Bicyclists can ride a long way without their pedals

By NATELLE NATELLE
Staff Writer

Beginning in the summer 1998, students will benefit from the improvement to the Laser Lynx bus transportation system. To help students avoid parking on campus, they will be able to bring their bicycles on the bus.

Public transit systems from Tampa to Seattle have successfully implemented the Bikes-on-Buses program, Orlando is following the trend.

"Lynx looks forward to providing additional options for our customers to get around Central Florida," said Darin Allan, Lynx Bicycle Program manager.

This program will allow students whose primary means of transportation is a bicycle to travel further and faster.

"The Bikes on Buses program will give me more mobility," said graduate student Alexei Gooch. "Right now I would like to travel downtown on my bike, but it is just too far!"

Bike racks will be installed on the front of the fleet of Lynx buses, including Laser buses, and will accommodate two bicycles. The racks are designed to accommodate any type of bicycle: men's, women's, children's, mountain and hybrid. The passenger releases the spring bar from the rack, sets the bicycle on the rack and raises the spring arm over the front tire of the bicycle. The process will take about eight seconds.

UCF technology expands with latest upgrade

By GWEN R. RHODES
Staff Writer

As more and more students crowd the UCF computer labs, more labs and more computers have been added.

During the fall semester, several labs were opened: the Student Government Association (SGA) Lab on the second floor of the Student Union and the Main Computer Lab-East in the Computer Center II, room 113.

Several of the older labs have upgraded their program software, while others have added computers. At the end of the fall semester, the Library and Education building computer labs completed major upgrades that include changing the Windows software from Windows '95 to Windows NT on the PCs and adding updated versions of Microsoft Word and Excel programs.

One of the most exciting changes in many of the labs is the ability of the lab consultants to change passwords for the students, said Greg Winte. That means students don't have to leave the labs to take care of this problem.

"We had been lobbying for that capability for a long time, but we were having a problem because we had to deal with the security issue," Winte said. "We didn't want the consultants to be able to access other people's accounts, but we were able to get that issue resolved."

Password changing and updating is one of the main services requested by students needing help in the labs.
Beware: Cults

Students should take extra precautions

By NATALIE NATALE
Staff Writer

UCF has the lowest crime rate in the Florida University System. The police department, SEPS program and health center protect students from harm. You have every reason to feel safe, right? Wrong. You are a target for dangers the authorities cannot protect you from.

We all belong to groups that share a common purpose: social, employment, scholastic, athletic or religious. Affiliations with groups help us form alliances, network and gain a sense of belonging. However, have you ever felt a group you belong to demands too much time? Does the group isolate you from family and friends? Does it require you to donate money?

Cults can form from any theme including: religion, politics, race, psychotherapy and athletics. Oftentimes, cults require a person to donate money, break ties with friends and family, submit to the leader's authority and instill fear when you choose not to be involved. They may use deceitful, manipulative and harassing tactics. Cults may offer instant answers such as happiness and salvation.

Most cults engage in some form of mind control. Mind control or brainwashing is the process of erasing one's old beliefs and attitudes by subjecting the person to physical or psychological hardship. The person is re-educated with the cult's set of attitudes and beliefs.

Cults are present in every part of the world. There is the Aum Shinride cult in Japan, Middle England's Jesus Army and the Soka Gakkai in Italy. In the United States, the Heaven's Gate Branch Davidians and the Iskon (Hare Krishna) cults are native to America.

Cult activity shocked the world in 1978 when 912 members of the Jimmy Jones cult committed mass suicide in Jonestown, Guyana. In 1993, 80 Branch Davidians were killed in Waco, Texas. In 1997, the event recurred in California when 59 dead members of the Heaven's Gate cult were found with triangular shaped purple shrouds covering their bodies.

Although there are more than 5,000 cults actively recruiting members in the United States, these events seem far removed. However, cults can be found in every town, neighborhood and school campus, including UCF. Scientists, doctors, actors and political figures have been persuaded to join cults. Anyone can fall victim to cults.

There are not any outward characteristics to alert you of a cult. Ask yourself the following questions when joining a group: How is the group funded? Is there a membership policy? Does membership include soliciting money? Do I feel as if there are details or secrets the group is not sharing? Can I leave if I choose to?

Significant life events cause our sense of control and judgment skills to waver. During these times of vulnerability, cults try to move in and fill a person's need for security and self-esteem. The key to protecting yourself from cults is education.

Administration and United Campus Ministries have begun educating the orientation team, Knights of the Roundtable, Housing Department and the Greek community about cults. In addition, UCF is hosting a Cult Education Program on Feb. 18 featuring speaker Bob Thornberg at 7 p.m. in the Student Union.
Students take notes on retaining information

By LINDA RAMOS
Staff Writer

You know you have to take notes during a lecture, but do you really know how to take notes? The answer is that note-taking enhances memory.

People forget 50 percent of what they learn and hear within a 24-hour period, said Nancy Wood of college reading and study skills.

There are four steps in successfully taking notes: have the right equipment, prepare yourself to take notes, listen and use a note-taking method.

First, you need the right equipment.

Use a notebook or loose leaf paper in a binder, a pen instead of a pencil to take notes and bring your class materials with you to class.

Second, mentally prepare yourself to take notes.

Read the syllabus to refresh your mind about what topic will be covered in the lecture and read the next chapter summary or table of contents to prepare yourself for the class.

Third, a student needs to listen. Walter Paul's book, How to Study in College, defines listening as a process of actively paying attention to what has been heard.

The way to listen actively is to become interested in the subject. The class might be boring but it will be easier to take notes if you can relate the class to something relevant in your life (friends, family, job, etc.).

Next, act don't react. If you are judging everything you hear, you are not actively listening to take notes.

In every lecture, there are verbal class repetition, facts and when the professor tells you the information will be on the test to help you know what notes to take.

Many professors use transparency, blackboards and handouts to convey information. Listen for note-taking trigger words including: not only, but, also, either, therefore and for example.

Fourth, you must have a note-taking method.

In Studying Effectively and Efficiently: An Integrated System, authors Polly MacFarlane and Sandra Hodson describe the SRs method.

They suggest students divide their note-taking pages into three sections headed main ideas, key items and summary.

First, record the information heard during the lecture. Use abbreviations only if you know you will be able to understand them later. Second, after class, reduce the information by picking out key items, vocabulary, names and dates.

Third, recite what you wrote down. State in your own words what you learned. Fourth, reflect on these notes by relating them to information you acquired.

