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Senate slashes funds for students with alternative lifestyles

By BRIAN SMITH
News Editor

A representative from the Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Student Union (GLBSU) asked the Student Senate to fund a rally at the Orlando City Hall and a homosexual version of MTV's "Singled Out." We're going to do the same thing with a gay and lesbian twist to it," the representative said. "We will have one guy making choosing between 20 other guys and one lesbian choosing between 20 lesbians."

Sen. Jaime Halscott asked if the event will be closed for heterosexual students. "With the 20 homosexual males and the 20 lesbians do you feel this discriminates against heterosexual students?" Halscott asked.

The representative responded that heterosexual students can take part in the event.

Sen. John Turner said UCF has had a "Singled Out" event in the past. "Last year there was a Singled Out event and there was something that happened that offended some committees," Turner said.

Sophomore Jeff Fletcher described what occurred at that event. "It was in the Student Center and there were members involved in the "Singled Out" who appeared to be drinking before the show," Fletcher said. "The female contestant was trying to grope and lift the skirt of the girl who was playing the part of Carmen Electro and she was being rather rude."

The GLBSU was asking for $200 for the entertainment during the show. "Is it true there's going to be a drag queen?" Turner said.

"The entertainment is two individuals," the representative said. "One will be a drag queen and one will be a soloist. One of the entertainers will be a UCF alumnus."

Sen. Celine LaRossa suggested a way to involve more students in the event. "Can you play three rounds and the final round be for heterosexual students?" LaRossa said. "This will attract more people to do now," Manselle said. "This means that our role has changed over the years, though the main purpose remains the same which is to cater to the needs of minority students on campus both in and out of classes."

Blanding said the main purpose of the organization is to develop and perpetuate a program that identifies and helps the minority students at UCF as well as establish and promote open lines of communication between students and the administration, faculty and staff.

Also, the AASU works to enhance the dissemination of information to minority students and to cooperate with other organizations to provide a diverse learning experience for all students.

We particularly help students with
Police study a case of stolen identity

By ANNEMARIE MONTALI
Staff Writer

Wendi Shewalter, 23, reported that someone had obtained her transcripts and was posing as herself in order to lease a car and buy furniture.

Shewalter discovered someone had been using her personal information when she received a call from a car dealership on Oct. 21 telling her that a car she had leased was going to be repossessed.

Shewalter discovered the suspect had been issued a driver’s license with her name and the information with the picture. Police are still investigating the case.

In other reports by the UCFPD:

- John Clark, 54, reported a valve was loosened in Computer Center 1, causing over 6 inches of water to flood the second floor and leak down to the first. Clark left the building at 2:30 p.m. and received an anonymous phone call at 4:35 p.m. informing him of the flood on Oct. 29. Estimated damage is between $4,000 and $5,000.

- A sign was reported stolen by Brandi Pektor, 24, from the Delta Gamma parking lot on Oct. 29. The sign is valued at $60. Pektor is willing to prosecute.

- A generator, saw, drill and several other tools were removed from the Florida Power Substation on campus. The theft occurred between Oct. 24 and Oct. 27. Eugene Morrison, 42, reported the theft. Morrison left the substation at about 4 p.m. on Oct. 24 with the tools locked inside the fenced area. He arrived at 7 a.m. on Oct. 27 and saw the fence had been cut open, the master padlock broken and the tools missing.

- Andrew Burke, 19, reported his parking decal stolen sometime during the term. He first noticed it missing after he received a citation. Burke is willing to prosecute.

- Beverly Ervin-Frazier, 45, reported damage to her Kimono Silk Art sculpture. She left the sculpture hanging in her office in the Visual Arts Building at about 8:30 p.m. on Oct. 28 and returned on Oct. 30 to find the line holding the sculpture had apparently been cut causing the sculpture to fall to the floor. The value of the sculpture is estimated at $2,500. Ervin-Frazier is willing to prosecute.

- A parking hang tag was reported stolen by Richard Hammonds, 27. Hammonds left his vehicle parked on campus at 9 a.m. with all of the doors locked securely. When he returned on Oct. 30, he had received a citation for parking without a permit. Hammonds noticed his rear driver side door to be slightly open and his hang tag was missing. Nothing was taken from the vehicle. There are no suspects at this time. Hammonds is willing to prosecute.

- A painting and sculpture of an African Ceramic Mask from the Visual Arts Building sometime between noon Oct. 14 and 11 a.m. Oct. 15. The mask was valued at $300. A painting and sculpture were also damaged in the room. Nennon is willing to prosecute.

- Cristina Martin, 20, reported her license plate was taken from her car on Oct. 30. Her car was parked at the arena and in the Lake Claire parking lot. Martin said she believes the theft could have occurred in either place.

- Christopher Lee, 18, reported his car was vandalized. Lee parked his car near Seminole Hall around 10 p.m. on Oct. 24. When he returned at 1 p.m. Oct. 25, Lee found several scratch marks along both sides of the hood of his car. There were no fingerprints left on the car. Lee will prosecute.

- The cash box was removed from room 115 in the Visual Arts Building sometime between 10 p.m. on Oct. 29 and 8 a.m. the next morning.

- Seven people have access to the room, all but one have been contacted. No other items were taken. The box contained $130. The victims are willing to prosecute.

- Willi Davis, 42, reported his Masonery tools in a bag locked inside a storage trunk stolen. On Oct. 27, Davis noticed his bag along with all of the tools were missing. There are no witnesses or suspects at this time.

- Dolores Burghard, 67, reported her car had been broken into. She parked her car on campus at about 3:30 p.m. on Oct. 26. When she returned at 6:30 p.m., she found her credit cards, driver’s license, checkbook, glasses and cash were missing. There are no suspects at this time.

Students can vote thru November 13th at 5pm outside the Student Union.
Call 823-6471 for more information.
Hawke's reality seems blessed, not biting

By IAN SPPELLING
College Press Service

Ethan Hawke looks sharp and handsome in a crisp black suit, his face clean-shaven and his brownish-blond hair swept back perfectly. It's a far cry from the visage that once earned him a reputation as the grunge poster boy.

"I got so sick of reading about that," Hawke says. "I just didn't know where it came from or what it was about. In hindsight I think people really thought I was that guy in 'Reality Bites.' They thought that's who I was, and I wasn't. That movie came out and I was suddenly in the tabloids, suddenly the grunge guy. People just responded to that character." But when people responded to Hawke as Winona Ryder's slacker boyfriend in "Reality Bites," often it was with a combination of amusement and disdain.

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Hawke's latest film festival, which also includes an upcoming remake of "Great Expectations" and "The Newton Boys," the latter from the visage that once earned him a reputation as the grunge poster boy.

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Hawke says, "I think people really thought I was the same. But when people responded to me in 'Reality Bites,' often it was with a combination of amusement and disdain. They liked him and hated him at the same time, and they felt the same way about me. They thought, 'Oh, what a punk. Look how he takes himself so seriously. He's got the goatee and the grunge bulls.' I was just playing a part like I play any other part. They thought, 'Oh, what a punk. Look how he takes himself so seriously. He's got the goatee and the grunge bulls.' I was just playing a part like I play any other part.

