There's no place like home

Controversy surrounds president's on-campus house

By DENISE FISHER
Contributing Writer

As construction workers put the finishing touches on the $1.4 million house built for the university and its president, Dr. John Hitt, controversial issues about the cost and necessity of the house arise among students and faculty.

Dr. Rosie Joels, professor of reading and English, had a problem with the construction.

"I think there are a lot of distractions on campus that have nothing to do with the real work of the university," she said. "Increasingly, the central administration seems to be detached from the day to day concerns related to teaching, research and service.

"I think money would be better spent on more important things than a house," she said. "They see that as a big way to show that they are exercising their teachings."

Several students, who wish to remain anonymous, said they thought the university could use that money on more important things than a house.

The Hitts expect to move into their new home by mid-January.

"I think $1.4 million could buy a lot of new computers and at least 300 well-needed parking spaces," one student said. "Whether it is the cost of the house or the reason behind it, there seem to be a lot of misunderstandings."

According to Karen Jennings, director of constituent relations, the idea to build the president's house on campus has been discussed since the early years of the university.

"This has always been a part of the university's vision," she said.

Renovations to help minds expand

By BRIAN SMITH
News Editor

A planning committee comprised of faculty, alumni and a representative from the provost's office has drawn plans to make additions to the Education Building.

The addition of classrooms and technical labs and the movement of the men's locker room will occur in four phases. Phase one will include moving the men's locker room behind the vendor, The Fast Break. The space was a team locker room, but it is now used for storage.

In phase two, the multi-purpose room will be eliminated and replaced by a 774-square-foot technical lab. In addition, two other technical labs and a technical classroom will be added.

Also, the physiology education lab will be expanded to 2,940 square feet.

Lores Kintzmann, director of recreational services, said the changes caused by the first two phases on the first floor will not affect intramural sports.

"I went to the meeting in November or early December and in the last proposal the gym was left intact," Kintzmann said.

"We need the gym as it is until the rec services building is finished.

"I have a feeling once the rec services building is finished..." See CHANGES, Page 7

Music brings students together

By BOB O'LEY
Staff Writer

During the spring semester, music fans could descend on the UCF campus to hear contemporary rock bands, play interactive games and enjoy the sunshine in a music festival being planned by the Student Government Association.

The festival has not been named and no date has been set. Also, no bands have officially committed but Chris LaBruzzo, SGA chief of staff, told the senate on Jan. 7 that SGA was negotiating with promoters, bands and vendors for a festival sometime in March or April.

"We're still working on the name," LaBruzzo said. "But we will bring in some good, well-known bands. We hope to have at least four nationally known bands or three four local bands.

"I've been working on the name since the early years of the university," Mingo said.

UCF Police concerned about pedestrian safety

By CHRIS J. KRAUS
Contributing Writer

UCF Police and the campus safety office are receiving numerous complaints from pedestrians about the skateboard and in-line skate activity on campus.

"The safety concerns are forcing the university to publish policy and guidance in future student handbooks," Detective Sgt. Randy Mingo, the UCF police representative to the campus safety committee, said most complaints are about the high speed pace of the skating.

"We have had complaints about in-line skaters cracking the whip," he said. "That's where a bunch of them will get in a line and really get going."

Mingo said in-line skaters are not the only threat to pedestrian safety. Students riding skateboards are also a concern.

"A lot of the complaints we are getting are coming in from the area between the theater and the Biology Building," Mingo said. "They're going to have a lot of damage from the skateboards."

"They're a blind corner over there. A lot of the professors are complaining about that. They seem to be a lot more damage."

Mingo said the problem has prompted the university to address the issue. University policy and guidance regarding skateboarding and in-line skating will be highlighted in the next publication of "The Golden Rule," a student handbook.

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"Part of mine and Karen's (Montague, SGA vice president) idea when we were elected was..." See SMASHMOUTH, Page 5

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Fire torches two cars in parking lot

By ANNEMARIE MONTALI
Staff Writer

Police were called to a campus parking lot on Dec. 2 in response to a car fire. When officers arrived, a Mercury Cougar belonging to Steven Mandelo, 18, was engulfed in flames. The flames spread to a nearby Chevrolet pickup truck that belonged to Christopher Wilhelm, 24, causing substantial damage. Five other surrounding cars sustained minimal damage. The Fire Marshall was called to investigate.

In other reports from the UCFPD:

• UCF philosophy professor Paul Riley was charged with driving under the influence on Dec. 20 at about 9 p.m. Police stopped Riley when he failed to yield at a crosswalk. Officers reported Riley smelled of alcohol, was unsteady on his feet, had bloodshot eyes and had slurred speech. After failing to pass field sobriety tests, Riley was placed under arrest and taken to the University Police Department. Riley met with Dorothy Lallement, 58, in the Visual Arts Building regarding a missing Sony Video Camera taken from room 105Q. The camera was placed in the room on Oct. 15 and was missing on Nov. 27. Lallement did not report the incident until Dec. 10.

• James Fogartie, 18, parked his Ford Mustang on campus at 7:30 p.m. on Dec. 9. When he returned four hours later, Fogartie noticed someone had removed the left tail light cover and damaged the right tail light. Due to rain, no fingerprints were found on the car. Traffic sign was placed on campus during October and was missing one month later. The sign is valued at $150.

• A book was taken from the auditorium in the Visual Arts Building on Dec. 4. Carla Ferro, 20, placed her history book on the stage while she spoke to her professor. When she returned to get the book, it was gone. Ferro checked with the bookstore and no one had tried to sell the book back.

• UCF Parking Services reported a traffic sign missing on Nov. 20. A yellow and black No Thru Traffic sign was placed on campus during October and was missing one month later. The sign is valued at $150.

• Edna Spencer, 20, reported a banner belonging to Student Government had been removed from the Student Government Kiosk between Nov. 9 and Nov. 10. The banner was for the Provide-A-Ride program.

• A parking decal was stolen sometime between Nov. 27 and Dec. 1. Mary McDowell, 18, reported the tag to be taken from the rear window of her car while it was parked on campus. The tag is valued at $68.

• Police confronted Erik Davis, 25, about an alcohol violation on Dec. 3. When officers ran a check on Davis, an outstanding warrant was found. Davis was placed under arrest.

• Henry Whitner, 60, reported two chairs and two saws were stolen from inside the old Army ROTC Training room. Whitner reported the theft on Dec. 1.

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Watching your language: New book tries to decipher ‘Generation X’ slang

By LISA BERTAGNOLI
College Press Service

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- Drinking his milk: Hot guy.
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Smashmouth may perform at UCF

By DAN McMULLAN
Staff Writer

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to re-establish Homecoming and events like that," McDonald said. "Christian helped put together that (the Reggie Sunnies concert and fireworks display), and this is a part of something that can be a tradition.

"It could have been established (after the Reggie Sunnies) two years ago but now we can start it again this year."