Finally, review the notes periodically throughout the semester.

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Scanners, zip drives are available in computer labs

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Wine said. Often students forget their passwords, especially if they have not used the computer labs in awhile.

"In addition, the computer systems prompt the user to change their password every two months," Wine said. "If a person hasn't used the lab for awhile, their password will have expired.

"This is now something we can help with. However, if you are in a lab without that capability, you can still get help in the Computer Center, IL room 102."

Depending on which account is being used, the password change is almost immediately effective.

"The LAN and Olympus programs are almost instantly rewritten, taking less than five minutes for a password change to become effective, while the Pegasus program is updated every hour on the hour," Wine said. "So if you change your password at 4:10 p.m., the change will be effective at 5:00 p.m."

The computer labs on campus do not offer the same services. For example, you can get your password changed in the Education Lab, but you cannot get it changed through the consultants in the SGA Lab.

However, the SGA Lab is currently the only lab that offers access to a zip drive on both the Macintosh and PCs.

Chris Melbourne, SGA Lab consultant, said the SGA lab has 12 Macintoshes and 30 PCs and six of the Macintoshes have scanners.

"But, the ones with scanners are not capable of receiving e-mail due to the limited availability of scanners on campus," Melbourne said.

The SGA Lab also offers the use of fax machines at no charge and color printers. The color printers have a small fee.

"The fee can be paid at the tick-
Bike racks make traveling easier

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Narrow roads and low tree overhangs in Orange, Seminole and Osceola counties prohibit bus travel. In the near future, for no additional charge, students will be able to ride their bicycle to the closest Lynx stop and ride the bus the remainder of the way to their destination.

"The program is primarily designed to help our customers access our services," said Allan.

Most students who use the Lynx transportation service travel on the Laser Lynx, which is a specialized branch of the Lynx transportation system.

During an average month, Laser Lynx transports more than 16,000 passengers from the Alafia Commons, the Quadrangle and the Research Park links.

Laser, acronym for Local Area Shuttles Eastern Region, is specifically designed to serve employees, students and faculty in the UCF area.

The Later bus system stops every 30 minutes Monday through Friday at links designated by pink paw prints.

Ernie Kelly, manager of advertising and public relations for Lynx, encourages students who have never ridden the buses to take advantage of the service.

Kelly cautions students.

"Try it without the bike first," he said.

By the year 2001, Lynx anticipates installing an above-the-ground light rail system to accommodate the increasing population of the Orlando area.

In the near future, students can also expect an expanded fleet of Lynx buses and 12 express routes including the express route from Sanford to downtown Orlando installed in November.

Lake Claire residents to have parking spaces

By JENNIFER ANDREWS
Staff Writer

Imagine this scenario: Rain is beating on your tired back while your shoes splash on your new jeans and a grocery bag you are carrying just broke. The water is lodged in your eyes causing temporary blindness and making vision impossible.

Meanwhile, the phrase, just a little further, turns into a meditation chant. As you walk into your apartment, dumping out the water from your shoes before you enter, you sarcastically mutter home sweet home. Enough of the daydream.

Due to the limited spaces available, this is an image residents of the Lake Claire Courtyard Apartments can relate to.

"It’s like living in an apartment but not being able to park in your own lot," said senior Carmen McDonald.

The numerous complaints are alike in nature as residents have complained not only about the limited parking available but have also expressed their outrage that the spots available are taken by non-residents.

The complaints have also raised an apparent issue of safety and UCF is concerned.

Lake Claire residents would be given special purple stickers that would designate the Lake Claire Apartments’ parking lots as resident spaces only.

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The lot that would be designated would be the Lake Claire lot that is on Aquarius Avenue, and Lake Claire residents would be able to park there.

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The proposal is being put forward by the Lake Claire Council because parking services have not made any decisions.

The proposal has several major points:

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UCF’s trial team has confidence to win in competition

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Carrell will compete as the state prosecutor on the second team and she will deliver the closing statements, and cross and direct examine the witnesses. She said she will convince the jury that the reporter is guilty of first degree pre-meditated murder.

Despite her confidence, Carrell admits she is nervous.

"Who wants to go up in front of a bunch of people and say, 'Hey, I'm right, and here's why'?" she said. "I'm working 100 percent throughout this case, and if we don't win, hey, it's our first year."

This is a great opportunity for UCF.

Barbara Cowherd is the prosecuting attorney on the first team. She will deliver the opening statements and perform direct and cross examinations as well.

Cowherd has had previous trial experience working as a paralegal.

"I'm looking forward to it," she said. "The group is becoming very cohesive. It will stimulate a lot of interest, so more students will try out next year."

"Confident that we are going to win," said Remis.

"Nevertheless, win or lose, the students on this team have already demonstrated to me that they are proven winners who will have successful and rewarding careers in the law."
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Students pledged to make lifetime friends, memories

By JAMES COMBS
Staff Writer

UCF's spring fraternity recruitment week began Jan. 12 and ended Jan. 17. Potential pledges had the opportunity to visit the 18 fraternities and talk to various leaders of each chapter.

Bart Marek, president of Interfraternity Council (IFC), spoke to more than 30 students Jan. 12 on fraternity rush kick-off night.

"Over the course of this week you will make a decision about something that will stay with you the rest of your life," said Marek. "If you decide to join a fraternity, you will gain friends and make memories that you will hold on to for life."

After the speech, pledges went to the Student Union ballroom, where representatives from each fraternity stood by a table with a banner of their chapter.

"If you decide to join a fraternity, you will gain friends and make memories that you will hold on to for life," said Marek.

"We want to provide entertainment and games, but the bottom line is to make them an official member of a fraternity. Each fraternity has very interesting and exciting things to welcome pledges, through a ceremonial process. The ceremony makes them an official member of a fraternity," he said.

Other fraternities had open tents where pledges could look at and the representatives answered questions.

"We never have seen problems of haz­ ing since that is not a plus for our university," said Marek. "I don't believe that we are at a disadvantage and that our community is better for these things."

For the remainder of the week, the pledges were able to tour each chapter from 8 p.m. to midnight. Each chapter had its own event. Some had open tents where pledges got to meet members of the fraternity. Others had dinner for the pledges.

"Not every fraternity does the same thing to welcome pledges, but the bottom line is to make every pledge feel comfortable and excited about joining," said Nora Osorio, graduate assistant of Greek Affairs.

