Airlines suffer from discounts and rule bending

By TODD MCHALE
Contributing Writer

With airline ticket prices always seemingly on the rise, more consumers have sought out discounts and some have resorted to bending the airline’s rules for lower-priced tickets. Much like any other business airlines hope to get as much for its service as it possibly can. However, they also need to fill their planes, which can result in huge discounts for the knowledgeable consumer, according to Sue Martin, a travel agent for New Horizons Travel.

“As far as getting discounted fares, it’s very confusing because every airline has different rules regarding them,” said Martin.

Traditionally, airlines have offered the best deals to travelers who purchase tickets anywhere from four days to 30 days in advance of the departure date, according to Delta Airlines’ website. Martin explained the airlines offer these discounts to encourage travelers to book early, so they can be prepared for the necessary amount of fuel and meals and anything else that pertains to the number of people on the plane.

“If the airlines offered a discounted fare just before the departure time, they would have a rush of customers at the last minute,” Martin said.

Martin explained she has seen a normally $300 round trip on an advance purchase be as high as $800 on a last minute purchase.

“There’s no cheap way to fly last minute,” she said.

A way to reduce the cost of a plane ticket is by planning your trip to coincide with discounted fares. “If you can travel during the week and stay at least through Saturday, that will definitely lower the price of your ticket,” Martin said.

“I hadn’t planned on staying through Saturday on a trip that I’m planning over the holidays, See PRICE, Page 5

GLBSU considers lawsuit against SG

By OLIVIA K. CURNOW
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Although the Student Government Senate voted to deny funding to the Gay Lesbian Bisexual Student Union (GLBSU) after three weeks of debate, club representatives and senators have said this is not the end of the fight.

“We will take further action. Of course we will,” said Dr. Ken Kazmerski, faculty advisor for GLBSU. “Because we believe that prejudice and discrimination can be combated by knowledge, we will take whatever steps are necessary.”

The GLBSU bill proposed funding for activities held during LesBiGay Awareness Week in April. The club wanted to bring Chantity Bono to speak during this week. A majority of the senators said she was more political than educational, therefore voting against it.

Sen. David Siegel said he voted for the bill the first time it was brought to the table. He said he changed his vote after he saw the biography sheet on Bono.

He, like many other senators, disagreed with the following excerpt from the sheet:

“[Bono] is an expert on how

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A SUCCESSFUL SEASON

Highlighted by the football team’s trip to Nebraska and the volleyball team’s first Division I-A NCAA tournament victory, the UCF sports program had its most successful season ever.

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Bookstore writes a new chapter

By JAMES COMBS
Staff Writer

The construction of the UCF Bookstore has been underway for about two weeks. When completed it will be doubled in size and have features added to it.

Barnes and Noble, which has more than 350 college book stores in the United States, bought the UCF Bookstore on Oct. 5. It is spending more than $1 million to add to the interior of the bookstore.

Barbara Peetz, the bookstore assistant general manager, said the construction will be completed on June 30, 1998.

The UCF Bookstore is currently 16,000 square feet. When construction is complete, it will be more than 32,000 square feet.

Peetz said the addition of 30,000 general reference books is one of the most exciting things about the expansion.

“This will be excellent if your professor has suggested readings because we will now have the space to have all these readings,” Peetz said.

The bookstore will have best-seller and fiction books that can be found in any off-campus Barnes and Noble.

“I think it will be nice for students to walk into this bookstore and see books that aren’t all text—

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Copper in water

Dreams of water fountain visits turn into nightmares.

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"Big - The Musical"

Popular movie hits center stage.

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First timer

Volleyball team sweeps Clemson in NCAA tournament.

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A discussion with the man who has shaped UCF

By JEFF CASE
Staff Writer

As director of facilities planning, Pete Newman has served a major role in the growth of the UCF campus. Newman designed and planned the construction of the UCF Arena, the Alumni Plaza, the Florida Solar Energy Center and the expansion of the Physical Plant.

Newman, who is serving in his fifth year as director, is planning several other future campus facilities including the Communication Building and the parking garage. He recently answered questions about the future of the UCF campus and his current projects.

Central Florida Future: What do you think the communication and health and public affairs buildings will provide for majors in those schools?

Pete Newman: The one thing is additional square footage space. There is a dean's building, additional classrooms, huge amount of space for the radio and television majors and there is also a large auditorium and theater. As far as the Health and Public Affairs Building, it really gives those majors an identity. Their building will be right on Pegasus Circle so they are right in the center of campus.

Central Florida Future: Is there any truth to the rumor of a possible expansion of on-campus Greek housing?

PN: We've looked at eight different locations on campus for an expansion of Greek housing, and we've finally settled on the northwest quadrant of the campus. We are looking at adding seven more Greek houses in the area. The problem is in the 1995 master plan, the area we are seeking was designated as preserved. We have to make a master plan amendment and that is what we are in the process of doing now. At this point, we are still working through it.

Central Florida Future: Is there any truth to the rumor about an on-campus football stadium?

