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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 of 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 whether 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 UCF.

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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 Toobis, 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, Bacchus 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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Around the clock construction to complete parking garage

By JEFF BILLMAN
Staff Writer

Have you ever drove around the parking lot for hours waiting in line at each side for someone to open up a space?

Jack Price, the construction coordinator for facilities planning, said one solution to this problem is going to be the West Parking Garage, which is under construction by the Education Building.

Due to the growing population of students

attending UCF, a west parking lot was cleared to make way for a state-of-the-art parking facility expected to have about 1,300 parking spaces.

Frank Kemp, director of the west parking garage construction project, said the facility will increase the number of parking spaces available on campus by more than 500.

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Learning the fine art of etiquette

BY LORI RITTERSTEIN
Staff Writer

On Oct. 24, the Consultants for Effective Leadership (CEL) hosted its Seventh Annual Etiquette Dinner. The event took place at 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 UC 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 Ladish.

"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."

Kitty 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 guests 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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The memo also said that UCF police officers can exercise its power off campus in two situations:

They can continue to chase someone who commits a crime on campus, and they can arrest someone who commits a crime within the boundaries of other locations owned or controlled by UCF.

If UCF police officers engage in law enforcement activities off campus, the campus must make it clear that they are not acting as UCF police officers. This means if they are injured or sued, they would not be covered by the state under worker's compensation or liability insurance.

Merk said that if any officer gets involved in any action off campus the officer will face disciplinary action and so will the supervisor.

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UCF Police Department

"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."

"His life may be in danger but we cannot respond as a police officer and help him because we no longer have that mutual aid agreement."

Section 843.06 states that any officer who is told to assist another officer in their duty must do so. Liberto's memo read "in those circumstances the UCF police officer is acting as an individual citizen and not as a state law enforcement officer or UCF employee, and the university will not assume liability for any acts or omissions on the part of the officer that may occur while they are acting pursuant to section 843.06."

Gorbas said UCF police officers disagree with the interpretation of the law and are seeking a higher level legal review.

"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."

"This should allow the resumption of mutual aid agreements but to be sure this is a question for legal counsel."

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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 students involved with enriching their leadership and service activities while participating in social events.

"To enable the clubs and organizations of the University of Central Florida by promoting the ideals of NRG through the motivation of the university and surrounding community," the mission statement said.

Torey Spears, president of NRG, said one of the goals of the organization is to serve as a catalyst amongst other student organizations.

"NRG can serve as an agent between UCF clubs and organizations by giving them a bridge to work united on their leadership and service to UCF and to the community," Spears said.

The members of NRG exercise their leadership by informing other organizations and clubs about service projects.

Service projects NRG has on their agenda include Special Olympics, Habitat for Humanity and Adopt-a-Family for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

"NRG is a way for everyone at UCF to get involved, whether it's with service, leadership or social activities," said vice president Kris Kleiner. "We are taking the club to a place that I think no other organization has really explored by getting everyone involved as one unit rather than separate units."

NRG is also committed to weekly social activities.

Once a week its members participate athletic games in UCF's recreational services area. They play basketball, football and softball.

Once a month they plan social outings including bowling, Q-an and going to downtown Orlando. They also have tailgating parties for the UCF home football games.

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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/Collegians/Quad/90019

Funding for clubs delayed due to Sunshine Law

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Tresunen 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 officers 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 160 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 at the doorsteps of neighborhoods.

With the combined efforts of all the participants, 9,000 brown bags donated by Goolings 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 400 non-profit agencies to feed the hungry, 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 Bank.

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 split two watermelon seeds as far as they could in the seed-spitting event. In the grease melon contest, team members wore greasy viscerine 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 at 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."

"Lucky 13" performs at Locos

The band, left, was featured at a pre-Halloween party at the Student Union. Their latest CD will be released in November.

Ongoing construction for Communication Building

Aquarius Agora Drive closed due to the installation of sewage pipes.

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LEAD STORIES

• New York City social-effects artist Matt Moulson, who has been offering his life-size, authentically detailed, steel-skeletoned silicone dolls, under the name "Real Dolls," was arrested in August for an assault against a woman who had been giving him price inquiries. His original doll was intended as a life-size, skeletoned silicone dolls, 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 been 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: Lizzi 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 cat at speeds near 85 mph only because he wanted to catch up to the boy so he could teach him not to speed.

