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World-renowned clay artist conducts workshop at UCF

By ANN BOROWSKI
Staff Writer

The UCF Art Gallery overflowed with students, faculty and art lovers on Nov. 13. They were there to catch a glimpse of world-renowned clay artist, Peter Voulkos.

"This is a rich moment in history for the art department," said Steve Lotz, UCF Art Gallery coordinator.

Voulkos, 73, is widely regarded as the father of post-war ceramics. He is best known for his innovative approach to clay and his influence on the art world.

Clay artist Peter Voulkos held a workshop on ceramic sculpture Nov. 14.

Carnival offered relief from stress, a boost for school spirit

By NATALIE NATALE
Staff Writer

Although classes were canceled for Veteran’s Day, students showed up on campus to escape from the stresses of mid-term exams at the Homecoming Carnival on Nov. 11. The carnival was sponsored by the Campus Activities Board and funded by the Activities and Service Fee.

The carnival offered rides, booths and food.

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Lack of funds hurts School of Communications

By OLIVIA K. CURNOW
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The $14.6 million building for the School of Communication (SOC) is scheduled to open in January. Landscaping has already begun and sewage 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.

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 leftover 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.

“I will never be enough,” said Maggie LeClair, SOC office manager. “It 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 ad

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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 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.

The architect made his mark with the recurring "wave" seen on the outside and inside of the building. The "wave" is meant to represent the communication wave of radio and television. It is seen on the outside of the building and is made of brick. 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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Voulkos is a master of Abstract Expressionism,” said Rose Silvka, 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’ 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 artisans 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.

Students enjoyed cotton candy, rides

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Sweet Retreat’s ice cream were served. Also, Loco’s Pub and the arena’s concessions sold food.

The rides offered students a chance to retreat from the everyday grind of classes. Some students released the stress of school by crashing into oncoming vehicles on the bumper cars, while other students opted for tamer rides.

“I enjoyed a relaxing, peaceful ride on the ferris wheel,” said junior Julia Montgomery. “I like to see it again.”

At one point, Doug Welch, Homecoming spirit committee member, threw UCF towels from the top of the ferris wheel. Members of the Homecoming committee drove around campus inviting students to the carnival.

“This is an effective way to spread spirit around school,” said Jason Lewis, director of marketing for the Homecoming committee.

SHE 100.3 was on-hand to provide music and T-shirts for the event. Cotton candy and...
By ANNEMARIE MONTALI
Staff Writer

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 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 Building on Oct. 14 at about 9 a.m. When she returned after her class at 9:50 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 Arlen Tirell 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 a 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. Fingerprints 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 Osceola 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 Negueondelesteg, 19, reported his backpack stolen. Negueondelesteg left his backpack on the sideline 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 fire state 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 Pacetti, 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 defendant 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 DUI center where he refused to take a breath test.

- Christopher Schmitt, 26, was arrested for disordering. 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.

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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 as they performed skits based on television shows incorporating UCF spirit, said Mark Rothschild, 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 Huft. "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-leadings and encouraging the audience to participate.

The music also helped to liven 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 theme to the event by offering a running skit titled "Knightro's Knowledge," which was a Jeopardy-like quiz show hosted by Johnny McKnight. The categories included things that aren't a tourist attraction. The purpose of the category was to poke fun at UCF and its students.

Students danced to the "Cotton Eye Joe" at Skit Night and competed, along with many other organizations, for a Spirit Cup during Homecoming week. Organizations performed skits from popular sitcoms at Skit Night on Nov. 13.
Copper pipes leach contaminants into water

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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. Mammino explained why the water is contaminated.

When water sits in the line for a while, the copper leaches into it, Mammino said. The biggest problem is after the weekend, when the water has been sitting. The DEP explained further. The lead enters the drinking 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 into 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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Never enough money

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great if I learn digital at the university," she said.

Davis recognizes how quickly technology changes.

"Communication will never win a technological race with business," Davis said.

We're buying computers that are going to be outdated in a year. That's how fast technology is moving," Courtney Lewis, a 1997 graduate from the Ad/PR program, believes not having the appropriate facilities hurt his education.

