UCF extends its reach into outer space

By BRIAN SMITH
News Editor

UCF students and faculty are working with NASA to design and construct a laser communication satellite scheduled to launch from the Space Shuttle in 2000.

The satellite's purpose is to send messages from space by the use of laser beams.

Ron Phillips, Florida Space Institute director, said the satellite will improve telecommunications service.

"For example, a new way of communicating with airplanes in flight," Phillips said. "Pilots could get weather information, each passenger could watch their own live television channel since a laser beam can carry a billion TV signals.

"There could be video conferences while flying. While it has military applications, our main focus is commercial use."

The $11.2 million satellite will be 20 feet by 20 feet and weigh about 150 pounds. It was built to these specifications so it could be launched as a "Hitchhiker" canister on the shuttle or a small rocket.

Once in orbit, the satellite will pass over the Florida Space Institute at Kennedy Space Center five times a day for 11 to 13 months.

A laser will track the satellite and a second laser will be aimed at reflectors and bounced back to a sensor array at the test site. The second laser will contain messages and will not be disrupted by atmospheric turbulence.

"Since the Greek war, we have sent messages by light, turning the source on and off," Phillips said. "We are sending messages by changing the frequency of the laser, a leading edge technology."

"It's wonderful when we can showcase the existing talent in the space industry here, and the partnerships between government and industry."
Condoms, education highlight World AIDS Day

By OLIVIA K. CURNOW
Managing Editor

"You look like you could use a condom," said Tony Marlow to a student walking by the Student Union. The student looked at the co-captain of the men's basketball team who was dressed like a condom and reached in the basket for a handful of free condoms.

Students in the class HIV Disease: A Human Concern hosted the World AIDS Day activities in front of the Student Union on Dec. 1. For 25 percent of their grade, the students, in groups of 20, had to create a project pertaining to AIDS for the event.

Each group had its own table, mostly providing statistics about the disease. One group let students know every 30 seconds someone dies from AIDS by ringing a bell and changing the number on a chart. "Seeing numbers will affect people more than just telling them," said James Stein, a senior in the class.

Psychology major Larissa Marsiello said the class is educational and much needed for college students. Teenagers and young adults are the greatest "at risk population" for contracting the virus. "I think the class should be a requirement and I think it should be targeted to freshmen," Marsiello said.

Between shouting "free condoms!" to students passing by, Marlow said the class has taught him a lot. "The class is great," he said. "I’ve learned a lot about practicing safe sex.

Other tables held contests and games, testing students’ awareness on HIV and AIDS. Restaurants such as Taco Bell, Rio Bravo, Boston Market and Fazoli’s donated gift certificates as prizes.

"There’s an outpour of students getting involved," said senior Heather Whipple. "It’s a great opportunity for students to look at the statistics and the prizes draw in the students."

A live broadcast from radio station 102 JAMZ and a race car belonging to NASCAR driver David Russell also drew in the crowd. "This is a great way for people who have unanswered questions about HIV and AIDS to learn to protect themselves," said senior Adam Sabety.

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Funk flies at animal rights benefit

By CORBETT TRUBEY
Entertainment editor

Any student who is sick of driving all the way downtown to hear good underground dance music is in for a treat on Dec. 6th when Campus Action for Animals (CAA), the animal rights organization here at UCF, hosts "Liberation," a benefit to raise money and peoples awareness to be kinder to all our four-legged friends.

The Campus Action for Animals organization has been taking steps this year to be recognized more in the community and to raise more students' awareness about animal rights. They've been setting up numerous information tables outside the student union and participating in several protests in and around the Orlando area. This will be all climax in April with a three-day conference featuring speakers from around Florida and around the country talking about the problems with product testing, meat production, and other animal-related issues. "Liberation" will help make this conference possible, allowing people from all aspects of the animal rights movement to educate students and people in the community.

The benefit is more of a party, with local dj's Davie-D, Clueless, Glare, and Steve Hammond spinning from 9 p.m. to 4 am. at Club Inside, which is just across the street from UCF. Guests are encouraged to check out literature which will be available, as well as sign-up sheets for anyone interested in becoming a part of CAA.

"We hope everyone comes out to dance and socialize," said Maria Diestro, who is coordinating the event. But we also hope everyone takes the opportunity to learn more about the organization and what we're doing." Either way, it'll be fun for anyone who comes to support a worthy cause and (if I'll save that annoying drive,too).

UCF's Computer Team comes out on top at regional competition

By ROBYN PATTERSON
Staff Writer

Once again in competition, UCF's Computer Team excelled at the Southeast Regional Collegiate Computer Programming Competition. It won first, fourth and eighth place. The team has won first, second or third in the region for the last 16 years.

Florida State University placed sixth and the University of Florida placed 37 at the competition. The competition, which comprised of 10 problems ranging from geometry to text processing, had to be completed in five hours.

The gray team solved six of the 10 problems. The members were seniors Bryan Kline, Michael Kujawa and Joel Davis. Kline and Kujawa brought experience to the team because they are from last year's first-place team.