"It is our responsibility to inform the fraternity leaders of the dangers of hazing," said Greg Mason, director of Greek Affairs. "We believe that if a fraternity member is having hazing problems, they should contact their fraternity leaders. Hazing is against the law, so if it happens we are going to take it very seriously."

Marek said that the fraternity is more than just a social group. He said he wants fraternity members to develop the social, academic, athletic and school spirit aspect of it. Mason said he also wants them to carry on the tradition of Greeks being leaders.

Marek said he feels Greeks will have a big advantage when they enter the work force.

"It's not just about being a member of the same fraternity," Marek said. "I know of a lot of business leaders in the Orlando area who were fraternity members. Therefore, when a fraternity member looks for a job, they will have an advantage on other people."

He said there are Greeks in nearly every profession. Therefore, when a fraternity member looks for a job, they will have an advantage on other people.

"There have been a lot of issues like Disney World and Universal Studios were fraternity members," Mason said. "Even the mayor, Glenda Hood, was a sorority member. It is truly amazing how many leaders were Greeks."

Fraternity members to get medieval

By DAWN MYERS
Staff Writer

Alpha Tau Omega will be holding its first annual Excalibur Medieval Fair on Saturday, Feb. 3.

The chapter will team up with the Society of Creative Encouragement to provide entertainment and games. All proceeds will benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

On the night prior to the fair, the fraternity will host the first Fairest Maiden Talent Show Contest. The winner will be crowned at the fair. The student body, faculty and the community are invited to participate in the games, food and fun.

Chi Omega, a national sorority, is also participating in the week. The chapter is holding applications from women who are interested in becoming a charter member. Chi Omega believes in friendship, community service, scholarship, participation on campus, activities, career development and high standards of personal For more information about the world's largest women's fraternal organization, there will be an informational presentation on Jan. 27 or Jan. 28. Contact the Greek Council office for details at 823-2070.

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UCF ALUMNI
Pizza Hut to open on campus

By DAWN MYERS
Staff Writer

A Pizza Hut franchise owned and operated by Marriott Food Services will arrive on campus by early February. The Knight's Pantry will be expanded to house the new franchise.

The prices will be comparable to other Pizza Huts; $2.99 for a personal pan and $9.59 plus toppings for a medium pizza.

The franchise will accept the Marriott Food Service card to benefit students on the meal plan. This is one part of a bill that will also bring Freshtones Smoothies, Sub Connection and Chick-Fil-A to campus.

When asked about competition from eateries in the Student Union, Marriott's food and beverage director, Ron Simko, said competition will not be a problem.

"Pizza Hut will be geographically distant from the Union," Simko said. "We are also expanding our evening hours to 10 p.m. so the students in the residence halls won't have such a long hike."

Holly Walker, assistant manager for Shurto's, was not hesitant to say their business would not be damaged.

"Students will still come to us, this is where they all come to eat now," Walker said.

Walker said she was concerned about the restaurant's participation in the UCF food plan. The franchise was not permitted to accept the Marriott card.

"I informed the vendors in the Student Union as to what equipment they needed to purchase to link to our database and nobody showed an interest," Simko said.

Scott Kaylor, co-owner of Locos Pub, said Simko's remark is true.

"The vendors were given the opportunity," Kaylor said. "Some may have not taken it because of the cost involved in purchasing the equipment."

Kaylor said he didn't feel as if the card Marriott provided to students is adequate.

"Locos would be more apt to participate in an all campus card such as those at the University of Florida and Florida State," Kaylor said.

An all campus card would allow students to purchase anything on campus: books and supplies in the bookstore or a candy bar in Knightshop Convenience Store. Official talks about the card have not yet occurred.

Simko said Marriott would support the idea of an all campus card.

"As long as all parties involved are taken care of," Simko said. What is the financial profit Marriott makes from their card?

"That's confidential information," Simko said.

He was also quick to point out that Marriott is a net-loser here on campus.

"It has not turned a profit in years," Simko said.

With the addition of Pizza Hut and other restaurants soon to come, students on the meal plan will have a wider variety of choices whether using the VISA or MasterCard.

Site offers assistance for tax returns

By STEVE BARNES
Web Editor

CYBERSPACE - If you are thinking about applying for financial aid for the 1998-99 school year, one of the first things you will have to do is complete your taxes.

Most student aid, including Pell Grants, Stafford Loans and work-study grants, require information from your completed tax returns (and possibly those of your parents).

Many programs have early deadlines for application and waiting too long can jeopardize your chances of getting the aid you need.

To help students and other tax filers find their way through the maze of this year's Byzantine tax laws, the Internal Revenue Service has created a comprehensive and easy-to-navigate web site.

The site, known as The Digital Daily, is well organized and allows visitors to find the information they need quickly and easily.

One of the most exciting things about the site is that it contains tax regulations, business tax advice and forms and regulations which can be downloaded. The site also allows tax payers to file electronically. This service can be used for years through tax return professionals, but now almost anyone with a home computer can file their taxes on the "net" via an on-line filing service.

The best part of electronic filing (ELF) is that those expectant refunds can receive them within three weeks of filing. Refunds can be deposited directly into your checking or savings account, if you so desire. Those who owe money will still have until April 15 to send in the check.

"The downside is that you will need specialized tax software such as Turbo-Tax or Mac-Tax in order to utilize the system. Also, while the IRS does not charge for electronic filing, the on-line filing service may charge a fee for its service.

"Other features of the site include updated tax tips, summaries of current tax legislation, business tax advice and forms and regulations which can be downloaded. The site also allows tax payers to find the site in a Future article.

The site can be found at http://www.irs.ustreas.gov/cover.html

If you know of a web site that you think would be of interest to our readers, drop me a line at news_guy@hotmail.com and I will try to review it in a Future article.
LEAD STORIES

- Michael Guilbault, 19, pleaded guilty in December to robbing a Raleigh, N.C., convenience store two months earlier. According to the prosecutor, a delayed getaway helped police make the capture. Guilbault and his accomplice were to meet their friends Heather Beckwith, 18, and Curtis Johnson, 19, back at the getaway car nearby, but when the robbers arrived, they found the doors locked and the couple inside "in the act," as the prosecutor put it. Guilbault and his colleague were forced to wait until the couple had finished before they could get in the car, but by that time witnesses had noticed the two men pacing and yelling at the couple.