"I don't feel the degree that I earned prepared me for the real world," he said. "A lot of the work in my field is computer-based and the computers we used were inadequate."
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 moaning 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 moaners.

- The King's Continuing Influence: Voters in Copenhagen, Denmark, have a chance to vote for Birger Niels Petersen as city councilman this month and possibly enjoy a payoff on his campaign promises: to rename the Boulevards and the town hall plaza in his honor. A Fell's Point woman commented: (1) Said one officer, he had attempted to mask the marijuana smell with air freshener; and (2) he had called his parents after he passed right by his father. Frankie Ash, who was walking out after making a purchase, shouted "I love Charles Chuckay Taylor." "David Ash, 21, was arrested in August in Northport, Ala., and charged with robbing a Speed Mart. As David entered the store with a knife, he was apparently so focused on his goal that he killed my mother, and I don't care -- I love Charles Chuckay Taylor."

- Jamaal Lou Wallace, 27, was arrested at a traffic checkpoint near Knoxville, Tenn., in July when officers found 39 pounds of marijuana in his trunk. Wallace had drawn attention to himself: (1) Said one officer, he had attempted to mask the marijuana smell with air freshener; and (2) he had called his parents after he passed right by his father. Frankie Ash, who was walking out after making a purchase, shouted "I love Charles Chuckay Taylor." "David Ash, 21, was arrested in August in Northport, Ala., and charged with robbing a Speed Mart. As David entered the store with a knife, he was apparently so focused on his goal that he killed my mother, and I don't care -- I love Charles Chuckay Taylor."

- In September, an elderly woman killed my father, and I don't care -- I love Charles Chuckay Taylor."

- David's car broke down a few minutes later, he called his parents for help, and they urged him to surrender, which he did. "Can you do this for your finger's there?"

- In August, Frederick Yuzyk, 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 delayed a weighty number trying to have an escort service send a female to complete their sexual threesome. Instead, a 63-year-old Florissant, Mo., great-grandmother got the call, played along, arranged a meeting, and notified police.

- John and Margaret Ruppel's new, $3.5 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 to not insure the house.

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BY JASON HEIRONIMUS
Opinion Editor

If you are actually taking the time to read this column as well as the whole newspaper, most 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 the books and go through the majority of the out/But I get up again/ You ain’t a student is without any serious problems in four months stu-

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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 Spirit Splash 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 showered them with various spirit items: pennants, Frisbees, cups, golf towels and a Knightro doll.

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

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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 Glycine. 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.

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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 Nino, Sophomore, Business Administration, Ontario.

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.
**Comics**

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It is amazing to me how often all these companies call. I guess it shouldn't be thought, I mean, they are phone companies after all. But they've caught me at an extremely vulnerable time right now. I just got dumped so every time I phone rings I think it's an ex. Yeah, searching through my phone book... I've got it!

Of course, it never is her. Always a dumped phone company. But if I'm lucky, it'll be a coupon on the line. Then I can persuade that it's my girlfriend wanting the book.

Fortunately I have a job to get covered in.

Sometimes I pretend the calls are superheroes fighting to run my life. And then I'll just go with it.

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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 outrageous 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 certain 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 statements were believed to be so profound even though he was a simple caretaker, and Clooney 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 entertainment and you don't have to be a fan of the show to enjoy the film.

UCF graduate shines through science fiction novel

BY GARY ROEN Staff Writer

Elisabeth Devos is a shining example of someone who graduated from this university to go on to bigger and better things. Devos is the author of the science fiction novel The Seraphim Rising (Roe $5.99 215 pages). Six aliens land on the planet with a mission. Later video cult hero Harry Chen tells the world he is the messiah here to save it. As it turns out he is the most unlikely candidate for the job. He has a lot of convincing to do before anyone believes his words.

Devos' story moves along in a fast pace and is great reading. She is also playing with many concepts and does it very well. Devos, a newcomer to the field of science fiction, has a lot to say and is sure to please anyone who wants to read great science fiction.