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"Great Expectations" is with Gwyneth Paltrow, Robert De Niro and Anne Bancroft," says Hawke who lives in Chelsea and is dating "Gattaca" co-star Uma Thurman. "It's a modern-day adaptation of the Dickens novel. It's not a remake of the David Lean film version. I wasn't sure it was such a great idea. I was very apprehensive about it. I saw it the other day, and it's pretty incredible. This guy, Alfonso Coron, is a Mexican-American filmmaker. He made "A Little Princess." He and the cinematographer were childhood friends in Mexico, and they've made one of the most visually arresting films I've ever seen. He has this magical flair. Hawke describes Linklater's latest film, "The Newton Boys," as the director's first studio film—and the first with a plot.

"Rick's never done a movie with a plot before. He just hau-n't," says Hawke. "He's just someone like Stanley Kubrick. Basically a comedy and a Western rolled into one."

Hawke smiles when he explains that, at the moment, there's no next project on tap. He's content to relax at home for a while, though he might devote a chunk of time to mounting an original play with his theater company, Malaparte. Though Hawke may be best known for his films, which also include "Dead Poets Society," and "A Midnight Clear," his greatest passion is for the stage. The theater is in danger of getting very tired," he says. "It's not speaking to young audiences and finding new audiences. It's so expensive. If there were any way to make it cheaper and to put out a good piece of material that was new, that would be ideal."

As the conversation comes to a close, Hawke contemplates the reality that several of his acting peers are earning $10, $15, even $20 million a picture. Hawke makes far less than that and, based on his rather artistic, off-beat choices, he doesn't seem to want to earn $20 mil­lion. Does reality bite? "I don't need to be a $20 million man," he says. "Part of that comes from a sense that I don't think I'd be very good at those kinds of movies. I've gotten some scripts from movies that went on to be really big hits. I don't want to name films because it would be disrespectful to the people who did them. But I'll see the movie and the guy who did it was much better than I would have been, because I thought the movie was stupid."

"The other part of it is I want to make movies I like, and they tend not to even cost $20 mil­lion, total. They don't pay you a lot of money to do 'Before Sunrise,' but I wanted to make it. If someone offered me $20 million to do a movie I really wanted to do or to work with someone like Stanley Kubrick, ..."
Hostile amendments delete $2,700 of funding

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to your event.”

Sen. Alberto Amoros motioned for a hostile
amendment to delete the $200 from the funding
bill. “I object because originally this event cost $700 and $500
was placed in the appropriation
for speakers on campus,” Sen. Carmen McDonald said. “The
request is for $200 of the total cost for the event.”
The amendment was approved by a majority vote.
Following the vote, Sen. Richard Maxwell motioned for
another hostile amendment to delete $2,500 from the GLBSU
speakers’ fund.
“I think we give the Campus Activities Board already enough through appropriation of finance

for speakers on campus,” Maxwell said. “I don’t feel that this can benefit the student body as a whole. I think $2,500 is pret-
ty steep.”
McDonald again objected and said CAB does not fund every organization on campus or deter-
mines what type of speaker it would like to have.
The amendment was approved by a majority vote.
The two amendments slashed about $2,700 from about $4,500
of funding from the GLBSU bill.

GLBSU also wanted to be funded for a rally event that took place at the Orlando City Hall.
“The event was to raise awareness for the school and the com-
munity,” the representative said.
“The GLBSU gives guys and les-
bian a place to go when they find themselves alone. It is open
to any student.”
Haiscott asked whether UCF students took part in the rally.
“A majority of the people at city hall were UCF students,” the
representative said.
Sen. Cheryl Baum approved the funding of the rally.
“They try to get people who are uncomfortable with their own sexuality to be more vocal about it,” Baum said. “This is the same as
ROTC. This is their way of getting people involved. These people had a big day.”
The senate voted in a majority to provide the funding for the rally.

Pre-Kwanzaa celebration Nov. 19

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problems pertaining to classes and
financial aid, as well as conducting pro-
grams in self-awareness and self-
esteem,” Blanding said. “In addition, we
put together various activities and spe-
cial events for Black History Month
and Women’s History Month as well as the
upcoming Kwanzaa.

Kwanzaa is the first non-heroi-

December 26 through Jan. 1.
“We have a pre-Kwanzaa celebration since school is not in session during the
actual ceremony,” Blanding said.
Kwanzaa, which began in Africa, cele-
brates the importance of the harvest
and is an opportunity to give thanks to
the ancestor to insure a good harvest for
the next year.
The pre-Kwanzaa celebration will
be on Nov. 19 at the Student Union.
There will be activities during both the day
and night to make it easier for everyone to
come and participate in the festival.
The day activities will be held on the
West Patio from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.
The night activities will be in the Cape
Florida room from 6:30 p.m. until
9:30 p.m. inside the Student Union.

The festival will feature guest speak-
ers, music, vendors, an African fashion
show, drama production and an appear-
ance by Walt Disney’s Afrocentric
Mickey and Minnie Mouse.

Saturday’s parade invites community involvement

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The Homecoming committee would like for students to be aware this will be the best parade UCF has had and it encourages
students to witness the diverse groups involved.

The parade starts at 11 a.m.

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on the corner of
Hughey and
Robinson in
downtown
Orlando.

For many community leaders and businesses, the parade will be the first opportunity for them to decide whether to support the
school in greater capacities.
“We really want to get the community involved with UCF,”
Quattry said. “The parade is a good way to help them support
their home team.”
Wednesday

**11 Games on the Green**
A Student favorite, students can take a break to enjoy some adult size games. UCF Green, 7am-2pm.

**97 Jerry Maguire**
A Homecoming tradition like no other. Big screen movie madness outside at the reflecting Pond. Show starts at 8pm, so bring your coaches and get there early to enjoy the free glow necklaces and other goodies.

Thursday

**11 Giveaway**
The Central Florida Future, Digital City Orlando & Subway will be at the Student Union South Plaza from 11am-2pm giving away gifts and prizes.

**97 Skit Knight**
Tradition continues with a series of ten minute skits performed by campus clubs & organizations. Banner Contest winners will be announced. Make sure you support your club or organization at the UCF Arena, 9am.

Friday

**17 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 on local band, Average Joe, kicks off the party 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.

**97 Fan Fare**
Head over to the UCF Arena right after the Spirit Splash to tailgate with 540 AM The Sports Radio. Food vendors will be on site.

**97 UCF vs Auburn**
UCF’s first basketball game of the season starts at 7:20pm in the UCF Arena with an awesome team ready to rumble against Auburn. Admission to the game is free with UCF Student ID, $7 Reserved Seating, $5 General Admission, $5 for ages 5-17. Call 823-1000.

Saturday

**11 Homecoming Parade**
Orlando watch out! After a crazy, hectic, insanely spiritual week, UCF will not be held back as we wind through the streets of downtown Orlando starting at 11am. A free buffet for UCF students prior to the parade at 11am. Tuesday’s will start this day out just fine.

**Tailgate**
UCF Alumni Association will be sponsoring the Knight’s Fan Fare at Tinker Field at 1pm with Hard Rock Cafe entering the event and a performance by Derek & the Shimmies. Event is free, food tickets are $8 Alumni Association members & UCF students, $10 non members 18 & under, $10 general public. Call 823-4134 for tickets.

**11 UCF vs Eastern Michigan**
The nationally recognized Golden Knights take on the Eastern Michigan Eagles in the Florida Citrus Bowl at 4pm, 1997-98 UCF Homecoming King and Queen will be crowned at halftime. Free with UCF Student ID, $5 General Admission, $15 Reserved Seating. Call 823-1000 or subscribe at (407) 839-3900. Game is sponsored by Florida Hospital.