During said SGA hopes to draw more than 5,000 people to the festival, so SGA will try to take it outside instead of holding it in the UCF Arena.

"I'm going to be pleased with several thousand people the first year," Durning said. "Then hopefully they'll tell five friends about it and it will grow from there."

Also at the meeting, the senate voted down McDonald's appointment of Jill Lynn Poole as student lobbyist and Dana Johnson as education senator.

Sen. David Siegel said the senate could not approve the appointments because the elections and appointments committee did not meet with either Poole or Johnson.

If the senate did not vote on appointments, Poole and Johnson would have been automatically approved.

"They just had not come before that (E&A) committee," Siegel said. "Had they met with the committee, we could have probably approved them."

McDonald was upset with the senate's actions, but he said he will respond with Poole and Johnson.

"It's the responsibility of the E&A chairman (Richard Andrade) to call the appointees, but I talked to one of them and she said she didn't hear from any of the senators," McDonald said. "But I really can't say for sure that he (Andrade) didn't try to contact them. It's not his fault but it's going to set us back. We need to have that lobbyist on board before the state Legislature starts."

Richard Holliday, E&A vice chairman, said Andrade had been out of town, but the appointees were called.

"With the Thanksgiving holidays and exams, none of us had a chance to meet," Holliday said. "But we could not just let them be automatically approved. It's our job to interview them and confirm them."

Holliday said the E&A committee will meet with Poole and Johnson within the next three weeks.

McDonald might have to make another appointment.

President's Welcome Back Reception for students is a Hitt

The event was catered by Marriott Food Services. Seventy-five dozen cookies were baked to prepare for the returning students, said Ron Simko, the Dining Services director.

"Few people get to see how hard I work administratively for the student body," he said. "Interacting directly with the student body (at receptions) is the most rewarding part."

—Keith McDonald
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Skating to be addressed in next ‘Golden Rule’

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"The problems are being caused by the folks going faster," Uhler said, "Skateboarders and in-line skaters need to share the sidewalk and be aware of their surroundings. They need to slow it down a little." That advice could have helped prevent a recent collision between an in-line skater and a student. Goldie Stempel, a sophomore majoring in journalism, went airborne because an in-line skater was going too fast. "A few weeks ago, I was walking to class with my boyfriend every right to skate on school grounds. He knocked me off my feet. He didn't even stop to say he was sorry." Stempel said. "I mean, you are not going to be out here doing tons of tricks when there's a lot of people around." Joe Armstrong, manager of University Surf and Sport, advises all skaters to be safe. "Stay within your means and don't try to go crazy and be a risk to yourself or somebody else," he said. The campus police agree with that advice. Their best recommendation to skaters is to slow down. "If it's purely exercise and not to facilitate going from classroom to classroom, go to a paved, parking lot," Mingo said. Mingo also said that skaters need to realize that there are a lot of hearing impaired students on campus. He also anticipated future problems at the parking garage. "This is going to present even more temptation for skaters," he said. "We definitely foresee posting signs in that area." Mingo recommends pedestrians call the campus police if they encounter a problem with a skater. "A complaint can be later waged with the safety committee, but the main thing is identifying the perpetrator," he said. "We have issued tickets. We try to verbally warn people first. The officers have been successful in giving one warning."

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House to aid fundraising

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"It has only been in the last few years that our fund-raising abilities have evolved." Jennings explained that funding for this house, The Burnett House, named after Al and Nancy Burnett, came from at least 55 private and corporate donors. The Burnetts of Winter Park donated $500,000 for the house "because they believe in the value of education and giving back to the community," she said.

"This is a key element for the growth of UCF," Jennings said. "It's standard fare to have a president's house on a campus this size."

She also said the house will be used as a vehicle for faculty, student and employee functions.

"There will be a variety of activities available to those who request the use of the house," she said. This is the university's home for the university's use.

Pete Newman, director of facilities planning, and Keith McDonald, Student Government president, both agree.

"It's really a public building, but it does show the president's presence on campus," Newman said.

"I definitely think it's something we need," McDonald added. "It provides a great gathering place for the university."

"And gathering is the main function for this house," Jennings explained. Fundingraising and friend-raising are the primary reasons we built it. From entertaining foundation donors to the Board of Regents meetings, this house will provide the university a chance to bring the community into the campus."

Melissa Himson, a senior in the School of Communication, thinks the house is a good idea.

"It's great, considering the house is privately funded and every other major university has one," she said. "I call it an entertainment complex with an extra wing on the side of the house for the president and his wife to live in."

An extra wing is an accurate description, according to construction manager Larry Chumara.

"Only about 1,000 of the 8,500 square feet of living space will be for the Hitts' personal use," he said.

This space includes a private master bedroom and bathroom with a sitting area overlooking the pool and backyard. Hitt explained that individual offices and several storage areas are the only other private space the president and his wife will have.

"The Hitts are making a big sacrifice," Jennings said. "They are putting most of their personal belongings in storage. It will be like living in a fish bowl. They are doing it because they believe it is the right thing for the university."

Chumara said he has heard rumors around the campus about the cost and use of the house and hopes this information will help clarify some of them.

He said the rest of the 7,500 square feet of the house will be for guests and entertaining. It has three additional bedrooms and private bathrooms available to accommodate overnight stays.

It also has a piano and fireplace in the living room for entertaining and fundraising as visitors stroll out onto the enclosed Lanai (patio) or drift over to the entertainment/media room. That room, to the left of the breakfast nook, has a large screen television, a complete audio center and plenty of comfortable chairs to lounge in.

The 450 square foot service kitchen, designed by Martinez, is equipped with complete banquet-style facilities. A three-car garage contains storage space for tables and chairs used for a variety of activities.

"A lot of people worked very hard to make this a comfortable home for the president and the university," Chumara continued. "Mrs. Hitt wanted everything simple but elegant. She didn't want to put out any airs. She was very easy to work for."

Jennings said Hitt and his wife Martha will be moving from Oviedo into The Burnett House, located on the corner of Central Florida Boulevard and Andromeda Drive West, by mid-January.

Changes in Education make way for recreation building

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they are going to use the gym for office space and classrooms. But the building will not be built for another three years."

Knutson said he hopes the recreational services building will be open by fall 2000. He said it will have an indoor track, basketball courts and a swimming pool.

He said the multipurpose room can be replaced because it is hardly used.

"We don't use it anymore," Knutson said. "We used it for aerobic classes, but we now hold the classes in the fitness center, which is located in the student center."

Sandra Robinson, dean of education, said the renovations are in the planning stage.

"The first floor is undefined with student affairs in the center," Robinson said.

The third and fourth phases will add faculty offices on the second and third floors, and the fifth phase will replace faculty offices on the first floor with classrooms.

Graduate studies, education student services and the instructional technology resource center are several of the offices that will move to the second and third floors after the renovations.

The renovations plans are in the dean's office on the third floor of the Education Building. There is also a suggestion box for student input.
Wrong! Tactics to avoid for the informational Interview

By JAMES J. CRAMER
Special to College Press Service

Looking for a job? Here's another chapter in the how-not-to get hired on Wall Street.