The Seraphim Rising is an entertaining first novel that launches a talented new writer in the field. Devos is a name to look forward to more exciting novels in the future.

The Death of Cousin Rose, by Jonathan Harrington (Write Way Publishing; $19.95 215 pages). Harrington, a former English professor at UCF, has written a very fine mystery with interesting characters and settings.

Danny O'Flaherty travels to Ireland. While there his cousin Rose is killed. He finds the body and is immediately suspected of killing her. He must prove his innocence and find the real killer.

Harrington has written a delightful tale that is a joy to read. His writing is clear and the book was filled with charming characters who make the book even more enjoyable.

Harrington is also the author of the wonderful collection of essays titled Tropical Son (New Tech Publications; $9.95 133 pages). They are about nature and animals.
Blues Traveler and Johnny Lang took the stage after UCF celebrates a triumphant Homecoming win over Eastern Michigan.

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 innovated 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 Travelers rendition of "The Devil Went Down To Georgia." He also played, "Run-around," and "Hook."

The fans went crazy at the sound of these 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 more doctorates

By COLLEGE PRESS SERVICE

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

Black, Hispanic, Asian and American Indian students received 3,542 Ph.D.s in 1996, up from 3,517 in 1995. The number of doctoral degrees awarded to minority American 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 1,054 doctorates, compared with 1,100 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 outnumbered men in education and in social sciences. In the humanities, women earned nearly as many Ph.D.s as men; 2,544 women compared with 2,572 men.

Men dominated in engineering, the physical sciences and life sciences. Men, for example, earned 5,529 Ph.D.s in engineering, while women received 776.

The National Research Council's final report, "Summary Report 1996: Doctorate Recipients from United States Universities," will be available in late December and early January. Copies of the report will be available at no charge from the Doctorate Records Project, Office of Academic and Engineering Personnel, National Research Council, 2101 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room 2706, Washington, D.C. 20418, or by e-mail at phd-survey@nas.edu.

Berlin University to offer class on Princess Diana

BERLIN — When two academies at Berlin's Free University planned a new lecture course on Princess Diana, they never imagined they'd create a media frenzy for themselves, they say.

But at the first lecture in early November, reporters outnumbered students in the 164-seat auditorium.

The lecture series, called "Myths and Politicians: Diana, From the Princess of Wales to the Queen of Hearts," takes the questions about Diana's Aug. 31 death and the intense media attention that followed it to the classroom, says its creators, professors Sabine Bergbahn and Sigrid Kojaka.

"The University in particular seemed to be the appropriate place to reflect on current events that affect the public," stated the professors.

The professors explained the professors' wish to pay the second semester tuition of his freshman year (which would be spring of 1999) in December of 1999 and do the same thing with his second semester tuition in 1999. He would use the credit for the years 1998 and 1999. The credit amount is calculated per student. So if a family has a freshman and a Sophomore in college it could use the HOPE scholarship credit for each child for a total credit of $3,000 per year.

In order to claim the HOPE credit, a student must be enrolled in a degree or certificate program and carry at least half of the normal full-time course load for at least one semester during the year. The student may take less than one-half load for the other semester.

The Lifetime Learning Credit allows a credit of 20 percent of qualified tuition expenses paid by an individual for any year the HOPE credit is not claimed for a student. This credit is available for the first $5,000 of tuition paid (maximum credit of $1,000) until the year 2003 when the amount eligible for the credit increases to $10,000 (maximum credit of $2,000). The maximum allowed is calculated per taxpayer. So if a family has a freshman and a Sophomore in college it could use the HOPE scholarship credit for each child for a total credit of $3,000 per year.

Martha, who launched her own home page this fall, can show you how to make a Turkey dinner from little more than grosgrain ribbons, glue and oak leaves. Not only will the runner class up your Thanksgiving table, but time spent making it should provide the perfect excuse to avoid studying. Visit the Martha Stewart's site at www.msshewart.com.

A virtual Thanksgiving

If you're spending Thanksgiving without Mom's home cooking, don't despair. You'll find tips on preparing the perfect Thanksgiving meal, including turkey and all the trimmings, on the Internet.