- In December, nationally known Emory University business school professor Jeffrey A. Sonnenfeld, 43, abruptly resigned, and according to several news reports, it was because the school had discovered him on a video surveillance tape vandalizing a wall in a school corridor and suspected him to be the one who previously had gouged doors, woodwork and furniture in the building. Sonnenfeld had recently been passed over for the position of business school dean at Emory. Following that setback, Georgia Tech offered him a deanship but withdrew it after reports of the videotape emerged.

- Mayors Out of Control: In December, Mayor Daniel F. Devlin, 51, of Upper Darby, Pa., defeated for re-election the month before, was charged with robbing a local bank of $1,500 by claiming to have a bomb. Three days earlier, Mayor Craig Johnson, 41, of Snow Hill, Md., was arrested and charged with malfeasance in office for permitting one of the town's police cars to be used in pornographic photos that were distributed on the Internet. According to police investigators, Johnson had also promised the pornographers access to a NASA facility on nearby Wallops Island, Va., but no photos from that site were found.

CANT POSSIBLY BE TRUE

- In August, the Oregon Supreme Court ruled unanimously that Perry A. Lang, a white man, was entitled to worker compensation damages, despite the fact that his on-the-job injury came from being punched in the face by a black co-worker whom Lang had just racially insulted. The court said a sensitive colleague is just one of the "myriad of risks" workers face. And in July, the Hawaii Supreme Court took a similar position in upholding a law defining on-the-job illness to include stress that is caused by being disciplined for poor work.

- In September, Brother Eric Metivier, 29, was charged with aggravated assault for allegedly stabbing Brother Bernard Bremond, 71, several times in a dispute at the Trappist Fathers monastery near Holland, Manitoba. According to interviews conducted by the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, the last deathbed utterance of tavern owner Anthony J. Golembiewski, 83, in August was "one, six, nine, five." Family members were puzzled, but one decided to buy a lottery ticket with the numbers. The ticket won $23,500.

- During a televised visit to a nursing home in Tokyo in September, Japan's Emperor Akihito, trying to pick up the game of paper-scissors-rock, lost to resident Yoshiko Akai, who showed scissors. Thus, by house custom, the emperor was obliged to give the woman a shoulder massage.

- In November, the University of Nebraska, whose football team was on its way to becoming national co-champions, announced it was awarding its first-ever, full athletic scholarship to Jennifer Daugherty, of Bloomington, Ill., for its women's bowling team.

WELL-PUT

- The president of Poland's baseball industry association, defending baseball bats in June against calls that they be made illegal since they were being used in so many street muggings: "No baseball player in Poland would use a bat for any purpose other than playing the game. The relationship between a baseball player and his bat is something sacred."

- George Shea, of Nathan's Famous in Brooklyn, N.Y., acknowledging in July the continuing Japanese superiority in hot-dog eating contests, but pointing out American hopeful Joey Serrano of Philadelphia, who had just eaten 17 in 12 minutes: "This kid has the excitement you see only in a young athlete who is just becoming aware of the miracles his body can perform on the field of combat."

- Awni Hasham, 58, a furniture company owner in Gaza City, explaining to The Washington Post in July why he takes seriously the rumors that Israel had introduced chewing gum that had been laced with hormones to make people so horny that Palestinian society would be disrupted: "If they can put a spaceship on Mars, they can make sex chewing gum."

- Surge Ergambe, a previously unemployed college graduate who signed on with former Congolese military dictator Denis Sassou-Nguesso, explaining in July why he accepted a militia job with an organization widely thought to butcher its enemies: "This is a unique chance in my life, in a country where young (college) graduates are not a priority of the government."

- New Porterville, Calif., mother Shellie Lee, 20, who claimed she was unaware she was pregnant, describing the surprise birth of her son in July: "It was sitting there (in a toilet) when all of a sudden, a head came out. It just came out, bam! It slid right out and was hanging on my leg."

OUR ANIMAL FRIENDS

- New Zealand researcher Ingrid Visser's two-year study of killer whales, released in October in New Scientist magazine, revealed that orcas eat stingrays but only after tossing them around among themselves, Frisbee-like, apparently so they can position them in such a way as to avoid the stingers when they bite down. She said she once witnessed two whales binge on 18 stingrays in a six-hour period.

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Central Florida Future • 8
If they can speak freely, why don't you?

By JASON HEIRONIMUS
Opinion Editor

Is it the free speech area or free speech area?

As writer of the opinion column, my job is to find interesting slants on regular news stories. If I have done my job well then I have evoked some emotion out of the reader whether it be laughter, crying or fits of madness due to a disagreeable comment.

The point is I want you, the reader, to enjoy this column so I can continue to produce the usual pointless drivel that usually comes forth from my keyboard, like what you are reading now.

But there comes a time in every writer's life when he/she must not look too far for the next story. Unfortunately, for me, this is one of those moments.

I have tried to ignore them as long as possible. But the problem is, they are just such easy fodder. I feel I have done well to ignore them this long. I am talking about the street preachers, or missionaries, or whackos, whichever you want to call them, who seem to have a monopoly on the free speech area on campus. Is there no one else out there who wishes to speak freely besides these religious zealots?

I don't understand it. Free speech is one of the most treasured rights of American citizens. It is literally part of the reason why this country was founded in the first place. So I ask why it is that there is a designated space for free speech?

If I want to declare to the entire world I love cheese and that my mother's name is Connie, then shouldn't I be allowed to? Sure, I may be able to in a small, confined area that wouldn't adequately provide for the space I would have to use. But at least wouldn't that be a refreshing change from the usual cries of 'SINNER!' and "YOU'RE GOING TO HELL!!"

I usually find these guys really funny, because they're, well, really funny. They come from their endless lifestyle to our campus and bombard us with horrible warnings of Satan and Hell. It makes for some really good comedy. It is a shame that these guys take themselves so seriously because if they didn't they could probably make some good money on the comedy circuit.

The problem is that every once in a while these guys will say something that will really make your skin crawl and actually make you into the hateful person which he had thus far been accusing you of.

The other day this guy was putting on a really good show, and I mean he was pulling out all the tricks. While others were becoming visibly offended I was practically crying from laughter. And then he said something that offended me and I confronted him for his ticket for a one-way trip to the looney bin.

What business did this man have on our college campus? Absolutely none. We are here to educate ourselves while he is here to judge and stand on his pedestal. I don't believe the framers of the constitution had him in mind when they were drawing up the thing.

The problem is, of course, no one else wants to speak freely. Only when confronted with absolute ignorance is anyone able to speak their minds.

Doesn't anyone out there have anything of worth to tell the rest of us? Are these religious whackos the only ones brave enough to put their pride on the line and their word in the air?