OK, so this kid comes to see me looking for a job. Like everybody, the kid's supposed to be dyn-o-mite. Of course, I am doing a favor for somebody to see the guy. That's how it always is. Nobody ever really wants to see anybody in our business because nobody ever wants to hire an entry-level person. Heck, here, so we thought it was time piled by the years. "The turn of the century is significant people for the past five years. The top five of the century is here, so we thought it was time for a roundup," says Kelly.

Kelly, a history professor, and Lonnstrom, a statistics professor, asked Lonnstrom, a statistics profes­
sor, Thomas G. Kelly II and Douglas A. Lonnstrom. The two professors, who head the Siena Research Institute, have been compiling lists of sig­ni
cant people and events. Hitler, Joseph Stalin, Franklin D. Roosevelt, V.I. Lenin and Mao Zedong topped the list of global­
ly significant people. Social reformers and human rights advocates such as Gandhi (No. 7), Martin Luther King, Jr. (No. 11) and Mother Teresa (No. 12) also made the list. Also-rans included Ronald Reagan, Elvis Presley and Mohammed Ali—but alas, no Princess Diana.

The biggest surprise for the researchers is that the list included so many villains worldwide, but the Americans were for the most part good people, "depend­ing on how you view Nixon and Lyndon Johnson," says Kelly.

The top five Americans listed were FDR, MLK, Henry Ford, Woodrow Wilson and Theodore Roosevelt. Jonas Salk (No. 9), Bill Gates (No. 13), and John Fitzgerald Kennedy (No. 14) also made the list. (Nixon came in sixth on the list, Johnson, eighth.) Runners-up nationwide included Walt Disney, Lee Harvey Oswald and Mr. Rogers. Only two women were ranked by historians as being among the most significant people of the 20th Century, Mother Teresa was ranked 12th among the most sig­nificant people in the world, and Eleanor Roosevelt came in 18th among the most significant Americans.

Both World Wars, the Russian Revolution of 1917, the end of the Cold War and the Great Depression headed the events list. The Holocaust (No. 9) and the bombing of Hiroshima/Nagasaki (No. 7) also made that list. Runners-up include the formation of Israel, the Chernobyl nuclear disaster and the Cuban missile crisis.

When asked to list noteworthy inventions of the century, the professors put the computer, nuclear energy, televisions, the airplane and the automobile/assembly line in the top five. Other big ideas? Antibiotics, the radio and the birth-control pill.
Default rates down, reports education department

By CHARLES DERVARICS
College Press Service

WASHINGTON — The student loan default rate has declined nationwide for the fifth consecutive year, largely because of continued progress by those attending for-profit trade and technical schools, the U.S. Department of Education says.

About 10.4 percent of all student borrowers were in default during 1995, down from 12.7 percent the previous year and 11.6 percent in 1993. The 1995 rate also is less than half the record of 24.4 percent posted back in 1990, before the Education Department began a crackdown on schools with high default rates.

"This five-year trend is truly astounding," said Education Secretary Richard Riley, who credited federal collection efforts, sanctions against high-default schools and a strong economy for the steady declines.

But not all of the data indicated progress, however. Some partial declines in trade and technical schools, defaults among students at two- and four-year colleges and universities actually increased slightly from 1994 to 1995.

Among public two-year colleges, the default rate increased from 13.8 percent in 1994 to 14.2 percent in 1995, the most recent year for which data was available.

Defaults at public four-year institutions also increased from 6.8 percent to 7.1 percent, the Education Department said, and defaults increased by less than one percentage point among private two- and four-year colleges.

"We're concerned whenever default rates creep up," said David Longanecker, assistant Education Department secretary for post-secondary education.

But these small increases were not enough to offset continued progress at trade schools, traditionally a source of high defaults. Rates for these schools fell to 19.9 percent in 1995, down from 23.9 percent rate for 1993 and 21.1 percent the following year.

Despite such progress, the Education Department also noted that college and university students relied on loans to pay tuition more than ever before in 1995. More than 1.9 million students began repaying loans in 1995, up about 50,000 from the previous year.

As a result, the number of defaulters increased slightly — by 113 students, said Education Department’s data. Nationwide, the department reported 199,346 borrowers in default for 1995. Even Riley questioned whether this increasing debt burden among students is “directly related to the increase in default rates” at two- and four-year institutions.

Nationwide, 269 higher education institutions also may lose access to some or all federal aid because of the 1995 default rates among their borrowers. Nearly all are trade and technical schools, although about 30 two-year institutions and one four-year theological seminary also made the list.

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Francisco's blood-scene community, one prominent participant cut hurts, definitely, but then gives me energy. thing. There's the rush, and it definitely makes people think, then 'That's my lifestyle,' kind of...

ed to police in Fairfield, Calif., that he had been Bobbittized by a woman in revenge for Hall's having killed a friend of hers 14 years ago. (Hall served time for voluntary manslaughter.) Then, two days later, Hall admitted that there was no other woman and that the chief complaint against him was that he had bribed a police officer to accept a 'feather' from the home. It direct, call to their own kids as an aid in improving the journalists' immune systems.

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President's house hits a nerve on campus

By OLIVIA K. CURNOW
Managing Editor

Assuming you have all kept up with the construction at UCF, you could not, I would first like to get out of the way of the thought that this university is getting better by the day. Various colleges are constructing their own buildings to house the facilities that will prepare graduates for the real world, and other centers are expanding their services to meet the needs of students. I have also heard that the parking garage has been a success and fewer people are complaining about the lack of parking.

While I am all for expanding the university and putting all this extra land we have to good use, I can't keep my mouth shut on The Burnett House, a $1.4 million home for the president and university to use.

In this week's issue, there is a well-written story on the front page reporting the rumors and controversy that surround the house. Students and faculty don't see the necessity of it, and I have to agree with them. The house will be used for fundraising and friend-raising, the article says, and for meetings for the Board of Regents and entertainment foundation donors. So, let me get this straight. Let's say the university hopes that Big Name Corporation will donate, oh, $1 million to the foundation. John and Martha Hitt invite the head of the company to The Burnett House. This person parks his/her car in the three-car garage, takes a dip in the pool, watches a game on the large-screen TV and listens to some classical music coming from the stereo system while eating a banquet-style dinner. This person is so impressed, he/she writes a check and hands it over to a very happy John Hitt.

Call me crazy, but I just don't see it happening that way. And if I'm just naive and don't realize it does happen that way, then that's great, I wish John and Martha a lot of happiness in their new home. But, I doubt it, or any other average student, will see the inside of that house. The closest I will probably get is when John tosses this newspaper into his fireplace and witnesses my words burn one by one.