PN: No. The only thing we were looking at, we looked at it a year ago, was expanding the UCF Arena. It was just a conceptual idea of doubling the seating capacity to 10,000 seats, but we have not looked at building an on-campus football stadium.

Central Florida Future: Will the Student Union be expanded further in the future?

PN: We're going to be starting phase IV and we're going to be adding a 12,000 seat banquet hall, more retail area, more offices and possibly an auditorium. As part of the project, we want to go in and landscape the plaza area to the west of the Student Union so we can start to use that area.

Central Florida Future: Has the construction of the parking garage adjacent to the Education Building gone smoothly?

PN: No. The problem has been with the pre-caster. There have been delays in its delivery. The pre-cast is the pre-casted concrete. The parking garage is like a giant Erector set, and without the pieces they cannot do the assembly. We were hoping to complete it by the beginning of November, but it probably won't open until sometime in December.

Central Florida Future: What do the new facilities add to the marketability of the campus?

PN: If you look at the new Communication Building it is going to be a state-of-the-art building. The Student Union and the Computer Science Building, along with the other buildings, help draw students here. I think the main thing UCF has done is gone after the population base here in Orlando to draw students from, which is encouraging.

Central Florida Future: How has your job changed since you began your career at UCF?

PN: I would say the complexity of the job. When I first came here, we were maybe doing one building at a time. Now we're doing several remodeling and several new constructions, so the master plan has become much more complex.
Behind the Scenes at Disney...

I think Hercules would make a great cartoon!

Let's ignore that part and concentrate on Michael Bolton as the singing voice of Hercules and commemorative plastic plates from McDonald's!

After spending way too much money equipping his farm with computers and modems, old MacDonald came to the realization that maybe he didn't need e-mail.

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I'm trying to connect with my teenager, durnnnah!

The most recent polls suggest that we may have a tenant in the White House. Come Jan. 20, 2001...

Hot dang, all knew it!!!

You tell him they're talking about Bush...

The IS Chronicles

Every Labor Day weekend in Northwestern Nebrisks, robbie invakomi plays the annual burning man festival takes place...

This of course, brings that hearty town of San Francisco's premier music festival...

The yearly event is a celebration of the primal element thousands of people gather in art seeks to meld converge for a weekend of art, music & freedom.

Like the media...

The boys plan to craft gold Aliens, heightening their chances in store of our economy. Why, I ask you...

The main event of the burning man festival was bound to happen sooner rather than later. Had it been up to somebody else, they would have done it themselves.

This year, a small group of hikers stopped in San Fran one Labor Day weekend, and since none of them were around, they felt free to do stuff they'd never be caught dead doing if the others were around...

This Signs...Scenario went out to see this summer's most popular event.

This year, a little girl in my neighborhood went downtown to the Saturday morning and screamed tourists with a stone and a stone.

My friend Laura went shopping at some local clothing stores.

This year, a little girl in my neighborhood went downtown to the Saturday morning and screamed tourists with a stone and a stone.
2 men found in car with narcotics

By ANNEMARIE MONTALI
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Police arrested David Webb, 19, and William Shriver, 18, for possession of cannabis after they pulled over for careless driving.

Officers pulled Webb's car over around 3 p.m. on Nov. 22. When police approached the vehicle, they noticed over $200 in the driver's lap and what looked to be a plastic bag containing cannabis in Shriver's hand. After conducting a search of both suspects and the vehicle, more than 20 grams of cannabis, a bag of cocaine and six and a half tablets of Flunitrazepam were found and confiscated as evidence. Webb and Shriver were then placed in police custody.

In other reports from the UCPD:

• Renee Martin-Cuilet, 19, reported to police her day planner was stolen from the Health and Physics Building. Martin-Cuilet left the building after her class on Nov. 18 at 10:45 a.m. When she returned to the classroom 15 minutes later, after realizing she had left her day planner on her desk, she discovered it had been stolen.

The day planner contained two credit cards, her checkbook and her driver's license. There are no witnesses or suspects at this time.

• Vijaya Ragoonathan, 23, reported to police a grand theft auto on Nov. 23. The victim had parked his car in a visitors parking lot on campus at 1:30 p.m. When he returned from the library two hours later, his vehicle was missing. Ragoonathan is willing to prosecute.

• Paul Sanguinetti, 20, reported his bicycle was stolen from the sidewalk next to the computer store. Sanguinetti left his bike around 2:15 p.m. on Nov. 18. When he returned 15 minutes later, the bicycle had been stolen. The bike is valued at $300. Sanguinetti is willing to prosecute.

• Police responded to a report of petit theft and burglary on Nov. 19 at the CREOL Building. Karen Oliver, 22, told police she had left her wallet, containing her bank card, on her desk. She believed the card was taken from her wallet sometime between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Nov. 17. When Oliver called to cancel her bank card, she was told that several purchases totaling more than $500 had been made with her card that day. Oliver is willing to prosecute.

Bookstore renovations to be finished June 30

From PAGE 1 books," Peetz said.