To keep the team's skills sharp, Marathon Saturday practice sessions in the Computer Science Building were held a few times this semester. Its weekly practices will begin again in January.

"Everyone wants to beat UCF," said Ali Orooji, faculty advisor. [Other teams] have not made the level of commitment our students have made.

Robert Francheschini and Glenn Murrin assisted the team as coaches this year. Undergraduate Eric Francheschini, who also participated at last year's event on the first-place team, also assists the team.

"The team is now looking ahead to the contest finals in Atlanta in late February," said Orooji. "The problems are getting harder each year because the skill level of the students is getting harder."

Besides the gray team, UCF also had a blue team and a red team.

Chris Bubelis, Dany King and Ellie Portugali made up the red team, which placed eighth in the competition with three solutions. Phillip Drexheimer, Ambrose Feinstein and Drue Pautz made up the blue team.
Satellite brings UCF, NASA together

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"The Council on Accreditation of Services for Families and Children Inc., an impartial outside agency that studies and decides if non-profit organizations meet certain standards, accredited the CCCS in October 1997.

Morton said the 18-month, $15,000 process forced them to put everything they did in writing.

"Before accreditation, we knew we had policies and everyone abided by them," Morton said. "We had a good reputation in the community and among clients. Now we have our policies in writing for everyone, counselors and clients to see."

UCF graduate Tonii Herrbach-Anderson can attest to the organization's effectiveness.

Herrbach-Anderson said that she and her husband went to the organization for help after they got married. Before the wedding, her husband told her that he owed some money.

"To me owing some money means that you owe a friend $200," Herrbach-Anderson said.

"His credit card debt was $9,000."

She said credit card companies make it too easy for college students, some of them unemployed, to get credit cards.

They send representatives with free gifts to entice students. T-shirts, water bottles, rebates and phone cards, Herrbach-Anderson said. In most cases you only need your college ID. Not only do the companies campaign on campus, they also target students by phone.

Students fill out an application they got either on campus or by mail and four to six weeks later they receive a credit card. Many of the companies visit campus before the holiday season when there is a temptation for spending.

Once students have "maxed out" several credit cards, they usually have a hard time finding the money to pay minimum balances on those cards each month. In that case, they can call home.

In Brown's case, her parents helped. Some parents will say if you expect to be treated like an adult then act like one. That's what Herrbach-Anderson's parents said.

She and her husband had to find their own way of paying off their debt.

Herrbach-Anderson found out about CCCS through one of their creditors. The couple worked out a payment schedule with the organization. They pay $240 a month and let CCCS deal with the creditors, she said.

Students are not the only clients that CCCS services. Morton said in her 13 years with the organization, she has seen a diverse group of clients, such as people who make $8,000 a year all the way to people who make more than $100,000 a year.

"We see a lot of the middle generation, 30-40 years old," Morton said. "They had no financial education either at home or in school. They don't know how to manage their money. We're finding that it's the same with students graduating from college right now."

Interest on the credit card balances is one of the causes of the problem.

For example, if a person has a $1,000 balance on a card with 7 percent interest rate (most credit cards are 16 to 21 percent) and makes only the minimum payments each month, it will take seven years to pay off the balance. It will also cost the person an additional $700 in interest.

For consumers struggling to manage credit card debt alone, Fortune magazine offers these tips:

• Haggle with credit card companies to lower the interest rate on credit cards
• Search for a company with low interest rates
• Don't accept just any credit card offer
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Honor students volunteer at inner city school

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a service project that we could offer as an option to the Honor students, which would provide them with an enriching experience. We wanted something in which they could use their academic talents.

Hillcrest Elementary School is an inner-city school built in 1923. It is one of the oldest schools in the Orlando area. The school serves a diverse population including many high-risk students. Eighty percent of its students receive free lunches.

"When we spoke to the principal, Alliene Schurr, she was full of wonderful ideas," said Bartlett. "She suggested the students break down into interest groups and run an after-school clubs' program. Her heart is as big as her school, and she works hard to get programs like this up and running for her students."

The UCF students began the volunteer program on Oct. 1 after participating in a training workshop on how to work with elementary-age children that was offered by Dr. Donna Camp of the College of Education.

"The whole program is a challenge," said Bartlett. "The school has limited resources, so we are learning to work with the available resources and come up with creative ideas to make this a better experience for all the students."

The time spent with the children has proven to be more than rewarding for Bartlett and her Honor students.

"One of the most fun things I get to do in my job now is to work with these kids," said Bartlett. "It was fate that their needs dovetailed with ours."

"It has become my stress relief from a tough day at school," said freshman Honor student Shelly Bryant, who coordinates the reading club at Hillcrest. "When I go see the kids it makes me feel so much better. They are so honest that when they say something nice you know they mean it. They don't know what political correctness means."

"It helps so much if you read to them," said sophomore Kim Gates, music club coordinator. "My parents read to me when I was two or three and I was reading on my own in kindergarten. Reading to them encourages them to read and it's a plus if they find an area they really enjoy. Then that gives them more reason to want to come to school."