**11 Awards & Firework Show**
After UCF defeats the Eagles, the Official Homecoming Awards will take place with the winners for Black & Gold Sign Contest, Skit Knight, Spirit Banner, Float & Spirit Car announced. After that, sit back and relax as the best pyrotechnics show explodes overhead, a spectacular event sponsored by UCF Student Government.

**Blue Traveler**
It’s been a long day. A long week, in fact. But don’t worry—the final event of Homecoming 1997 will be absolutely pointless. The University of Central Florida and House of Blues are extremely proud to present Blues Traveler with special guest Jonny Lang at 8pm, directly after the fireworks display in the Florida Citrus Bowl. Tickets are (gasp!) free with the price of admission to the game (see above). The first 10,000 UCF Students admitted to the game will receive a wristband for admission onto the field for the fireworks concert.
LEAD STORIES

• In September in Columbus, Ohio, a "Commissioner of Police" Langan was convicted of federal assault and gun charges for a 1996 shootout with police. Langan also has been convicted of two bank robberies and faces trial in four others as leader of a neo-Nazi, white-supremacist gang that rob the robberies to fund its activities. At his September trial, to show Langan's kinder, gentler side, his lawyers brought in a man and a woman to describe their romances with him. Both witnesses were pre-operation transsexuals around the time of the robberies, Langan was dating both while dressing exclusively as a woman. The lovers were known as "Tom and Pat," business partners because neo-Nazis are not known to be fond of such sexual lifestyles.

• Donald Langan, a recent philosophy Ph.D. graduate, Stephon Hare hung out a shingle to practice psychotherapy. Hare charges clients around $50 (Canadian) an hour to help them work through personal and professional problems, largely ignoring the psychotherapy wisdom of Freud and Jung in favor of the rigorous thought of Aristotle and Socrates. Said Hare, "I just help people distinguish good reasoning from bad reasoning."

• Wired magazine reported in its October issue that Jason Gorskii, 39, periodically stages concerts in San Francisco-area parks with surplus, discarded Coast Guard foghorns, yielding a "stomach-clenching" 140 decibels of sound, thus creating the impression of the overpowering noise, Gorskii is forced to wear head-to-toe sound-insulating protective clothing. Local police have been dismayed to learn that Gorski does not need a permit for his concerts because technically, he is doing repair work outside of the city. According to police, Gorskii then took the gun from his wife, released the safety, and handed it back to her, admonishing, "If you're gonna shoot me, you got to do it right." Her next shot missed him, but the second one hit him in the back, sending him to the hospital.

• Adam Ismail, Mustafa Khalil and Abdullah al-Umarri filed a lawsuit in July in their native Yemens against NASA, claiming that the Pathfinder Mars probe is trespassing on the planet they "inherited from our ancestors 3,000 years ago."

• The New York Times reported in May on the dispute between Bob Manning, now 60, and the New York State Workers' Compensation Board over payment for Manning's paralysis, which occurred when he fell headfirst off a utility pole in 1962. Manning has required 24-hour medical care for 35 years but has yet to receive his almost $2 million in awards from the employer's insurance company because of disagreement over whether Manning's wife, who is a registered nurse, can be paid for caring for him. Utilities Mutual Insurance Co. says it has no obligation to pay until all its appeals are settled.

UPDATE

• Gary Arthur Medrow, then 47, made News of the Weird in 1991 when he was arrested in Milwaukee for impersonating a police officer over the telephone as he carried out his locally well-known obsession of calling up a female and convincing her to physically pick up another female in the room and carry her around. By 1991, he had been arrested more than 30 times over the previous 23 years. In October 1997 he was charged with 24 more counts in Milwaukee County. A typical ruse, said police, was to tell a woman that she had been spotted at an accident scene, innocently prosecuting a victim to safety, and when the woman denies that she is the heroic woman, Medrow talks her into role-playing the accident scene.

NO LONGER WEIRD

• Adding to the list of stories that were formerly weird but now occur with such frequency that they must be retired from circulation: (21) Intense prosecutors and judges who believe overdue-library-book scofflaws deserve jail time, or at least a criminal record, such as the 90 days of supervised probation a 43-year-old, Providence, R.I., woman received in August for keeping four children's books more than a year. And (22) DUI tickets dispensed to inebriated people too busy dashing public roadways on a bicycle, or a horse, or in the case of Roy Embry, 34, in Morganstown, Ky., in May, a riding lawn mower.
Celebrate Homecoming before going home

By JASON HEIRONIMUS
Opinion Editor

Homecoming, what a glorious time for the school. It is much like the holidays to normal, non-college affiliated people. It is a chance for all of us to smile as one under the assumption that we all really like each other. Activities are planned so that our wandering brains will be constantly entertained under the strain of so much happiness and spirit. There is the presence of alcohol to keep us from thinking too much during the raucous celebration.

All in all, Homecoming is a fun time and it is pretty hard to critique any school event that brings Blues Traveler to the students for free! But one question remains: why is it called Homecoming when there is only one month left of school?

This question is quite trivial but essential upon a review behind the meaning of an event such as Homecoming. First you have the word “home” which connotes either a negative or positive image in your head, and then you have the word “coming” which as far as I can tell forewarns a person or persons that you are going to arrive at a certain place at a future time. While these are not the strictest of definitions I believe them to be right on the money, and if you didn’t know what those words meant in the first place than you probably don’t deserve to even be reading this article.

When these two words are put in a stupid equation like this: home + coming = Homecoming then a magical word is created. People plan weeks ahead of time for this week of events. Sororities and fraternities spend hours making T-shirts for all the events. Liquor stores stock their shelves to meet the overbearing needs of their customers. The campus is alive with anticipation for the big game. But why, once again, is this Homecoming celebration enjoyed at the end of the semester?

In high school they celebrate Homecoming at the beginning of the year, don’t they? It just seems natural that an event as big as this one, that is celebrated as one under the assumption of so much happiness and our wandering brains will be

across the nation in colleges and universities, would be celebrated under a name that is more fitting for the actual time that it takes place.

For example, Oktoberfest would not feel right if it were celebrated during June. Why? Because the whole idea is that you are enjoying the October Fall with enormous amounts of beer. That just wouldn’t be right in June. St. Patrick’s Day wouldn’t feel right at any other time other than March. Why? Well, because that’s when St. Patrick drove all the snakes out of Ireland, or was that the pied piper? And besides, when else are we gonna’ drink green beer, February?

The point is that the names of these celebrations must go along with the time. Homecoming would be a great name if it were held right at the beginning of the semester when all the students are actually coming home for the next few months. But with only four weeks and about ten papers on my mind I would rather call it Goinghome, which would better explain the excessive drunkenness due to the excessive amount of work that will be demanded of students in the next month.

One more question: exactly how long are we going to be hanging around the Citrus Bowl on Saturday? From my understanding the game starts at 1 o’clock, which means that all the die-hard fans will be

around 1 o’clock to start tailgating. After the game will be the Homecoming awards and firesworks extravaganza, and after that the concert will finally start. We’re talking about an investment of at least 11 hours at the Citrus Bowl. Eleven Hours! That is an extraordinarily long time to be in one place, let alone a footloose beer-drinking wildcat. Take 35,000 other drunks. I expect it to be a good time, though a long one. I suggest that students pace themselves during the day’s festivities. It is going to be a long day with the best parts coming at the end, and you don’t want to miss that. It is obvious that UCF has worked very hard to make this Homecoming one of the best ever. I’m sure that it will be a tremendous hit. I wish everyone a merry Goinghome celebration and a happy hangover on Sunday. Enjoy this weekend, because it will be the last time to really relax and have a good time until mid-December.