In addition, a Starbucks Cafe will be built in the bookstore. It will seat 73 people at a time, Peetz said.

She said the cafe will serve finger foods: croissants, doughnuts and cheesecake. It will also serve different kinds of coffee. Each table at the cafe will have an outlet where students can plug their laptop computers in and do work while they eat.

The bookstore will also set aside 5,200 square feet for a clothing department. There will be a wider variety of clothes to choose from, Peetz said. "When our company took over this bookstore it had mostly gray T-shirts," Peetz said. "Students will see a lot more color and novelty added to the selection, but the clothes will still have to do with UCF."

Barnes and Noble has a policy to buy back every book from students. It will buy hardbacks back for $1 and softbacks back for 50 cents. Peetz said even if a book has no value, the store will still buy it back. "The more books we buy back, the better prices we can offer for students," Peetz said.
Price wars hurt airlines during holiday season

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but the flight was so much cheaper if I did stay through Saturday that I changed my plans," said senior Lauren Santiago.

Airlines offer discounts for these flights because the majority of the business travelers travel during the week, and many of the weekend flights have many more available seats that need to be filled.

Some airlines have offered discounted fares to full-time students who are over the age of 12. These discounts vary considerably and are quite restrictive. There are restrictions such as a maximum age of 22 (proof of age is required), student identification, seven day advance purchase, Saturday night stay and round trips only.

Santiago said she has been offered a 25-percent student discount, but the discount was taken off a high fare so it wouldn't have saved her that much.

"Anyway, after I called every airline and they quoted me prices that varied from $600 to $400, I decided to check on the Internet and that's where I found a round-trip flight for $205," she said.

Other travelers have also used the Internet to purchase airline tickets in the middle of the week for a weekend flight and have managed to find some deals on certain flights. Even with all the restrictions regarding air travel, some travelers have come up with some innovative ways of working around these restrictions.

Judy Green, a 31-year-old nurse, decided to check on the Internet may wind up saving you hundreds of dollars.

"The best thing to do is to watch the newspaper and television because when airlines decide to reduce fares, the public knows about it as far as we do," Martin said.
LEAD STORIES

- In September, prominent Iraqi orthopedic surgeon Hassan al-Khodhairi abruptly fled the country after local newspapers showed that his patient, Saddam Hussein's son Oday, was still walking with a bad limp after being treated by al-Khodhairi following a 1996 assassination attempt. And in November, the bodies of three prominent Mexican plastic surgeons were found, mutilated and encased in concrete inside 66-gallon drums alongside a highway; the doctors had operated on drug lord Amado Carrillo Fuentes, who died in July of complications from the surgery.

- In November, Paul Z. Singer, head of Singer Financial Corp. in Philadelphia, was sentenced to nine months in prison for an extreme reaction to what he called business pressures. One night in 1996, an extremely depressed Singer decided to deal with his tension by loading a backpack full of spray paint cans into his BMW. When he was arrested, said police, he had written graffiti all over 31 walls, windows and automobiles.

- Kenneth Curtis, 32, was arrested in November in Hartford, Conn., and state prosecutors will again attempt to bring him to trial for the 1987 murder of a former girlfriend. Curtis had avoided trial earlier because of mental incompetence due to a brain injury caused by his shooting himself in the head in a suicide attempt. A judge had released him in 1989, saying Curtis had almost no chance of ever regaining his faculties, and an appeals court removed an order that he be tested every year. He was freed simply because Connecticut has no law to require him to be detained.

- In Springfield, Mo., in June, Vernon Wayne Richardson, 48, stood up in court to give the details of his crime as part of a plea bargain to cocaine possession. Richardson said he found cocaine, put it in his pocket, and then was arrested by police after a Wal-Mart guard detained him. Unfortunately, Richardson had misunderstood which of his cases the plea was for. Actually, the district attorney was prosecuting him for an earlier arrest for having cocaine in his car and was unaware of the Wal-Mart arrest.

- Army military policeman Kenneth Nowaczewski (though not a Muslim) was arrested in June at the Fort Belvoir (Va.) Federal Credit Union as he attempted to deposit more than $3,000 cash into his account. A teller had called, police on Bowden because she recognized him as the very man who had robbed the credit union of nearly $5,000 two weeks earlier.

- In September in Wichita, Kan., police officers stepping out a convenience store inadvertently unnerve two men parked innocently at an adjacent liquor store. According to police, a 19-year-old man in the car had a gun and thought that since police officers were nearby, he ought to get rid of it; but in the process of pulling it out of his pocket, he accidentally fired one round, which hit him in the leg, went through the front seat, and hit the companion, age 20. According to police Capt. Paul Dotson, the officers on stakeout, who had until then ignored the liquor store, had their attention engaged by the gunshot and the gun owner's limping out of the car and throwing the gun over a fence. The shooter was charged with illegal possession of a firearm, and his companion was treated at a hospital and released without charges.