The Hillcrest students are divided into small groups that are more manageable for the UCF students.

"The small groups provide them with more individual attention," said Bartlett. "We are fostering their education which will have an impact on their future."

As part of the partnership with Hillcrest, the Honors' program has been able to have a Macintosh computer donated to the school and made a connection between a UCF graduate student from Romania and a Romanian fourth-grade Hillcrest student and his family.
Living in a material world:
Are today's students more interested in money?

By MAGGIE WELTER
College Press Service

College students who scrape by on macaroni-and-cheese dinners and spare change may not be the norm on every campus. In fact, many students say they aren't about ready to deny themselves some of life's luxuries, such as cars, CDs, and the latest fashions. Just ask the students at the University of California at Los Angeles. In a recent survey, UCLA students rated themselves one of the most materialistic campuses in the nation.

After a national survey of freshmen last year indicated college students everywhere were becoming increasingly materialistic, students in UCLA's anthropologie department decided to gauge how students at the university viewed their consumption habits. They sent out a non-statistical, random survey questionnaire to students about their spending habits, favorite possessions, and how those items helped them create a self-identity.

More than three out of every four students surveyed, or 77 percent, defined themselves as materialistic. About 36 percent of students said they were preoccupied with acquiring the latest fashions, fancy cars, jewelry and other toys, so they could become part of a group. An equal number felt they were more materialistic because they were at college so they could earn more money and buy more goodies.

The findings, published in a report titled "Consumption, Materialism and Identity," came from a shock to anthropology professor Rudi Colloredo-Mansfeld, who directed the project.

"I was surprised," he said. "I was expecting students to talk more about the impoverished side and how they have to work jobs in addition to school."

But are only UCLA students whose campus, after all, is just a few miles away from Beverly Hills' Rodeo Drive and the movie-star mansions of Bel Air - obsessed with money and the things it can buy, or are other students, too? While UCLA students may seem to represent the extreme, students in general may be more materialistic than past generations, says a Boston University social psychologist.

According to Kathleen Kantak, associate professor of psychology at BU, the sun-filled image some students have of UCLA is partly attributable to shows such as Beverly Hills 90210' and "Melrose Place.

"Television presents an ideal, stress-free life in Los Angeles where everyone has nice things and the top concern is looking pretty," Kantak said. But she said she doesn't think preoccupation with material objects is unique to UCLA. "Television presents an ideal, stress-free life in Los Angeles where everyone has nice things and the top concern is looking pretty," Kantak said. But she said she doesn't think preoccupation with material objects is unique to UCLA.

"College students, says student-researcher Alicia Goodyear, felt they need to buy things and clothes, CDs, and other objects to relieve stress, create self-identity and become part of the group.

Even though "materialism" often carries a negative connotation, many students saw nothing wrong with it, according to Goodyear.

"UCLA students are materialistic. We are materialistic in every sense of the word," she said. "We eat, drink and breathe material consumption every single day. And guess what, that is 100 percent OK."

According to student-researcher Xavier Rosas, it's a negative effect. His analysis defines UCLA as "a materialistic, unimaginable bunch of individuals, a powerhouse of pollution, the poster child of traffic congestion and a milieu of tanned, bronzed blondes."

Rosas' description of vegetables from taxicabs and BMWs may be a little extreme, but in fact that's the image many students on other campuses have of UCLA. Many of the students saw UCLA as a "materialistic, unimaginable" place, said Kelli Palmer, a senior at Elon College in North Carolina.

PALMER said she didn't think students at Elon were extremely preoccupied with material goods. At Elon, she said people are defined by their achievements, not by objects or fashion.

"The prestige and popularity comes from the leadership. Are you president of an organization? Did you organize an event?" Palmer said.

Carrie McNally, a senior at Michigan State University, does think it's a local thing in UCLA's case. "I just think that all of Southern California comes off as materialistic," McNally said.

However, even though she doesn't think MSU students are materialistic as UCLA students, she said a good portion there are obsessed with material goods.

"There are a lot of people who go around and spend a lot of time and money on music and clothes," she said. Here I'd say we're a bit more into electronics. But fashion is still important.

And even when the Michigan cold season takes over, focus on fashion doesn't wane, she says. "When it gets cold some people just care about being warm," McNally joked, "but they still have to have the designer wool coats and label boots."

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I celebrated Thanksgiving with my family, as I rarely get to see them, it was great spending time with them. We ate and slept, then woke up and ate again.
-- Marisol Aglero, Sophomore, Health Services Admin., Jacksonville.

I spent Thanksgiving Day with my family and friends in West Melbourne.
-- Kenneth R. Mitchell, Junior, Political Science, West Melbourne.

My family and I had a Thanksgiving feast with our relatives. We all ate until we dropped.

I spent time at Disney World with my best friends, who came all the way from Japan just to visit me. And we spent this special time together—just having fun.
-- Yumi Yotsukawa, Senior, Psychology, Tokyo, Japan.

