A graphics lab, reporting lab and television studios are awaiting computers and cameras. The $14.6 million building for the School of Communication (SOC) is scheduled to open in January. Landscaping has already begun and water lines are being installed. However, radio-television, journalism and advertising majors will not be able to use it in the spring because the building has yet to be equipped for their classes. A graphics lab, reporting lab and television studios are awaiting computers and cameras.

Lack of funds hurts School of Communications

By OLIVIA K. CURNOW
Managing Editor

The SOc is waiting for the funds to buy them. Dr. Bruce Whistler, associate dean for the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS), said department officials are in the process of purchasing the equipment right now. They did not purchase the equipment before because they didn’t want it to be delivered and then have nowhere to put it.

Whistler said SOC has $1.5 million left over from the construction fund and are expecting an additional $740,000 in donations from the Harris Corporation, The Orlando Sentinel, WOFL-TV and Darden Restaurants.

They will have close to $3 million for equipment and furnishings.

"It will never be enough," said Maggie LeClair, SOC office manager. "Furniture will take an enormous amount of money. The equipment budget is enough for some things [graphics lab, photo lab], but not enough for others [studios]."

Whistler said the prices of the classroom can range from $15,000 to $100,000, depending on how advanced the technology is.

Dr. Robert Davis, who heads the advertising-public relations program, said the SOC is involved in private fundraising. But since the university is also fundraising as a whole, finding companies or people to donate money to the school will be difficult.

"A lot of [professional] studios out there are still analog," Davis said. "So, should we spend three times the amount of money to build a digital studio so our students can be ahead of the industry?"

Radio-TV major Hilda Gonzalez thinks it would be to her, and other students, advantage to have a digital studio.

"By the time I get out of here, [professional studios] will be digital, so it'll be..."
Construction to add smoother road and sidewalk

By KATHIE BULLARD
Staff Writer

The construction by the Lake Claire Courtyard Apartments may be a hassle for students now, but in the end, everyone should be pleased with the results.

The construction on Aquarius Agora Road has closed and torn up the area. Students have to drive around Greek Row to get to the Student Union and the parking lots.

When the road was originally constructed, it could not handle heavy traffic. Once the construction is complete on Dec. 15, the road will be upgraded and repaired with the addition of bike lanes and a sidewalk. The drainage of the road was not effective and is also being repaired and upgraded.

In addition to the construction of the road, an extension of the Visual Arts Building's parking lot will be added.

This extension will add about 70 spaces, said Richard Paradise, director of the Physical Plant.

The parking lot is scheduled to open by Jan. 3.

Along the road, the new communication building is under construction.

The building for the College of Arts and Sciences is scheduled to partially open for the spring semester and fully open for the fall '98 semester. The 105,000 square foot building will have television and film studios, radio station, auditorium, offices for the dean and staff, classrooms and labs. The three studios and some of the classrooms will be soundproof observation rooms so students can watch and learn how to develop film, edit sound and put together a television show. The television studio has a raised seating area in the control room so students can watch the behind-the-scenes action.

Scott DeWoody, construction project manager for Facilities Planning, has headed the construction from the beginning.

"The purpose of the observation rooms is to be able to have instruction for students and to see a real TV/radio program," DeWoody said.

The auditorium has about 3,600 seats, a raised stage and is soundproof with a control room. Conference rooms for the staff will have modern conveniences such as hidden dry erase boards and acoustic sound boards to keep the echo down.

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On the inside of the building, the wave is in the two main hallways and runs along the ceiling. Where the wave appears on the ceiling, the carpet below has a red wave to match.

When the building is complete, it will work with future advances in technology and be a worthwhile tool. Though these construction projects are for the good of the students, the residents of Lake Claire have complaints. "It's making parking and traffic more hectic," said senior Angela Calhoun. "It's annoying and inconvenient. My building is right next to it and we can hear it in the morning."

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People call my stuff art, I just call it stuff - Voulkos

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to create large ceramic sculptural works. "Usually Voulkos doesn't do colleges," said Teresa Robert, an art student and organizer of the two-day workshop with Voulkos and his "fireman" Peter Callas. "He agreed to come to UCF at a reduced rate because of the student interest and commitment."

Robert and other pottery students have built a rare, ancient style "anagama" kiln, a wood-fired type that Voulkos and Callas use. Modern kilns are usually electric or gas-fired. The kiln is located about a mile from the UCF main campus on Buck Road. It is five feet wide, 4.5 feet high and 18 feet long.

"This anagama kiln gives a dramatic effect to the pieces fired in it, you get tonality and warmth from this process," said Callas, who built the first anagama kilns in North America. "The wood-firing process is growing. It's just a matter of planting a new seed and letting it grow."

Callas is an artist in his own right. He has exhibited in Norway, Japan and across the United States. One of his pieces in the UCF exhibit is called "Switch Plate." It is a large wood-fired ceramic with two horizontal spaces in the center. The colors on the piece range from deep brown to a light purple.

"By orchestrating the fire, you can get all colors from black to white," Callas said. "That's the best thing about this traditional method."

Voulkos' gallery pieces are numerous and varied. He has collections in frames and jagged stone-ware plates on the walls of the gallery. Several large stone-ware sculptures are on pedestals sitting in the center of the gallery.

One of the large pieces is called "Caturcoles." It looks like a Greek vase with a rounded bottom and tall narrow opening at the top. The piece has rough edges and the colors on it range from red to brown.

"Some people call my stuff art, but I just call it stuff," Voulkos said.

Another piece of Voulkos' is called "Ghost." The sculpture looks like a profile of a child. The "head" of the sculpture is looking down and the "body" of the sculpture is round with a textured surface. This wood-fired stoneware piece is brown but has a yellowish tint to it.