- Carlos Manuel Perez, 21, was jailed in Anistion, Ala., in October after a series of missteps that almost begged for his arrest. He stopped in front of a local police station to get his car, which had no license plate. His intention, he told the first person he saw, was to inquire about getting a nonphoto identification card, since he was not the car owner. The first person he saw was, in fact, Sheriff Larry Amerson, in uniform. When pressed for ID, Perez produced a Social Security card with the name Matthew Nowaczewski (though Perez has a dark-skinned Hispanic complexion). He also produced a birth certificate under that name.

but with some information erased and rewritten in pen, including his birthplace of "MISSISSIPPI." Said Amerson later, "I know we're from Alabama, but we're not that stupid.

A 17-year-old motorist was cited for driving without a license in Springfield, Ill., in September. When stopped, he gave the name "Johnny Rice," but police got tough with him when he was unable to spell "Johnny" in any of the conventional ways. His real name, he said, is Duvo D. Stewart, and after an inquiry of the car's owner, police learned that Stewart had legitimately borrowed it and that despite the false name, he was not wanted by police on any other matter.

THE DEMOCRATIC PROCESS

- Tax Reform: In September, Albanian Socialist Party leader Gafur Mazeiku and Democratic leader Azem Hajdari got into a fistfight on the floor of the parliament about the wisdom of raising the country's tax from 12.5 percent to 20 percent. Two days later, Mazeiku returned to the chamber and severely wounded Hajdari with four shots from a handgun.

- In September elections in Bosnia-Herzegovina, dictated by the 1995 Dayton peace accords, a Muslim slate won control of the city council of Srebrenica, a city that Serbs had ethnically cleansed of Muslims during the war in what human rights agencies call the worst European atrocities since World War II. However, still not a single Muslim resides in Srebrenica. Under the Dayton agreement, Bosnians, wherever they reside, could elect governments in their former municipalities.

- One Man, Two Votes: Prosecutors in Madisonville, Tenn., announced in October they would send newspaper publisher Dan Hicks Jr., 76, to trial for voting twice in the 1996 presidential election. Of his second ballot, he said he had taken pain pills and mastitis on Election Day for his recent knee surgery. Hicks had fallen asleep, had awakened abruptly to a radio warning that the polls would soon close, and had thus rushed to the polling place, completely forgetting that he had voted by early ballot two weeks before.

Chuck Shepherd's NEWS OF THE WERD
Tainted water a serious issue at UCF

By JASON HEIRONIMUS
Opinion Editor

Thirsty anyone? If sure does get hard walking all over campus, sweating up a storm, and trying to get a million things done at once when you’ve got a bad case of dry mouth. Some of us need water to soothe a dry palate on an hourly basis. Unfortunately though, UCF has created an oasis, in half the buildings on campus.

Unless you are one of those lucky people that is a distant relative of the camel and you don’t need nourishment in the form of water, you should know exactly what I am talking about. Almost every water fountain on campus seems to be infected with a strain of something. My sources done at once when you’ve got a bad case of dry mouth. If you coughed long enough and hard enough then the teacher would get so annoyed that she’d have to make up for this water ing your presents or setting traps for you. The new parking garage is opening late. Whose water are they drinking? Coincidence? I think not! As a matter of fact there are a lot of things that could be attributed to tainted water.

For example, I recently received a low grade on a paper. Do you really think that it was my fault? Like many students I am a victim of unwarranted brain damage and I seek retribution. Though my childhood memories of the joy I have shared with numerous water fountains have been somewhat obscured, the Great Water Crisis of 1997 will most likely end by the time we get back for spring. During break, if you find yourself eating your presents or setting traps for Santa Claus in your chimney remember that there is a reason, and, most importantly, there is help out there.

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Secret service search student's home after Chelsea column

By COLLEGE PRESS SERVICE

SAN FRANCISCO — When Guy Branum urged University of California-Berkeley students to "sharpen your spirit on Chelsea's bloody circus," it was supposed to be a joke, he says.

Problem was, the Secret Service isn't laughing.

Branum, a columnist at the Daily Cal newspaper, mentioned President Clinton's daughter in a piece that preceded the 100th "Big Game" — the much-hyped football matchup between Berkeley and Stanford University.

His reference to the first daughter, who attends Stanford University, led Secret Service agents to search Branum's apartment Nov. 24, shortly before First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton spoke at the Berkeley campus.

"They were prowling my stuff," Branum said. "They were brow-beating me about writing the column," the 22-year-old senior told Reuters. "They told me to be careful in the future."

Branum said his column was supposed to stir up school spirit before the big game. But he said people took the column seriously.

"I've gotten everything from hate mail to a lot of e-mail supporting me," Branum said. "Today I got one that said I should be castrated." The Daily Cal has since apologized for Branum's column, which also provided the location of the dormitory where Chelsea lives.

Beavis And Butt-head Are Dead

LOS ANGELES — After 220 episodes, Beavis and Butt-head, those moronic metalheads, are calling it quits.

Just one reason why teens loved it — and why many parents hated it, says Marsden.

"It's a remarkably insightful look into teen-age culture, its ups and downs," he says.