I went home to spend time with my family and eat as much as I could, since I don’t get to eat a home-cooked meal that often.
-- Charles Lubrindo, Senior, Economics, Spring Hill.

This year my family and I dressed up as Pilgrims and Native Americans, then we stuffed ourselves with turkey, in the true Thanksgiving tradition.
-- Wendy Timonera, Junior, Political Science, Kissimmee.

How did you celebrate Thanksgiving Day this year?
**LEAD STORIES**
- London's Daily Telegraph reports in October that Catholic Church-supported teaching program for schools in Ireland and Northern Ireland has successful begun to stress the confusion to "daddy" and "mummy" in ison plans, for fear of confusing or offending kids age 3 and 4 who are not raised in traditional homes. Suggested alternatives include "the people who look after you."
- In September, inmate Michael F. Schmitz, 45, serving two years in the Kentucky State Reformatory for drunken driving, filed a $1.9 million lawsuit against the Lexington (Ky.) Police Department complaining that officials were too nice when they arrested him in 1996. According to the lawsuit, when police found a loaded assault rifle in his car and could not figure out how to disarm it, that uncuffed the obviously inebriated Schmitz and had him take it apart. Schmitz said he "could have shot everyone standing around watching this escapade" and thus contends that the police endangered the public.
- At a September meeting of Christian Coalition leaders in Atlanta, founder Pat Robertson said the religious group should raise its political intensity by looking to the notorious machine politics of Chicago and New York's Tammany Hall as models, and that it would be God who would personally select the Republican best suited to advance the coalition's agenda in the next presidential campaign. Robertson had begun his remarks by noting that he assumed he was talking only to "family" and that if any members of the press were present, "would you please shoot yourself?" (The sponsor was recorded without his permission and leaked to the press.)

**COMPELLING EXPLANATIONS**
- Shawn S. Warren, charged with arson in June in Anderson, Ind., denied he actually started a fire in a garage. Instead, according to the town's chief fire investiga
tor, Warren said, "I probably thought about that fire, and it just happened." Said the investigator, "(Warren) did tell me sometimes he thinks about things and they happen.
- Former law student Scott Fruehan, 35, suffered another setback in August as a federal judge in Pittsburgh declined to reinstate his lawsuit against Duquesne University. Fruehan had claimed that the only reason he flunked out was that the school had failed to accommodate his disability, which is that he sits for a long time, his arms and fingers get numb.
- In July, the California Supreme Court suspended prominent attorney and criminal-defense lawyer LeRoy Grin, 69, for 2 1/2 years for lying to investigators. Grin admitted visiting an imprisoned-client's wife's trailer home to help prepare for one of the husband's trials and staying overnight rather than driving back to San Francisco. However, he denied having had sex with her, explaining that the wife had climbed into bed with him but that sex only occurred after she had "with­out (my) consent."
- Catholic priest Donald Kocher, 61, testifying at a deposition in a Chicago area lawsuit against him and his diocese for sexual abuse of parishioners, admitted that he had sex with as many as a dozen women over a 20-year period. However, he added, "I've always seen (the affairs) as morally wrong, and I've always tried to bring them to a conclu­sion as quickly as I could."
- Ricky Wassenaar, 34, was convicted of assault and robbery in Tucson, Ariz., in July, after being apprehended in a car after a chase, holding stolen money plus guns, a ski mask and a bul­let-proof vest. Wassenaar, acting as his own attorney, presented the defense that a man named Sprei's (the affairs) was mentally wrong, and I've always tried to bring them to a conclu­sion as quickly as I could."
- Mike Smith, 34, was detained and hand­cuffed at a parade in Warsaw, Va., in October after he twice ignored Sheriff Gene Sydor's demand that he stop up his marchers. Sydor said he was concerned that the gap in front of the Lancaster band was growing so large that people might think the parade was over. Spers was released about 15 minutes later, and the Lancaster band eventual­ly won first prize.
- Police Brutality: Newport, Ky. detective Michael Scott was suspended in September for passing gas in the face of a DUI suspect. And Buffalo, N.Y., county jail officer John Walsh was convicted by a federal jury in September of violating the civil rights of inmate Norvin Fowlks in 1991 and 1992. Fowlks accused the 395-pound Walsh of, on separate occasions, holding Fowlks' penis on the floor and smearing it with his hands, and both times stomping on it with his boot.
- According to psychologists at Portsmouth University in England, the two-tone irises and flashing blue lights of British police cars seriously impair the driving of officers by the time they arrive at a crime scene. Dr. Alldert Vrij, who led a recent study, told the Daily Telegraph in October that officers subsequent­ly tend to underestimate the danger they face and tended to become sluggish and reluctant to fire their weapons.
- In July, Max, a 400-pound western lowland gorilla housed in the Johannesburg (South Africa) Zoo, captured a fleeting burglary suspect, Isaac Mofokeng, 29, who unwisely tried a short-cut through the ape compound. In the process, Mofokeng fired two gunshots, hitting Max in the jaw and shoul­der, but he mended quickly. Among Max's subsequent awards: honorary constable of the local police precinct, Newcomer of the Year by the Johannesburg Press Club, and spokesperson for Lemombo-brand bananas (fee: a one-year supply). Send your Weird News to Chuck Shepherd, P.O. Box 8306, St. Petersburg, 33738, or Weird@compuverse.com.