As far as I can tell no one wants to replace these guys. The free speech area is just that, free. Anyone can get out there and let them message be heard.

Wouldn't it be nice to have someone out there who represents something positive? It would even be nice to see someone with the purpose of educating us so that we could be better informed.

If it were up to me, these guys would be banned from campus. They are only a hindrance to the people. But just because I don't like them it doesn't mean there aren't people out there who actually enjoy these guys.

In the spirit of free speech I would actually defend their right to spew out whatever ugly things they have to say.

I would just like to see a little less of the dark side and a little more of the positive. And if someone else can't do it, then I just might have to share some pretty ridiculous things with the UCF campus for the sake of getting them away from the free speech area.
Everybody makes ‘somebody’ unforgettable

By CORBETT TRUBEY
Entertainment Editor

Writer Gabe Gabriel, also an aspiring actor, claims he doesn’t need to get out and see the world to have something to put down on paper. It’s all happening right in the sleazy New York bar he spends all his free time at. Murder, gratuitous pot smoking, and blackmail are just some of the shocking events that take place in front of Gabriel’s eyes (and ours) in Charles Gordone’s exceptional play “No Place To Be Somebody,” the first production of the spring put on by Theatre UCF.

The sleazy bar in question is run by Johnny Williams (Randy Culzac), a small-time pimp who enjoys shouting numerous racist comments and other negative remarks to anyone who comes through the front door of his establishment. His only workers, bartender Shanty Mulligan and cook Melvin Smeltz both put up with their jobs while struggling to make something more of themselves. Evie & Dee, Johnny’s call girls, stop by for a quick drink and to drop off Johnny’s cut of the money. Shanty’s devoted girlfriend Cora visits just to see her sweetheart. And as Gabe jokes and entertains everyone around, not to mention receives small loans from Johnny to support himself, serious events begin to unfold which will change all their lives.

Gordone’s Pulitzer prize-winning piece is a graphic but honest look at the harsh race relations during the late 50s and 60s. The tension between black and white is felt from the very beginning to the very end, most of which is perpetuated by Johnny. His completely unlikeable personality (only his abused girlfriend Dee believes he has a good side) only has a way of crushing everyone else’s dreams. The dialogue is rough and revealing as the show jumps back and forth between Kareem Bandealy (“Gabe Gabriel”), Joshua Abraham (“Shanty Mulligan”), and Randy Culzac (“Johnny Williams”) star in “No Place To Be Somebody,” presented by Theatre UCF.

Theatre UCF has gotten their spring season off to a great start with “No Place To See Somebody.” The mixture of black comedy and gritty drama is put on by an excellent ensemble cast, especially by its three strongest characters. Johnny’s anger is played with intense fury by Culzac. Abraham takes Shandy from sweet-talking boyfriend to a near mental case with the drop of a hat. Bandealy’s performance is the juiciest of all; spitting out witty social comments with passion and depth (not to mention a killer impersonation of a drunken Bill Cosby). Also, Moss and Price are strong as Dee and Cora, two women who are at the wrong place at the wrong time. Director Tony Major has put on a powerhouse show combining solid acting and an eye-opening script, along with a well-designed stage by Lino Toyos and colorful costumes by Huaixang Tan.

The explicitness of the show may offend a few people, so enter the theater with an open mind. The language, not to mention the endless amount of drinking and joint puffing, did not sit well with some parents and children, despite several warnings placed in the front lobby (this is NOT a family show). The show is not just about a bunch of people getting loaded and fighting. It’s a learning experience about the relationships between people during a time when the color of your skin practically decided your future.

This Wednesday’s performance will be free for all students, and begins at 7:30 p.m. More shows will follow up until the 25th. For showtimes and ticket prices, please call the box office at 823-1500.
Men's rugby ready for spring season

By BILL CALL
Rugby correspondent

Coming off an undefeated fall season, the UCF Men's Rugby Team will begin their spring season with a Jan. 17 intrasquad scrimmage. This season will bring much excitement with UCF facing many new opponents. This year, UCF will face Harvard, Vanderbilt, LSU and others in a premier division at the Mardi Gras Tournament. Another new opponent will be the University of Pittsburgh at home on March 3. The spring season may also hold the Southeastern Championship Tournament once UCF wins the Florida Conference. Come watch your home games at 2 p.m. on the Soccer Fields, on Saturday afternoons. It is also not too late to join; come to practice on Tuesday or Thursday at 4 p.m. on the Golf Driving range, or contact the team at rugby@pegasus.cc.ucf.edu

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1-27 @U of Florida
2-14 U. of Miami
2-21 Mardi Gras Tournament
3-3 University of Pittsburgh
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3-21 Tamarac
4-3 Southeastern Championships

Thursday 22
Student Activities Day, Brevard Campus, 4 - 6 p.m.

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Wednesday 21
Movie: Face Off, Student Union, Room 316, 6:30 p.m and 9 p.m.
Career Expo, UCF Arena, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
"No Place To Be Somebody" UCF Theatre, 7:30 p.m.

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Loan forgiveness among plans to recruit more teachers

By COLLEEN DE BAISE
College Press Service

WASHINGTON — In an effort to fix the nation’s dwindling supply of teachers, President Clinton and Congress are considering incentives to lure college graduates into public classrooms. lawmakers are considering about 2 million new teaching slots projected to open up in the next decade because of aging teachers and a rapidly growing student population. Democrats and Republicans have proposed offering federal dollars for teacher recruitment— and loan forgiveness. The proposals will be taken up later this year as Congress revises the Higher Education Act, the law governing student aid and other higher education programs. Clinton announced his $500-million proposal at the NAACP annual meeting last July. Under the plan, 35,000 students would receive scholarships in return for agreeing to work in poor school districts for at least three years. The proposal also would target colleges with strong teaching-training programs. The Education Department would award grants to those colleges that partner with needy school districts and prepare teachers to work in them.

“The schoolhouse doors are open, but behind too many doors are little learning taking place,” Clinton said. Congressional Democrats have outlined proposals that include student loan forgiveness for graduates who become teachers. Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., says such a financial incentive would attract 7,000 new teachers each year over the next 10 years.

“The most effective way of encouraging new teachers would be to forgive student loan debt for college graduates who enter the teaching profession and stay there for five years,” he said during a National Press Club speech in December. Sen. Jeff Bingaman, D-N.M., has sponsored legislation that would forgive student loan debt for college graduates who agree to teach in high-need areas. The bill also would require graduates to demonstrate strong teaching skills in certain academic subjects.