"There is value in telling the story of the holy idiots of the moment," Jack Nachbar, professor emeritus of pop art at Bowling Green State University in Ohio, told Knight-Ridder/ Tribune News Service.

Another professor, Mike Marsden, dean of arts and sciences at Northern Michigan University and a pop-culture scholar, says Beavis and Butt-head instinctively displayed American free will and individualism.

"There is value in telling people the emperor has no clothes," explains Marsden.

But if "Beavis and Butt-head" at its best was smart comedy about dumb people, it also captured some degree of reality, says Robert Thompson, a Syracuse University professor.

"I've become more and more convinced that 'Beavis and Butt-head' was not just a cartoon, it was a documentary," says Thompson, who will head the New York school's new Center for the Study of Popular Television. "There are young people out there who dress like that, who talk like that. It's as much a social document as a TV show."

That's one reason why teens loved it — and why many parents hated it, says Marsden.

"It's a remarkably insightful look into teen-age culture, its ups and downs," he says.

"The people who watched 'Beavis and Butt-head were dumb. They got the joke. They loved the self-referential satire."

Of course, before the final eulogy of "Beavis and Butt-head" is written, keep in mind the pair will live on "in reruns indefinitely," says MTV.

Heh, heh, heh. Cool.

Tenure doesn't pay for Northwestern professor

CHICAGO — Tenure doesn't pay.

Or at least it doesn't for Daniel Kirschenbaum, a faculty member at Northwestern University. Kirschenbaum, who received tenure in 1992, is listed in the faculty directory and recently renewed his faculty identification card.

"He knew Beavis and Butt-head were on the campus. We've been there."

But Kirschenbaum, a faculty member at Northwestern University and a pop-culture scholar, says Beavis and Butt-head was a documentary, not a joke.

"It was a remarkable meeting of the minds. It also captivated some degree of reality," says Thompson.

"It was one of the few times that, who knows?" Thompson asked, before saying the show appeared to be as much a social document as a TV show.

If booze flows, money won't, threaten Baptists

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. — Wake Forest University is knocking more than $28,000 of scholarships it continues to serve wine and beer at its campus pub.

The Baptist State Convention of North Carolina has threatened to withdraw the scholarship money it provides to Baptist students unless the university agrees to cut out the sale of alcohol on campus.

As long as students are 21 or over, they'll be allowed to tip back a brew at Shorty's, the campus pub, say university officials.

"We'd rather have them here than out on the highways," Sandra C. Boyette, vice president for university advancement, recently told The Chronicle of Higher Education.

The university would try to substitute the scholarships with other funds if they are cut, she added.

The Rev. Ray Davis of Green Meadows Baptist Church in Mocksville, N.C., told the Associated Press that Baptists traditionally take a stand against alcohol.
Resumes on the Internet are newest way to find jobs

By KELLY FITZPATRICK
Contributing Writer

In the age of technology, many individuals seeking employment have done away with the postal system, otherwise known as "snail mail" and have decided to post their resumes and cover letters on Internee servers.

"I posted my resume on the Internet through the University of South Florida job placement office about a month before my graduation," said Jake Bernstein, 25. "I did it because I wanted to get a job out-of-state, preferably the west coast but it was so expensive and slow to send out my resume. Through the Internee, it was within three weeks from all over the country. Through the Internee, it was free and I received responses within three weeks from all over the country."

Bernstein is now working as a credit collector in Flagstaff, Ariz.

The biggest problem with this type of setup is that it's a little more advanced than what the average person might know about computers. But some people feel that if the information is given correctly, anyone can make a WebPage easily.

"Creating a good WebPage can basically be done in two steps," said Ryan Neal, a computer engineering major at UCF. "First you create WebPages for people on the side."

"The first step is the generation of the document and there are many ways to do this," Neal said. "If a person is using a program such as Office 97 or PageMaker, that individual can directly save the resume from the word processor the resume was typed on, to a Hypertext Markup Language [HTML] file."

"Web pages are written in a computer language called HTML. It is a tag placed after the file name of the document. This is just so the Internee provider can process the resume and recognize the Web site and files transferred onto it."

"Once the document has been saved as an HTML file, it can be transferred to a server," Neal said. "This is when File Transfer Protocol [FTP] comes into play. The FTP program can be downloaded from the Internee for free and also comes with Windows 95. It stores all the HTML files or pictures you've created and when you're ready to post it on the web, you click your mouse arrow on the 'send' icon and it transfers all the files over." Once it's on the server, the person can browse the page and see millions of others across the country.

"I'm graduating in May and I am already working on getting my resume online," said Megan Cassidy, a criminal justice major. "It reaches such a large majority of employers for free. A person would be crazy not to take this route when looking for a job."

"This seems to be attracting more and more people because it is the fastest way to get information," said Dr. Ronald Rubin, marketing intelligence professor. "It's changed the face of business not just with resumes and e-mail, but right down to conference calls where it's a 'I see you, you see me' over a computer. Just recently, my daughter put her resume online looking for a job on a cruise line. Shortly after, Carnival Cruises called her, had an interview over the phone and hired her. It's absolutely amazing."