• The Washington Post reported in May that the D.C. Armory, site of the shock-rock singer Marilyn Manson concert, agreed to provide a waiting room for parents who had to stay around in order to take their under-dri­ving-age kids back home after the show. Thus, wrote the Post, mothers waited patiently, reading and crocheting, while in the arena, thousands of teenagers "waved their middle fingers and chanted 'We love hate! We hate love!'" with some wearing T-shirts that read "Kill Your Parents."

• In April, the National Olympic Committee of the Caribbean island nation of St. Vincent and the Grenadines suspended its Olympic coach Orde Ballantine for four years after his mother ratted him out. She was head of the country's delega­tion at the Summer Games in 1996 and reported him for vi­olating protocol by refusing to stand for the U.S. national anthem.

• In August in Lesbourg, a 28-year-old woman, in the midst of a domestic quarrel with her hus­band, 29, ordered the couple's two kids, ages 6 and 8, to shoot their father with their BB guns. The kids complied, resulting in five chest wounds, one arm wound and one cheek wound. The woman is a dispatcher for the Lesbourg Police Department.

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Chuck Shepherd's Fowl of the WEIRD

November 5, 1997
Honeymoon is over for bandwagon fans

By JASON HEIRONIMUS
Opinion Editor

Much like the Burger King 99-cent chicken sandwich that is so unapologetically nesting in my stomach, a good deal is always for a limited time. You can only have so much money loading 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 hubbub (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 cellular phone fraud?" Apparently cellular phone fraud is using an unauthorized phone 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. If you 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 the only one that is in all the rest so soon in its campaign for national publicity?

Though this year has been a disappointment in terms of wins and losses, it has not been a completely negative season. Fans have started to get more involved with the team, attendance is up and Dustin Cutlippe is getting attention as one of the nation's best college quarterbacks. UCF is getting competitive with some of the nation's college football powers, losing most of the big games by small margins. Along with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, there is talk of a University of Central Florida Golden Knights bandwagon. Competitive teams seem to suddenly create these bandwagons, and everyone either is in or isn't on board. I think just about all of UCF's students were on the wagon before it snowballed into a nation wagon, and a love affair was building between the fans and their team.

It doesn't matter who was at fault, and it doesn't matter if those guilty of the crime had 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 don't go away. No matter what happens, the program will be damaged forever.

Those players under investigation could take this time in think about what they've done. Though their actions may have been completely without any wrongdoing in mind, they were completely committed without any thought. These players are guilty of only one thing — being young and naïve. 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 one 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 disheartening, 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 our team when we go home with a loss.

Unfortunately, no matter the outcome of the battle off the field, we all lose.

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Graduate students explain student affairs division

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 student body about the division of Student Affairs. We feel that it is important for students to understand the depth of this division in order to realize that a ‘restructuring’ of this division may effect 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 position to affect the needs of the university.

Kemp and Price said they agreed the cost to taxpayers is offset by 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 (jhitt@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

West garage to alleviate shortage of parking spaces

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The construction is necessary and well worth the $8 million, freshman Shane Brintnall said. “I hate having to circle the parking lot for a half an hour at a time just to find a spot,” Brintnall said.

Kemp and Price said they agreed the cost to taxpayers is offset by the needs of the university.

Baker, Mills and Stuart is the company constructing the West Parking Garage.

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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- less status, or lack 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 an ongoing one, said Dr. John M. McGuire, professor and director of the department of psychology. "We started with about 20 students this summer," McGuire said. "Next fall we graduate another 20. This December and we are in the midst of recruiting new students."

The students fill out an information sheet and application form for us. They actually fill out an Orange County application. 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 really want to do this 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 Sheppard, 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 they get to see the dynamics of the parental relationship," Sheppard 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 education and they offered 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 site just in case there is a problem.
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-- Rodel Oiga, Sophomore, Physical Therapy, Jacksonville.

No, I don't believe that 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 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 raise academic skills, clear any confusion students may have and strive for academic success.

There are a number of support programs available to students.

The College Achievement Program (CAP) helps underdeveloped 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 a summer head-start program, also 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 Supplemental Instruction (SI). SI 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
College Press Service

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

Well, sort of.

Mike, a veteran alligator wrestler at Gatorland, an alligator-themed park located about 20 minutes and $5 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." Before I was allowed to dangle over the rail, Mike put a safety belt around my waist in case a hungry gator tried to take more than MY ENTIRE TORSO!) I was allowed to dangle over the water and I got so nervous I flipped it over. He was able to maneuver the gator around with his mouth. What actually happened was nearly as impressive, how my arm or leg if you don't know what you're doing...and I didn't.