A proposal introduced by Sen. Bill Frist, R-Tenn., would allow states to award up to $5,000 in scholarships to students with high grade-point averages who agree to teach in the state for two years. The program also would target top students from low-income families. Other legislation addressing the teacher supply crisis has been introduced by Sen. Jack Reed, D-R.I., Rep. George Miller, D-Calif., and Rep. Dale Kildee, D-Mich.

Some proposals include ways to attract not only college students but also mid-career professionals and former military personnel into the nation’s classrooms. The Education Department estimates that 2 million new teaching slots will be needed by 2005. The proposed incentives have forced public attention not only on the projected teacher shortage, but also on the quality of teacher preparation programs.

“We cannot lower our standards—as we have in the past—to meet the growing demand for new teachers,” said Education Secretary Richard Riley. Many teachers will be focused on teacher recruitment, Riley said. “We do not, for example, do a very good job of recruiting people to this very demanding profession,” he said, and that we have really failed to do justice to the task of recruiting talented minority candidates and males.”

Nearly 30 percent of teachers leave the profession after their first three years, according to the Education Department.

Barnett Berry, associate director of the private National Commission on Teaching, a 26-member panel of educators, lawmakr and union officials, says many new teachers enter the classroom without enough training. Berry recently visited a classroom in California, where 25 different languages were being spoken. Too many graduates of college have no standards set for them. Many of them are just a way to get through college. They leave themselves with that option to teach if nothing else works out.

Federal aid is contingent on students working to teach, some of them will take the aid and not continue in the field, he said. “I am always a little cautious about stipends.”

Linda Tafel, dean of the National College of Education at National-Louis Universities, says that students who are lured into teaching because of the scholarship dollars would be quickly weeded out. Because states are adopting tougher standards for teacher training, more students will have to be self-sufficient, she said.

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For financial incentives such as scholarships to work, students must sign an agreement to work as teachers, added Hidalgo, who is dean of the college of education at Texas A&M-Kingsville.

“In Texas, we have a situation where we graduate enough teachers to fill the classrooms but some of them never enter teaching,” he said. “For some it’s just another major. For others, it may be a way to get through college. They teach themselves with that option to teach if nothing else works out.”

Unless financial aid is contingent on students working to teach, some of them will take the aid and not continue in the field, he said. “I am always a little cautious about stipends.”

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“Maybe because of the lack of scholarship dollars [in the past], many people weren’t encouraged to get into teaching,” she said. “Now there is a demand, particularly for bilingual and early childhood education. There will be many opportunities for teachers,” she said. “I always say we can never have enough good teachers.”
Service helps people from being victims

By GWIN R. RHOADES
Staff Writer

No one ever thinks it will happen to them. Then it happens and suddenly you are the victim of a crime.

It could be anything from being raped, robbed, assaulted, threatened and anything in between, said Mary Ann McCunn, Victim Services coordinator.

Victim Services was established to ensure a victim receives whatever assistance is needed to help a person through the aftermath of a crime. A victim advocate is available to assist any member of the university community including students, staff, faculty and visitors.

"We also help people who are not affiliated with the school, who may have heard about us through a friend, who has a connection to the university," McCunn said. "We will never turn down a victim."

The Victim Services Office provides crisis intervention in which an advocate can respond to the scene of a crime either before or after the police have arrived.

Advocates supply emotional support as well as practical assistance and can provide information and referrals to other agencies that can help with the various needs a victim may have. They can also assist a victim in filing for financial reimbursement when applicable.

"This office was established because there is a national push to have a constitutional amendment to award victims rights consistently across the United States," said McCunn. "Fortunately for us, Florida has been a leader in the move to recognize the rights of a victim."

"That is the reason Victim's Advocacy came into being. To educate the victims in what their rights and options are and to provide whatever assistance we can for them to exercise those needs."

A recent victim's rights legislation enables a victim and his/her family to address a judge and jury and state specifically how that crime affected their lives.

"The victim and family are allowed to make a victim impact statement which details how that particular crime has caused physical, emotional, psychological and financial stress," said McCunn.

"We let the victim know that their being active in their case has an influence on how that case is resolved," said Kim Williams, an advocate for two years at UCF. "We have found that when they are involved, they will have more of an impact on the case. So we encourage them to speak up and tell them the more involved they are the better."

"When they work with the state attorney's office, they provide the attorney with a better understanding of the case. The more knowledgeable the case the prosecutor has, the more likely the victim will feel they helped make the criminal pay for his actions."

"I firmly believe that the criminal justice system works better when the victim is involved," McCunn said. "When the victim has participated in the whole picture, even if the end result is not exactly the result the victim would have preferred, they still feel like they did what they could to hold that person accountable for their actions and that helps them to feel better about themselves and some of their power back."

"We want to stress that although we encourage people to access the criminal justice system, they are not required to do so," said Mary Gianakis, a victim's advocate for UCF. "If the victim does not want to make a police report they do not have to. They are still entitled to all of the other services we have to offer."

About 60 percent of people who used the services followed through with a police report, according to the Victim Services Office's annual report.

"The other 40 percent chose not to make a report," Williams said. "They are often people who have an acquaintance rape situation and are reluctant to take it further legally."

"Those numbers only reflect those people who have chosen to come forward and use our services," McCunn said. "It is unfortunate that people do not come forward or make a report because they were still raped, no matter what the situation was. However, there are a lot of different things going on in an acquaintance rape situation that cause the victims to tend to blame themselves rather than the person who victimized them."

The Victim Services Office provides very basic services, McCunn said.

"But we try very hard to individualize our services in each instance because everyone that we dealt with is a unique person in a unique set of circumstances with a unique set of coping skills," she said.

"Many people don't realize or think about the various types of support that are available."

Williams said: "They automatically think about the emotional problems and support, but they may not think about the practical assistance we offer."

"For example, we can help them to get a protective order, also known as an injunction, against a person who is harassing or endangering their safety. We can help with academic concerns, help to handle financial matters like dealing with landlords and creditors and talk to employers."

"A lot of people feel that their world has been turned upside down and are relieved to find out that we can help them deal with the normal every day things as well."

"We want everyone to know that we do not force them to do anything," McCunn said. "We do not force them to make a police report or to go to counseling. We let them know what is out there and how to access it. We let them make the choices that they are comfortable in making."

The Victim Services Office is not the voice of the victim but tries to encourage and empower the victim to make their own voice be heard, said McCunn.