There are other more advanced ways a person can create a web page but Neal explained the simplest. To find out more, a good book to refer to would be "Internee for Dummies" from the "Dummies" series. The web site is net.dummies.net.

"This should be the only way people go when it comes to sending out their resume," said Kym Miller, a graduate student in technology. "It's fast. It's easy and it's cheap. If the technology is there, use it."

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'Big' musical is larger than life

By CORBET TRUBEY
Entertainment Editor

I'm sure many of us have lost count of the number of times we wished we were older when we were kids, which makes the teen angst of dorky 12-year-old Josh Baskin so easy to understand and enjoyable to watch as he magically turns into Tom Hanks in the hit film Big.

Now, though, Josh's wish is set to music when the Broadway production of Big-The Musical hits Orlando from Dec. 3-Jan. 4.

For those of you have been living under the rock or have never taken the chance to watch the film version of Big, it's a simple and bitter-sweet tale of a teenager whose wish to be an adult comes true with hilarious results. Forced to leave home and figure out a solution to his dilemma, he finds a whole new life in the real world, complete with an executive job and a girlfriend.

The stage version is the same, except it contains a slew of musical numbers with titles such as "Say Good Morning To Mom," "Talk To Her," and "My Secretary's In Love." For those of you familiar with the movie, you can probably figure out where they fit in with the plot. The show also features a mixture of songs from the original Broadway production along with tunes written especially for the national tour.

As the fourth in the MasterCard Broadway Series presented at the Carr Performing Arts Centre, Big is another top notch musical production can be seen by those looking for great entertainment.

With most people packing the theaters to catch anticipated Hollywood blockbusters like Scream 2 and Titanic, Big is an exciting alternative to make the most of our Christmas break and has been touted as a great show for ages 8 to 80.

Even though many of us are starting to wish we were younger now instead of older, you still have to be sympathetic for Josh, especially when he rips his good pajamas after growing a good couple of feet overnight, or when surviving in the corporate world means letting your co-workers beat the crap out of you at racquetball.

Now set to music, all these classic moments will have a fresh, new look to them when Big hits the stage to make us all feel in another age group.

Tickets are available now through the Broadway Series Box Office, the Orlando Arena, or Ticketmaster.

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Intong, 27, said he knew he wanted to be an engineer like his father, but was unsure about the area of concentration he wanted to study. He worked in his father's firm for a year (and decided he did not want to be a civil engineer) before joining the Navy. That, he said, has made all the difference.

"I was smart enough to do the work, but I wasn't sure what I wanted to do," he said. "I wasn't ready. I have a lot of respect for the 18- or 19-year-olds who show that maturity."

The military helped him mature, Intong said. It isn't the answer for everyone, he said, but he believes if students are not ready for school, they should consider military as an option for helping them find the direction they need.

"I feel like I'm an older brother to them," he said. "I try to motivate and encourage them."

He said he believes many older students tend to fall into that role. The younger students look to them for direction and encouragement. It is a responsibility that should be taken seriously, he said.

Intong, who returned to college at 26, feels he was infinitely better prepared for the responsibilities of academia after a stint in the military. But he was also better able to help other people, especially his younger classmates, make it in school.

"I know what I want to do and what I have to do to get there," he said. "That makes it easier to study and to help the traditional-age students find the direction and encouragement they need."

Life, he said, is a learning process. College is not necessarily the next step after high school. There can be a break, as long as the time is used wisely. "Learning is a process that is ongoing," he said. "We always learn something from every experience."
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By STEVE BARNES
Web Editor

Looking for that perfect gift, but dreading the post-Thanksgiving crowds? Don’t despair. With the help of the Internet (and a credit card) you can do nearly all of your Christmas shopping without leaving your home.

Literally thousands of “virtual malls” exist on the Internet, and thousands of traditional retailers also offer their products on the web. Most of these sites are a lot safer than you might imagine. Most use encryption technology to protect your credit card number from theft, and while there is always the chance some scoundrel will throw up a web site just to rip off people, many reputable companies are doing business on the net.

One of my favorites is Amazon.com, the world’s largest bookstore. Amazon has more than 2.5 million books available through its on-line catalog. Almost every conceivable topic is available, from art to zoology.

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Funding not provided for LesBiGay Awareness Week

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characters should be portrayed
as well as the people behind the
scenes in the entertainment
industry.”

The senators also reflected
on the incident at University of South Florida when the school
brought a controversial speaker
to campus. Since then, there
has been talk in the Florida leg-
islature of taking the activity
and service fee out of SG con-
trol.

These two factors affected
the senate’s decision on the bill.

Siegel said GLBSU could
bring in a tape of Boros’ speech
to help its cause.

Instead, the club is consider-
ing suing UCF.

Sen. Dominic Fariello voted
in favor of the bill and does not
think legal action is the right
decision.

“I told [GLBSU] to contact
some of the senators and find
out exactly what problems they

had with the bill,” he said. “I
told them to rewrite a new bill,
maybe cut out the speaker. That
would be a step in the right
direction.”