"Voulkos is a master of Abstract Expressionism," said Rose Silvia, author of The Art of Peter Voulkos. "His attack on clay can be compared to the way Jackson Pollack would fling paint onto a canvas."

Along with the art of Voulkos and Callas in the gallery are the prints of Sid Chafetz and Fred Burton.

For more than forty years, Chafetz's woodcuts, etchings and lithographs have examined American political and cultural history. His prints in the gallery range from pieces about former Presidents Nixon and Reagan to a series of portraits of the ordinary people that executed Hitler's plan for the Jews.

Burton's woodcuts are colorful. Some of his works in the gallery feature hares. Other works have portraits of master artists Rembrandt, Frida Kahlo and James Joyce.

The artists' works will be in the gallery until Dec. 6. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

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Punches thrown for a parking spot

By ANNEMARIE MONTALLI
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Harrison Ebert, 23, reported a man driving a small, red hatchback blocked his car after he had pulled into a parking space. The suspect got out of his car and told Ebert to move his car. When Ebert refused, the suspect opened Ebert's car door, punched him in the face, kicked Ebert's door closed and then returned to his own car and left the scene on Nov. 3.

Ebert describes the suspect to be 6 feet tall, weighing between 160-165 pounds, has a dark complexion and possibly of Indian descent.

In other reports from the UCFPD:

Emily Richter, 18, reported her bike stolen. Richter had locked her bike to a rack in front of the Business Administration Building on Oct. 14 at about 9 a.m. When she returned after her class at 9:30 a.m., she saw a black male riding her bike. When she saw her bike again at about 2:45 p.m. outside of the Wayne Densch Sports Center, Richter notified the police.

Officers arrived and watched the bike until the suspect unlocked the bike and rode off on it. Officers then stopped him and asked for ID and proof of purchase on the bike. When he could not produce proof of ownership, police placed Arden Tyrrell Rice, 19, under arrest for theft. The bicycle, after being identified by Richter's Social Security number engraved on the frame, was recovered and returned to Richter.

• Louis Becerril, 18, was arrested for driving under the influence at 12:33 a.m. Police reported that Becerril smelled of alcohol, had glassy and blood-shot eyes and was unsteady on his feet while being questioned. He was placed under arrest after failing field sobriety tests on Nov. 9.

• Tammy Yates, 19, reported a burglary of her room in the Zeta Tau Alpha sorority house. Yates said sometime between Nov. 6 and Nov. 9 a person broke into her locked file cabinet causing between $20-$30 in damage. Fingerprint cards were collected from the scene.

• Anthony Bencomo, 21, reported his car stolen. Bencomo parked his car in the Lake Claire parking lot on Nov. 7. He noticed his car missing at about 7:15 p.m. the next day. There are no witnesses or suspects at this time. Bencomo is willing to prosecute.

• Jeffery Preston, 21, and Staci Schachtner, 21, reported receiving counterfeit money in exchange for $20. The women were asked for change for a $20 bill by two men in Occula Hall.

When Preston and Schachtner realized the bill was a fake, they reported it to their resident advisor and later contacted the police on Nov. 9. The women were able to give a physical description of one of the males who had given them the money.

A parking decal was reported stolen by Diana Furka, 20. She parked her car on campus and between 5:45 p.m. and 10 p.m. The decal was removed from her car on Nov. 5. Furka is willing to prosecute.

• Jean Negoneodeslag, 19, reported his backpack stolen. Negoneodeslag left his backpack on the sidelines of the soccer field to play soccer on Nov. 6. When he returned an hour later, the bag was missing.

• A person set fire to flyers in Seminole Hall, which set the building's fire alarm off and caused the residents to evacuate. Officers found burnt flyers on the second floor of the building on Nov. 6. The state fire marshal was called to the scene. No one was injured and minor damage was done to the wall behind the flyers. There are no witnesses or suspects at this time.

• Sherwin Durity, 22, reported finding pornographic material that someone had downloaded onto one of the UCF newsgroup websites. Durity copied the material on a disk and brought it to police on Nov. 6. The material contained explicit photos of men and young girls under the age of 16.

• Denise Burns, 18, reported several pieces of jewelry stolen. Sometime between Oct. 31 and Nov. 3, someone entered her room in Lake Hall and removed two gold necklaces from her jewelry box. There were no fingerprints found.

• Bryanna Bach, 20, reported money stolen from a room inside the Pi Beta Phi fraternity house. Sometime between Oct. 26 and Oct. 31, a person entered the storage room of the house and took $1,570 from a desk drawer.

• Richard Lopez, 20, Greg Pacitti, 22, and Cory Roth, 20, were arrested for possession of cannabis cigarettes. Officers witnessed the men passing the cigarettes to each other outside the Sigma Chi house on Nov. 1. Police were given permission to search Lopez's clothing and they found three cigarettes in his pocket, which later tested positive for containing cannabis.

• Gerald Fransen, 36, was arrested for driving under the influence. Police witnessed Fransen stumbling out of his car. When they approached to question him, officers smelled alcohol on the officer and noticed his face was flushed and his eyes were glassy and blood-shot. After failing the field sobriety tests on Nov. 2, Fransen was arrested and taken to the DUF center where he refused to take a breath test.

• Christopher Schmitt, 26, was arrested for loitering. Officers were called to respond to a complaint of a suspicious person in a campus parking lot at about 9:45 p.m. on Nov. 2. When police arrived, they found Schmitt ducking behind parked cars.

Television shows come alive at Skit Night

By KELLY BRYANT
Staff Writer

UCF's annual Skit Night was a success once again due to the Homecoming Board and campus organizations.

Sixteen acts performed at the UCF Arena on Nov. 13 to advocate school spirit and unity. The audience cheered the organizations as they performed skits based on popular television shows.

The theme of the event was "Prime Time Knights."