UCF RULES

(Just check out the FREE entertainment lineup for this week)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Games on the Green
Wednesday, Nov. 12, 9am-2pm, UCF Green

Jerry Maguire
Wednesday, Nov. 12, 9pm, Refecting Pond

King & Queen Elections
Ann Thursday, Nov. 13 by 5pm, UCF Student Union

Skit Knight
Thursday, Nov. 13 at 9pm, UCF Arena

Spirit Splash
Friday, Nov. 14 at 2:35, Reflecting Pond

Homecoming Parade
Saturday, Nov. 15 at 11am, Downtown Orlando

Blues Traveler
Saturday, Nov. 15 at 9pm after the Homecoming Game

Hamlet
Sunday, Nov. 16 at 8pm, Student Union, 3rd Floor

Laughter on the 23rd Floor
Wednesday, Nov. 19 at 7:30pm, UCF Theatre
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OPINION

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Soaking wet students drip dry with spirit

By NATALIE NATALE
Staff Writer

Spirit Splash is a tradition unique to UCF. It began more than 12 years ago when fully clothed students paraded into the Reflecting Pond. On Nov. 14 at 2:15 p.m., the tradition will be revisited at this year’s Homecoming pep rally.

UCF cheerleaders, the Starlet Knight dance team and the UCF marching band will come together around the Reflecting Pond. Average Joe, a local band whose lead singer is a UCF alumnus, will perform. Basketball players, football players, Knightro and his girlfriend Glycerine will make appearances. Football coach George McDowell and men’s basketball coach Kirk Speraw will give pep talks to the students.

Also, the Campus Activities Board will give away a $295 book scholarship and UCF paraphernalia including towels, T-shirts and inflatable basketballs. It is an unwritten policy that people don’t normally get into the Reflecting Pond,” said Jim Uhlir, director of Environmental Health and Safety. “The Reflecting Pond is aesthetically designed to enhance the atmosphere on campus.”

The Reflecting Pond was renovated last summer. The surface was painted with algae resistant aquea blue paint. The water capacity was doubled to 250 gallons and an average depth of two feet, and a chlorination system was developed. Overexposure to chlorine can harm the skin. However, there are not any reported cases of injuries due to levels of chlorine in the water.

The Reflecting Pond will be refilled after the Nov. 12 showing of the movie Jerry Maguire at 8 p.m. Also, the computerized irrigation system will turn the fountain off for the Spirit Splash.

CAB predicts that attendance at this year’s Spirit Splash will be the largest in the history of the event. CAB invites students and alumni to U-Knight in black and gold colors.

Golden Knights are encouraged to bring virtually anything to demonstrate their spirit such as blow horns, megaphones, silly string, body paint and rafts. In past years, shirtless males showed they bled black and gold by painting their chests in UCF colors.

“You don’t have to be part of a group or organization to support homecoming 1997,” said Danielle Muralde, assistant director of Homecoming.

Officials from Student Government will be on-hand to monitor the spirit of various clubs and organizations. The clubs and organizations are competing for the Spirit Cup trophy. Following the Spirit Splash, the UCF Marching Band will lead students to the arena for the Fan Fair tailgate party in the arena parking lot before UCF’s basketball game against Auburn.
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Why 21? How the minimum drinking age became law

By MAT HERRON
College Press Service

To Matthew Heishman, the 21 minimum drinking age law sounds like the result of politic­
ical pork­back zone.

"I don't think you can pick an age and say, 'You're respon­
sible enough to drink,'" said Heishman, a University of Ken­tucky first­year pharmacy
student, who just turned 21 and said he hasn't been carded in four years.

Historically, arriving at the 21 minimum drinking age was
n't that simple.

Restrictions on drinking, buying and selling alcohol to minors date as far back as prohib­ition, the period in the 1920s when the federal gov­ernment banned alcohol nationwide.

The government changed the constitution in 1964 to allow 18­year­olds to vote, affording this age group all the freedoms of being an adult "except the purchase of alcoholic bever­ages," said Norman Lawson, assistant statute reviser at the Legislative Research Commission in Frankfort.

During the '80s, former President Ronald Reagan suggested Congress threaten to withhold a certain percentage of highway traffic money unless state legislators passed the drinking limit.

"What's odd is that Ronald Reagan was the decentralizer, 'Get the government off peo­ple's backs,'" said Brad Canon, a political science professor who teaches civil liberties and constitutional interpretation at UK.

But he had no (problem) whatsoever recommending that bill to Congress, and Congress had no (problem) with passing it.

The states who refused were docked 5 percent of the fund­ing the first year and 10 percent in subsequent years, said Sandra Davis, staff assistant in the General Counsel Office of Kentucky's Transportation Cabinet.

Who go the highway route? The federal government has no constitu­tionary authority to pass a drinking age, Canon said.

But the increasing number of drunk­driving accidents influ­enced state legislators to pass the bill, and Kentucky had little interest in challenging the law.

South Dakota and Louisiana, however, did.

Said South Dakota chal­lenge­then­Transportation Secretary Elizabeth Dole in the '80s, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that "sufficient linkage" existed between highway safety and a drinking age.

"It's a stretch," said Canon, a student graduate in Wisconsin when the state's minimum drinking age was 18.

Con­gress gives money to states on conditions all the time.

In 1995 minors Jody Manly and Stacy Forest and alcohol retailers Burke Perrotti and Wendell M. Manley sued several of Louisiana's top officials, including the governor and the attorney general, on grounds that the law was a form of age discrimination and that it vio­lated the state's constitution.

The trial judge threw out the statute against minors, calling them "unreasonable," and the state Supreme Court affirmed the judge's decision.

Yet after fiery criticism from editorial writers, religious organizations and abuse prevention groups, the court reversed its decision on July 2, 1996, based on statisti­cal evidence that 18­ to 20­year­olds had a higher likeli­hood of being involved in drunk­driving accidents.

To John Rawls, that's bunk.

Rawls, a New Orleans attorney, filed a "friend of the court" brief slamming the Louisiana Supreme Court for using discri­minatory proof to hand down a discriminatory verdict.

"Whenever we judge people by categories, we judge them un­fairly," Rawls said.

There's no suchthing as a partial citizen­ship in this country. If they can stop 18­year­olds from drinking, they can stop 70­year­olds from drinking.

Legislation can't stop the libation for some UK students, who say the 21 law is virtually unenforceable.

And when it is enforced, be it by bartender, police officer or store clerk, students say it's not done consistently.

"They think you enforce it on a when­they­feel­like­it basis," said Shannon Clark, 18, a mechanical engineering fresh­man. "It's something that no one can do anything about." "It keeps people out of bars, but it doesn't keep people from drinking. Just get somebody older," said Jody Larsen, a computer science junior.

"There's so much alcohol float­ing around at (college) par­ties.

Bottom line: The law may be purely cosmetic but not subject to change.

"In some ways, this is a symbolic law," Canon said.

"because people who are under 21 and want to drink, can."
It happens every day. She hears about the students who drink heavily and often because they think all other students do. She hears about the students who constantly miss class and forget assignments. She hears because she counsels students with alcohol problems at University of Kentucky Student Health.

