Airlines suffer from discounts and rule bending

By TODD McHALE
Contributing Writer

With airplane 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.”

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.

“Will we 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 Lesbian Gay Awareness Week in April. The club wanted to bring Chastity 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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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.

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Comics

BEHIND THE SCENES AT DISNEY...

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"WELL, I'M GLAD TO HEAR IT!

THE LITTLE GIRLЛИ/..."
2 men found in car with narcotics

By ANNE MARIE MONTALI
Staff Writer

Police arrested David Webb, 19, and William Shriver, 18, for possession of cannabis after they were 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 flunitrazepan were found and were pulled over for careless driving. Police

UCFPD:

of cannabis, a bag of cocaine and six and a half tablets of flunitrazepan were found and confiscated as evidence. Webb and Shriver were then placed in police custody.

In other reports from the UCFPD:

• Renee Martin-Caulet, 19, reported to police her day planner was stolen from the Health and Physics Building. Martin-Caulet 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 check book 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 believes the card was taken from her wallet sometime between 7 a.m. and 8 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.

• Police arrested Katherine Koch, 18, for driving under the influence around 3 a.m. on Nov. 23. Officers reported Koch smelled strongly of alcohol, was unsteady on her feet and had slurred speech. She was arrested after failing to pass the field sobriety tests. Koch was taken to the DUI center where her blood alcohol level was found at 0.55.

• Gary Willis, 39, was arrested for possession of cannabis and resisting arrest without violence at 6:30 p.m. on Nov. 22. Police confronted Willis walking on campus after smelling the strong odor of cannabis coming from the suspect's cigarette. When officers asked for the cigarette, Willis put it in his mouth and swallowed it. Willis was then placed under arrest.

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 $5 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 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. Santiago said she has been able 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. Some travelers have taken advantage of some of the discounted round trip tickets instead of the higher one-way tickets," Santiago said.

Travelers who have priced the one-way ticket and have found that because of circumstances, the round trip ticket is cheaper, goes ahead and buys the round trip ticket. When they reach their destination, they just throw away the return portion of the ticket.

"Airlines do frown on this practice," she said.

Whether you plan to take advantage of discounts offered by the airlines or plan to bend some of the rules, the key factors are preparation, persistence and price checking.

Futhermore, a quick 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 fast as we do," Martin said.
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LEAD STORIES

**In September, prominent Iraqi orthopedic surgeon Hassan al-Khoulaei abruptly fled the country after local newscasts showed that his patient, Saddam Hussein's son Odai, was still walking with a bad limp after being treated by al-Khoulaei 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, president of Singer Financial Corp. in Philadelphia, was sentenced to nine months in prison for an attempt to murder an irrate victim and mail fraud. Singer had attempted to mail false information to police on Bowden because she had robbed the credit card with the name Matthew Perez produced a false identification card, since he was not carrying a driver's license. That 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 retested every week.

**In September in Wichita, Kan., police officers shooting 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 putting 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 Aniston, Ala., in October after a series of missteps that almost begged for his arrest. He stopped in front of a local government building in a stolen 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 carrying a driver's license. That first person happened to be 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."...
Opinion

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 tell me that it is actually dangerous levels of copper and lead.

But don’t let that fool you. Have you watched The X-Files lately? My fascination with water fountains started when I was a young child. In second grade, if you coughed long enough and hard enough then the teacher would get so annoyed that she’d let you go by yourself. Freedom! Though the walk to and from the fountain would only take the average person about 20 seconds, I mastered the art of moseying. That is in reference to anyone saying, “Why don’t you money on over here boy?” I figure moseying means taking your time at traveling a very short distance by foot. My mosey to and from the drinking fountain could be stretched to as long as two minutes. That is a good money!

As I grew older the water fountain always meant freedom, and water. With just a raised hand I could receive a ticket to laziness. I could leave class and wander around the school grounds until I was caught, but always eventually get a drink of water.

During soccer practice as a kid there was a water fountain about a quarter of a mile away from where we practiced. Because our coach, and my dad, always forgot to bring anything to replenish our little bodies we always had to make the long hike for water. Though the water was probably just as poisoned as the UCF water is, it was always a special moment. I have seen many fond memories of drinking fountains as a child and I hoped to continue these memories into my college years. Wrong! It seems that everywhere you go your water fountains are tainted with warning notices. If someone ignored these notices and instead drank just more to spite the man than the build-up of copper could cause brain damage and mess up their red blood cells and kidneys. I would highly suggest not to do this.