"The overall idea is for the acts to be based on television shows incorporating UCF spirit," said Mark Rothschid, Skit Night coordinator.

The skits ranged from popular television sitcoms such as "Coach" to "The Beverly Hillbillies."

Delta Delta Delta and Sigma Alpha Epsilon performed as several Saturday Night Live characters.

The UCF Surf Club performed a rendition of the Jerry Springer Show with the stereotypical talk show guests provided.

"I think Skit Night is a really cool idea," said sophomore Dave Huff. "It's obvious that the fraternities and sororities put a lot of hard work into their performance." Many acts incorporated dancing and singing into the skits. This broke up the repetitiveness of the sketches by adding cheery leavening stunts and encouraging the audience to participate.

The music also helped toiven up the audience throughout the three-hour event. A few performances exceeded their 10-minute time allotment and were forced to end their act before it was finished.

The evening also provided laughter at the expense of Eastern Michigan University.

The Homecoming Board added its own touch to the evening by performing a running skit titled "Knightro's Knowledge," which was a Jeopardy-like quiz show hosted by Johnny McNight. The categories included "This ain't no tourist attraction." The purpose of the category was to poke fun at UCF and its students.

Many organizations participated in the event.

"It's really important to get involved and show support for the school," said junior Laura Wharton, who performed in the skit for the United Residents Student Association. "When you start including yourself in things like this, you realize how much fun UCF can be."

Kappa Delta and Sigma Chi ended the evening with a parody of Beverly Hills 90210, which was a crowd favorite.
Copper pipes leach contaminants into water

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Copper pipes leach contaminants into water primarily as a result of the corrosion or wearing away of materials containing lead in the water distribution system and the building’s plumbing. These materials include lead-based solder used to join copper pipes to the water main. When water stands in lead pipes or plumbing systems containing lead for several hours or more, the lead may dissolve into your drinking water. This means the first water drawn from the tap in the morning can contain fairly high levels of lead, according to the DEP. The Water Treatment Plant tests the water for lead and copper twice a year. The first test is done during the fall semester and the second is done during the spring semester.

Mammino said the water is tested on a regular basis. "We take a sample after the water has been sitting in the line for about six hours," Mammino said. A building built before 1987 must be tested for its lead and copper level in the water regularly. In 1986, Congress banned the use of lead solder to restrict the lead content of faucets, pipes and other plumbing materials. UCF, with the assistance of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), has implemented a corrosion control system to lower the lead and copper levels. The system increases the amount of PH in the water supply to coat the copper pipes. The coating prevents the water from coming into contact with the metal. "The higher the PH, the less the water will come into contact," Mammino said. The effectiveness of the system to reduce the lead and copper levels is unknown.

"Nobody usually knows," Mammino said. "The Water Treatment Plant is monitoring the water level, but it takes a while for it to work. It could be a month or two."

The goal of the corrosion control system is to bring the copper levels in the buildings down to the EPA level of 1.3 parts per million and the lead level to .015 parts per million. The system is not designed to eliminate the lead and copper from the water.

"You're allowed to have a certain amount of copper in the water," Mammino said. If the corrosion control system cannot reduce the level of lead and copper, UCF will be required by federal law to replace the plumbing lines that leach copper into the water.

"Replacing the old pipes would be impossible," Mammino said. "UCF has taken steps to eliminate future problems with elevated lead and copper levels. "The new pipes that are being put in the buildings under construction are PVC pipes, which are made from plastic," Mammino said. Until the levels are reduced to EPA standards, the Water Treatment Plant advises students to flush the line for at least one minute before drinking or cooking with the water.

In addition, the DEP recommends to conserve water and fill a couple of containers for drinking purposes after flushing the tap.

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LEAD STORIES

- In October, Santa Cruz, Calif., attorney Jay BloomBecker began offering a weekly Plaintiff School Support Group for People in Litigation. For $15 a session, BloomBecker guides lawsuit-filers through the process while sympathizing with the anguish that caused them to litigate. "The basic problem," he told the newspaper Metro Santa Cruz, "is that people come to me not because they want money but because they're hurt."

- Another "Distinguishing Characteristic:" According to an October Reuters news report, a man who was fined for mooning German Chancellor Helmut Kohl in a political protest two years ago near Salzburg, Vienna, has decided to appeal his fine of about $357. The man has asked a court to require Kohl to come back to Vienna, take a look at the protestor's bare bottom, and certify that he was not among the moony.

- The King's Continuing Influence: Voters in Tornved, Denmark, have a chance to vote for Birger Niels Petersen as city councilman this October, an elderly woman who witnesses said never even slowed down.

- Gary L. Rider, 43, was arrest­ed for burglary in Wood River, Ill., in September after police found him in a hospital. The burg­lar had attempted to move a safe, but it fell on his hand, and his glove was found underneath it, still containing the top part of the middle finger of the burglar's left hand (which was exactly the part that Rider was missing when he reported to the hospital). Said one officer, "He admitted it. What can you do if your finger's there?"

- In August, Frederick Yuzek, 34, was convicted in Edmonton, Alberta, of mailing obscene material, namely a photograph of only his genitals. He said he intended to send it for publication in a men's magazine in order to meet women, but it wound up in the mailbox of a Calgary business­woman by mistake. And Michael E. Starks, 31, and Ginger Edwards, 28, were arrest­ed in Collinsville, Ill., in September after they were a dimensional number trying to have an escort service send a female to complete their sexual threesome. Instead, a 63-year-old Floris­bant, Mo., great-grandmother got the call, played along, arranged a meeting, and notified police.

- John and Margaret Rupp's new, $25 million mansion near Tampa, burned to the ground in May after a maid accidentally closed a kitchen cabinet door in such a way that a toaster was activated. The Rup­pels had recently made a decision not to insure the house.