"We know that underage drinkers are drinking more frequently (than people over 21) and in greater amounts," she says.

And drinking more often and more heavily puts the person at greater risk of becoming an alcoholic, she says. But that's not the only factor. Environmental factors led to alcoholism in the first place, she says. Perhaps the high school environment might make students into drinking a habit. Perhaps young drinkers might form a drinking environment at an early age, according to Alcohols Anonymous, the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence, and the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism.

Thereafter, people might feel increasing pressure to drink. Perhaps the high school then college environment might force students into thinking they must drink because everyone else drinks. Staten said. Perhaps underage drinkers might drink to fight anxiety. Perhaps young drinkers might form a drinking problem because they have a line on alcoholics in their family. "One risk factor for a person becoming an alcoholic is the person's parent," she said. "People underage drink more (than those of age), so they're putting themselves at greater risk (of becoming an alcoholic)."

Mladen Brekic, a 19-year-old business and management freshman from Bosnia, has witnessed the effects of alcohol in European countries such as Italy, Greece and Bosnia, in the American high school environment, Henry Clay High School in Lexington, and in the college environment, UK.

Most European countries including Bosnia don't have a minimum drinking age. Brekic also drinks and has a family history of alcoholism. He said he mostly believed environmental factors led to alcohol dependency. People who enjoy alcohol responsibly in social situations such as a party probably aren't going to become alcoholics, he said. But people who drink because they are depressed have a higher risk of becoming alcoholic.

In western Bosnia, more people drink to escape, therefore more people become alcoholics, he added. For American teens tend to want to prove themselves. Perhaps they do so because they are told they can't, he added.

At college, he said, American students want to prove they can drink heavy and often because they perceive other students do the same thing.

At any rate, American college students who succumb to this increase their tolerance level, a sign that alcoholism is on the horizon, he said. What starts as four drinks in a night might grow to eight or nine.

"You need to learn to control yourself," he said.

Seth Clark, a 21-year-old mechanical engineering sophomore, said he doesn't think that underage drinkers will become alcoholics.

"I think it takes a certain person to become an alcoholic," he said. "Just because you drink underage doesn't mean you're going to become an alcoholic."

Clark started drinking when he was 15 and he has an uncle who is alcoholic, but he said he doesn't think he'll become one.

"My definition of an alcoholic is someone who craves alcohol," said Clark, who said he doesn't drink as often as he used to.

People who drink to escape problems are more at danger, he said. Whether students are drinking to escape or to fit in socially, they need to ask themselves, "When is too much, too much?" Staten said.

The National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism lists the following signs that someone has a drinking problem:

- They are unable to control their drinking; regardless of what they decide, they wind up drunk.
- They use alcohol to escape problems.
- They develop a change in personality.
- They develop a high tolerance and start to drink everyone else under the table.
- They black out and sometimes do not remember what happened while they were drinking.
- They have problems at work or in school as a result of drinking.
- Their family and friends show concern about his drinking.

Two kinds of alcohol problems exist: alcohol abuse and alcohol dependency, commonly called alcoholism, Staten said. Alcohol dependency differs from abuse in that tolerance increases drastically over time and withdrawal symptoms occur, such as morning shakes, hallucinations and seizures.

"It's a self care issue," he said. "Interference with daily life as they hurt health and social function.

Also, withdrawal symptoms increase as alcoholics age. Fatigue, then sweating, restlessness, irritability, the shakes, muscle instability, hallucinations, seizures, and delirium tremors (DTs) set in when a person stops drinking after any duration. "Alcoholics who quit drinking can have seizures and die," he said.

Staten, however, said alcoholism isn't the only or the most urgent problem of underage drinking. Problems such as date rape, violence, drunken driving and alcohol poisoning, which leads to lung failure, are predominant dangers to college students. "I guess we've made it easy (to binge drink in college) — no big deal," she said. "But that's lent itself to the problems we're having today.

"Culturally, we've become comfortable with being drunk."

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Students' spirits to feast at the UCF Fan Fair

By JEFF CASE
Staff Writer

The Eighth Annual Knights' Feast Fan Fair promises to be the best yet, said Darla Olive, coo­rdinator of special projects at the UCF Alumni Relations Office.

"It is definitely much bigger and better than in years past," Olive said. "The Fan Fair is free and everyone is welcome to it. We'll have a giant slide, a moon walk and there will be a cannon shooting out free T-shirts."

The Alumni Association is sponsoring the event and will have its first exposure in the local media. SHE 100.3, WRR 101.1 and AM's 540, The Team, will be broadcasting live from the event. More than 2,000 people are expected to attend.

This is an increase of more than 500 people from last year, Olive said.

Knights' Feast Fan Fair will begin at 1 p.m. on Nov. 15 at Tinker Field, which is located next to the Florida Citrus Bowl. It will feature Derek and the Slammers, a local cover band who have participated in each year of the fair's existence.

Tinker Field will also host the Campus Showcase, which will display UCF's five colleges' pro­grams and recent developments.

Olive said the Alumni Association and corporate spon­sors will also be on display. Visiting the displays will benefit participants, she added.

"Each college is represented in a tent and they'll be handing out free items," Olive said. "In the alumni tent, we are giving away some different items and we have some corporate sponsors who are coming out to give some things away as well."

The Hard Rock Cafe will enter the event.

"This year there will be two areas serving food ticket holders versus the one area we had before," Olive said. "Also, they will be bringing their mini-Hard Rock Cafe, which is a replica of the cafe and has two windows for better service."

Two hundred food tickets have been sold in advance. The num­bers are similar to last year's pre­sale numbers, Olive said.

Food tickets may be purchased either at the gate or in advance. Tickets are $8 for students and Alumni Association members. The tickets are free for lifetime Alumni Association members, $7 for children age 10 and under and $10 for others.

With the purchase of a food ticket, a person will receive a free CD from the Hard Rock Cafe. A pre-purchased food ticket will automatically enter a per­son in the prize drawing held at the end of Fan Fair, Olive said.

Drinking registration is also possible by displaying the UCF spirit card found in the Nov. 7 edition of The Orlando Sentinel.

"Everybody that has been given or has shown a spirit card has been given a spirit spotter card," Olive said. "Our volunteers in the Alumni Association will have spirit spotter cards on Nov. 7 and will start giving them out the entire Homecoming week. Whoever receives one of those cards will bring it to the alumni tent at the Knights' Feast Fan Fair and drop it in a bowl to be entered."

We have a stack of spirit cards at the Alumni Association office. We will give a stack to the Student Government. The pur­pose of the spirit spotter promo­tion is to try to raise spirit in the community, but we definitely want students to show it as well."

Anyone who receives a spirit spotter card is eligible for the three prizes: a UCF watch, a UCF gift basket valued at $100 and three $75 UCF diploma frames.

Due to the large turnout expected, UCF students are asked to make minor changes to their plans, Olive said.

Students are being asked to take an alternative route, specifi­cally Colonial Drive, to the stadi­um instead of the East-West Expressway due to expected congestion.

Tailgaters are advised to not bring kegs of beer because police will confiscate them.

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Wear YOUR BLACK AND GOLD AT THE SPIRIT SPLASH ON FRIDAY
UNC students not sweating breath tests

By COLLEEN DEBAIS
College Press Service

EAST LANSING, Mich. — After a vicious attack on a Michigan State student, advocates for victims of relationship violence are urging students to intervene if they suspect abuse.

