Bicyclists can ride a long way without their pedals

By NATALIE NATALE
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.

Bicycle racks on the Lynx buses will accommodate any variety of bike.

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 Union Lab on the second floor of the Student Union and the Main Computer Lab-East in the Student 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 Witte. 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 issues," Witte 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 upgrading is one of the main services requested by students needing help in the labs.

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UCF technology expands with latest upgrade

By GWEN R. RHODES
Staff Writer

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UCF's trial team will compete in February

By OLIVIA K. CURNOW
Managing Editor

The UCF Trial Team will head to Greenville, S.C., next month to compete in the American Mock Trial Association competition at Furman University.

On Feb. 6-7, the competition involves a celebrity news reporter who killed his son allegedly in self-defense. If the team wins, they will go to the national competition either in Des Moines, Iowa, or St. Paul, Minn., in April.

The team is comprised of 12 students from various areas of study, two alternates, two timekeepers and two coaches.

"These students are top notch and are excited about the team," said Dr. Rob Remis, coach of the trial team. "They care about each other and work exceptionally well together.

Remis started the team through Phi Alpha Delta Pre-Law Fraternity during fall 1997. The first tryout competition was in November 1997 and the second was in January 1998. Two local attorneys assisted Remis in the competitions.

UCF will compete with other trial teams from around the country, including The Citadel, Duke University, Furman University, East Tennessee State University and University of South Carolina, among others.

The team has been practicing on Monday and Tuesday nights, and Remis said he meets with students throughout the week to discuss trial strategies.

Although Remis said all members of the team are equally competent, he said one of his newest members, Simonetta Carrell, performs exceptionally well.

"I want to win!" Carrell exclaimed. "If it kills me, I will win!"

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Iron Butterfly performed "In-A-Gadda-Da-Vida" for a packed crowd.
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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, networks, 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? Its behavior and methods define high-pressure groups, ordinarily called cults. Unlike healthy groups that enhance a person's life, cults rob a person of his/her individuality.

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 Shinrikyo 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.

Cultural 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 occurred in California when 39 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 any outward characteristics to alert you of a cult. Ask yourself the following questions when joining a group: 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?

Be cautious of joining groups after moving, changing jobs or losing a loved one. 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 Thornburg 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 Pauk’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, lists and when the professor tells you the information will be on the test to help you know what notes to take.

Many professors use transparencies, 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.

Linda Ramos is associated with Full Student Services (FSS), which provides word processing and research assistance to college students.

Scanners, zip drives are available in computer labs

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Witte 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," Witte 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 instantaneously fixed, taking less than five min­utes for a password change to become effective, while the Pegasus program is updated every hour on the hour," Witte 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 e­mail 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 tick­et office on the first floor of the Student Union," said Esteban Garcia, SGA Lab consultant.

"The fee for color is 50 cents for spot color and $1 for a full color photo."

Any questions about the SGA lab and fees can be answered by the SGA consultants at 823- 6413.

Other questions about the vari­ous labs can be answered by the Student Pegasus help line at

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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 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 Shuttle Eastern Region, is specifically designed to serve employees, students and faculty in the UCF area.

The Laser 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 travel on the Laser Lynx, which is see king Full-Time cutting attorney on the first team.

Despite her confidence, Carrell will compete as the first degree pre-meditated murderer.

"I've been a lot of interest, so more students who are proven winners who will try out next year," 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. On the tables were brochures for them to look at and the representatives answered questions.

For the remainder of the week, the pledges were able to tour Universal Studios were fraternity members," Mason said. "A lot of the leaders of such places 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."

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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 Freshens 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 Sbarro'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 on the way, students on the meal plan will have a wider variety of choices whether the union vendors join or not.

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 allows tax payers to file electronically. This service has been available for years through tax return professionals, but now almost anyone with a home computer can file their taxes on the Internet via an on-line filing service.

The best part of electronic filing (ELF) is that those expecting 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 may not be as much fun as saying, "Well, it's a new year!"

While reading The Digital Daily may not be as much fun as saying, "Hooray! It's a new year!"

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 contains tax regulations in plain English and tips on how to prepare your return.

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LEAD STORIES

• Michael Guilbault, 19, plead­
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 Wabonsi Island, Va., but no photos from that site were found.

CAN'T 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 Bremaud, 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. Goldembwiski, 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 Aris, 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 Daughtery, 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."