There are a few sites to help prepare your own holiday:

* Enroll in a crash course on turkey cooking at Butterball University. The Butterball Turkey website at www.butterball.com offers a seven-week course on how to prepare the bird of your dreams. By Thanksgiving, you'll have the lowdown on thawing, stuffing, roasting, garnishing, and preparing leftovers. Just keep in mind this is a non-credit course, for once, the only cramming you'll need to do may involve finding space for a 20-pound bird in your tiny refrigerator.

* Who better to turn to than domestic goddess Martha Stewart for a few tasty tips on how to put modern Mary on your Thanksgiving table. In fact, if you're looking for a dinner more from the point of view of family bickering.

* If you're one of those rare birds who think there's more to Thanksgiving than just the food, then visit the Politics Project, www.arielowel.net/thanksgiving/talk.htm. The site contains a touching selection of stories that shows how those families came to America.

Breaks await students in new tax law

By WENDY E. MAHOU, CPA

College Press Service

Students get some breaks in the new tax law. All of these are effective for the 1998 tax year but should be considered now as part of your educational financial planning.

Two tax credits are available for qualifying individuals for tuition expenses. The HOPE scholarship credit provides a maximum tax credit of $1,500 per student for each of the first two years of college. More specifically, it allows for a 100 percent credit per student for the first $1,000 of tuition paid and a 50 percent credit for the second $1,000 of tuition paid.

The HOPE credit can only be elected for two tax years with respect to one student. It is available for tuition expenses in an academic period beginning during the same tax year or com-

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Injured TCU football player denied employee status

By MARCO BUSCAGLIA
College Press Service

Kent Waldrep says he feels like a discarded employee. He says he did everything his boss asked of him, sacrificed himself for the good of the group and never questioned his superiors.

Then when he was seriously injured, he was cut loose. Waldrep was never paid a wage in injured, he was cut loose.

Unfortunately for Waldrep, a Texas state district court jury disagreed. Jurors rejected Waldrep's claim that he was ever a TCU employee, therefore denying him full coverage as a disabled employee.

Waldrep was never paid a wage for his services. His "job" was to play football at Texas Christian University, and his injury happened during a 1974 game against Alabama. Now the 43-year-old wants the TCU to treat him like any of its other employees by providing him with medical and disability insurance. Waldrep filed a lawsuit against the school, seeking full coverage as a disabled employee.

Waldrep has argued that he and his teammates received financial compensation in the form of scholarships, room and board and $10 a month for expenses. He also said TCU football players received "shoe money" throughout their college careers.

"We'd find $100 or something in our shoes in our lockers after practice," he said. "No one made a big deal of it. It was just money for the athletes. Kind of like getting paid in cash by your boss."

Still, Waldrep says he knows people don't often sympathize with college football players.

"I can't say I'm surprised at what the jury did because that's the way people view college athletes, even athletes in general," Waldrep said. "They want to think you're doing everything for the love of the game, but that's really not the case. "People want to say you're just an amateur athlete. But look at the big business of college sports," he added. "It's huge -- millions of dollars. And like it or not, that business is driven by the student-athlete."

TCU officials say they have no comment on Waldrep's claims or the trial.

Meanwhile, Waldrep continues to argue that college athletes have little protection against career-ending or life-hampering injuries.

"These athletes are the horses pulling the carts. They're the ones doing all the work, making all the money," Waldrep said. "If they get hurt, they get nothing. It's like 'Thanks for playing for us, but we can't use you anymore, so good-bye.'"

In 1993, The Texas Worker's Compensation Commission gave Waldrep $70 a month in benefits after they decided the former football player was a TCU employee at the time of his injury. Texas Employers Insurance Association, TCU's insurance company, refused to pay the monthly fee, and Waldrep eventually sued to get back the $70 and more.

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By VICKI DESORMIER
Staff Writer

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Burley catches on quickly, steadily for Knights

By JEFF CASE
Staff Writer

UCF coach Gene McDowell says the success of junior college transfer Shaha Burley is easy to understand.

"If you're a quarterback, and you have two receivers wide open, who are you going to throw to?" said McDowell.