It is quite ironic, isn’t it? (Isn’t it annoying that every time you mention that something is ironic it gets passed off as an Alanis reference?) Water is supposed to be the most pure substance out there. There is a diet out there that requires you to drink something like five gallons of water a day, that’s a lot! But surely they wouldn’t require it if it wasn’t healthy. And now we buy water out of bottles. “Hello, I’d like some water please.” “Here you go, that’ll be $1.50.” Wait a minute, what? Not only is our water tainted now, but if we want the privilege of not getting ourselves sick by drinking it then we have to pay for it! How did we do this whole water issue get so out of hand?

And now UCF has joined the ranks of the dirty water people. It is humorous, actually. You go to get what you think will be a harmless drink of water and...

WARNING! “Slowly step away from the fountain. Put your hands where I can see them. Now, I’m willing to let you go, but just turn around and pretend this never happened, OK?” How can the simplest things turn into the most complicated matters. I remember like it was yesterday, and probably because it was, getting a drink of water and feeling happy, nourished, refreshed. Of course that feeling may have been spoiled by the dangerous levels of copper and lead in my body, but whose counting?

I believe that UCF should have to make up for this water situation in some manner. Copper causes damage to the brain. Damage to the brain is obviously detrimental to a student’s ability to recall every-thing that he/she is supposed to know for a test. I suggest that UCF should enact a campus-wide notice. The water, provided by UCF and given to us innocent students, has undoubtedly affected us in a negative manner of sorts. Think about it. The new parking garage is opening late. Whose water are they drinking?

Consider the consequences. 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 an 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.
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 "show you spirit" on Chelsea's bloody carcass," 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 went through my stuff. 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.

"Beavis and Butt-head" — the much-hyped football matchup between Berkeley and Stanford University — was mercifully displayed on MTV's "Beavis and Butt-head Are Dead," which aired Nov. 26.

Although the show was criticized by many for being an assault on good taste, civility and literature culture, a few academics are willing to admit the dramatic dunces weren't all that bad.

"They were sort of the holy idiots of the moment," Jack Nachbar, professor emeritus of pop culture at Bowling Green State University in Ohio, told Knight-Ridder/Trubune 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 knew Beavis and Butt-head were dunces. 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.

What he doesn't collect from Northwestern is a paycheck. Kirschenbaum has filed a suit against the university, arguing that his tenure led him to believe Kirschenbaum's case should go to trial this spring.

Tenure doesn't pay for

Northwestern professors, the faculty watchdog group, say they can't recall a similar case.

First, the university does not dispute the competency of Kirschenbaum, who is a much-published expert on eating disorders.

Nor does NU claim to have dismissed Kirschenbaum for cause.

In fact, the university says Kirschenbaum is still free to teach classes if he chooses to do so — but only on a volunteer basis.

Kirschenbaum's case is scheduled to go to trial this spring.

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If booze flows, money won't, threaten Baptist

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C.— Wake Forest University risk­

ing more than $28,000 in scholar­

ships if it continues to serve

wine and beer at its campus pub.

The Baptist State Convention of North Carolina has threatened to withdraw the scholar­

ship money it provides to Baptist stu­

dents 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 cam­

pus pub, say university officials.

"We'd rather have them here than out on the highways," Sandra C. Boyette, vice president for uni­

versity 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 Meadow's 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 Internet 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 in the west coast but it was so expensive and slow to send out. Through the Internee, it was within three weeks from all over the country."

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

"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 wouldn't 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 website 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."
‘Big’ musical is larger than life

By CORBETT 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 kickball.

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 again.

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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’m not saying it’s the answer, but it worked for me. They should look at it as an option. If it’s not for them, maybe they should try entering the work force for a year or two. Not flipping burgers, but something in the career they think they would want.”

The military teaches a respect for authority many young people lack, Intong said. That respect, he said, is essential for academic success. As an older student attending classes with mostly traditional-age students, Intong said he has the added responsibility of being a mentor to his younger classmates.

“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

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If you know of a site that you think would be of interest to our readers, drop me a line at news@gvsu.net and I will try to review it in a future article.

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 legislature of taking the activity and service fee out of SG control.