• Sergeant Engamba, 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 Shellei Lee, 20, who claimed she was unaware she was pregnant, describing the sur­prise birth of her son in July: "I was sitting there (on 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 tearing 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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Opinion Editor

Is it the free speech area or free sermon 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 allowed to?

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 messiahs, or martyrs, 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 sinless lifestyle to our free speech area on 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 is confirmed 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 wackos 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 there message be heard. Wouldn’t it be nice to have someone out there who represented 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 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 these guys 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 Shanty 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 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 CAIL
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 our home games at 2 p.m. on the Soccer Fields, on Saturday afternoons.

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2-21 Mardi Gras Tournament
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3-21 Tamarac
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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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Student Activities Day, Brevard Campus, 4 - 6 p.m.

Friday 23
UCF Knights: Orlando Solar Bears, Orlando Arena, 7 p.m., Call 823-6471

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DEADLINE: February 10, 1998

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 enrollment.

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 recovers the Higher Education Act, the law governing student aid and other higher education programs.

Clinton announced his $500-million proposal at the NAMAP 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 newly trained districts and prepare teachers to work in them.

"The schoolhouse doors are open, but behind too many doors too little learning is 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 100,000 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.

"The bill also would require graduates to demonstrate strong teaching skills in certain academic subjects.

A proposal introduced by Sen. Bill Frisse, R-Tenn., would allow states to award two-year and five-year 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.


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. More focus 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 "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, lawmker 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 colleges of education are prepared for such challenges and are forced to "sink or swim," he said.

He questioned whether the incentive programs would provide "enough support that we get good enough people and keep them."

"Many of these recruitment programs we tend to worry a lot about the money. It's not the cheap," he said. "The teachers need more training, more support in the areas we want to send them. I wouldn't think the proposals have been flushed out sufficiently to let me tell you one way or the other whether they'll have an impact." Francisco Hidalgo, president of the Association of Teachers Educators, agrees that the proposed teacher shortages is "compounded by our society's inability to retain teachers once we produce them."

But he is hopeful on the efforts on the part of lawmakers will draw more qualified teachers into the classroom. "The profession welcomes any efforts to increase the number of students who become teachers," he said.

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Service helps people from being victims

By GWIN R. RHODES
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 with the victim or a law enforcement officer.

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 the case has an influence on how that case is resolved," said Kim Williams, 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 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 process, 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 take 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. 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 every person that we deal 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, help 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 go to counseling. We let them know what is out there and how to access it. We let them make the choice 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 and 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 skated through the new parking garage one evening last week.

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

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

UCF police spokesperson 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 actions are taken.

He agreed with those students who had said peeling out or driving chase within the garage would present a serious safety problem. He added that curfews are enforced to prevent vandalism and ensure the safety of students who are not involved in the garage.

"I 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 deep, downhill run.

Mandy Merritt, a UCF graduate who works on campus in the garage, said the college should see a slate of changes for safety in the facility.

"The garage is their safety. We get in trouble for skating there," Gorbas said. "We have a formal policy prohibiting the practice, but it 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 take some of their power back."

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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 another extra-base hit in that first at-bat, but rather another shot at the College Baseball World Series.

Coach Jay Bergman said the Senior transfer from Pasco-Hernando Community College is such a key to the Knights’ attack, Croud said he and the 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 16 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 St.], 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. "The 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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“Despite complacency,” UCF stops JSU

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 Gamecocks, but nearly blew a 17-point, first-half lead.

Despite complacency, we maintained our poise and handled it pretty well. In the critical stage of the game we ran out well on the court and played smart, fundamental basketball to end it,” Hodge said.

Jones, the conference’s leading scorer and rebounder, played a season-low 24 minutes, but still managed team-highs with 17 points and 10 rebounds. Traina, in foul trouble for the second game in a row, hit three three-pointers and big baskets down the stretch to finish with 15 points.

Granberry and Cory Perry each added 14, while Cory Perry continued to play well adding a season-high 13 points, seven rebounds and four assists.

Darrell Johnson and Jay Knowshon 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 Granberry. Both played well, despite Granberry leaving the game early with a bruised lower back. Granberry 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.
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 aren't 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 be 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 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 DeVeaux 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 tried. 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 is 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 off-season, 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.

"Every minute she is out there on the floor she's working hard," Murray said. "If you 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 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 through that first round [of the NCAA tournament]."

"Even though we reached the goal, I felt as a coach that I still wasn't able to give my all. Therefore, I think it's best that I take a year off and I'm going to pursue some other career opportunities."