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**The Tradition**
Culpepper’s return a relief for all of UCF

BY JASON HEIRONIMUS
Opinion Editor

Upon reflection of all the great Thanksgiving holidays that I have endured, I must say that this past holiday was special. The turkey was still dry, the gravy still a bit runny, and I was yet again forced into eating yams. However, despite the typical Thanksgiving-esque food, the day was consumed by thoughts other than the average thank yous.

Along with many other UCF students, I have transformed from a student willing to make jokes about the small-time feel of UCF into a student willing to make jokes about the small-time feel of UCF to a student willing to paint himself gold and black and tailgate before football games eight hours before kickoff. I may have been a bit overzealous about my tailgating and tailgate before football is not an exaggeration.

It is not an exaggeration. I may have been a bit overzealous about my tailgating. This past semester, I have endured four-year degrees, I must say that that was special.

For weeks the debate had raged, at least in my apartment, on whether or not Daunte would leave. It seemed that there was really no reason for him to stay. Why? Money, baby. These days it’s all about the green. The egotistical ideals that our nation was founded on have now been twisted and tainted from ideals into law. Society teaches us to always do the most financially sound thing, no matter right or wrong. Daunte has taught us that there is still a small, glimmering spot of hope for the human race. Now, enough about ethics.

As a boy I was subject to the typical hero worship. My heroes were sports figures, actors and actresses, and writers of various types. But sports figures were always at the front of my mind when I looked to one of my heroes for answers. The vast majority of the time they never answered me, because, well, they didn’t know me. But I believed in them and in my subconscious mind I believed these sports figures to be the embodiment of all that was good in the world. As I grew older, and some say wiser, I began to see these people as just that — people. They are flawed just like the next person and have ugly traits just like the next person. But it wasn’t just that, they seemed to revel in constantly making the wrong decisions. Though I wanted to emulate their actions on the field of play, I found myself doing exactly the opposite of what I saw my heroes in social situations. Just once, I wanted my hero to do something good and to make me proud. Time and time again, however, I was disappointed.

Daunte Culpepper is an enigma. I cannot for the life of me understand his actions. Aren’t you supposed to grab the cash and run? Who really gets their four-year degree anymore anyway? The answer to these questions are respectively: no and almost every person that is not bound for the NFL. Imagine for a second that you are guaranteed a tremendous large sum of money once you decide to stop attending school. You are promised a career which provides for fame, success, and financial stability. Now this is where the decision comes: should I stay or should I go? A college degree is a treasured commodity. It is an accomplishment that no one can ever take from you. But, you don’t need it. Why go to college if you are already provided for financially?

Because you cannot buy, and I believe some people would disagree with me, a college degree. All the money in the world can’t make you a college graduate, only hard work and perseverance can.

Daunte Culpepper has accomplished so much in his three years at UCF. He has commended a football program from second rate to first rate and the school along with it. He has transcended the school of thought which calls for grabbing the money and never looking back. Ask yourself what you would do in his shoes.

I myself know that it would be one of the most difficult decisions that I would ever have to make in my life. And who knows what the right decision would be? Staying in college is the politically correct thing to do because if you don’t, the whole world will be mad at you. In that type of situation, one must do what they feel is right for them and nobody else.

The Decision, as the media was calling it, was undoubtedly a landmark in UCF history. All of Central Florida should drop to its knees and thank the good Lord for dropping such a quality person and football player into the laps of UCF fans. Knight fans rejoice, for Daunte’s Inferno has only begun!

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By CORBETT TRUBEY
Entertainment Editor

Poor Lt. Ripley. First she accidentally brings in some deadly creature and one of the best movies of the 1960s. Then she crash lands on a prison planet, has to go to some space colony to battle a bunch of pesky monsters again. But who said it didn't make for some pulse-pounding entertainment? "Alien Resurrection" is the fourth film based on one scary Disney film "The Absent Minded Professor," and is pretty much the same as the black-and-white predecessor of it. "Alien Resurrection" is the fourth film based on one scary "Professor" is not as good as its members are pretty much entertaining. If you're not familiar with the "Alien" films, you might want to do your homework, or else you'll be more confused than entertained. If you have been keeping up and truly appreciate the series for what it is (top-notch science-fiction/horror) then "Alien Resurrection" will keep your eyes glued to the screen. And as far as making another movie goes... let's just hope they don't resort to "Alien Reincarnation." Rating: ***1/2

