things are being said about the football program," said Aaron Johnson, a junior at UCF.

"It's unfortunate that the team gets mired in controversy just when they were making a name for themselves," said UCF supporter Mike Holland. "What's done is done, however, and now the main thing will be to keep all the attention focused on football and not scandal."

After losing at NLU on Nov. 1 as a two-touchdown favorite, the team may have had their minds elsewhere.

"I don't know if it affected us or not," said McDowell, who was interviewed by the Secret Service for about 90 minutes on Oct. 30. "We appeared ready to play and we played so well for many plays in the game."

Saturday night's game against NLU saw the Golden Knights play all their regulars and gave no sign as to what possible players are also implicated. McDowell's comments regarding the situation have pointed to the fact that he believes that any players involved in the situation were duped and some students agree with the coach.

UCF freshman Ashley Maher doesn't believe much will come to pass in this situation.

"I don't make too much of it actually," Maher said. "In fact, things like this go on all the time in other places around the country. Some of them just never get uncovered."

Regardless if whether any players go to jail, some students think those involved should pay some kind of price for knowing what they were doing was wrong.

"I think that everyone should be held responsible because they knew what they were doing," freshman psychology major Damon Westfall said.

The men's basketball team, which makes their official debut in a scrimmage with St. Pete AAU on 7:30 p.m. on Nov. 5, has announced it will redshirt sophomore guard Jojo Cue and freshman forward Jason Thornton. Cue averaged 27.7 ppg in 22 games off the bench in 1996 while Thornton averaged 22 ppg and 8 rpg last year for Central Florida Christian Academy. The team also announced the suspension of Davin Cranberry for the two exhibition games for violating team rules.

Culpepper nominated for offensive player of year

UCF junior quarterback Daunte Culpepper continues to get national attention as he was named one of 15 semifinalists Thursday for the 1997 Football News Offensive Player of the Year award. The announcement comes just days after Culpepper was notified by the Downtown Athletic Club of New York. He may be invited to New York for the presentation of the award December 13. Football News will trim its list of semifinalists to five finalists by Nov. 21, and then will announce its winner Dec. 2.

UCF defeats Auburn, seeds for TAAC tournament set

Danya Harris, Cally Howell and Wendy Wilsey each scored goals as UCF held off visiting Auburn University, 3-2, in the regular-season finale for both regionally-ranked teams on Nov. 3. The Trans America Athletic Conference announced UCF as the No. 1 seed and will play the winner of the Florida International/Mercer match on Nov. 7 at 11 a.m. in Atlanta, Ga. (Georgia State is hosting). The championship match is set for Nov. 8 at 2 p.m. The TAAC champion goes to the Conference USA tournament for the NCAA Play-In match, with the winner advancing to the national tournament. UCF (8-5-3), which entered the week of Oct. 27 ranked 10th in the Southeast Region, ousted the Tigers, 11-4, in the first half en route to a 2-0 halftime advantage.
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Initial shock subsides, resonates with students

By TONY MEJIA, ANNE MARIE MONTALI
and DEREK GONSOULIN
Staff Writers

Cynics would say UCF's breakthrough season in the college football world would not be complete without the blemish of a scandal on their record.

The program had its first major toe-stubbing back on Oct. 28, when the Secret Service searched the Wayne Densch Building and locker rooms looking for cellular phones used to make illegal calls. The agents also questioned 12 current or former football players in connection with the illegal calls. Patrick Brinson, a former walk-on who used to work for AT & T in its technical support department, was the only one arrested. No other arrests were made however, and no others appear likely.

UCF coach Gene McDowell feels the federal agents were overdoing their job trying to find evidence against Brinson, who was charged with possessing 15 or more unauthorized access devices. Among the other 11 players were running back Mike Grant, Schollianos, a freshman pre-law major.

The players were questioned for what is speculated by various news sources as phone calls from Nebraska to Orlando. And Friday's interview of the players by the agents, according to various sources, did not help matters. The players were told that only Brinson was arrested but something should be done.
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SATURDAY, NOV. 15 Homecoming Hospitality Room 10 a.m. in Lili Marlene’s Private Parlour Rooms at Church Street Station. Meet up with friends before taking in an event at Church Street for the Homecoming Parade.

Homecoming Parade 11 a.m. through downtown Orlando. This year’s parade promises to be the biggest and most exciting to date as the community gathers in support of Home Team. The Bandits at the Downtown Academic Center located at 12 W. State St. will be open from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

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Friday
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Spirit Splash
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