"We are open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year," McCunn said.

The Victim Services phone number is 823-5555.

Skateboarders say police gave unnecessary chase

By STEVE BARNES
Staff Writer

A UCF student claims university police chased him and a friend as they skateboarded through the new parking garage one evening last week.

Damani Gorbas, a senior, said university police "had" their vehicles "packed out" as they began their pursuit. Gorbas said he and his friend, who was not identified, were apprehended by the officers who turned them out to skate in the garage.

Gorbas said the officers who pursued him created a greater danger with their vehicles than he could have caused with his skateboard. Gorbas said he does not know the names of the officers involved in the incident.

UCF police spokesman Sig. Tom Gorbas said he was unfamiliar with the incident and had seen no reports to indicate such an encounter took place. Officers are not required to file reports in cases where no official action is taken.

Gorbas agreed with those students who had said peeling out or giving chase within the garage would present a serious safety problem. He added that curtailed police are supposed to pursue suspects with "all due caution."

Gorbas said if such an incident did occur, its magnitude may have been exaggerated. He said even a slight string of tires, within the confines of the parking garage would echo loudly.

According to Gorbas, there is no reason for officers to chase skateboarders in the garage as there are no laws prohibiting the practice. Campus police, he said, are authorized only to enforce state and federal laws prohibiting the practice.

Gorbas also said officers have a responsibility to protect the safety of those who visit the campus and said police do not have to verbal warnings about skating in the garage. He said the situation could be very hazardous.

"Imagine what would happen if a 6-year-old boy were to walk out from behind a car and get hit and killed by a student on a skateboard," he said.

The new 58 million parking garage has become a favorite hangout of skaters since it opened this semester. Those who frequent the garage said they enjoy the smooth pavement and the steep, down-hill run.

Mindy Merritt, a UCF graduate who frequently skateboards in the garage, said the college should set aside certain hours for skating in the facility. While some see skating in the garage as a serious safety issue, there is no formal policy prohibiting the practice.

According to UCF spokesperson Jerry Klein, the university has no policy regarding the use of skateboarders or bicycles in the garage. Klein said he had not heard of any problems associated with skating in the garage, but added if it becomes a safety issue, the school will certainly address it.

Gorbas said campus police will continue to designate lanes not to skate in the garage and will ask those seen skating there to leave. If students refuse to leave the garage after being warned by the police, he said, they may be cited for trespassing.

Gorbas also said anyone witnessing what he believes to be undue or inappropriate police actions, they should report them and the department would conduct a thorough internal investigation.

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Croud: A team leader from the first swing

By KEN JACKSON
Staff Writer

Last year, UCF center fielder Will Croud led off the first inning and the baseball season with a single to left field against Rollins College. His hit set the tone for another conference championship, the team's fourth in five years.

On Jan. 31 against Rollins, Croud will again find himself in the leadoff spot. This year he is hoping for more. Not necessarily an extra-base hit in that first at-bat, but rather another shot at the College Baseball World Series.

Coach Jay Bergman said the key to the team's offense is Croud during the important conference schedule.

"As Will goes, so goes the team," Bergman said. "He has to get the ball in the hole for the runners to score."

Since effective base running is a key to the Knights' attack, Croud said he and the UCF coaching staff knew he could fit right in with this team.

"At Pasco-Hernando, I was one of a bunch of guys who could run well and put the ball in play," Croud said. "I was contacted by coaches before I came here, and that fall I got the chance to earn the center field job and start."

After earning the starting job, he proved his worth by batting .300 through the first 10 games of last year. But the high hopes of a fast start fell slightly when foot and groin injuries hampered Croud during the important conference schedule.

"After I got hurt, it was so hard to stay consistent, and the team's play showed it," Croud said.

With Croud struggling in the games he could play in, the Knights finished last in the TAAC Southern Division with a 6-11 conference record. With Croud healthy again, the team traveled to Alabama and won two of three games against Jacksonville State to earn a spot in the conference tournament.

The Knights, seeded last of six teams, went undefeated in the TAAC tournament and headed to the NCAA Regional tournament for the third-consecutive year.

"We knew we had to beat Jacksonville State, or there would be no TAAC tournament," Croud said. "Once we got passed that, we knew that at the TAAC everything started new and it was a total team effort ... we really came together."

The Knights were knocked out of the NCAA after losses to South Florida and Florida State, however. The quick exit didn't go over well with Croud and his teammates.

"After such a good tournament, we had high expectations at regionals," he said. "Those games were pretty close, it just didn't happen for us."

Croud knows this is his last chance to make it to the College World Series in Omaha. He said he respects UCF's team concept and hopes it will lead to a strong postseason.

"Our depth is so much better," he said. "Down the stretch last year we started getting a little thin. We have guys now that may not be starting but can come off the bench that can really produce."

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By TONY MEJIA
Staff Writer

After a tough 78-66 loss at home to Samford, the men's basketball team hoped for better play at Jacksonville State. The Knights showed improvement in their 89-80 victory over the Gamecocks, but nearly blew a 17-point, first-half lead.

Balanced scoring helped UCF to a 30-13 cushion, and the Golden Knights maintained the advantage at 37-20 with only 3:30 left until halftime. Halftime came early for the Knights, who allowed an 11-0 run by JSU, before D'Quarius Stewart scored four of his 14 first-half points to push the lead to 41-31.

Up and down play against the Gamecocks, coupled with foul trouble for senior Mark Jones and junior Brad Traina, saw JSU (7-9, 1-5) cut the lead to 72-68 with only 4:40 to play. UCF (9-7, 11-0 TAAC East) continued to play well adding a season-high 13 points, seven rebounds and four assists.

Darrell Johnson and Jay Knowlton scored 23 each to lead the Gamecocks. After an poor performance against Samford in which he failed to score, Bucky Hodge was replaced in the starting lineup by Davin Cranberry. Both played well, despite Cranberry leaving the game early with a bruised lower back. Cranberry finished with seven points and four rebounds before the injury. Hodge came off the bench with nine points and a team-leading eight rebounds before fouling out.

"It felt good to play well and help the team out," Hodge said. "Being moved out of the starting lineup sent a message. It lets you know you have to step it up. I got the message because if you don't step it up you go from not starting to not playing."

After the Samford setback in which no Golden Knight played particularly well, it was vital for UCF to get back on track as they enter their slate against the TAAC's eastern division. After finishing the slate against the TAAC West, UCF is in a four-way logjam for second place in TAAC East with Florida Atlantic, Florida International and Stetson.