**Disney fumbles with another classic remake**

"Flubber," the remake of the Disney film "The Absent Minded Professor" is not as good as its black-and-white predecessor of the 1960s. Can it be that Disney who remade "Thal Dann Cat," "The World's Greatest Athlete," and "101 Dalmatians," has run out of ideas? John Hughes, known for the "Home Alone," pictures and other funny films, is trying to hard to recreate his own successes. There are too many scenes like the Joe Pesci and Daniel Stern bad guys from two of the "Home Alone" films. There is also a scene that is too much like his other movie "Weird Science" when a robot in "Flubber" creates a human image of itself. Robin Williams' professor character is often overshadowed by cutesy robots and the Flubber. The film has no Disney magic as did the picture it came from. The story is somewhat the same but Hughes would have been better to start with another premise. There is a scene titled "The Flubber Mambo" that is too long and boring and adds nothing to the overall plot of the film. It's also confusing why it is there. There is also a subplot in which the robot Weebo, a TV addict in "Flubber" creates a human image of itself. Hughes' fans might just like this film because there are lots of touches that are strictly his. When the Flubber is flying around in the neighborhood it is very weak and is a very big disappointment. The actress who played principal Mooney's secretary in "Ferris Bueller's Day Off" and was the car rental agent in "Planes Trains and Automobiles" has a small part here. "Flubber" is very weak and is a very big disappointment. On the other hand, children should enjoy the film for the Flubber and robots. Rating: *

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**Entertainment**

**Gory ‘Resurrection’ is one to behold**

**By GARY ROEN**

Movie Critic

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**wEDNESDAY**

The Preacher's Wife, Cape Florida Ballroom, Student Union, 8 p.m.

**THURSDAY**

**FRIDAY**

UCF Wind Ensemble Concert, Visual Arts Building, 8 p.m.

**Saturday**

"Pegasus" Faculty Trio Concert, Rehearsal Hall, $5 donation, 4 p.m.
Diner is anything but a drag

By GAIL BLAIR
Staff Writer

Within the quiet, residential area of North Shine Avenue man­
accounted by red brick streets is Union Restaurant. It is the venue
for Drag Diner on Monday evenings which not only tantal­
izes the palette, but also stimu­lates the eyes with a cast of
engaging drag queens. They are the hosts for the night and min­
gle among the guests before, dur­
and after the show which
begins at 9:30 p.m.

Though under new manage­
ment, Union is still a small
restaurant with a one room,
smoking-permitted-anywhere
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"I can say that I did not do it for the shock value," Rosen told the Chronicle. "It seemed to me that when you tinker with a taboo, there's bound to be some reaction."

Grade study's goal is to get students and profs communicating

MANHATTAN, Kansas — To professors, grades are just a number. But to students, grades mean a lot, and sometimes are viewed as a measure of self-worth.

This was the observation that prompted two Kansas State professors to launch into a series of studies about how effectively professors and students communci­cate about grades.

"Many students do not associate grades with the value of a student as a person," said Charles Griffin, associate professor of speech at KSU.

But Griffin was surprised at the level of intensity with which stu­dents attached meaning to grades. The study found that college students sometimes equate their grades with rewards and punishments.

"Students are very concerned about the personal impact of grades on both their present and future lives. Teachers see grades as less significant," Goodenden said.

The professors now are delving into how faculty members and students talk about grades.

They've labeled one typical conversation "the desperate need" model. That's when the all-too-common scenario where a student begs a professor for a higher grade because he or she really, really needs it.

There's also the clerk-reporting model, in which professors distance themselves from the grading process by viewing the grades as merely numbers out of their control.

Goodenden explained they hope to find that more interaction between professors and students will lead to more learning and less anxiety. She says when the instructor views herself more as a learning facilitator, then "the teacher helps better the student, not just their grades."

Like it or not, grades provide necessary feedback for the student, say the professors. But they admit grading can be tough on instructors, too.

"Grades are the worst part of my job," Griffin said. "It's diffi­cult when you know students well and you suspect they will read all sorts of things into a grade that you have not intended to communicate."

Get the club in your school colors

SHARON, Pa. — Go into almost any college bookstore and you'll find rows of products with the school logo, caps, mugs, T-shirts, pens, notebooks—you name it.

Many college fans go a step further and flaunt their school spirit on the road with bumper stickers, car flags—even license plates in the school colors.

Now these same fans can secure their car with a Collegiate Auto Club, which features the name and logo of the school silk-screened onto it. The anti-theft devices, which lock onto steering wheels to deter thieves, now are officially licensed through 20 college and university.

The new Clubs include the Tennessee Volunteers, Northwestern Wildcats, Michigan Wolverines, Georgia Bulldogs, Arizona State Sun Devils, Ohio State Buckeyes, Nebraska Cornhuskers and a host of other schools.

"We expect The Collegiate Club line to include 30 to 40 schools by the end of 1998," said Chuck Quinn, president of Winner International, the Club's manufacturer.

Oh, and the Collegiate Bike Club is expected on the market by June 1998.

Perhaps if the Club isn't a deterrent enough, the school logo will help to discourage a potential thief. After all, what thief wants to rip off a fellow fan when he could pick on an alumn from a rival school?

Drivers, however, should be sure they park in friendly territo­ry.