"If they hear of an incident going on—even yelling and screaming—call 911," said Holly Rosen, director of the Michigan State University Safe Place, the nation's only on-campus shelter for abused students.

The MSU student, Akiko Oyazia, 22, is in stable condition and expected to recover after she was stabbed in the neck, hands and foot with a butcher knife Oct. 27.

The victim of the case, her 19-year-old boyfriend, Jinrae Praepetch, also is expected to recover after stabbing himself in the throat.

MSU Police Capt. Tony Kleibecker said officers were sent to Oyaiza's on-campus apartment after she called 911 for help.

"When the first officers arrived on the scene, they found her laying outside her apartment," he said. "She had been stabbed several times and was bleeding heavily."

Police were able to drive her out of the way and give her immediate medical help, Kleibecker said. "One of the arteries in her neck was severed," he said.

Praepetch, also an MSU student, threatened officers with a knife as they attempted to talk to him and the man stabbed himself in the throat, and then continued to walk about the apartment waving the knife. "Sometimes he would stick it back in his throat," he said.

Praepetch held the officers at bay for two hours until losing consciousness. He is charged with assault with intent to commit murder, Kleibecker said.

Police had been called to the apartment one other time in early October when the couple were involved in a shooting match.

The campus attack comes days after a jilted boyfriend pumped three bullets into his former girlfriend's new beau in a West Virginia University dormitory before turning the gun on himself.

The coroner said the man died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound."

The woman was unharmed. A month earlier, a University of Michigan senior was stabbed to death outside her apartment by her live-in boyfriend. Police fatally shot the boyfriend when he refused to stop stabbing her.

The incident has shocked many who thought college campuses were safe havens from relationship violence. While most students enjoy healthy dating relationships, a number of them—some studies suggest it is many as one in four students—experience some type of relationship violence.

Rosen, from the MSU Safe Place, urges students who are in abusive relationships to call the National Domestic Violence Hotline, at 1-800-799-SAFE. Students who suspect a suitemate or classroommate is suffering abuse also should take a stand, she said.

Calling 911 is the best way to handle an emergency situation. Students may also want to intervene if a couple is having a loud argument but no one seems to be in immediate danger.

In that case, a student might approach the couple and cause a distraction, "even asking for directions to a residence hall," Rosen said. "It's an indirect way of intervening."

Students concerned that someone they know is in an abusive relationship can call the national hotline to get advice on how to help the person, Rosen said. The hotline can provide the student with information on the nearest shelter.

While MSU is the only university to offer an on-campus shelter for the students, the program, which operates 20 years from now, will bet a lot of them will," Rosen said.
Clinton grilled by Hispanics in L.A., Miami and Buenos Aires

By MAGGIE WELTER
College Press Service

LOS ANGELES - Young leaders on two continents grilled President Clinton Thursday about subjects ranging from education to drug trafficking.

Clinton, in Buenos Aires, Argentina, as part of his South American tour, took part in a televised town hall meeting with teens and twentysomethings called "Voices of the Future: Face to Face with President." For about 45 minutes, Clinton answered questions from a studio audience in Argentina and from mostly Hispanic audiences in Buenos Aires and Miami. The Miami and Los Angeles audiences communicated with the president via a two-way satellite link.

During the question-and-answer session, Clinton addressed a number of issues, global trade to human rights in developing nations. But audience members seemed to be most concerned about the United States' plans for furthering technology and education in the Americas.

Clinton told audience members one of his main goals of his weeklong trip was to encourage South American leaders to help their citizens gain access to the Internet. "One of the things I've been trying to do on this trip is to get all of the leaders of South America to work with me, especially Argentina and Brazil, to dramatically increase the technology available to students and then the use of the Internet," said Clinton.

While Clinton was greeted by applause by audience members at the session, hundreds of Argentine students outside protested. Police in downtown Buenos Aires arrested more than 200 people after a group of students stoned store windows, lit fires and burned the American flag in protest of Clinton's visit. Also, although Clinton appeared before a hand-picked audience of thousands of miles from Washington, he did not escape questions about the campaign fund-raising controversy dogging him at home. One moderator asked Clinton if there was "anything valid in any of those criticisms" about the White House's fund-raising practices during the 1996 re-election campaign.

Clinton hastily replied, "No," then added, "It's true that I asked people to support me and it's true that from time to time I discussed it with my supporters. I think that's how democracy works."

Standing on a small blue carpeted stage, Clinton appeared comfortable as he spoke casually with microphone in hand. The young leaders were chosen by Univision, the Spanish network that sponsored the meeting. A translator was on hand to facilitate the question-and-answer session, which was beamed to more than 500 million households in 33 countries in this hemisphere and Spain and Portugal.

John Phillips, a University of Southern California junior and member of the student senate there, said he liked what he heard about the president's plan to encourage technology development in South America.

"I think he's taking a good approach to improving relations with South America," said Philip, who did not attend the event but caught Clinton's remarks on the news. "By extending technology into their countries, the people will become better educated about the need to cooperate in a global economy and be able to improve their own lives."

Drug use was another topic of concern in all three audiences. Clinton said the two key elements to lessening drug use were one, to convince people that drugs are deadly, and two, cutting off the supply. "You must fight all the chain of supply, and you must change the whole psychology of demand," Clinton said.

To do that, South American governments must cooperate with the United States, Clinton said.

"What we have to emphasize is that our approach is partnership, whether it's Mexico, Colombia or any other country in the world," he said.

On the question of Puerto Rican statehood, Clinton also told audience members that its status should be decided by the people who live there. "Whether a commonwealth, independence or statehood, it should be totally up to the people of Puerto Rico," he said.

Audience member Monica Santis, 22, of Los Angeles, says her mother is from Puerto Rico and was satisfied with the president's answer about statehood.

She added, however, she was less impressed with Clinton's comments about drugs.

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By STEVE BARNES  
Web editor

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"I've got to get back to soccer," she said. "This was fun but I've got a job to do on the soccer field. I think I need more needed over there."  

The day after her first taste of gridiron glory, Heaston was on the soccer field, playing a defensive role in Willamette's 3-2 victory over Pacific Lutheran. Heaston played a soccer game on Saturday, too. She arrived at the football game only after her soccer game, a 2-0 victory over Puget Sound, was finished. I just rushed over to the stadium, changed uniforms in my parents' van along the way, and ran out on the sidelines," Heaston said. She waited only 30 minutes before being put in the game to kick the extra point after Willamette's second touchdown. The crowd was going pretty crazy," Heaston said. "It was exciting."  

Willamette coach Dan Hawkins sought out Heaston before the season began after his starting kicker was injured. Heaston had been practicing with the team for three weeks before her debut. "I was just looking for the best person to help the team," Hawkins said. "This had nothing to do with publicity. This was about putting the best people on the field. Liz helped us do that."  

Schedule will test Knights  
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The toughest opponent on the Knights' schedule. The game will also mark a return home for Jones, a Milwaukee native. The team's final game against a non-TAAC opponent will be on Dec. 30, as UCF closes out the year by rebounding its rivalry with South Florida. "One of the main issues I had when I got here was our scheduling. I wanted to face the best," said Jones. "That was one of the first things Coach Speraw and I talked about, and they've done a wonderful job with it. You only get better by playing the best, and I'm really happy with the schedule."  