Siegel agreed with Fariello
and said the senators and the
club were making more of a
controversy than what it’s
worth.

“Not in the fault of GLBSU,
but some of the new senators
tried to turn it into a preching
type of thing and muddied the
waters for the club,” he said.

“Senators should vote based on
what their constituency wants.
The antics and some of the pre-
sentation [by the club] should
have been more professional.”

During the open forum at the
meeting, GLBSU member
Edward Holmes spoke to the
senate about discrimination and
acceptance of the homosexual
Lifestyle. Siegel said the speech
went down the wrong track
because GLBSU has received
funding in the past.

However, Kazmerski will
continue to pursue funding for
the club.

“What a shame that some sen-
ators chose to deprive all UCF
students of opportunities to
learn about an oppressed
minority group,” he said.

“What do they want to spend
their time on?” Siegel said. “Do
they want to spend it on a law-
suit? Maybe they do. It’s rela-
tively unconcerned.” The uni-

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Knights to savor Clemson victory

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business and realized it could all be taken away from us," Harper said.

"Once you have a team down 13-8, you should really put the
game away," Harper said. "They couldn't do it and I think they
they knew they were definitely shot."

The landmark victory may pose problems with future sched­
uling, Harper added.

"People don't want to lose to us now (because we won a tour­
nament game), but a lot of teams definitely will want to sched­
ule us now because if they beat us, it is to their advantage," Harper
said.

"I really hope more teams nationwide will take us more seri­
osly. The win is not a fluke, especially beating them 15-1, it's
a lot to be said to beat an ACC team."

After defeating Clemson, the Knights played fourth-seeded
University of Wisconsin on Sunday, losing in three games 15-7,

Smith said the loss was disappointing, but has not spoiled her
team's season.

"We've done everything we wanted to do this season, except
we would have liked to have gone farther in the tournament," Smith said. "I had my best year of coaching at UCF, so right now
I'm just relishing the success of this year and not looking at next year at all.

"Next year will be a rebuilding year and I have my work cut
out for me as far as recruiting goes."

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back for the year he's giving us.

Defensive player of the year — Jermaine
Benoit, senior defensive end. 105 tackles, 10.5
sacks, 33 quarterback pressures and 14 tackles for
loss. Enough said.

Unheralded football player of the year —
Donnell Washington, senior safety. You never
heard his name because no one threw the ball in his
direction.

First-year phenom — Charles Lee, sophomore
receiver. Caught six touchdowns and can only get
better over the next three years.

Assistant coach of the year — A tie between
both offensive line coaches, Paul Lounsberry and
Scott Fountain. Facing a murderous schedule and
without starting center Bill Dayton and guard Ryan
Gillis, the staff put together a strong unit which
performed better than last year's line. With true
lineman humility, Lounsberry credited Fountain
with the unit's success, so we'll give both of them
their due.

Best football player who decided to stay in
school — Culpepper.

Best defensive player who should decide to stay
in school — Culpepper.

Best junior offensive threat for a team that suffered an over
season.

Women's soccer player of the year — Danya
Harris, junior forward. Harris was the only real
offensive threat for a team that suffered an over
scoreless streak.

Volleyball leader of the year — Amanda
Fielding, junior setter. When asked what led
the Knights huge win over the Tigers, Coach Laura
Smith immediately said Fielding's sets. Throw in
Harper and Menchikova and you have to split this
with his

Quote of the year — Former UCF defensive
coordinator Willie Martinez on facing Culpepper
with his Eastern Michigan defense: "Culpeppers, man.
Is there any way he can't play?"
UCF will be the toughest team on both of the Division II teams’ schedules, with St. Thomas visiting UCF for the first time on Dec. 22. Victories against the Florida Sun Conference pair would give the Knights their first winning record in more than a year. It would then take an upset victory in one of UCF’s two remaining games against Conference USA members to give it its first winning record entering the TAAC portion of the schedule since Kirk Spurrier’s first season in 1993-94.

On Dec. 23, the Knights travel to Milwaukee, Wis., to battle Marquette. It will mark a homecoming for Jones, who grew up in Milwaukee.

“I asked Coach Spurrier to get me this game. I’m really excited about it,” said Jones. “It will be nice to play in front of my family. It’s not everyday you get to go home again.”

It’s not everyday UCF matches up against a guard of the caliber of Africanus, the 5-10 senior captain who is considered among the finest in the country. The Knights will also have to counter Marquette’s stifling defense, which has long been a staple of the program and Coach Mike Deane. The Golden Eagles’ interior threat consists of 6-10 junior center Jarrod Lovette and 6-9 power forward Abel Joseph. A large crowd awaits UCF at the Bradley Center, which also doubles as the home of the NBA’s Milwaukee Bucks.

Finally, the Knights close their hectic month on the road in Tampa on Dec. 30 in their annual battle against South Florida. This year’s edition has a special twist, as the game will mark the first college basketball game ever played at Tampa’s Ice Palace, home of the NHL’s Lightning. USF has won seven of the last eight games, including the last three. The Bulls won last year, 66-47, holding UCF to its lowest output of the year.