"Suspicious" fire strands 23 students

APPLETON, Wis. — An early November fire at the Delta Tau Delta fraternity house at Lawrence University caused about $50,000 in damage and left 23 students temporarily without homes.

The fire, which has been labeled as "suspicious" by Appleton Fire Marshal Eugene Reece, broke out early in the morning Nov. 6 in a fraternity bedroom.

Reece said the fire caused major smoke damage throughout the house but resulted in only one injury. A cause of the fire has not yet been determined, he added.

Lawrence University and the American Red Cross have found temporary housing for the stranded students. School officials say they hope to begin cleaning the house in mid-November after insurance investig­utors finish their work.

Reece, meanwhile, praised Delta Tau Delta's fire-alarm and smoke-detector systems, saying without early detection, the fire could have resulted in more seri­ous injuries.
Mickey Mouse gets the blues at Disney's House of Blues

BY ADAM MATRICARDI
Staff writer

How do you give the happiest place on earth the blues? It's a sterile tourist haven, a don't forget to pick up your t-shirt at the gift shop kind of place. At the House of Blues the feeling you get is that blues is a theme, that it's something just isn't right.

The place is a replica, a whole new version of a classy old blues club. It's a sterile tourist haven, a don't forget to pick up your t-shirt at the gift shop kind of place. At the House of Blues the feeling you get is that blues is a theme, that it's something just isn't right.

Despite this, the club manages to attract the almost-always-crowded House of Blues. It's a sterile tourist haven, a don't forget to pick up your t-shirt at the gift shop kind of place. At the House of Blues the feeling you get is that blues is a theme, that it's something just isn't right.

The House of Blues has the look, smell, and even taste of a New Orleans blues club, but the feeling is that something just isn't right.

For those of you who think I didn't give the House of Blues a fair shake, then go there with my blessings, but whatever you do, try not to think of what it would be like to see the House of Blues through the eyes of the Blues Brothers, and not the actors. Don't let the Bluesmobile parked outside fool you, because here the Blues Brothers are nowhere to be found.

Mickey Mouse gets the blues at Disney's House of Blues

STATE FAIR" musical production

By CORBETT TRUBEY
Entertainment Editor

Ever wondered what happened to John Davidson? Well, even if you didn't, he is alive and well and headlining the cast of the latest Broadway production to hit Orlando. "State Fair," the classic Rodgers and Hammerstein musical is just here for barely a week at the Carr Performing Arts Centre. It's a charming story about a family's adventures at the fair and how it changes their lives.

"State Fair" is based on an original novel and first made into a film in 1933. Twelve years later, the legendary writing team of Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein II turned it into a hit musical movie. It wasn't until 1992 that a stage workshop production of the musical was mounted, and after a slew of changes, "State Fair" able to become the eleventh stage musical from Rodgers and Hammerstein.

The revised "State Fair" features an expanded score based on songs from both film versions as well as rarely heard numbers from other Rodgers and Hammerstein musicals. This posed a challenge for the writers, who wanted to make the transition from the big screen to the big stage without losing the excitement and energy that has made "State Fair" a classic.

And apparently nothing was lost. The show began a 35 week tour this fall after opening on Broadway with glowing reviews. John Davidson reprises his role as Iowa farmer Abel Frake, which he originated on Broadway. Many people remember John Davidson as the host of the Iron Chef of many TV shows including "That's Incredible!" and "Hollywood Squares."

What you might not know is that Davidson has a lengthy list of theater performances. You might not recognize him now, though, as he appears on stage with a head full of shiny gray hair.

"State Fair" is the third in a series of Broadway productions to be brought to Orlando, so don't miss out on a night of quality entertainment. Grab your favorite pair of overalls and your sweetie and head on downtown, just don't ask John who the "secret square" is during the show.

Tickets are available now through Ticketmaster (839-3900).
Late surge lifts Rockets past Knights

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ers as well as five free throws in the closing minutes that put UCF away.

"We played well in spurts and got some positives out of this," said guard Mark Jones, who led UCF with 16 points. "Naturally, we'd like to win, but I think we're getting better. It came down to making the shots at the end. In the last five minutes, they really stepped up and hit their shots and we didn't."

The Knights now turn their attention to Winthrop, who they play Dec. 3 in Rock Hill, S.C. UCF will try to avenge last season's 83-78 home loss to the Eagles, who are without standout point guard Tyson Waterman.

Waterman scored 26 in last season's win, but is no longer at Winthrop. It will be a challenge for UCF to play well in their first out-of-state road game of the season.