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

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

Instead, the club is considering suing UCF.

Sen. Dominic Fariello voted in favor of the bill and does not think it should be portrayed 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 have 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 “shame that some senators 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 lawsuit? Maybe they do. I’m relatively 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 out for me as far as they knew they were definitely
shot," 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
ously. The win is not a fluke, especially beating them 15-1, it’s
a huge win for us," Smith said.

"We’ve done everything we wanted to do this season, except
we would have liked to have gone farther in the
nament game," Smith immediately said Fielding’s sets. Throw in
Harper and Menchikova and you have to split this

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

Best football player who should decide to stay
in school — Hulicki Rivane. He could go pro now, but for the program’s sake, he really
had his 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
cut for me as far as recruiting goes."

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back for the year he’s giving us.

Defensive player of the year — Jeremiah
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
inexperienced 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.

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school — Hulicki Rivane. He could go pro now, but for the program’s sake,
let’s hope he doesn’t. Despite missing four games
in his two years as a Knight, Rivane leads the

nation in goals scored with 47.

Best story — Outside of Culpepper’s decision,
the best story had to be true freshman running back
Dwight Collins, who is deaf, rushing for 140 yards
and two touchdowns in a quarter at Kent.

Future-to-be-comback player of the year —
Gillis. He gets to play his final year at offensive
guard next season. It only took the NCAA several
months and an appeal of an earlier denial for it to
realize having a baseball-sized tumor removed
from one’s shoulder is a good reason to miss a foot­
ball season.

Best cross country runner — Anne Panaggio.

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
400-minute scoreless streak.

Volleyball leader of the year — Amanda
Fielding, junior setter. When asked what led
to 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
honour three ways.

Quote of the year — Former UCF defensive
coordinator Willie Martinez on facing Culpepper
Is there any way he can’t play?”

Women’s basketball plays UTEP on Dec. 18 on
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The Knights 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. Victory 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 TAAAC 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 Aaron Hutchins, the 5-10 senior captain who is considered among the finest in the country. The Knights will 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 at USF. Seven newcomers highlight this season's team, with a pair of freshmen starting at forward along with Virginia transfer Scott Johnson, a 6-10 center.

Women gearing up for conference play

From PAGE 16: They 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.

"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.”
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 Laura Smith said the victory made the season.

"This is what we’ve wanted all year, this is what it all about,” said Smith, who coached the Knights to a 28-4 record.

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

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

"I knew we had to play our game because we matched up well with Clemson,” Smith said.

"Every year we’ve had to face a much tougher first-round opponent. This year we were actually ranked above Clemson coming into the game and we were the favorite.

"For the first time, I felt very, very 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, knocking off seven points to take the game.

Smith said the comeback win helped bury the Tigers.

"We got down 13-8, 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

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By BRANT PATRICK PARSONS
Staff Writer

The lights are turned down low and 6,000 fans increase the intensity of their screaming. The arena’s speakers blast dance music as spotlights duel in the air. The public address announcer introduces each player to howling fans. There is an electricity that is reserved for special games like this. This is a University of Texas basketball game — a women’s game — and this is an occurrence typical of each home game.

UCF women’s basketball Coach Lynn Bria scheduled a trip to Austin this season with her eye on the future. She wanted her young team to experience the intensity that will be found in Texas, so that if the NCAA tournament should appear in the future, it will be prepared.

"If we are fortunate enough to make the NCAA tournament, this is exactly the type of atmosphere we will have to play in,” Bria said.

"We need to play in that kind of atmosphere. That is why I scheduled the game; it wasn’t just to play at the University of Texas. I know the kind of atmosphere they play in, I know the tradition. We are never going to get to that level until we start playing people at that level.”

Though Texas is one of the few exceptions nationwide, Bria would like to see that enthusiasm spread.

"That is how it should be done, it is what women’s basketball is about,” Bria said.

"So how do you get a young team ready for that kind of atmosphere?

"You have to prepare them for things like this. You have to let

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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 recognized team by defeating Toledo by 17 points in the season finale.

For men’s soccer, the season was filled with promise after sweeping Nova Southeastern, a top Atlantic Sun team and a 1996 finalist in the NCAA championship game, though it failed to make the TAAC tournament. The women’s soccer team played a brutal non-conference schedule to prepare for the postseason, but fell in the TAAC 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 TAAC 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:

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