With a renewed hope and a greater talent base, UCF basketball figures to enjoy one of its most exciting seasons in recent history. Auburn is an enticing team to fill the UCF Arena for the opener, something the Knights hope is a recurring theme all season long. "We need our fans behind us. They need to pack this place and serve as a sixth man," said Jones. "You don't understand how much of a difference that makes and how much it helps a team. Our fans need to come out and support us."  

The schedule should serve as a superb drawing card, and Auburn is first up.
Foreign players add experience to women’s basketball team

By BRANT PATRICK PARSONS
Staff Writer

The next time you want to complain how cold Orlando is this winter, ask one of the three new players on the women’s basketball team from Scandinavia how they feel about the weather.

“I talked to some of my friends and they said it’s snowing over there, so it’s pretty hot outside here,” said Frida Stromqvist, a 5-11 forward from Lindingo, Sweden, which is a part of Scandinavia.

Having gotten a late start recruiting in the United States, coach Lynn Bria looked overseas to complete her roster.

“A lot of colleges are going overseas,” Bria said. “We were very late on the American kids, so they seem to make a decision (on their college) early, so I went overseas.”

A contact directed her eyes towards Scandinavia and without seeing any of them play, Bria brought three young players to UCF.

Joining the team along with Stromqvist are Anu Mahlamaeki, a 5-11 forward from Espoo, Finland, and Vuokko Timola, a 5-9 guard from Lindingo, Finland.

All three played on their respective junior national teams and bring with them needed experience to a young team.

“It is almost like getting a junior college player with the experience they bring,” Bria said. “We need players that can come in right away, and that’s why we went over and got them.”

Mahlamaeki should be the one to contribute the earliest. She may be the most versatile player on the team, being able to shoot the ball from the perimeter and also play the post inside.

“Anu is the kind of player that makes the other players around her better because she does so much to hurt the other team,” Bria said.

She scored 11 points in 30 minutes during the, 70-67, exhibition loss to the Baltic All-Stars on Saturday night, but Bria still wanted her to be more aggressive offensively.

Mahlamaeki has heard that before and realizes the changes she has to make.

“I like to pass the ball, that’s my style,” Mahlamaeki said. “I know I should take more shots.”

Vuokko Timola is a smart player and a pure shooter who should provide much needed perimeter strength.

“Vuokko can flat out shoot the ball,” Bria said. “She also knows her limitations, she is not real fast but defensively she is not going to hurt you, she knows what she can do.”

Timola only took three shots in 14 minutes in the exhibition game. She did make a three pointer to tie the game at 58 with 3:37 left in the game.

Frida Stromqvist has taken a little longer to get used to Bria’s system. Once she grasps the system Stromqvist should provide the team with another excellent shooter. Bria said Stromqvist has a strong work ethic and also is very strong. She was the leading scorer in the 1996 Nordic championship tournament.

“Frida plays hard, all the time,” Bria said. “Once she starts to get it, she will contribute. I think offensively she will help us.”

All three have traveled far from home to a foreign environment. Despite the adjustments, the trio said it will be thrilling just to play NCAA basketball.

“It was exciting to come to the U.S. to play basketball,” Stromqvist said. “I wanted to try something new, it was good timing. I miss (family and friends) them some days, other days I don’t think about them, a lot is going on.”

The three live together and that has helped them adjust. Despite some different basketball terminology, they have adjusted well on the court as well.

“They asked what hustle was, and motion and ball reversal,” Bria said. “We call it a ball reversal, they call it swinging the ball, so there is a language barrier.”

Fellow freshman Kelli Ely believes they have adapted well.

“They think they have done really well,” Ely said. “They have learned the offense really well, they’ve blended in.”

So far the overseas experiment seems to be working out wonderful and Bria expects to continue to search over oceans to find the type of players that can contribute to UCF.

It also doesn’t hurt the weather in central Florida is a bit friendlier than the weather back home.

“The weather is a lot better,” Mahlamaeki said. “(Back home) it’s snowing and cold.”
Baseball team staying sharp in fall practice

By KEVIN JACOBS
Staff Writer

The World Series may have recently ended, but to coach Jay Bergman and his Golden Knights baseball team, opening day is just 83 days away.

For now, fall practice gives returning players a chance to prove that UCF is still the class act of the TAAC. Junior college transfers and new college freshmen also get a chance to prove they belong and can become part of the supportive cast of a possible fourth-straight conference championship.

Bergman is watching it all come together and is optimistic about the 1998 season.

"This was an awesome recruiting year," he said. "This team has the potential to be much better than last year's team. We are pretty deep at every position."

The potential of the 1998 version of the Golden Knights looks so exciting, senior outfield/pitcher Todd Bellhorn passed on turning pro and joining the San Francisco Giants to finish out his college eligibility.

"The coaches are very excited, and that has us excited," Bellhorn said. "This year's team should be so much better than last year's team, and we hit the ball real well last year. We batted over .300 as a team for the first time since I've been here."

"There's the potential here to go farther than last year. We're developing chemistry quickly, and we're developing our own awesome expectations," he said.

Gone are the defensive-minded Adrian Cardenas and Frank Puchle, the offensive power of Greg Fydlak (who set UCF's single-season record with 15 home runs last year) and the fiery starting role.

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As for the teams those pitchers will try to shut down, the schedule looks typically difficult for the Knights. This year's schedule starts on Jan. 31 in Winter Park against the Rollins Tars. The following weekend UCF hosts Auburn, Clemson, and South Florida in the annual Olive Garden Classic. The Knights then head to Houston to face the Cougars and Oklahoma Sooners at the Houston Invitational.

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Tim Booth and David Gies, transfers from Tallahassee Community College, will fill the holes graduation created. Freshman Matt Bowser from Tarpon Springs High School will likely find a spot as well.

Bowser says he's already found a comfortable home in Orlando.

"This is a great ballpark, and I already know I'll have a good time playing here," he said. "I like the coaches, and with the players it's kind of like a family. That's how I like to play baseball."

The pitching staff returns experience. All four starting pitchers from last year's stretch run are back, to the delight of Bellhorn.

Newcomers like high school record setters Jason Arnold and Chris Miller, and hard-throwing lefty Lester Victoria will help bolster a below-average bullpen or possibly earn a starting role.

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Women's golf finishes fourth in Deep South

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and Pennsylvania (15-7, 15-3, 15-12). UCF has extended its win streak to 22-matches, winning all but four of those matches straight games.

Led by Kristin Svalheim's three-under-par 69, UCF shot the low round of the day on Nov. 4 and finished fourth at the Deep South Invitational in Laurel, Miss. UCF entered the final round in seventh place and moved to fourth with its eight-under-par 288.

Svalheim's 69 was the low round of the tournament. It earned her a fourth-place finish at four-over-par 220, as well as a spot on the all-tournament team. Jason Opal shot a final-round, two-under-par 72 and finished tied for 15th at 225.

Southeastern Louisiana won the tournament by one shot over host Southern Mississippi.

'Linebacker out for season with injury

Sophomore linebacker Deaubrey Devine had surgery Nov. 5 on his left shoulder and will miss the remainder of the season. He dislocated his shoulder for the first time this year in a scrimmage during camp and had trouble on and off throughout the first eight games. He reinjured his shoulder against Mississippi State Oct. 25, and missed last week's game at Northeast Louisiana.