The answer is simple. "You throw to the one who you know can catch it, not the one that you think might catch it."

The rise of Burley in the Golden Knights' receiving corps has been a surprise, especially to Sean Beckton, wide receivers coach and a UCF-wideout from 1987-90.

"When Shaha was coming into the program, I didn't expect him to be a 1,000-yard receiver just because we are so deep at that position with Todd Cleveland, Mark Nonsant, Charles Lee and the other receivers," said Beckton. "He's been a blessing to us all year. When Todd Cleveland or any of the other receivers were hurt, Shaha stepped up to the plate and has done a great job for us."

Burley, a junior business major, transferred to UCF after playing two seasons at Mesa (Ariz.) Community College. Before his two seasons at Mesa (Ariz.) he was a multi-sport athlete, participating in football, basketball, and track at Mesa Westwood High. His junior year, Burley's 4 x 400-meter relay placed second and as a senior, he garnered all-city honors and was named a senior, he garnered all-city to the Arizona Republic's all-metro first place. Burley's quickness is his best attribute.

"This kid has great body control and quick movements," McDowell said. "He's an outstanding player."

Burley began participating in spring drills with UCF in January, where coaches and teammates alike began noticing his athletic talents.

"I'd have to say the first time I knew he'd be a great receiver was the first time we met and got on the field at practices," said UCF quarterback Daunte Culpepper. "If the ball is thrown near him, he's going to do the best job he can of getting it. It's great to have him on our side."

"He's one of the guys you can count on to be consistent, and he does a great job of being consisten -"

McDowell and Beckton said Burley's quickness is his best attribute.

"He makes a lot of subtle moves to get defenders going in the opposite direction," Beckton said. "That allows him to get open."

"Burley said there were several factors that attracted him to the Knights squad.

"The first thing I saw was Daunte, then I saw the school's location, and then I looked at the offense and saw how much they throw," Burley said. "I thought I had a good chance of starting if not playing a lot, getting 30 something plays."

Burley's choice seems to have been a wise one. Burley has caught 70 passes for 1,062 yards and 11 touchdowns. His 1,000-yard season makes him UCF's first millennium man since David Rhodes in 1994.

Burley says the success this season is the accumulation of smaller goals.

"My goal was to come here and start, but I didn't expect to start this quickly, but that was eventually my goal," said Burley. "I've been hearing it all my life: I'm underized. I wasn't the fastest in high school, but I'm one of the hardest working people. As long as I believe in God, I can do anything."

"I expected to go over 1,000 yards, but I didn't expect myself to have 70 receptions. But I try not to think about stats too much because it can really get in your head and throw your game off."

Burley says he expects an even better connection between he and Culpepper next season.

"I feel like next year, I'll make a lot more spectacular catches,"Burley said. "Daunte had to gain confidence in me, and the more he has in me, the better the throws will be and the better chance I have to go make a play for it. I have quick feet, balance and I try to be somewhat smart."

"I've been making diving catches all my life and I feel like if he throws the ball anywhere near me, it's my ball to get."
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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/AISA Today poll. UCF will try to win its sixth consecutive TAAC title this weekend.

"When you're healthy like we have been all year, you win games like this," said Smith. "The game could put us in a position to be the No. 1 seed in all of teams represented in the tournament. It is our last chance to accomplish this goal." The game could put the Knights in a position to be the No. 1 seed in all of teams represented in the tournament.

"It's time to go out there and do what we need to do," said Smith. "We have to be ready to play our best game and make sure we get the job done."

Smith said her team is ready to play its best game and make sure they get the job done. They are looking for a sweep this year to make it a six-year run.

"We have to be ready to play our best game and make sure we get the job done," said Smith. "We have to be ready to play our best game and make sure we get the job done."
Knights are hoping for a happy ending

By TONY MEJIA
Staff Writer

Homecoming weekend 1997 may be remembered as the year that the UCF spirit was born in mass quantities. The two main athletic events stringently tied to the homecoming festivities drew record-setting crowds.