The article also quotes someone from Hitt's office as saying John and Martha are making a big sacrifice. Oh, boy. I can see now, they may come to visit, but their money is already out, along with the corporation's. I'm talking about seeing him walk up to the rec services building, but I'm just fooling around. What will I do with myself in what shall I do with myself in this $5,000 square foot house? Oh well, I guess I'll go relax by the pool. After all, getting a tan is such a burden, but one does have to look good for the students.

And that's another thing. Someone else was quoted as saying it will show the president's presence on campus. Well, I hope so, but I want to know how many students have actually seen John Hitt, and I'm not talking about the ice cream socials or the welcome back receptions or the graduations.

I'm talking about seeing him walking on campus, talking with students and faculty, getting to know exactly who he is raising these funds for. I myself have never spoken to the man because every time I call his office to ask him about a story I'm working on, his secretary transfers me to the university spokesperson. One administrator tipped me off and told me he checks his email more than he talks to the students, so I tried that approach. Even my email was forwarded to someone else.

If this house will help the president/student interaction, then that's great, and I wish John and Martha a lot of happiness in their new home. But, I doubt it, or any other average student, will see the inside of that house. The closest I will probably get is when John tosses this newspaper into his fireplace and watches my words burn one by one.
By PETER KUNDIS

Do you feel that opening the new parking garage has helped to ease the present parking problem?

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I really don't know, since I live on-campus and really don't need to find a parking space before going to class. But, every bit does help and I really hope that this does for other students.


I'm glad that they opened up the new parking garage. I think that parking won't be as hectic now.

— Van Bui, Freshman, Computer Science, Fairfax, VA

I still can't find a parking space close to my classes, but then I haven't had any problems with finding a space in the parking garage. I may still have to walk across the campus to get to class, but at least my shoes won't be getting muddy this semester.

— Martin Collins, Senior, Radio/TV, Orlando.

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— Van Bui, Freshman, Computer Science, Fairfax, VA

Yes, it has helped out a lot! It gives students another place to park at, when all of the other lots are full.

— Jennifer Hwang, Freshman, Biology, Orlando.

Yes, it has helped a lot! Now the other students can park in the garage, and leave an empty space in the parking lot across from Administration for me.

— Robert Leguang, Freshman, Physical Therapy, Tulsa, OK

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Entertainment

Lula Washington combines original music, dance

By CORBETT TRUBEY
Entertainment Editor

On Thursday night, when the lights dim and the curtain is opened, get ready for a powerhouse of musical energy to be released. The Lula Washington Dance Company will perform in the Student Center auditorium its unique blend of traditional and contemporary dance and performance art which has captivated audiences from the Virgin Islands to Germany.

The international touring company has received critical acclaim for its talent and stylish choreography. The show features African-influenced dances and abstract modern works that have been described by critics as dynamic, mind-opening, and inspirational.

Lula Washington founded the Lula Washington Dance Theater in 1980 and is currently the Artistic Director. She has taught dancers around the world and has received numerous awards from the state of California and the NEA. Washington's choreography portrays important social and political messages including peace and discrimination. She has also created a tribute to Harriet Tubman titled "This Little Light," which is featured in this year's repertoire.

Jazz, gospel, and rap are just some of the sounds you'll hear from the company, and the wide range of influences will have a broad appeal for those looking for an exciting and enlightening evening of entertainment. The free 8 p.m. show, sponsored by the Campus Activities Board, will probably be the most original event to take place this semester, so get there early!
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Father," brings us another story about... life in Ireland. And Ireland such as and feet or the daughter of an IRA leader. Ireland look like a foreign music Hollywood, using real-life situa­ tion of loyalty to her husband and father while longing for a better day for her and her son. Their performances are well­ done and they have already become the overseas celebrities of the moment, although Lewis has been around considerably longer.

It seems as if "The Boxer" is good entertainment, but that's all it is. Everything about the movie is very cut-and-dry, from the plot, which moves at warp speed, to the characters, whom apparently things aren't much better, either. Whereas "My Left Foot" was simple but touching and "In The Name Of The Father" was highly political and depressing, "The Boxer," sits comfortably in the middle, a ten­ der love story set against the war-torn backdrop of Belfast (think south central L.A. without the sunny weather).

The poor ex-con mentioned above is Danny Flynn (Daniel­ Day Lewis), who was impris­ oned 14 years for being in the IRA. Looking to rebuild his life, he returns to his hometown to start boxing again while all the nosy residents try to figure out what he's really up to. Only complicating matters is Maggie Hamill (Emily Watson), Danny's old girlfriend, who has married and has a son, but apparently still makes Danny's heart skip a beat. When Danny and Maggie start seeing a little too much of each other (you can't even go to the bathroom in Belfast without some pesky IRA guy looking over your shoulder), the story is set in motion.

There is no doubt that Daniel­ Day Lewis and Emily Watson make a cute couple, not to men­ tion their ability to show the repressed passion they feel for each other while the big Northern Ireland brother is watching them. Lewis is quiet and brooding as Danny, not to mention buffed-out and able to KO a few people in the process. Watson has a pretty juicy role as well, stuck in the delicate posi­ tion of loyalty to her husband and father while longing for a better day for her and her son. Their performances are well­ done and they have already become the overseas celebrities of the moment, although Lewis has been around considerably longer.

It seems as if "The Boxer" is good entertainment, but that's all it is. Everything about the movie is very cut-and­ dry, from the plot, which moves at warp speed, to the characters, whom all seem a paint­by­numbers ele­ ment of Hollywood's formula for a crowd­pleaser. "The Boxer" was a little too predictable to place on any type of cinema pedestal, although it recently nabbed a few Golden Globe nominations.

Poor Danny! Poor Maggie! Poor Ireland! Will the young lovers be together? Will Danny be just as good a boxer as he was during his teen years? Will any steps ever be taken towards peace in Ireland? And finally, would Hollywood dare to leave move­in­g­overs un­der­ and dis​appointed as they exit the theater? Hey, if Rocky made out okay....

Rating: "The Boxer" - */2

THE FEEL­GOOD MOVIE OF THE YEAR.
Students find no breaks during holidays

By VICKI DeSORMIER
Staff Writer

For Marcye Kayne, getting back into the swing of things after the Christmas holiday was no big deal.

"It's not like I had time off," the 36-year-old single mother of two said. "I worked myself silly. Probably twice as hard as I do during the school year."

For older students with families and work obligations, the winter break is not really time off as it is with younger students who travel home to be doted on by parents or who just kick back and relax for a couple of weeks.

"I think things really kick in when that last class is over," Darlene Wallace, 43, said.

Parents who have some time off from classes do not have time off from their children who are also home from school. They must try to find ways to entertain their youngsters in the days before and after the holidays.

"It's not like I relaxed for a moment," Kayne said. "Being back here is almost a relief for me."

She said she spent her break taking care of her children and making sure they had plenty to do while they were out of school. Her ex-husband was working out of the country, she said, so she had to be with the children every moment.

"I have a friend who watches them when I'm in school," she said. "I figured I'd give her the winter break off."