I jumped across the yard-wide moat, where about 10 gators were swimming, and landed in the wrestling ring, a square sand pit about 5 yards across. The ring and moat were surrounded by enough bleachers to seat 300 sweaty tourists.

A surprising number of people who'd attended the "real" show stuck around to watch me go a few rounds with a gator. Perhaps it was the announce- ment of Tim Williams, the media coordinator: "This is Doug Lansky. He's a travel writer. And he's going to try to wrestle an alligator. You can watch if you want." The audience understood this as: "This is wacko writer Doug Lansky! There's going to be blood. Lots of blood. And missing fingers. Feel free to stick around."

Mike picked out Jughead, the meanest looking gator, and taped his mouth shut with packing tape. Jughead looked like a UPS nightmare.

The first trick was to find the right gator. This isn't easy when you're up to your thighs in water, sneaking up on a pack of alligators from the rear while dancing behind you. (I'm a pitcher trying to keep a man on second, so to see if another player is creeping up on you.)

Mike and Tim helped me locate the right tail. I grabbed it firmly and Jughead started to fight. I struggled to maintain my grip as he thrashed his tail back and forth in my face, spraying water and making it impossible to keep an eye on the rear of the pack.

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 but not quite what I expected," freshman Brian Watson 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 on the floor.

It was stated at the beginning of the evening that everyone was required to participate in the dance and spectators obliges. Sophomore Ian Aronson 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," Aronson 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 Sheehy 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 male students--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

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 has 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-ed 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 Urbanki had appealed to the high court, arguing that prayers violate the constitutional separation of church and state.

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The Supreme Court announced its decision to 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; Urbanki is an atheist.

The Supreme Court announced its decision to the nation. The Catholic college has committed to the co-ed policy for 155 years and is prevailing for 155 years and is prevailing.

Dayton, Ohio--When she heard the words, "Domonica Urbanski is an atheist," 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 1998 Ford Windstar mini-van.

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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 reins 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.

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 we'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."

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."

The freshmen that might be asked to contribute this year are guards Ely, Nancy Richter, Anu Mahlamaki, Vuokko Timola, and Frida Stromqvist, forward LaToya Graham, and center Camille Howard. These players should help replace Shantrice Saxon, Gylaunda Henderson, and Lakesha Anderson all players lost to graduation: Bria said seeing a solid effort in the early season will be key, but she expects the execution to sharp by conference time in December.

"I want us to play hard," Bria said. "I don't want any team to out work us."
Reminder to all UCF Football Fans

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By STEVE BARNES  
Web Editor

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The third method is by far the easiest for those with little or no experience. While there are limitations to what you can create, it is possible to publish a great looking page using only this program.

To begin, select Quick Page (the easy way) or Custom (for those of you who know HTML). The Quick Page option will give you a choice of two formats, one made of several horizontal “sections” and another with a narrow column on the left and a wider column on the right. (I prefer the “column” design.) The page builder does a good job of walking you through the process.

Once you have selected a format, you will be prompted to give the page a filename. Once the site is named, you will be shown a graphical overview of your new page. Each section (column or row) will contain several choices regarding what type of content you would like it to contain. For example, you may choose to have a headline, a block of text, an image or contact information. You may also include links to other pages within your site or to other sites on the web.

It is a good idea to draw out on paper how you would like your finished site to look before you begin doing the actual layout on-line. The reason is once you start, it is difficult to move sections around within a page. After deciding on a “look,” begin creating your page.

The Home Page Builder allows you to select options such as background color and text color and size. You can also add pictures and graphics from Tripod’s image library or upload your own. Both of these options are simple to accomplish by following the simple directions.

As you add to each section, you will be given choices regarding your next goal. Among these are the options of “editing” or “saving.” I highly recommend saving often (at least every time you complete a section). If you don’t, you run the risk of a computer glitch destroying your work.

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.

The program also displays the HTML coding which it creates based on your instructions. By studying this information, you will quickly come to understand how HTML works and begin to use it to fine tune your creation.

After completing your page, take a look at it. Try to be objective. Is this something someone would actually want to look at, or is it just more “cyber-junk”? Did you misspell anything? Remember, this site is available to millions of people who will judge you based on its appearance.

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Overall, this is a great service. (I used it to create a small site designed to connect people with information on government agencies. While it is not fancy, it does contain tons of useful information.)

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“Sleepers” Student Union, Cape Florida Ballroom, 8 p.m.