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Gerry Hands with Maggie Clark
Fetzek making the most of opportunity

By BRANT PATRICK PARSONS
Staff Writer

To the casual observer, women’s basketball player Kate Fetzek’s recent standout performances may come as a surprise. The 5-foot-7 Fetzek scored more points over the last five games (62 points) than she had in the two years prior (43).

Fetzek’s coaches and teammates are not at all surprised by the junior’s play of late. Coach Lynn Bria said before the season that she expected Fetzek to step into a more contributing role and is impressed with how far along she has come.

‘Defensively, Kate has always done a good job, now she is also getting comfortable within the offense,’ Bria said following the Jan. 10 victory over Troy State.

Kelli Murray, senior guard and co-captain said all Fetzek needed was the opportunity.

‘I’m not surprised,’ Murray said. ‘Since I’ve known Kate, she’s always had that drive in her.’

Opportunity came knocking for Fetzek on Jan. 3. With two starters out, including leading scorer junior guard Chariya Shanks, Davis, Fetzek was needed to take a more aggressive role offensively. Kate responded with 15 points and six assists, including seven of UCF’s fifteen points in the decisive second overtime. That game started a three-game TAAC winning streak until a 74-64 loss at Campbell on Jan. 17.

Fetzek knew she could play basketball and just wanted the chance to. She spent the summer at UCF working out with seniors Stacey DeVaneus and Jenn Hill. Five days a week, she worked out in the weightroom and played basketball in the afternoon. Murray says the summer worked help Kate.

‘She worked hard this summer and she got comfortable and her improvement shows,’ Murray said.

Fetzek’s work ethic has never been questioned. She was kidded in the preseason by being called the Energizer bunny because she can keep running.

‘She just never stops,’ Murray said. ‘It seems like she’s never tired. She always says she’s tired, but it doesn’t show like it does on any other players.’

Fetzek’s physical shape has not gone unnoticed by Bria either.

‘She in such great shape, we could almost play her for forty minutes, Kate just runs everywhere,’ Bria said.

Fetzek is more modest about her ‘Energizer’ status.

‘During the season, I don’t do much more than what the team does,’ Fetzek said. ‘In the offseason, I follow the training program, run a few times a week. Not anything special. I’ve always liked to run and I can keep on running.’

Her strong work ethic is also evident in her academic studies. She graduated in the top four percent of her class at Bradenton Manatee High School and makes a consistent appearance on UCF’s dean’s list.

‘Being a physical education major, I am obviously interested in the mental aspects of the game,’ Fetzek said.

It hasn’t been an easy road in basketball for Fetzek the first two years at UCF. She received little playing time and was limited to garbage minutes of already decided ballgames when she did play. Murray has seen Fetzek’s hard work pay off.

‘Every minute she is out there on the floor she’s working hard,’’ Murray said. ‘I do that everyday, of course it is going to show Kate just works hard.’

In the past, Fetzek’s weak offensive game had kept her from more playing time, Bria said.

‘Kate used to hurt us a little bit,’ Bria said. ‘Now, Kate really picks us up offensively and is doing a better job at taking care of the basketball.’

Making the most of her current opportunity, Fetzek hopes to keep getting better as the TAAC tournament approaches in late February.

‘I thought I’m going to give it all I have got, and if it works out, than great,’ she said. ‘If it doesn’t, then I know at least I gave it all I’ve got.’
Smith resigns after 7 years at UCF

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After guiding UCF to its first NCAA tournament victory and possibly one of the most successful seasons in school history, volleyball coach Laura Smith announced her resignation Wednesday.

"I couldn't be leaving on a better note," Smith said. "I reached the goal I wanted to reach as far as finally breaking the six championships and four NCAA tournaments we've been meaning to."

The two-time TAAC coach of the year (1993 and 1997) guided the Golden Knights to its first NCAA Tournament victory, No. 21 Florida International its only loss of the season.

"It's a rivalry game, and a game we have to win," Hodge said. "They're a great team, but you can't let them walk in to your home court and take one. The guys know what's at stake and we're going to be ready."

Charleston has shown a few signs of vulnerability, however. Losing Anthony Johnson, Stacy Harris, and Teddarius Delung left the Cougars in search of a leader. With a less explosive offense, Kresse has relied on its deep bench and relentless defense to get its victories, rather than overwhelming teams with their offensive firepower as in the past. Tyra Harper, the most successful seasons in school history, volleyball coach Laura Smith-entered the Trans America Athletic Conference back in 1992-93, no one could have foreseen the dominance they would reveal. The school's first NCAA Tournament victory: UCF's 71-60 victory over the College of Charleston on Jan. 22.

When it was announced that the College of Charleston was entering the Trans America Athletic Conference back in 1992-93, no one could have foreseen the dominance they would reveal. The Cougars have gone 66-4 in conference during that span as well as make four postseason appearances (two NCAA and two NIT). Charleston leaves the TAAC after this season, running off to join the Southern conference. It leaves the TAAC with its first NCAA Tournament victory.

"Therefore I think it's best to take a year off and I'm going to pursue some other career opportunities."

Junior guard Chariya Davis led UCF with 24 points and five steals, but the Knights lost their final TAAC game of the year at Campbell, 74-64, on Jan. 17. Davis hit six of 11 from the field, including two of two from three-point range, and 10 of 13 from the free throw line against the Camels. No other UCF player finished in double-figures. Freshman forward Camille Howard scored nine points and grabbed a team-high eight rebounds in the loss.

"It's not [a] difficult [decision] because I'm thinking about the program," Smith said.

"That's a packed house and in front of a packed house. Hopefully we can get the students and the community out there to support us and create a real good home atmosphere. It's going to be a very big basketball game," Smith said.

"For the fifth year we have not fallen in the conference mark," Smith said.

The loss of five seniors this season, including the past two TAAC players of the year in Tyra Harper and Renata Mencikova, played a role in the decision, Smith said.

"I personally didn't feel I was able to commit another four years to all these new recruits because it is such a big recruiting year and it wouldn't have been fair to them," Smith said.

"Therefore I think it's best to take a year off and relaunch and decide if I want to get back into coaching and in the meantime, pursue some other things I've been meaning to do," Smith added.

"I'm looking forward to being a part of the selection of who is going to replace me. I really want this to be a success," Smith said. "My goal is that we make it to the NCAA Final Four next year. I graduated from UCF and will always have loyalties to UCF."