In addition, Kayne said she has to work 40 to 50 hours a week at her job at a retail store during the weeks before and immediately after Christmas. That is not the time to ask for time off in a job like that, she said.

"Time off, she said, is not something she ever gets. "It doesn't bother me, though," she said. "I know it'll all be worth it after I get my degree."

Wallace said she did not have a moment to herself during the break, but she enjoyed the time she had with her husband and daughter.

"I had a chance to cook for them and really fix the house up nice for Christmas," she said. "I did some Christmas shopping and stuff like that. Getting back to class will be a breeze after that."

John Knowles said he didn't even notice the break.

"I was so busy trying to get my schedule figured out that I never even had a break from school on top of taking care of all the Christmas things," he said.

The 30-year-old father of one said he is dealing with what he calls a "mid-life career change" and trying to maintain a happy home life at the same time.

"It seems like all I ever do is work," he said. "Even when I'm not in school, I'm in school."

Some older students think their younger counterparts don't appreciate the difficulties involved in trying to juggle school, work and family obligations.

"Sure some of them work, but not unless they want to," Knowles said. "And I hear them complain all the time about how tough life is. I just hope they stay in school and take the classes that will lead them down the path they want, because it's much harder to do it this way, believe me."
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Digital postcards sure to spice up your e-mail

By STEVE BARNES
Web Editor

CYBERSPACE - Looking for a way to spice up your e-mail? Why not send a "virtual postcard"?

Like their snail mail cousins, virtual postcards offer a quick, easy way to send a short note, complete with a colorful photo. Unlike traditional postcards, they can also incorporate music and sometimes video.

The Digital Postcard, a free service from All-Yours Internet Solutions, offers anyone with Internet access the opportunity to send and receive virtual postcards at no charge.

The site offers users the choice of several languages from which to choose, allowing you to communicate with friends and family anywhere in the world.

The program will ask you to select an image (photo) from the site’s archives or upload your own photograph using a simple procedure outlined in the instructions. (To upload your own picture, you must be using Netscape Navigator 3.0 or higher and your file size cannot exceed 35 kilobytes.) Once you have chosen the photo, you will be prompted to enter the e-mail address of the recipient(s) you would like to receive the card. Typing in several addresses, which must be separated by commas, will keep in mind they will all receive the same message.

The site will ask you to choose a topic, list the loved one’s name, some brief details and you will be prompted to select a musical theme for your card, you will be given the option of changing the font, size, and color of the text, as well as the layout of the card, with the help of guide lines. The site will then create a virtual postcard, along with instructions for retrieving it. (A link within the message takes you directly to the pick-up area and a code within the message insures privacy.)

The Digital Postcard can be found at http://www.all-yours.net/postcard. Please keep in mind this is only one of many sites which offer virtual postcards. Typing in "virtual postcards" into any search engine will provide you with links to thousands of others.

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ASU crime prevention coordinator caught stealing

**By COLLEGE PRESS SERVICE**

TEMPE, Ariz. — A crime-prevention coordinator at Arizona State University was fired Nov. 17 after being arrested and charged with burglary.

Radawa Michelle, 31, was arrested after campus police said she entered ASU's Wilson Hall around 9:45 p.m. Nov. 7 and emerged with a backpack. She escaped on a bicycle and was arrested in her office after police found $7 in cash and several music CDs in the backpack.

Michelle had been employed as the university's crime-prevention coordinator for the past three years, said Amandu Kingsbury, information specialist at ASU's news bureau.

News of her arrest shocked co-workers, Kingsbury added. "She was a great employee and tireless worker," she said.

Michelle had introduced new safety programs to the 50,000-student campus, including one that altered buildings' surroundings—by installing better lighting and trimming shrubs that may obstruct windows, for example—to make them safer.

After being charged, Michelle was released on her own recognizance. Kingsbury said she now is a suspect in several other unsolved burglaries.

Memorial Service For LSU Student Draws 300

BATON ROUGE, La.— About 300 people and an army of local and national reporters attended a Nov. 13 memorial service for Benjamin Wynne, the Louisiana State University student who died in August after a night of binge drinking.

The nondeonominational service, held at the LSU Catholic Student Center, included readings of letters written to Wynne's family by members of the fraternity Sigma Alpha Epsilon, where Wynne was a pledge. Wynne's parents had planned to attend the service but did not after hearing that reporters would be there, said Jim Crain, LSU's director of public relations.

Crain said the criminal investigation of Wynne's death had been turned over to the Baton Rouge District Attorney's office, which was deciding whether to order a grand jury investigation into Wynne's death.

Meanwhile, LSU has assembled a task force of 22 representatives from campus and the community to investigate Greek life on campus. Crain said Wynne had been drinking to celebrate bid night at the fraternity when he died.

IQ Scores Gap Closing, Cornell Scientists Report

ITHACA, N.Y.—Intelligence scores between lower- and socioeconomic groups are growing more similar, not different, say two psychologists at Cornell University.

The two researchers, Wendy M. Williams and Stephen J. Ceci, analyzed scores of tests that contain verbal analogies, vocabulary, math, science, writing and spatial reasoning and found that racial differences in scores narrowed from 1970 to 1968, then leveled off.

"During this period, our country spent substantially more for education targeted at minorities, compared to Williams in the November 1997 issue of the journal "American Psychologist." Gains in scores of black students, not the falling scores of white students, were responsible for closing the gap, Williams noted.

The two say their work destroys the claims of such books as "The Bell Curve," which says test scores between races and classes are different because people with lower IQs are having more children than people with higher IQs.

NYU Students Protest Moving Chimpanzees

NEW YORK — Students at New York University who protested the moving of chimpanzees from lab to another may have wasted 17 hours of their time, say administrators.

The students sat in the president's office from just before 9 a.m. Nov. 10 to 1:30 a.m. Nov. 11. The sit-in was prompted by the students' concern over the 28 chimpanzees from NYU's Laboratory for Experimental Medicine and Surgery in Primates, which the school is closing.

However, NYU officials already had decided to remove the chimps, rather than move them to another experiment facility, said Robert Berne, vice president for academic affairs at the school. "They protested an issue we had been working on and had come to a conclusion on," Berne said.

The students, a mix of graduate and undergrads from several disciplines, did score one victory. NYU officials promised to put a student, though not necessarily one of the protesters, on its Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee.

Study Examines Whether TV Influences Paranormal Belief

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind.—Pick up the TV listings these days and you'll find plenty of witches, angels, vampires and space aliens in the season's prime-time lineup.

This prompted Purdue University researchers to ask whether exposure to paranormal phenomena on TV made people more likely to believe in such things as flying saucers, ghosts and devils.

After conducting a random telephone survey of 120 people in a small Midwestern city, researchers found that belief in the paranormal is more complicated than it might seem, said Glenn Sparks, a Purdue professor of communication. He says many factors such as age, family, religion and education influence one's beliefs.