Coach Seth Greenberg is in his second season as USF. Seven newcomers highlight this season’s team, with a pair of freshmen starting at forward alongside Virginia transfer Scott Johnson, a 6-10 center.

Women gearing up for conference play

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them know that there are going to be 6,000 people there, and they are not going to be for you. You prepare them the best you can, but I don’t know if we can really prepare them fully. We just have to get in there and see how we do,” Bria said.

Following its trip to Austin, UCF will play three of its next four at home. Conference play begins Jan. 3 against Stetson, so there are not many games remaining to prepare.

“I think our continuity is coming around, I would like to see it get a lot better over the next five games,” Bria said. “By conference time, I would like to get a good feel of not only the starters, but who plays well together, and when to play them.”

Marquette to test men’s basketball
Sports

Volleyball earns first NCAA victory

BY JEFF CASE
Staff Writer

After three consecutive years of first-round losses in the NCAA volleyball tournament, UCF wanted to make history. The Golden Knights accomplished their task; becoming the first Division I UCF volleyball team to advance past the first round of the NCAA tournament, defeating the Clemson Tigers, 15-7, 15-13 and 15-1.

Coach Laurie Smith said the victory made the season. "This is what we've wanted all year, this is what it all about," says Smith, who coached the Knights to a 28-4 record.

"This is what the program and the players deserved after this season."

By BRANT PATRICK

The Tigers, coming off their first Atlantic Coast Conference tournament title in 21 years, were an equal match for the Knights, Smith said.

"It's a different kind of atmosphere. It's the kind of atmosphere that you're going to get at the University of Texas. It's a different kind of atmosphere they play in, I know the tradition. We are not going to get to that level until we start playing people at that level."

Clemson didn't know what the Tigers were in, Tyra Harper said. "We were confident in the tournament. As soon as we started playing we were in good shape."

Senior middle blocker Tyra Harper said the familiarity of playing the Tigers made the game easier.

"We were very confident playing Clemson because we've played them the past three years, so we knew them and we were ready to go," Harper said.

With the tournament win, the Knights upped their all-time record against the Tigers to 4-6. After winning the first game, UCF found itself down five in the second game. The Knights refused to fold, building back from seven points to take the game.

Smith said the comeback win helped bury the Tigers.

"We got down 12-8, and won 15-13, and that was the changing point in the game," Smith said. "Clemson didn't know what the heck was going on. After winning the first two games, yeah, we were excited, yeah, we were celebrating, but we got down to

A merry athletic fall season at UCF

BY DEREK GONSOULIN
Sports Editor

As finals fade out and the holidays settle in, the sports department at the Future would like to give a few gifts to the more athletically proficient among UCF's teams.

It was a year of recognition for the football program with competitive games against Nebraska and four Southeastern Conference teams. The Knights even scored a victory over their first nationally regarded team by defeating Toledo by 17 points in the season finale.

For men's soccer, the season was filled with promise after sweeping Florida International, a top 10 team and a 1996 finalist in the NCAA championship game, though it failed to make the AAC tournament. The women's soccer team played a brutal non-conference schedule to prepare for the postseason, but fell in the AAC championship game. A win over Auburn and an undefeated regular season in conference highlighted the year.

The volleyball team's breakthrough against Clemson in the NCAAs on Dec. 6 will make their Christmas a bit happier, even if does mean the past two AAC players of the year in Tyra Harper and Renata Menchikova have finished their career as Knights.

Thanks to the most important game in school history, be it at 14-point loss at the undefeated Cornhuskers, the fall of 1997 has a strong argument for the best sports season ever for the Knights.

The following awards are for the best and brightest of the season:

Play(s) of the year — Quarterback Daunte Culpepper's 75-yard touchdown run against Kent and his decision to stay. The team's bowl hopes look better than Culpepper's shot at the Heisman, but I hope the NFL pays him

Holiday schedule provides tough tests for Knights

BY TONY MEJIA
Staff Writer

December will consist of one big test for the UCF basketball team. Already having passed the month's first road test with an 83-78 victory at Winthrop, the Knights will now look forward to hitting the books in preparation for final exams, and then play four games to close out the 1997 season.

UCF guard Mark Jones and forward Brad Traina established career highs of 25 and 21 points in the win over the Eagles, with Jones declaring before the game he felt the healthiest he has all year. His play backed up that statement, as he recorded his third double-double, matching a career high with 12 rebounds.

Trains connected on a career-high six three-pointers, bouncing back after shooting poorly against Toledo (0-6 from the field).

"I just took my time and followed through," said Traina. "I had a lot of solid, wide-open looks at the basket. We really needed this basketball game."

UCF takes the momentum into a pair of home games against the only non-Division 1 teams on this year's schedule, Nova Southeaster and St. Thomas. The Nova Southeastern Knights will be making their second consecutive trip to the UCF Arena on Dec. 13, following last year.