QUESTIONABLE JUDGMENTS

- A recently completed work by well-known sculptor John Waddell to commemorate the 1963 Birmingham, Ala., church bombing (that killed four black girls), offered for free to several museums and churches in Birmingham, has so far been turned down by all. While other
civil rights-era statues depict police dogs and officers' brutal­ity against demonstrators, Waddell's piece shows four nude black women in a fountain, rep­resent­ing the Abdulhood the girls were never allowed to achieve. A committee of the Unitarian Universalist Church said the sculpture shows what one might see at a "slave auction." (However, the black mayor of Birmingham and the father of one of the bomb victims said they like Waddell's piece.)

- In June, Kenyon Bowie was picked up by the Court Guard after drifting 15 hours in the Atlantic Ocean on his Jet Ski, on which he had intended to ride from Fort Lauderdale to Freeport, Bahamas, about 100 miles away. (He said he lacked patience to wait for the next cruise ship.) And in August, Lawrence Tervit was picked up drifting in the English Channel after he had set out for the 30-mile trip to England from Calais, France, on a 3-4-foot wooden pallet. (He said he ran out of money in France and couldn't afford a ferry back.)

- Jamal Lou Wallace, 27, was arrested at a traffic checkpoint near Knoxville, Tenn, in July when officers found 300 pounds of marijuana in his trunk. Wallace had drawn attention to himself. (1) Said one officer, he had a "dear-caught-in-the-head­lights" look in his eyes, and (2) he had attempted to mask the marijuana smell with air freshen­ers but had used "15 to 20" of them, creating an odor that "would nearly knock you down," said the officer.

- In September in Edmonton, Alberta, a man attempting to dislodge his stuck toilet by pouring five gallons of gasoline in to dislodge a partially flushed foam toy, cre­ated enough flames to ignite a furnace pilot light, causing an explosion and $60,000 in damage. And in Hazel Park, Mich., in September, an elderly woman who could not dislodge her car because of a steering-wheel lock

placed on it by her children, tried to burn it off. She succeeded but only because the fire obliterated everything but the car's charred outer frame.

- In September, Superior, Wis., administrative law judge Charles Schafer denied unemployment benefits to June Lauer, who had quit her job at Kentucky Fried Chicken, disgusted by the preva­lence of vile language in the workplace. Schafer ruled that Lauer did not have good cause to quit because he wrote, "Use of vulgar and obscene language and terms can serve to promote group solidarity!"

FIRST THINGS FIRST

- Mary Samuel, 34, a food seller in Monrovia, Liberia, quoted in The New York Times in July supporting eventual win­ner Charles Taylor in the them­imminent national elections that were to end years of vicious civil war: "He killed my mother, and he killed my father, and I don't care -- I love Charles Charkay Taylor."

- David Ash, 21, was arrested in August in Northport, Ala, and charged with robbing a Speed­Mart. As David entered the store with a knife, he was apparently so focused on his goal that he passed right by his father, Frankie Ash, who was walking out after making a purchase. Frankie shrugged and told his wife, waiting in the car, that David was probably in a hurry to use the bathroom, but the couple watched as their son wielded the knife, grabbed the money and ran out. When David's car broke down a few minutes later, he called his par­ents for help, and they urged him to surrender, which he did. He was sentenced, relatives of the late Donald Blaul Sr., who died of cancer in July, filed a lawsuit in Detroit against his insurance company, John and Margaret Ruppel, the two season tickets to David was probably in a hurry to use the bathroom, but the couple watched as their son wielded the knife, grabbed the money and ran out. When David's car broke down a few minutes later, he called his par­ents for help, and they urged him to surrender, which he did. He was sentenced, relatives of the late Donald Blaul Sr., who died of cancer in July, filed a lawsuit in Detroit against his insurance company, John and Margaret Ruppel, the two season tickets to

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Papers and tests: who needs food and water?

BY JASON HEIRONOMUS
Opinion Editor

If you are actually trying the time to read this column as well as the whole newspaper, that probably means that you’ve got some free time on your hands. Well, congratulations! Because the rest of the student body is doing their best to get all their assigned work done.

Homecoming is over and from here it is only downhill. The problem is that it really isn’t downhill because that would suggest that it is going to get easier, not a chance. The last two and a half weeks of school are without a doubt the toughest a student will endure.

Teachers have taken this sacred oath that allows them to assign all of their hardest work during the last few days of the semester. I fail to understand this notion. While it is nice to hit a student will endure.

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This dilemma is one that has plagued students for ages. My parents have told me stories of how in their day they didn’t sleep for the last two weeks of college and devoured more than four cases of coffee, all the while playing the Beach Boys’ “Help Me Rhonda” over and over on their record player so that they wouldn’t fall asleep. Why that song? Because it was the most annoying song out there.

Anyone needing an annoying melody that will keep you up, this song will get the job done. But the question remains: why the rush at the end of the semester that seems to do more harm than good? In my efforts to do some hard research on exactly that question I asked some of UCF’s most respected professors to answer the question. Unfortunately, however, they all responded with a “no comment.” I think this reaction is a fairly good indicator of exactly what this is all about.

There is obviously some sort of conspiracy going on here concerning students and ridiculing amounts of school work. I don’t know exactly why or who, but Oliver Stone has proved to us that today would get all screwed up because they forgot what it was they were supposed to do! Just like Annie said, tomorrow is only a day away!

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A semester consists of about four months if my data is correct. In those four months students are asked to complete some assignments over a given period of time. Often, however, a student is without any serious work to do for weeks on end. It seems that the average student goes through periods where he/she has either tons of work to do or almost nothing. There is no consistency here!