"After all these other variables are considered, the fact that television even factored in is kind of remarkable," he says. "Television may explain 10 percent of the belief in the paranormal."

People who reported a real-life experience with a paranormal phenomenon said their TV watching did not influence their belief. But for those who had no such experiences, belief in the supernatural was related to watching paranormal TV shows.

As part of the survey, respondents were asked to agree or disagree with several statements that measured their tendency to believe in the paranormal. They also were questioned about whether they had experienced anything that might be considered other-worldly or paranormal. In addition, respondents were asked whether they viewed several shows that routinely feature paranormal themes.

Overall, belief in the paranormal was common among respondents. For example, over 50 percent of them indicated a belief in ghosts; nearly one-third reported that sometimes they had been able to read another person's mind through extrasensory perception; and nearly 45 percent believed in UFOs from outer space, he says.

Those percentages are similar to national poll results.

Sparks says people tend to put paranormal phenomena into two groups. One group included supernatural beings, such as ghosts, space aliens and angels. The other group consisted of psychic phenomena, such as ESP and astrology.

Sparks says he thinks TV's influences may be tied to how good a job it does in depicting the paranormal. "Because we saw a connection between supernatural beings and television—and no such connection between psychic powers and television programming—we think it may have something to do with the fact that television provides more vivid coverage of ghosts and space aliens," he says.
Man vs. trout: landing the big one takes more than a Brad Pitt swagger

By DOUG LANSKY
College Press Service

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — It was a fascinating sight: men standing around in rubber pants, adjusting their flies, whipping their rods back and forth and occasionally exchanging, "Look here. I've got a big one!"

Of course, I'm talking about fly fishing. And here in the shadow of Pike's Peak, fly fishing isn't just a hobby, it's a way of life.

"Told it was a crucial feature. And it was polarized because I'd been fishing for some time before the fly-fishing class began. I spent a good deal of time checking my gear, or just fidgeting with it while I carried my rented $300 rod and reel awkwardly, like a new father trying to find a diaper for his baby. I spent 10 minutes studying my sunglasses, trying to determine whether or not they were polarized because I'd been told it was a crucial feature. And I rechecked the new fishing license I'd picked up at 7-Eleven for $5 to make sure it had the right date and a coupon on the back for a Big Gulp.

Fellow classmates Carol and Libby, both in their 40s, arrived together. Mark, also around 40, and the only student who confessed any experience, came on his own.

Our hazel-chested, bearded instructor was also named Mark. He was co-leading the class with Antonio, a penny-tailed junior high school teacher and part-time fishing guide. Both wore vests covered with several hundred dollars' worth of fly-fishing gadgets, although to the untrained eye they appeared to be colorful wads of lint.

Instructor Mark announced that we would start fishing with nymphs. (At this point, I wouldn't have been able to pick a nymph out of a police lineup, even if everyone but the nymph was wearing a police uniform.)

A nymph, Mark explained, stays underwater, not on top of it, and nymphs should definitely not be confused with streamers, emergers, wet flies, or dry flies (whatever those were). In order to determine exactly what sort of nymph we needed, Mark took out a ping-pong net, or something like a new father trying to find a diaper for his baby.

The whole fishing process seemed a bit like lassoing a bird flying south for the winter and yanking it to the ground, then gently fluffing up its feathers and letting it go. It certainly didn't look like much fun for the trout, some of which, Mark explained, had been caught up to 40 times.

I must have caught one of these professional trout. The moment I got him on the line, he swam straight to shore and began himself. He knew the drill. He didn't even blink when we took a flash photo of me holding him. Possibly because he didn't have any eyelids.

I caught two trout and myself three times (twice on my shirt and one once on my hat). Even Signe, my girlfriend, who put down her camera for 20 minutes, caught two fish, plus Libby. Mark (the student) was having bad luck probably because he joined himself by telling everyone he had experience.

I have to admit it felt good to pull in a fish; to see the line jerk and the trout jump out of the water. I felt a bit like Brad Pitt in "A River Runs Through It," except I'm a little taller. But when I had to reach down to get the hook out of the trout's mouth, it didn't quite seem worth the fish's discomfort. Especially when he wriggled out of my hands and fell on a rock. I can certainly understand the appeal of fishing, however, especially when extremely expensive good bats are involved.

The fish we caught were called Rainbow Trout and Brown Trout. The Rainbows were imported from California and the Browns were brought in from Germany. I began to wonder what I was doing in a private reservoir with the same name of the tool is the name of the artist.)

Doug, see how easy this is? - Dick, he'd hand me the tools and I'd just sit there, thinking I'd have a better chance of constructing a Boeing 747. So that's what I did. I just made a life-size Boeing 747 right there with Tim's fly-fishing tools.

After an hour, Tim had talked me through making a "10- minute" fly. It looked very artistic...in a Picasso sort of way. It appeared to have two heads and a couple of arms and several spray appendages. Tim and Signe just stared at the thing, not sure quite what to say. Perhaps, I suggested, it might perform well in the stream near Chernobyl.

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The first of four parking garages opens

by KATHIE BULLARD
Staff Writer

The completion of the campus parking garage was celebrated with a grand opening ceremony held at 2 p.m. on Jan. 7. The ceremony opened what will be the first of four campus parking garages.

The garage was built after a need for additional spaces. Students often found themselves late for classes and spending up to 15 minutes looking for a parking space.

The UCF parking committee has begun construction of a second parking garage on the east side of campus near the CREOL Building. The cost for the West Garage was $7.6 million with the cost for a bus stop included. The East Garage will be "essentially identical" to the West Garage, said President Dr. John Hitt.

The West Garage has 1,300 parking spaces including 1,276 standard spaces, 24 handicapped spaces and 14 motorcycle spaces. This adds 863 parking spaces to the campus.

The parking is free for students who have a parking decal. Otherwise, they will be ticketed.

The ceremony included students, faculty and staff. Speakers at the ceremony included: Hitt, Keith McDonald, Student Government Association president; Brian Handshuh, chairman of the university/Alfa Coach Transportation Association and Ina Carpenter, Parking Services representative.

Guests included the architects from Harbor, Bales and Mills; contractors from Baker, Miller and Smart, which worked on the construction of the garage. Other guests included: Bob Freeman, Orange County Commissioner; Bill Merck, UCF Finance and Accounting and Chief Turkiewicz, who is from the police department.

The ribbon cutting took place at 2:30 p.m. when two UCF police officers on duty Harvey Davidson motorcycles drove through a no parking inside the garage.

Outside the garage, Hitt, McDonald, Handshuh and Daryl McLain cut another no parking ribbon with the Lynn mascots standing by.

The ceremony provided music by the UCF Jazz Sextet and was catered by Marriott.

During the ceremony, McLain presented Hitt with a gift from Lynx that included. The East Garage will be "essentially of various racial and ethnic groups.

The effort, called Keeping It Real, could involve town meetings, concerts, speaker series and other cultural or sporting events, officials said. Clinton encouraged youth to report back to the White House on their activities by June 14, either by mail or through the Internet.