**Thursday 6**

Nora Lee Garcia, flute, and Jeffrey Moore, percussion—Faculty Artist Recital, Rehearsal Hall, 8 p.m.
The Wallflowers, UCF Arena, 7:30 p.m., Call Ticketmaster for more info

**Friday 7**

“The People vs. Larry Flynt” Student Union, Cape Florida Ballroom, 8 p.m.

**Saturday 8**

Veterans Day—No class
UCF Knights at Medieval Times, 8 p.m. Call 823-6471 for more info

**Sunday 9**

Black and Gold, UCF Green, 11 a.m. Basketball Exhibition, UCF Arena, 7:30 a.m.

**Monday 10**

Women’s tennis at the Rolex Southern Championships in Oxford, Miss.

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**Thursday 6**

Women’s soccer at the TAAC tournament in Atlanta, Ga.
Volleyball at Hofstra University, 5 p.m.

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Women’s soccer at the TAAC tournament in Atlanta, Ga. (If necessary)
Volleyball at U.S. Military Academy, 4 p.m.
Volleyball vs. Yale University, 6 p.m.

**Saturday 8**

Women’s tennis at the Rolex Southern Championships in Oxford, Miss.
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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 Knights' 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 21- and 61-yards en route to the victory.

Quarterback Daunte Culpepper was only five yards short of the 300-yard rushing. Culpepper would have been the first 300-yard passer and 100-yard rusher in school history.

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," NLU 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 quarterback's 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 but 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 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."
Smith and Richter have made most of opportunities

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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 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.

Things changed that summer. "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 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 players recognize her background.

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Jones fuels cautious aspirations for men's basketball

By TONY MEJIA
Staff Writer

It's been a frustrating 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 tournament in 1996.

Patience and teaching have been the strength of the Speraw regime, but the Knights have really not had to deal 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 NCAA tournament this season's expectations provide something positive to look forward to. Jones provides a gate attraction akin to a certain UCF quarterback, but the comparisons and possibilities between the two sports don't stop there.

"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.

Called the TAAC's top pro prospect by the Sporting News, 6-foot-5 Minnesota transfer Mark 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 skilled sophomores Cory Perry, D'Quarius Stewart, Mario Lovett, Inyo Coy, Scott White and Davin Granberry.

Steady senior point guard Chad Steckline returns in good health, apparently having conquered the nagging injuries that hampered him all last season. Georgia Tech transfer Bucky Hodge provides an intimidating presence in the middle for UCF after having toiled for two seasons in the ACC. Rounding the roster is freshman recruit Beronti Simms and serviceable, junior walk-on Brian Connor.

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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 Aron 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 think 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 at 7:30 p.m. on Nov. 5, has announced it will wear red-shirt sophomore guard Inyo Cue and freshman forward Jason Thornton. Cue averaged 2.7 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 Davis Cranberry for the two exhibition games for violating team rules.

Men's soccer player first in nation is goals before injury

Heikki Ritvanen suffered a moderate medial ankle injury to his left ankle in the Golden Knights final home game of the season last Oct. 26 against Jacksonville University. Ritvanen, who finished the 1996 season as the nation's top goal scorer (24 goals), is currently ranked first in the nation with 23 goals scored. He is also tops in the Trans America Athletic Conference with 47 total points. The men's soccer (12-6, 3-5 in TAAC play) team finished the season with a 3-2 overtime victory over Western Kentucky and a 2-1 win over Detroit-Mercy at the Florida Atlantic Tournament in Boca Raton.

Cross country women finish 3rd, men 8th at TAAC championship.

UCF women's cross country team placed third overall at the Trans America Athletic Conference Championship hosted by Samford University on Saturday, Nov. 1. The men's team finished eighth in the same meet. Anne Panaggio was the top finisher for the UCF women, coming in fourth place with a time of 19:12 in the women's 5,000 meter race. Lou Snelling led the way for the Golden Knights finishing in 40th place with a time of 27:27 in the men's 8,000 meter run.

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. That 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, seedings 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. 2 afternoon. 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 (8-9-1), 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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By DEREK GONSOULIN
Sports Editor
MONROE, La. - In hindsight, you almost wish one of those defensive backs lapping at receiver Charles Lee's heels would have gotten a shoe lace, a toe or a loose fiber and tipped him up at midfield.