This is where the average teacher will say, “But haven’t you known about these assignments all semester? Why didn’t you plan ahead?” And to this I respond: Students don’t plan ahead because it is not in their nature. Just like it is not in a horse’s nature to fly, or a chair’s to talk, or a teacher’s to be more prepared! If students were always planning ahead than they would lose track of what they were supposed to do at that moment. They would be so busy thinking about tomorrow that today would get all screwed up because they forgot what it was they were supposed to do! Just like Annie said, tomorrow is only a day away!

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Revelers get wet to display their spirit

By GWEN R. RHODES
Staff Writer

Thigh high, cold water greeted those who dared to join the revelers in the Reflecting Pond on Nov. 14 at UCF’s Homecoming pep rally, the Spirit Splash.

For students who participated, the rewards were worth it as members of the Campus Activity Board and the Student Government Association showers them with various spirit items: pennants, Frisbees, cups, golf towels and a Knightro doll.

Senior Craig Williams, who has participated in the pep rally for the last three years had high praise for the event.

"The water was cold, but worth it as it’s all about being number one and supporting the school," Williams said.

In addition to the spirited crowd in the Reflecting Pond, many preferred to sit around it and chant the school cheer. Other students stopped to observe the pandemonium, while a few found themselves carried into the chilly waters by friends.

Sophomore Jen Reardon said the Spirit Splash represents the spirit and growing student involvement in UCF campus activities.

"I chose to attend UCF because it is a smaller, friendlier school," Reardon said.

"The pep rally this year is bigger and better than last year. There is more involvement from independent organizations whereas before it seemed that it was only the sororities and fraternities involved. "You have an advantage when it comes to getting the free handouts because they mostly throw them to the people in the water, plus it’s more fun to be in the water."

Reardon, who as a non-swimmer chose not to get in the pond this year due to the higher depth than last year. The Spirit Splash featured the local band Average Joe, the UCF Marching Band, dancers, cheerleaders, football players, Knightro and Glycerine. Also on hand was WJRR, which is a local radio station.

In addition, the pep rally whipped up support for the UCF versus Auburn basketball game by including UCF's basketball team for the first time in 18 years.

Homecoming was special for Chris Gonzalez, director of the pride and tradition committee and a member of the Homecoming Court, by the arrival of his parents Judy and Rod Gonzalez of Tamarac, Fla.

"It's my first time working at the pep rally," Gonzalez said. "I hope to get wet before it's over. That's part of the fun of it. This pep rally is definitely bigger and better than the past three years. We're definitely showing everyone that we're flat out better in every aspect."

Skit night:
A student, acting as UCF bike patrol, "pulled over" a car as part of a performance at Skit Night on Nov. 13.

Crowd surfer
Fans surfed the crowd during the Homecoming concert, which featured Jonny Lang and Blues Traveler.

King and Queen
Chris Davis and Jill Balboni were named 1997 Homecoming King and Queen during the halftime show on Nov. 15.

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by PETER KUNDIS

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I think Homecoming is an event that honors the Alumni of UCF. I also think that it’s a time to celebrate the school.
— Gregg Arent, Junior, Health Service Administration, Jupiter.

To help keep the spirit alive among the students here at UCF. It also brings the students together in support of their school.
— Erin Hudson, Sophomore, Communication Disorders, Tampa.

Homecoming is a time/event to unite all of the students to celebrate our school tradition, and not to mention.... to PARTY!!!
— Jean Marie Nguyen, Senior, Micro/Molecular Biology, Sarasota.

I believe it is a tradition of the university that helps to enhance school spirit and unity among the students.
— Linette Niles, Sophomore, Business Administration, Orlando.

It’s an attempt to increase student involvement and pride through all of the activities during the week. By Friday the school will be overcome with high spirit. GO UCF! GO KNIGHTS!
— Melissa A. Rivera, Senior, Spanish, San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Homecoming is also a week filled with student activities aimed at raising school spirit. It’s a chance for students to come together and create a common bond and enjoy the activities designed for Homecoming Week.
— Dave Wilson, Junior, Radio/TV, Jupiter.
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Bean conquers America in theaters nationwide

By GARY ROEN
Staff Writer

Rowan Atkinson is Bean in the hilarious new movie titled "Bean." The character of Mr. Bean was first introduced on British television and later episodes were shown worldwide. In America the show has been a big hit on public television stations throughout the nation. All that is, except Orlando. But not to fear, episodes are available at most video stores.

The beauty of the show is that the comedy has always taken a

simple premise for each episode and blown it way out of propor­tion. For instance in one show Bean begins the skit at a putt putt golf center, hits the ball outside the establishment and plays it wherever it lands including a bus, a woman's grocery bag, and numerous other locations before he returns to the course to sink the putt, then count his outra-

gious score.

The movie is a bit different from the show because for the first time we, the audience, hear Bean really talk and learn that he works at an art museum. What exactly he does is not really cer­
tain but the staff of the museum decides to volunteer Bean to travel to America to supervise the unveiling of the original painting of "Whistler's Mother" that has been purchased by a secret buyer who is to put the painting on display in a gallery in the United States.

The fun really begins when the Americans call him a brilliant doctor of art while the screen shows Bean clowning around as his passport photos are being taken. Two of the routines he has done before, but they are still just as funny if not funnier because they are on the big screen.

In certain places Bean is also reminiscent of two Peter Sellers characters: Chancy the gardener in "Being There" whose state­

ments were believed to be so profound even though he was a simple caretaker, and Closeau of the "Pink Panther" films.

There are the familiar faces of Peter Macnicol from "Chicago Hope" and "Ally McBeal," Burt Reynolds in a cameo and Pamela Reed of "Kindergarten Cop," "Cadillac Man," and "Passed Away" who add to the comical story.

One of the best scenes is when Macnicol is called away to a meeting and tells Bean, who is standing in front of the painting not to do anything while Macnicol is gone. Of course Bean does exactly the opposite that sets up the rest of the film.