"People of different races can not only learn from one another but also grow," Gore said in outlining the initiative just before President Clinton was scheduled to begin a series of town meetings on the race initiative. The first one was Dec. 3 at the University of Akron.

About one of four college and universities also have agreed to conduct special programs on race and diversity, officials said. These institutions are members of the American Council on Education or the Association of American Colleges and Universities, whose leaders will encourage colleges to hold forums and other programs in conjunction with One America.

One America is focusing on young people because they are among those most open to an in-depth dialogue on race, said Judith Winslow, the initiative director.

"Young Americans' attitudes on race are different from their parents and even from their older brothers and sisters," she said.

During the Dec. 1 meeting, Gore also encouraged college and other youth media to play a role in the unfolding One America initiative. The student press should start a "construction or cultural diversity," Gore said.

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Meg Ryan gives a voice to Anastasia

By IAN SPELLING

College Press Service

Filmmakers Don Bluth and Gary Goldman, the duo behind such animated family films as "The Land Before Time," "The Secret of NIMH" and "All Dogs Go To Heaven," wanted the ever-picky Ryan to provide the voice of the leading lady in their latest film, "Anastasia." And they wanted her in a major way.

How major? They created an animated Ryan using footage from "Sleepless in Seattle" and sent it to the actress.

"They enticed Annie!" Ryan says with an incredible laugh as she sits for an interview at the Inter-Continental Hotel in Paris.

"They had a little part of a scene and they had me animated and walking across a room. I just couldn't believe they went to that length, to that much trouble. So, I REALLY couldn't say 'no.'"

Instead, Ryan -- who recalls that she was far more influenced by "The Parent Trap" than by any animated film as a kid -- said yes.

Choices. What's new? "There's some very heavy stuff in this. It is 'Anastasia,' but we don't talk about how her family dies. When they said they were making the movie, I said 'That's sick! What are they thinking?' But I think they've handled it very well. Even Rasputin. He's a little scary, but he's very funny."

Essentially, the film recants the Anastasia story as a musical in the "Cinderella"-like fantasy mode. Is this peasant girl really Anastasia? Can Anastasia and the charming con-man Dimitri (John Cusack) convince Anastasia's grandmother, the Dowager Empress Marie (Angela Lansbury), that Anastasia's really Anastasia? Can they do it before the evil sorcerer Rasputin (Christopher Lloyd) does them both in? And, of course, will Anastasia and Dimitri fall in love along the way?

"In the movie, Anastasia is somebody searching for herself," Ryan says. "She's looking for a sense of belonging and to be loved. What's sweet about the character is a woman who knows it was the voice of Anastasia."

"Anastasia" now in theaters, Ryan has moved onto other projects. First up is "City of Angels," in which she co-stars with Nic Cage. "Who knows how the movie will come out, but it was a great experience," Ryan says. "I play a heart surgeon, so I went to see real heart surgeries. The heart is such an amazing organ. It's like a dog that's been running for a long time. It's optimistic and happy and wants to go just beat, heat, beat. Seeing the surgeries alone made it worth doing. My character is a woman who has a great deal of faith, but just doesn't know it."

And, if all the details can be worked out, Ryan will re-team with Tom Hanks in "You Have Mail," a romantic comedy loosely based on the 1940 Jimmy Stewart-Margaret Sullivan vehicle, "The Shop Around the Corner." The film would mark Ryan's third pairing with Hanks, following "Joe Versus the Volcano" and "Sleepless in Seattle," and her third time working with Nora Ephron, who scripted "Harry Met Sally," wrote and directed "Sleepless," and will do double duty again when delivering "Mail." They'll have to send me the one and teach me how to use it. It all takes place in New York, on the Upper West Side. She works at a little children's bookstore and he works at a Barnes & Noble-like superstore that moves into the neighborhood. Nora's so great at observing culture and people. It's an admirable script, Tom's so easy and great to work with. I'll be great."

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Jennifer Love Hewitt says acting is fine, but she wants to try college, too

By IAN SPELLING
College Press Service

Jennifer Love Hewitt knows what she wants to be when she grows up.

"I definitely want to go to college and study creative writing so I can write children's stories," she says. "Shel Silverstein was the big children's author I read. His books are not just for kids and I love how he's not condescending towards children. Even if a kid doesn't get it right away, that kid will want to read it again, and he or she will get it eventually.

While Hewitt says she'd love to go to Boston, UCLA or Pepperdine in a year or two, for now she's will have to content herself by being not just a regular on TV's beloved "Party of Five," but the star of America's No. 1 movie for two straight weeks, the horror flick "I Know What You Did Last Summer."

Hewitt plays the sensible Julie, one of four friends -- Sarah Michelle Gellar, Ryan Phillippe and Freddie Prinze Jr. -- who are terrorized by a killer a year after their car hit a man whose not-quite-dead body they tossed in a lake.

Funny thing that Hewitt should turn up in "Last Summer," for she's a scaredy-cat and had never seen a horror movie until a few days before "Last Summer" commenced filming.

"Oh, please!" shouts the friendly, chatty actress during a conversation at Sony Pictures' Manhattan offices. "The day after I saw the film I had an interview with a journalist who sat in front of me at a screening. When he saw me, he said, "I went home with such a headache because you were screaming the whole way through." It was so funny, because I knew exactly what was going to happen, but was still absolutely terrified."

When the makers of "Last Summer" first approached Hewitt, they wanted her to tackle the part eventually played by Gellar, but Hewitt explained that she'd rather read for Julie. Had the producers insisted she play Gellar's role, Hewitt would have passed on the project.

"Julie really grew throughout and I thought she'd be the bigger challenge for me as an actress," Hewitt notes. "She goes through like 20 different personalities. In each scene, she was somebody different. Hewitt went from being loving, happy and sweet to being scared and vulnerable and having no idea what to do.

"Then she feels this complete hatred for her friends for not listening to her on the night of the accident. She comes back from college completely demolished, walk-like and ghostly. She then has to become strong again, find her friends and fight to survive. It was exciting to play that. Because for these 20 different personalities there were 20 different ways I could've played them."

On the heels of "Last Summer" comes "Telling You," which the 18-year-old actress describes as "Mystic Pizza" with guys. "I'm the Long Island Lolita who's super-psycho and bouncing off the walls," she says, laughing. "I basically stalked this one guy back in high school and now I came back to town and annoyed everyone. It's a small role."

Right now, Hewitt's shooting "The Party," in which she's the dream girl of the lead (Ethan Embry). "It's a romantic comedy with a lot of romance and comedy, but it's also an American Graffit kind of thing," she says. "It's about what happens to all these high school kids who are just about to graduate."

As for "Party of Five," the show is going stronger than ever and, even though Bailey (Scott Wolf) and Sarah (Hewitt) broke up, Sarah remains an integral character.