The football game against Eastern Michigan, a 27-10 win, drew 39,433, the second largest home crowd in UCF history. Thousands of screaming fans urged the Knights to victory and then partied after the game with the music of Blues Traveler. Football coach Gene McDowell said the celebration was well deserved.

"The crowd helped us. I don't know if we would have won without the crowd, even as well as our guys played," said McDowell. "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 history. While the Knights came up short 70-63, the enthusiasm that the crowd provided was certainly noticed and appreciated.

"Our fans were great tonight, and certainly provided a spark," said basketball coach Kirk Spreaw. "It was a great college basketball atmosphere, and we certainly hope they come back."

Spreaw's crew to within a point of the Tigers with less than 25 seconds to play, battling back from a 14-point deficit before finally succumbing. Their exciting comeback was urged on by the superb turnover, who inspired the near-upset of an SEC rival.

"I was a little jittery at first because of the crowd. I was proud of the turnout and wanted to show my school that we can have a top notch basketball program here at UCF," said junior forward Brad Traina. "We were all playing real hard out there, and I'm disappointed we couldn't deliver in the end."

Photo by MIKE MARSHALL
UCF had the second-highest attendance in school history when more than 39,000 showed for Homecoming.

"I thought the bigger the crowd the better our chances our to win next week. It's a definite advantage to play at home," said McDowell. "If the crowd noise is a factor it's a big advantage in these unfamiliar surroundings for Toledo."

If homecoming weekend was any indication, the Knights have a tremendous chance against Toledo. After all, there should be over 30,000 reasons why the Knights should win.

The basketball team will have plenty of chances to deliver in front of their supportes all season long; and hope that the exceptional attendance is a continuing trend. However, the football team gets it's final chance to perform in front of their fans this Saturday against Toledo, only one week removed from the Top 25.

Seniors like Todd Cleveland, Jameel McWhorter, and Jermaine Benoit will play their final games in black and gold, finishing a career that has seen UCF vault into national prominence.

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Rockets' offense a one-two punch

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Mark Herron 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 2,500 set in 1997, while three passing touchdowns would break Slack and Darin Hinshaw’s school mark of 26. Junior wide-out Siaha 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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Menchikova won the TAAC player-of-the-week award for the week of Nov. 3-9, which is the second time she has won the honor this season. She posted 62 kills, 31 digs and 11 service aces in victories over Hofstra, Army, Yale, Columbia and Pennsylvania.

Sloan interviews for AD job in Tennessee

According to a published report in The Orlando Sentinel on Nov. 17, UCF athletic director Steve Sloan has interviewed for the same position at Tennessee-Chattanooga.

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. Ann Panaggio was the top finisher for UCF coming in 45th with a time of 18:39 in the 5,000-meter. Following her was April Vitori (19:26) in 100th place and Stephanie Cameron (19:41) who finished 97th.
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Near upset ushers in new era for men’s basketball

By TONY MEJIA  
Staff Writer

It would be difficult to expect a record crowd at every home men's basketball game, especially with the first being held on homecoming weekend against a drawing card like Auburn, but something about this UCF team is certainly different and worth watching.

Feeding off a record crowd of 18,141 at "The Dungeon," Kirk Speraw's Golden Knights left it all out on the floor, but eventually fell 70-63.

Mark Jones, UCF's much heralded transfer from Minnesota, couldn't have started any better early. Jones scored the first five points, answering an 8-0 start by the Volunteers. He finished with 24 points, 15 coming in the first half.

After being slowed by Auburn's defense, Mark Jones had a successful start to his UCF career, finishing with a game-high 24 points and 11 rebounds.

Senior guard Mark Jones had a successful start to his UCF career, finishing with a game-high 24 points and 11 rebounds.

Photo by MIKE MARSHALL

Knights look for breakthrough win against Toledo Rockets

By TONY MEJIA  
Staff Writer

As UCF closes its second season in F-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 97 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 upset 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 well for our last two home games," said defensive end Jamel McWhorter. "For one, the defensive unit has taken a lot of pressure off the offense. 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 many, the third and fourth downs," said Osuna, who finished with three tackles.

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