Overall, Bean is a delightful farcical excursion of entertain­

ment and you don't have to be a fan of the show to enjoy the film.
Blues Traveler ends Homecoming on musical note

By JENNIFER HANLON
Staff Writer

What do 50,000 college students, beer and a blues band have in common? It was all a part of UCF Homecoming. Blues Traveler performed at the Orlando Citrus Bowl on Nov. 15 after the UCF vs. Eastern Michigan football game.

Sixteen-year-old Johnny Lang performed prior to Blues Traveler in front of thousands of people and amazed them with some of the most innovative blues guitar riffs in recent years.

Freshman Chrissy Holtman did not enjoy Lang's performance. "Johnny Lang and his band played longer than they should have," Holtman said.

Blues Traveler was to perform at 8 p.m. but was delayed until 9:30 p.m. There was a fireworks display before Johnny Lang's performance and clips from other music groups were played throughout the stadium to keep the impatient crowd from losing control.

Several students enjoyed the concert, including freshman Lindsey Miska. "The crowd was so pumped up after a victory by the football team, which made the concert much more exciting," Miska said.

The Blues Traveler opened the show with a crowd pleaser "But Anyway," this caused an immediate crowd frenzy. The field was packed with thousands of students and concert goers were dancing, crowd surfing and trying to build a human pyramid on the field in front of the stage.

The band played some of their newer material from the "Straight On Till Morning" CD including "Carolina Blues" and "Most Precarious."

Blues Traveler's vocalist John Popper, who is one of the world's most respected harmonica players in pop music, created an all-around buzz for the fans. John Popper is extremely talented and sounded really good in concert, Claudette Vega said when asked about the concert.

One of the crowd favorites was Blues Traveler's rendition of "The Devil Went Down To Georgia." He also played, "Run-around," and "Hook."

The fans went crazy at the sound of those older tunes.

Freshman Melissa Cowgill said this year's Homecoming will lead to bigger and better ones in the future. "I had a great time at the concert," Cowgill said. "Everyone was in good spirits. They were crowd surfing and cheering. It was definitely a good time."

The Blues Traveler efficiently wrapped up UCF's 1997 Homecoming. This will set precedents for bigger and better bands for future Homecomings."
Minority students receive doctorates

By COLLEGE PRESS SERVICE

WASHINGTON — A record number of minority people earned doctorates at American universities, according to a new study by the National Research Council.

Black, Hispanic, Asian and American Indian students received 3,547 Ph.D.s in 1996, up from 3,517 in 1995. The number of doctoral degrees awarded to American minority students rose in each ethnic group, except for Asian Americans.

Black Americans received 1,315 doctorates last year, while American Indians earned 186, Puerto Ricans earned 251 Ph.D.s, Mexican Americans, 282; and other Hispanics, 417.

White Americans earned slightly fewer Ph.D.s in 1996—23,956 down from 23,920 in 1995. The same was true of Asian Americans, who received 1,091 doctorates last year, compared with 1,140 in 1995.

Women also earned more doctorates. Women accounted for about 40 percent of the degrees awarded in 1996, earning 16,945 degrees, up from 16,414 in 1995. Women earned doctorates in one engineering, while they earned doctorates in the physical sciences and life sciences in 1996 — 12,012 in 1995.

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By VICKI DESORMIER
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Burley catches on quickly, steadily for Knights

By JEFF CASE
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Knights bidding for sixth TAAC crown

By JEFF CASE
Staff Writer

When it comes to the TAAC tournament, UCF volleyball coach Laura Smith does not worry about overconfidence.

"I don't believe we are overconfident, just prepared [for the TAAC tournament]," said Smith, whose Knights are ranked 29th in the latest AVCA/USA Today poll. UCF will try to win its sixth consecutive TAAC title this weekend.

"When you're healthy like we have been all year, when you train well like we do and you have a good record, all that comes into play with being well prepared," Smith said.

Coming off a 1-1 weekend at the Oral Roberts University Showdown, the Knights are looking to the weekend tournament for their 26th and 27th wins in 29 games.

Smith said the challenge facing the Knights is preventing the upset of a dynasty.

"I believe as far as talent, we have the best team in the tournament," Smith said. "But as far as the tournament goes, it raises the level of emotion of all the other teams competing. The other teams want to be the one to break our [possibility] sixth consecutive conference title. I think it really adds to the emotional level and I think the [TAAC] teams should use the emotion of wanting to beat us for motivation."

UCF and Georgia State University, the No. 1 and No. 2 seeds, respectively, will receive a first round bye in the tournament. Samford University (No. 3 seed), Troy State University (No. 4), Florida Atlantic University (No. 5) and Campbell University (No. 6) round out the remaining seeds.

UCF has a 2-0 record against those opponents, both coming against FAU. Although the Knights have not faced the remaining five this year, it is not any of UCF's doing.

"If I were a TAAC coach [at anywhere but] UCF, I would do all I could to schedule UCF as much as possible," Smith said. "These coaches in the conference choose not to do that, and I honestly think they pay for that each year in the tournament."

Samford coach Malinda Ashcraft said tournament appearances help build her program's foundation.

"I want to thank the fans for coming out and supporting us," said Jones, who also paced the Knights with 11 rebounds and two steals. "I think that was the biggest crowd ever at UCF, and they really did give us an extra push. I'm glad they came out and supported us."

While Jones was slowed by constant double teams, junior Brad Traina stepped up following a forgettable first half. Traina nailed four three-point baskets and finished with 14 in the second half, and 18 in the game. Traina scored UCF's first eleven points of the second half, and nailed the three-point-shot to pull UCF to within two with under a minute to play.

"I never lost confidence even though I was shooting poorly early," said Traina. "In the second half I just started feeling it. We played hard, maybe got a little tired at times, possibly lost focus on a couple of possessions, and we can't do that against teams like this."