"They're roommates now," Hewitt says. "They're both going to have romances coming up, which will create some tension. You'll never be quite sure if we're jealous of each other or happy for each other. Also, something's going to happen to Bailey and he or she will get it even though Bailey (Scott Wolf) and Sarah (Hewitt) broke up, Sarah remains an integral character."

Fortunately, she seems to have a good head on her shoulders.

"My mom's a big part of my keeping my feet on the ground," she notes. "I'm incredibly lucky and don't ever want to take for granted all the opportunities I get. I know that for every job I get at least 50 girls could've done it as well or better, or just might have been more right. Every actor should know that."

Hewitt says she compares her job to a toy.

"I know it sounds weird but it makes sense," she says. "When you're a kid you really, really want this one toy. You get it, stomp on it and throw it against the wall. You don't treat it with respect. If you treat it that way for too long, it gets taken away and you never get it back, or it breaks and you never get it back."

Instead, Hewitt says she plans on treasuring the opportunities she's been given, just as she would a favorite doll or game from her childhood.

"If you treat it gently and care for it, you get to keep this precious thing you've always wanted. That's how I look at what I do, and I want to treat it really well and hold on to it for as long as possible."
Men's Basketball results

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By BRANT PATRICK PARSONS
Staff Writer

The UCF women's basketball team broke its huddle at center court of the UCF Arena Saturday night with a collective "We won!" yell. Emerging from the center of the happy group was a smiling coach Lynn Bria. Bria even gave a thumbs-up to the pep band as she walked off the court. She had reason to be excited: her team had just dominated Troy State (6-8, 2-2) with defense en route to an 82-27 lead early in the second half.

"I thought this was the best performance we have had since I've been here," Bria said. "You have to talk about our defense. It was incredible. We were everywhere. Defensively, it was a great team effort."

The Knights (7-4, 2-0) held the Trojans to 34 percent shooting for the game, including 27 percent in the first half. UCF held TSU leading-scorers LaKeisha and Samantha Tomlinson, who entered the game averaging a combined 41 points, to 16 and nine points respectively.

The Knights defense was instrumental during a 25-4 run that extended a 26-23 lead with 5:15 left in the first half into a 51-27 lead early in the second half. UCF forced nine TSU turnovers, including six steals, during the stretch.

Junior guard Kate Fetzek continued her recent strong play with 13 points, bringing her total for seven defensive rebounds and a team-high five steals in the first half into a 51-27 lead early in the second half. Sophomore Cory Perry dished out 16 assists in home wins over Troy State and Centenary.

Sophomore guard Cory Perry dished out 16 assists in home wins over Troy State and Centenary.
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Women's track bracing for Gainesville

By TODD MCHALE
Staff Writer

After capturing last year's Trans America Athletic Conference championship, the UCF women's track and field team reloads for another title run with a couple of highly sought after runners, a few walk-ons and some top returnees.

The Knights start a season (Jan. 15 at the University of Florida Open in Gainesville) that may have the best recruiting class ever for the track and field team, said coach Marcia Mansur-Wentworth. That being the case, Wentworth is a bit more at ease at the start of this year's track and field season.

"If we hadn't added the depth to the squad I would be stressed out, but we added so much depth that this is the best team we've ever had," she said.

Out of all the athletes the track and field team recruited locally and nationally, UCF only lost one girl to the University of Connecticut, because she wanted to stay closer to home.

Sophomore Corliss Cade, who decided to transfer from DePaul University where last year she earned All-Conference in the Conference USA, will contribute right away, Wentworth said.

"Cade will be one of our big point scorers this year," Wentworth said.

Another highly touted freshman runner, Taelia McClover, who was offered full scholarships at other schools has decided on UCF, even though she would have been offered a lesser scholarship.

"(McClover is) a very talented athlete, so we're looking for her to be our number two or three hurdler," Wentworth said.

While the recruited athletes will more than likely do what they are expected of them, Wentworth had an unexpected surprise with walk-on runners such as freshman Valerie Beaunbrun from Cape Coral. Wentworth said Beaunbrun has a legitimate shot at winning the conference in the 400 meters.

Even though youth seems to dominate this year's team, UCF will count heavily on veterans like Michele Boike, who was All-Conference in the 400 meters hurdles, long jump and high jump; Amber Tynier, who was All-Conference in the shot put, discus and javelin; and Anne Panaggio, who was the cross country MVP in 1997 and will run the 1,500 meters, 3,000 meters and the 5,000 meters for the track team.

"Panaggio is unbelievably fit right now," Wentworth said. "She's going to break a ton of school records this year. I haven't seen a distance runner come in that strong since I've been coaching."

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In life and death, Muhlhan is an inspiration to those around him

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After a stretch of four consecutive road games, UCF was happy to return home to the UCF Arena for basketball games against Troy State and Centenary. Especially eager to get home was senior guard Mark Jones, who struggled on the road because of the flu. Feeling better, he scored 28 points and had 17 rebounds in the Knights’ 82-65 victory against the Trojans on Jan. 10.

Jones scored nine of the Knights’ first 12 points in helping them build a 30-9 lead. It was the rebounds that came as the biggest surprise in Jones’ effort, grabbing a career-high 11 in the first half. After a tough loss at Georgia State in their last game, Jones felt it was key for the Knights to start quickly.

"This was a real important game for us," Jones said. "Coming off a loss, we wanted to come out in front of our home fans and get back on track. We have some really good talent on this club, so some guys really have been stepping up. I tried to get us off to a good start and everybody else followed suit."

Brud Traina had just one field goal in the first 10 minutes but finished with 11 of UCF’s final 18 first half points, giving UCF a 47-33 cushion at the break. Highlighted by a pair of alley-oop jams, Traina established a career high with 24 points, but labeled his play as mediocre.

"On a personal basis, I did an OK job on the boards," said Traina, who had eight rebounds. "I was really upset with a lot of my decisions. I’m a councilman and I’ve been so focused on doing some work, so I’m supposed to know better than that. As a team, however, we really rebounded well, took it to the basket well and hit our free throws to put the game out of reach."

The Trojans cut the lead to 23 points with 3:35 left in the game, but UCF held Troy State scoreless for the remainder of the game. The effort in the closing minutes was due in part to an increased defensive intensity, which the Knights utilized to put away the visitors. However, the lack of killer instinct was a subject coach Kirk Speraw discussed with his players and according to Traina, is something UCF will have to work on to succeed against tougher conference opponents down the road.

"We got a little complacent when we got that big lead on them, and that lack of killer instinct let them back into the game," said Speraw. "We have to keep building on big leads and develop that type of attitude in these type of games. Overall, however, it was a solid effort."

Against Centenary on Jan. 12, UCF couldn’t put away the Goldenens (2-15, 0-4) until a 19-2 run in the final 3:30 gave the Knights (8-6, 3-1) a 75-53 victory. The win gave UCF one more than all of last season when the team finished 7-19. Traina led UCF with 22 points and 10 rebounds.

Speraw was pleased with the way his team was able to pull

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