Devine started two games at middle linebacker this year and registered 40 tackles, including a team-high 22 against Nebraska. Doctors expect his rehabilitation to last five to six months.

Culpepper named to Good Works team

UCF junior quarterback Daunte Culpepper, recipient of numerous accolades for what he has done on the field, was honored Nov. 4 for what he does off the field when he was named to the American Football Coaches Association Good Works Team for "balancing academics and athletics and going above and beyond in volunteerism and community service." Culpepper was one of 22, 11 from Division I-A and 11 from all other divisions, named to the team.

Culpepper is active in community service through Bright Knights, a UCF-based program designed to teach elementary school children the importance of setting goals and getting an education.

He has also worked with ESTEEM (Education, Sports and Talent Encouragement Equals Esteem for Me), a program centered around providing positive role models for disadvantaged children.
EMU quarterback putting up Culpepper-like numbers

The reason the Eagles may not have to stop Culpepper is the Knights' defense. UCF allows almost as many yards (413) and points (36.7) as the Eagles. UCF's defense allowed previously unheralded quarterbacks at Mississippi State and Northeast Louisiana to have career days. EMU, however, has an outstanding signal-caller in senior Charlie Batch. Batch is 223 of 391 for 2,023 yards, 23 touchdowns and 10 interceptions this season.

"The key to their offense is Charlie Batch," coach Gene McDowell said. "Batch is an outstanding quarterback and he's in his sixth year, so he's soaked in their system forever. He's as good a passer as we've played here ever."

McDowell said fans should see plenty of fireworks in UCF's homecoming game. "They've scored a lot of points this year and lost a lot of close games like we have," McDowell said.

"This could be another shootout. It could be, but I don't know if it will be. If Daunte has a hot hand and Batch has his hot hand, I don't see how either team is going to keep the other from scoring points."

Both teams' defenses have faced harsh criticism for the large numbers of points and yards allowed, but the Eagles and Knights have taken different approaches to their problems. While EMU fired its coordinator in favor of Martinez, McDowell said he was proud of the players and the coaching staff.

"I think if the media and our fans will take a look at one thing: We've got one defensive starter signed to play I-A football and he's a redshirt freshman -- [defensive tackle] Fred Harley," McDowell said. "That should explain something to even the most inexperienced football fan. These guys, in my opinion, are doing a great job."

Running backs Mike Grant (452 yards, 10 touchdowns) and Dwight Collins (266 yards, two touchdowns) will be facing one of the worst rushing defenses in I-A (109 out of 112 teams) but McDowell said UCF will unlikely attack their weakness. "The Knights average 123 yards on the ground. With UCF going to the air, the Knights are more than likely to keep the other from scoring points."

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Men's Basketball

UCF vs Auburn

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Something old, something new form dynamic duo

By TONY MEJIA
Staff Writer

In the Sporting News College Basketball Annual, the team preview of UCF's men's team lists its weaknesses as follows: "UCF has had a problem jelling in the past few years."

Heading into this week's season opener against Auburn, the Knights are as cohesive as can be, especially with senior newcomer Mark Jones and junior Brad Traina forming a brand new dynamic duo.

Traina is UCF's leading returning scorer. He had been dominant in scrimmages last season on his way to a very productive season in which he averaged 10 points per contest and was one of the Knights' leading rebounders. With Harry Kennedy gone, Traina figured to be the go-to guy this season, except of course for the arrival of a certain transfer from Minnesota.

If their grand opening performance is any indication, the spotlight is big enough for them both.

Traina understands that Jones' arrival at UCF has sparked the Golden Knights and has made them better.

"He does so much out there, he's real good. He gets everyone involved and steps it up. Everything has been different with him here," said Traina.

"Practices are more competitive and everyone looks to him to be a leader."

Jones, who had to sit out last season because of NCAA transfer guidelines, practiced with the team last year and was key in the development of the team's freshmen last year. With so much experience, Jones was almost like another coach out there. Despite not being able to play in games, the transfer from Minnesota took every loss just as hard.

"Last year was real hard for me," said Jones, reflecting painfully. "I'd never been part of a losing team, so it was a first for me. On top of that, seeing the guys out there playing so hard, and knowing that if I could only play, I could make a difference, it was frustrating to just be sitting there watching."

Versatility and cohesiveness could actually be the hidden strength of this year's Knights. Players like Mario Lovett, D'Quarius Stewart, and of course Traina and Jones give UCF the option to field a wide variation of lineups.

"I think you'll see us do some interesting things out there. Players may not be playing one specific position," said head coach Kirk Speraw.

"We've got plenty of options on display this season, with their teamwork ranking foremost on that list."

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The best way to end a big football season is to do a little slammin’!
Women’s soccer ends season in defeat

By KEN JACKSON
Staff Writer

For the first time in Karen Richter’s UCF coaching history, the women’s soccer team returned from the TAAC tournament without the championship trophy.

Tournament host Georgia State will go on to play the Conference USA champion on Tuesday after defeating UCF 2-0 on Nov. 8.

Richter said the game was a tough finish for a mentally and physically difficult roller-coaster season.

“We both had chances to finish,” she said. “We didn’t and they (GSU) did, which is why of the season.”

“When you have an up and down season like we did, it gets mentally tough at the end. We played a tough schedule and hoped it would prepare us for this tournament. But we had trouble finishing all weekend.”

Showing the lack of offense that plagued the team at times this year, the Knights won their semi-final game without scoring in regulation. They played 120 scoreless minutes against Florida International before winning 4-3 on penalty kicks.

Auburn enters the Dungeon for UCF’s debut

By TONY MEJIA
Staff Writer

Continuing the trend of playing big name opponents and gaining national notoriety, the UCF men’s basketball team welcomes Auburn to “the Dungeon” for its season opener on Nov. 14. The opener gives UCF an opportunity to kick its season off at home against a big-name rival.

The Tigers are picked to finish fourth in the SEC West in the SEC’s coaches poll. They return only one starter, power forward Franklin Williams, from last year’s 16-15 squad. This year, Auburn will look to Williams, and the sophomore backcourt combination of Doc Robinson and Daymion Fischback to get them off to a good start.

“Certainly, they are a talented team who will get after it, and are well coached,” said UCF head coach Kirk Speraw. “We have to execute and play good defense in

Quarterback Daunte Culpepper needs 376 passing yards for Auburn to win its opener against Temple. The Tigers are not a very big team, but have plenty of speed and agility. The exception would be their wild card, 7-foot center Mamadou Ndiaye, a sophomore who is entered

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By DEREK GONSOLIN
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Former UCF defensive coordinator Willie Martinez remembers coaching against quarterback Daunte Culpepper in practice the previous two seasons. Now that Martinez is the defensive coordinator for Eastern Michigan, the thought of facing Culpepper when the game counts is not the welcome back he would like.

“So is Daunte Culpepper going to play?” Martinez said with a laugh. “Cops, man. Is there any way he can’t play?”

Martinez said there is little he can tell his players about Culpepper that they have not already seen in highlight shows. Through nine games, Culpepper is 199 of 327 for 2,624 yards and 23 touchdowns, which are career highs. He ranks fourth in the nation in total offense with an average of 330.2 yards and has rushed for four touchdowns.

Having taken over an EMU defense that ranks in the bottom 20 among Division I-A schools in total defense (averaging 476 yards) and points allowed (32.5 points a game) at midseason, Martinez knows the question may not be stopping UCF’s defense but slowing it down.

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