Auburn was led by a pair of freshmen, guard Scott Pohlman and forward Randy Hughes, who combined for 37 points and 13 rebounds for head coach Cliff Ellis, who notched his 400th career victory. The Tigers, who were blown out in their opener against Temple 68-42, did just enough to win, Ellis said.

"It was loud, we were on the road, and they wanted this game," Ellis said. "They pointed to this game for three and a half weeks, while we pointed to Temple for three weeks and pointed to Central Florida on the airplane and yesterday. That's what's good about this win, not taking anything away from UCF. We had one day to get ready, and we did the job."

The Knights now point to another SEC opponent, taking on Florida late Tuesday, before coming back home to face McNeese State on Thursday night. UCF did some promising things in their debut, and look to capitalize on the season for the year.

"I was very proud of our effort from beginning to end, and I was impressed with our poise at the beginning when we got in a hole," said Sparaw. "We didn't get shook and just stayed with things. Obviously from then it was an uphill battle. We made more critical turnovers in the game, and we've got to handle that a little better."

Executive Director

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Knights are hoping for a happy ending

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much, and Charlie Batch would take us and jive and go for 26.5. It runs for a 75-yard touchdown. It wasn’t maybe as spectacular as

"There's no way to escape from our defense because if I don't get you, one of my teammates will get you," said McDowell. "We noticed from the game on how he runs for a touchdown, an interception and was sacked four times. The interception, by junior cornerback Reginald Doster, was UCF’s sixth game out of its last seven with at least one pickoff.

UCF coach Gene McDowell said Batch’s performance was not what he had seen on film. "I got a good feel on what type of quarterback he is because [UCF defensive coordinator] Mike [Kruczek] [offensive coordinator] decided what the first play would be in the game, and I told him I liked it.

"It was a heck of a call," said McDowell. "It’s a game that nobody is ever going to forget. We’re in the Top 25.

Senior defensive end Jermaine Benoit said holding the Eagles to two sacks gives "it was a close game in a lot of ways and having the crowd there helped." Incidentally, Friday’s men’s basketball opener against Auburn drew 3,814, the largest UCF Arena crowd in school histo-

Our chances of winning next week. It’s a definite advantage to play at home," said McDowell. "If you have fans on your side, you get a lot of encouragement from the fans, and it will be a very diffi-

"I think the bigger the crowd the better our chances of winning next week. It’s a definite advantage to play at home," said McDowell. "If the crowd noise is a factor..."
Rockets' offense a one-two punch

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Mark Herrois and linebacker Jamie Johnson anchor a strong unit and have both established themselves as solid NFL prospects. "This game is one that nobody is going to pick us to win. They are probably three touchdown favorites against us," said coach Gene McDowell. "Obviously they have an outstanding team, and it will be a very difficult game for us to win."

Many individuals will be the story in the finale. Culpepper needs only 133 yards to reach 3,000 for the season, while throwing for 188 would pass Darin Slack's school record of 3,054 passing yards in a single season. Completing 24 passes would surpass Shane Willis' completion record of 230 set in 1988, while three passing touchdowns would break Slack and Darin Hinshaw's school mark of 26. Junior wideout Seth Burley needs nine catches for 119 yards to break school records in those categories for a single season, while Mike Grant needs three touchdowns to break Bret Cooper's school mark of 15 in one year.

Still, the team goal would be to keep intact the streak of undefeated home finales, which currently stands at eight. "We need to set the stage for next year's football team. We need to have a good off season," said McDowell. "Not that we'd have a poor off season if we lose this game but historically we always end on a positive note.".

Athletic Director considers move

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Sloan was unavailable for comment and was expected to be back in Orlando on Monday night.

Sloan came to UCF in July 1993, and has been credited with the school's rise into Division I-A football and the strength of the women's athletic programs.

"I sure hope he doesn't leave," football coach Gene McDowell said. "He would be a very hard man to replace."

Women's cross country has best ever finish

UCF women's cross country ended the season with it's highest finish in school history at the NCAA District IX Regionals at the University of Samford on Nov. 15.

The Knights placed 14th overall and had three runners place in the top 100. Anna Panaggio was the top finisher for UCF coming in 45th with a time of 18:39 in the 5,000 meters. Following her was April Vitoria (19:26) in 90th place and Stephanie Cameron (19:41) who finished 97th.

At a Glance

What:
Nov. 22, Toledo Rockets at Central Florida Knights, Noon.

Where:
Florida Citrus Bowl

Stadium Capacity:
70,188

Head Coaches:
Toledo: Gary Pinkel is 50-24-3 in seventh year with the Rockets.
UCF: Gene McDowell is 9-12 in his second year in Division I with the Knights.

Series:
First meeting.

Media:
Radio Only, WINZ 740 AM

Notes:
The Rockets (9-1) were ranked as high as No. 19 in the country before falling to Ball State, 35-5. ... Toledo began the season 8-0, including an opening day victory over Purdue. The Boilermakers have lost only one game since and are ranked in the top 25. UCF goes to Purdue next season on Sept. 19, 1998. ... The Rockets are led by junior quarterback Chris Wallace, who is 203 of 372 for 2,500 yards, 24 touchdowns and eight interceptions. ... Running back Dwayne Harris already has 1,000 yards (1,173) and has 10 rushing touchdowns. ... Toledo rushed for 216 and passed for 220 in its 42-10 thumping of Akron. ... On average, the Rockets outgain their opponents 188 to 128 yards on the ground. ... Punt returner Jameel Turner is averaging over 10.3 yards per return. ... The Knights (4-6) are outgained by their opponents 126 to 135 on the ground. ... Despite a more difficult schedule, UCF averages more points a game (34 to 32.5) than Toledo. The Rockets allow fewer points, however (20 to 28.6). ... Quarterback Daunte Culpepper, who could be playing in his final game as a Knight, needs 133 yards for the first 3,000 season of his collegiate career. Culpepper is now third in I-A in total offense with 3,000 yards a game. ... Running back Mike Grant is only two rushing touchdowns shy of Marquette Smith's single-season mark of 14. ... Senior defensive end Jermaine Benoit needs seven sacks to become the first lineman with 100 stops or more in school history. Benoit also leads UCF with 8.5 sacks and 12 tackles for loss. ... A senior has led the Knights in tackles eight of 10 games this year.