"It's going to be tough because we're going on the road and we have to be tough on the road," said Speraw. "Winthrop is a good team, so it will be an important game for us."
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UCF Turkey Shootout
First Round
UCF 60, Denver 49
Buffalo 75, Sam Houston State 67
Bowling Green 85, Butler 67
Syracuse 89, Radford 69

Second Round
UCF 63, Buffalo 60
Syracuse 71, Bowling Green 67
Sam Houston 68, Denver 59
Butler 85, Radford 62

Seventh Place
Denver 79, Radford 69

Fifth Place
Butler 84, Sam Houston 78

Third Place
Bowling Green 74, Buffalo 54

Championship Game
Syracuse 104, UCF 66

All-Tournament Team
Sarah Fademrecht - University of Denver
Charlotta Jones - Bowling Green State University
Charity Davis - UCF
Stacey DeVeaux - UCF
Caryn Scholl - Syracuse University

Tournament MVP
Tokiya Barnes - Syracuse University

Women's basketball tournament results
Volleyball team aims for NCAA championship

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Seniors upon seniors upon juniors. Experience galore and both the 1996 and 1997 TAAC players of the year in Renata Menchikova and Harper.

The team sat around tables with the photos of former Knight athletes and fans and talked through the television's over-talkative announcers.

It's 6:40 p.m. - the announcements begin. The jumbo-screen television, dwarfing anything else in the room, displayed the selections with booming clarity. Then the listing of top eight seeds. Then a long series of commercials.

The players begin to fidget in their seats as the East bracket is announced.

6:44 ... 6:45 ... 6:46 ... the Central bracket comes next. The host: The No. 4 Wisconsin Badgers in Madison, Wis. Next... "Woohaaananaaaaaaal!!!!!"

Thankfully, the announcer doesn't have a chance to be heard.

"Can you believe it! - Man it's going to be cold! - Wow! Clemson!!" comes from the forest of raised arms and smiling, wide-open mouths.

Cracking a smile while trying to settle things down, Smith shouts over the chatter: "It's Clemson guys. Here's your chance to prove what you can do!"

UCF played the Tigers the last three years and beat them in South Carolina last season. But as important, Smith said, Clemson won't have the home court advantage.

On Dec. 6 at 7:30 p.m., they play. If the Knights make school history, then the Badgers are next at Dec. 7 at 4 p.m.

"We beat them last year and they are a little tougher this year, but so are we," Smith said of the Tigers.

As for the atmosphere of making the special day feel select, junior Dawn Hoffman said the team should make coming to place like Loco's a habit.

"I know we're going to beat Clemson," she added.

"We're playing real well and we're together this year. We're really gelling and working hard together. This is what we've worked so hard for."

Renata Menchikova, right, will lead UCF into NCAA play on Thursday. The Knights won their sixth TAAC championship this year.
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Volleyball hopes to heat things up in Wisconsin

By DEREK GONSOLIN
Sports Editor

On Nov. 30, it wasn’t your typical volleyball get-together.

With players and coaches struggling into Loco’s pub several minutes past the 6:30 deadline, coach Laura Smith is usually a bit tougher on the discipline.

But she could make the exception that day. The NCAA tournament selections were about to start. Seniors Susie Queisser and Tyra Harper were even playing pinball in the neighboring gaming room.

Speakers blasted an NFL game from every direction as a Miami Dolphins scores a touchdown.

“Yeah! Go Miami!” yelled senior Maribel Marcos, a Miami native. Sensing the restlessness in her team build, Smith began talking about the previous night’s heartbreaker in Tampa.

Thoughts of a high seed were probably ended with the tough loss at then-No. 27 South Florida in four sets. There was still hope for UCF to nab a first-round opponent it could match up with. Winning the sixth-consecutive TAAC championship assured a dance with somebody.

The Knights were hoping it was just somebody they knew. The last three seasons, UCF traveled to Kibbe, Louisville and Minnesota and lost in the school’s first match up in years with the host teams.

One and done. But not this year.

Not after all of the regular-season accolades the team had earned.

UCF won 27 of 30 games, including four of six from tournament teams on the road. The win at Hofstra, Stephen F. Austin, Arkansas-Little Rock and handled Michigan at the Tiger Classic in Louisiana. Of the team’s three losses, two were at tourney teams Oral Roberts and South Florida.

If any team in school history was ready for a NCAA road game, it’s this squad.

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UCF impresses in own tourney

By BRANT PATRICK PARSONS
Staff Writer

The UCF women’s basketball team is off to a quick start this season, winning its first three games and advancing to the championship of the UCF Turkey Shootout.

After two come-from-behind victories against Denver and Buffalo, the Golden Knights fell in the championship against Syracuse, 104-66.

UCF trailed Syracuse 23-26 with 4:20 left in the first half but the Orangewomen broke the game open with a pressing attack. An 18-6 run by Syracuse to end the first half combined with a 19-5 run to open the second led to a 20-point lead. UCF could never threaten. Syracuse’s athleticism proved to be its most key asset, UCF coach Lynn Bria said.

“They are very athletic, they are very quick and they handle the ball well,” Bria said. “They are a good team, they can beat you a number of ways.

Despite the loss, the tournament proved to be a valuable experience for UCF, especially when it begins TAAC tournament play, Bria said.

“I am glad we played a team of [Syracuse’s] caliber,” Bria said. “The two nights before we were down, we showed a lot of character, we won a close ball game. I think that says a lot.”

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The Knights were hoping it was Kansas in the championship but Syracuse was the choice.

Sensing the restlessness in her team, Smith got the team fired up.

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