Lee's spectacular, 61-yard touchdown reception seemed to be the game winner for UCF rallying the Knights from down 35-36 to up 41-38. The problem was the drive ended too quickly. In a game where the two teams gained 1,058 yards of offense, whoever had the ball last would win. Two minutes and 45 seconds remained for Northeast Louisiana to mount a game winning drive. It proved to be 33 seconds to long. Thirteen plays, 85 yards and only 2:12 later, the Indians were celebrating the go ahead touchdown. There was still time left, but as defensive line-man Jamael McWhorter sat up on his knees, frozen with disbelief as the Indians pow-wowed only few feet behind him in the endzone you could tell the fight had left the Knights.

"This is a tough loss for our guys," coach Gene McDowell said. "I really hate it for them. They really wanted to have a winning season and now we can't have one. The best we can do now is regroup and make the best of the season." The loss not only assured UCF back-to-back losing seasons for the first time since 1984 and (McDowell's first year) 1985, but it may have cooled off some of the momentum the team had worked so hard to build in close games at Nebraska, Mississippi and Mississippi State.

"I don't see how this game will damage [the team's reputation], unless people think Northeast is really not a good football team," said McDowell, whose team was a 14-point favorite.

"Now that certainly is a danger when you play a football team that is not thought of highly in the high profile category, even though they really have played almost the identical schedule we have - four SEC schools and a Big 12 school. Seven road games, just like us. It's really very, very similar. U's coming out here, I thought they would be a tough, hard-nosed football team and I told the players this would be a team that wouldn't give us to you."

NLU didn't give in when UCF jumped out to a 14-0 lead in the first quarter. The Indians had

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They've played here, they've coached here ... and few know who they are

By JEFF CASE and KEN JACKSON
Staff Writers
UCF volleyball coach Laura Smith and women's soccer coach Karen Richter are perfect.

Perfect in the sense that in nine combined seasons of TAAC play, the two have nine conference titles, Smith winning five and Richter four.

They coach two of the most successful sports programs at UCF, but few people take notice.

The average fan probably doesn't that the two are former UCF players, playing in the same kind of anonymity today's teams play in.

They two have 19 years of playing and coaching experience here. They say the UCF programs have grown at the same rate as their sports.

"The soccer program here has grown in financial support and evolved as such," Richter said. "There were 82 women's collegiate soccer programs when I came here in 1987, now there are 260 Division I-A programs. It has forced us to change as the sport has change."

Smith is part of the school's "ancient" athletic days, back when UCF was Florida Technological University, and the Golden Knights were the Downtown. The team played their matches in the Education Building gym, but didn't let the cramped surroundings prevent success. From 1977-79, Smith was a middle blocker on teams that compiled an equally impressive 29-7-2 TAAC record.

Photos by MIKE MARSHALL
Volleyball coach Laura Smith has been a commanding presence on the sidelines for the past five years, having never lost a Trans America Athletic Conference game.
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UCF Night at Medieval Times
8 p.m. at Medieval Times Dinner Theater on Hwy 192 in Kissimmee.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 12
Black & Gold Gala
6 p.m. at the Marriott Hotel in downtown Orlando.

THURSDAY, NOV. 13
Alumni Golf Tournament
7:30 a.m. at the Grand Cypress Resort.

FRIDAY, NOV. 14
Black and Gold Day

Homecoming Pep Rally
(Spirit Splash)
2:30 p.m. at (and int!) the Reflecting Pond on the UCF campus.

Basketball Fan Fair
4 p.m. in the UCF Arena parking lot.

Homecoming Basketball Game
7 p.m. at the UCF Arena.

Homecoming Hullabaloo
9 p.m. to midnight at the NEW Student Union on the UCF campus.

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10 a.m. in Lili Marlene's Private Parlour Rooms at Church Street Station.

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Tuesday

11 Games on the Green
An old favorite, students can take a break to enjoy some adult size games. UCF Green, 10am-2pm.

Wednesday

11 Jerry Maguire
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Thursday

11 Giveaway (SUBWAY)
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Friday

11 Spirit Splash
Are you ready? It's time to show you bleed Black & Gold. That's right, it's time, once again, for UCF to come together around the Reflecting Pond as local band, Average Joe, kicks UCF's pep rally off at 2:15pm. Appearances by UCF basketball & football players and coaches and cheerleaders. Chiller's will be there & tons of t-shirts, towels, and other cool stuff will be given away.

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11 UCF vs Eastside
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Citrus Bowl

The Michigan State Knights take on the Eastern Michigan Knights at 4pm. 1997-98 conference MVP will be crowned at halftime.

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