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The best way to end a big football season is to do a little slammin’!
Near upset ushers in new era for men's basketball

By TONY MEJIA
Staff Writer

With less than 7 minutes remaining in the game, EMU quarterback Charlie Batch had led the Eagles to the UCF 44-yard line and was facing a fourth-and-3. It was the sort of opportunity senior defensive end Mike Osuna said the defense had been waiting for.

"We were thinking the whole week we have to keep pressure on him," Osuna said. "We were talking in the bubble, 'we have to stop him now. We stop him now, we win the game.' All of our adrenaline was pumping and we have to get it done on that play." The defense came through, with Osuna sacking Batch for an 8-yard loss. EMU turned the ball over and UCF added a late fourth-quarter score to win, 27-10.

Osuna said EMU's 44-percent third down and 100-percent fourth-down conversion rates in the first half motivated the defense to make the fourth-quarter stand.

"When we came in at halftime, we were talking about stopping them on money downs, the third and fourth downs," said Osuna, who finished with three tackles. "We'd rush too..."

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Knights look for breakthrough win against Toledo Rockets

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As UCF closes its second season in I-A, one final obstacle looms in its path. After completing arguably the most important, and for the most part successful, season in school history, the Golden Knights close their 9-7 campaign by hosting the Toledo Rockets, a team ranked No. 19 in the country in both polls only two weeks ago.

Following impressive performances against three teams currently ranked in the top 15 (Nebraska, Auburn, Mississippi State), UCF has one final, quality opponent left. For the Knights it's one final opportunity to raise an eyebrow and make a statement.

In Toledo, a team that could very well be bowl bound, UCF gets one final chance at the breakthrough that this program has been seeking since its inception into Division I-A. For those playing in their final games, it's chance to put an exclamation point on their careers.

"As seniors, we decided we've wanted to step it up as leaders and play real well for our last two home games," said defensive end Jamil McWhorter. "For one, the defensive unit has taken a little bit of criticism for giving up as many points as we have, and we want to go out strong.

Toledo certainly won't roll over for the Knight defense, especially with junior quarterback Chris Wallace at the helm. Wallace has put up Duante Culpepper-like numbers this season, completing 203 of 372 passes for 2,500 yards.

He's matched Culpepper's 24 touchdowns and passes, and has thrown only eight interceptions. Equally as impressive is his mobility, coming in as Toledo's second leading rusher with 240 yards.

Toledo is as adept running the ball as it is passing thanks to the prowess of senior running back Dwayne Harris. Harris has carried 224 times for 1,173 yards and 10 touchdowns. In fact, Harris has carried for more rushing yards than the entire UCF offense. Wideouts Brock Kretzberg and freshman Mel Long provide capable targets for Wallace, with Long leading the Rockets with 40 receptions.

Defensively, safety Kirk Osuna is certainly a force of nature, answering an incredible 44-percent of Snaps this season.

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FROM the SPORTS desk

Daunte to announce future plans next week

UCF junior quarterback Daunte Culpepper will announce whether he will forgo his senior year and enter the 1998 NFL Draft at a press conference on Nov. 24.

Culpepper, on track to break nearly every passing record in school history should he stay for his senior year, figures to be one of the top quarterbacks taken should he enter this season. However, it is widely rumored that it would be beneficial if he stays for another year of collegiate competition.

"If Daunte knew he would be a first-round draft pick next year, he has a decision to make," said coach Gene McDowell. "But he would be throwing money away if he came out this year with out being a high draft pick."

Bria signs point guard

Women's basketball coach Lynn Bria announced the signing of Rhonda Oten on Nov. 17.

Oten, a 5-foot-8 guard from Georgetown, Texas and Georgetown High School, averaged 12.3 points and 7.2 assists per game her junior year. She was named all-district her sophomore year and junior year and earned all-regional and all-state honors as a junior.

"Rhonda comes from an established winning program and will be a valuable addition to our team," said Bria, who has eight first-year players this season. "She is a fundamentally sound point guard and her skills should allow her to make the quick impact we will need from her next year."

Oten has lettered in cross country, basketball and track, including qualifying for the Texas State Cross Country Meet twice. She is a member of the National Honor Society and has earned academic all-district three times.

Nnakwe signs with men's team

Men's basketball coach Kirk Speraw announced the signing of Normal (Ill.) Community High School standout Ikechi Nnakwe (Eye-Kay Knock-way) on Nov. 11.

Nnakwe, a 6-foot-5, 225-pound forward, averaged 10 points and eight rebounds per game for NHCS last year as a junior.

"We are excited to have Ikechi join our basketball team family," Speraw said. "He is a man of great character and comes from an outstanding family. Ikechi will be a great addition to this university."

Oral Roberts snaps UCF's streak

Despite a 34-kill and 16 dig effort by Renata Menchikova, Oral Roberts held the University of Central Florida volleyball team to four games (17-19, 15-10, 15-13, 15-13) on Nov. 14 at the ORU Showdown Classic in Tulsa, Okla.

Tyra Harper had a season-high 30 kills, 21 digs and added nine blocks. UCF (25-2) defeated Arkansas Little-Rock on Nov. 15 and will play in the Trans America Atlantic Conference Championship at the TAAC West Division winner on Nov. 21-22. The Knights end the regular season at South Florida on Nov. 29.

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