The two-time TAAC coach of the year (1993 and 1997) guided the Knights to a 28-4 record and an unprecedented six consecutive NCAA Tournament title in 1997. Smith posted an overall record of 188-74, including five consecutive post-season appearances and four trips to the NCAA tournament.

Athletic director Steve Sloan said the contribution of Smith will not soon be forgotten.

"We're thankful for the exceptional job she did with the volleyball program, highlighted by the six championships and four NCAA tournaments berths," Sloan said. "While we always be grateful for the contributions she made to the program.

In the wake of the decision, Sloan has suggested to UCF administration that current assistant coach Tina Sloan replace Smith on an interim basis.

The loss of five seniors next season, including the past two TAAC players of the year in Tyra Harper and Renaeta McMillan, will be a role in the decision, Sloan 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 regroup 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 that the decision is not for the first time, but it's a difficult decision for the program.

"It is not a difficult decision because I'm thinking about the new recruits and the new role about the program," she said.

"I'm looking forward to being a part of the selection of who is going to replace me. I really want this to move forward. 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."

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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 dominating run they would play in. 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 one final season for the other teams to get their retribution against the mighty giant. So far, that hasn't happened.

Despite losing their three top players from a year ago, two of which were two-time TAAC conference players of the year, Charleston (12-3, 6-0) is still the top team in the TAAC. Trailing the Cougars in the TAAC East are Florida International, Florida Atlantic, Stetson, and UCF, as all have identical 4-2 conference marks.

UCF has not beaten Charleston since coach Kirk Sparger's first season in 1993-94 when it won an 83-77 home decision, but the Knights get another chance when they welcome the Cougars to the UCF Arena on Jan. 22. No current member of the Golden Knights has tasted victory against Charleston, who has won nine of ten meetings with UCF, Junior Bucky Hodge said the Knights road to conference supremacy must include a win over Cougar coach John Kreese's club.

"It's a rivalry game, and a game we have to play well in," 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 Thaddoos Deluy, left the Cougars in search of a leader. With a less explosive offense, Kreese has relied on a deep bench and relentless defense to get their victories, rather than overwhelming teams with their offensive firepower as in years past. Senior guard Danny Johnson, Shane McCrasy, Jermel President, and Carl Thomas provide the perimeter touch. Losses to Rider, The Citadel and a one-point win over Samford proved this year's version of the Cougars to be beatable, but Charleston continues to dominate the TAAC, now having won 48 of their last 49 conference games.

"They have an air about them that allows them to win close games. They go in to every game knowing they are going to win," Sparger said. "They've dominated the conference, but we've got them coming in to our place. Hopefully we can get the students and the community there to support us and create a real good home atmosphere. It's going to be a very big basketball game."

Following the clash with the Cougars, UCF welcomes Campbell on Jan. 24, Campbell, which is currently last in the TAAC East with a 2-4 conference mark.

Women's basketball loses first TAAC game

Junior guard Chariya Davis led UCF with 24 points and five steals, but the Knights lost their first 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.

Campbell (12-4, 5-1) is undefeated at home (9-0) and hand­ed No. 21 Florida International its only loss of the season.

The Knights (8-5, 3-1) had their season-high, four-game winning streak snapped. The team plays at Florida Atlantic on Jan. 22.

In UCF's 71-60 victory over the College of Charleston on Jan. 15, Davis led the team with 19 points, seven rebounds and four steals.

Women's track places 2 at UF indoor

Sophomore Anne Panaggio and junior Micaah Adrians placed in different events at the University of Florida Invitational, an indoor women's track and field meet.

Panaggio finished eighth in the 3,000-meter run with a personal best time of 10:02.12. She beat her previous mark by over four seconds.

Adrians placed 10th in the women's 800-meter run with a time of 2:19.28, less than three seconds off her best time (2:19.17).

Cheerleaders place at nationals

UCF finished 10th out of 33 teams at the 1998 College Cheerleading National Championships held at Disney/MGM Studios on Jan. 10.

"We had a lot of first-year members who had never done this before," coach Linda Gooch said. "We had kids in right out of high school, former wrestlers and football players, who did very well. They did a tremendous job."

The UCF cheerleading team finished in the top 10 for fifth-consecutive year. As a I-A member, the Knights finished second in 1994 and third in 1995 and 1996. As a first-year I-A participant, UCF placed seventh.

"For the fifth year we have not fallen in the finals," said Gooch of the two-and-a-half minute performance. "That's with a packed house and in front of a packed house."

UCF's performance, along with the other top 10 finishers, will be replayed on the ESPN National Championship show in March.