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CREOL experiments with recharging batteries

By BRIAN SMITH
News Editor

UCF researchers are conducting experiments to recharge batteries in orbiting satellites by the use of an electron laser. If the experiments are successful, billions of dollars will be saved because it could end the construction of solar-powered satellites.

Experiments conducted in December offered optimistic results for success. The team working at UCF's Center for Research and Education in Optics and Lasers (CREOL) fired a particle accelerator off for eight microseconds and got 99.9 percent of the results they wanted. "The next step is to complete the loop, recover the energy from the unused portion of the electron beam, which is most of it, and use that to make the process continuous," said Dr. Luis Elias, director of the Free Electron laser facility. "That will prove the process is possible and it is plenty long enough for the kind of experiments we want to do here." Elias said he expects scientists from UCF and from other research centers will prove the process is possible and it is plenty long enough for the kind of experiments we want to do here. See SORORITY, Page 4

Greeks welcome new chapters

By JAMES COMBS
Staff Writer

UCF will add a national sorority and fraternity to its campus in the spring 1998 semester. Chi Omega, which is the largest sorority in the world, has already begun looking for potential members. The fraternity Pi Kappa Phi will officially become a part of UCF in February.

UCF wanted to expand its number of sororities three years ago, said Greg Mason, director of Greek Affairs. They sent applications to the Panhellenic Council, which is the national body for sororities in Indianapolis, Ind. Chi Omega was one of several sororities to come and give presentations. UCF's Panhellenic Council, which is the governing body for UCF sororities, decided Chi Omega would eventually become a sorority. "I think this is an incredible opportunity for women on our campus to gain valuable leadership abilities," said Mason. "It also is great since sororities are limited in membership and now some of the women who couldn't get in other sororities might be See SORORITY, Page 4

Adjuncts may be replaced with full-time faculty

By NICOLE KING
Staff Writer

A year after UCF was criticized by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools for having too many adjuncts, the university has reduced the number by 20.

The number has fallen from 769 to 749, according to UCF's Office of Institutional and Planning Support.

"We have attempted to reduce the number of adjuncts with full-time faculty," said Dr. Jose Fernandez, chair of foreign languages and literatures. "But you have a situation where the enrollment does not merit a full-time employee.

"In the foreign language department, there are certain courses which do not justify a full-time position and the only way to address the students' needs is through adjuncts.

"The foreign language department, which is one of the largest for using adjuncts, has significantly cut back on adjuncts since I became department chair in 1993. Eighty-two percent of student credit hours in foreign languages were taught by adjuncts four years ago. It is now 34 percent.

Dr. Milan Meeske, director of the school of communications, agreed that having more full-time faculty is the ultimate goal of his department as well.

"We would prefer to have more full-time faculty and not need as many adjuncts," Meeske said. "But many courses are better taught by adjuncts, someone who can bring knowledge of the field into the classroom."

Many students agreed the experience of adjuncts is helpful to understanding the course's material. Yet some found fault with a system that often has an adjunct teaching for the first time while holding down a job outside UCF.

"It is good because they are coming directly from their job to you and you're getting a lot of information that isn't the same as what professors give you," said Jennifer Lindstrom, a communication major. "But they're not around like a professor because they are busy with their careers and not on campus. Some aren't very good teachers either, they're just not familiar with teaching."

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around the United States to be lining up to use the facility by this coming spring.

"With this kind of laser you can look at biological processes, not just static chemicals," said Olle Heinonen, interim chair of the physics department. "That, plus its high efficiency and high level of continuous power will make it unique in the world."

The laser will be tunable and the wavelengths will be converted into electricity by solar power cells. The frequency will be infrared waves, which makes it useful for biological experiments.

Infrared waves is commonly used to obtain pictures of distant objects obscured by atmospheric haze since visible light is scattered by haze but infrared radiation is not.

If the laser works, satellites could use smaller solar panel arrays, be cheaper to launch and save billions for space hardware. The laser emits from a particle accelerator, which UCF had to rebuild after one exploded about two years ago during the process of similar experiments.

The device accelerates charged elementary particles or ions to high energies. They are some of the largest and most expensive instruments used by physicists.

Students are enthusiastic about the research.

"I think it's great that UCF is doing research in this area because NASA is less than an hour away," said George Miller, 23.

"UCF needs to be an university that leads the way in space research in the state of Florida."

Matt Foust, 24, agreed with Miller.

"UCF needs to find an area of research to become specialized," Foust said. "This type of research sounds like a natural to explore because of the locality of UCF."

"The school needs to stand apart from the other colleges in the state and I can't think of a better way to stand apart than through space research."

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New grading system a plus
or minus with students?

By KATHIE BULLARD
Staff Writer

At the Jan. 20 senate meeting, Terri Fine, chairperson of the Plus/Minus Grading System Committee, asked for the senate's advice on UCF's new grading system.

During the 1995/1996 school year, the senate passed a new grading system that added plus and minus letter grades to students' overall grade point average.

This system is being used in 10 other state universities, including the University of Florida and the Florida Agricultural University. However, none of the schools using the system use it the same way.

The committee was comprised of UCF professors to decide how it would use this grading system. Fine said she came to the senate for suggestions but instead got more questions about the program.

The most asked question was if this change in the grading system would be seen on a student's transcript so grade deductions would not go unexplained.

The committee decided not to use the grades A+, F+, and F-. Also, a C will not be at the 2.0 level to keep grades from dropping. This grading system will become effective in the 1999 student catalog.

Christa Graves, a communication major, said she approves of the new grading system. "It recognizes those on the higher end of the grading scale," Graves said. "It also shows the additional effort (students) may have had to get the grade."

The plus system would benefit students most, Graves said.

Also during the meeting, two bills regarding illegal use of funds were passed by acclamation. For example, the Activity and Service Fee Committee would fund certain events for clubs and other organizations. Then these organizations would sometimes profit from these events and put the money into their own accounts.

The first new bill now requires the organizations to put the money back into a revenue account to be spent when the senate approves of it. The second bill makes it law that clubs that have been given designated money by the committee cannot use it to buy something else, such as food and clothing.

UCF students observe Ramadan

By PETER KUNDIS
Staff Writer

While most students are still trying to adjust to being back at UCF, Muslims are celebrating their holiest month of the Islamic calendar -- Ramadan.

For 30 days, Muslims must refrain from drinking, smoking, eating and sexual relations from sunrise to sunset. They need to finish eating their last meal by 5:50 a.m., as the fasting period runs from 6:50 a.m. until 6:50 p.m. throughout the celebration of Ramadan.

Between the hours of sunset and sunrise, Muslims are allowed to eat meals that consist of soup as the appetizer, a main dish made with rice, chicken or meat and vegetables. For dessert, many fasters enjoy the traditional Qatayef, which is very similar to pancakes. It is stuffed with either cheese or walnuts and is served with a special, sweet sugar syrup. Qamer Al-Deen, a drink made from dried apricots, is served with the meal because its high calorie content helps to restore energy to the body.

On Jan. 16, the Muslim Student Association sponsored a Ramadan Party at the Barbara Ying Center. The party, which was held after the sunset, enabled fasting students and guests to share an evening meal together and also gain a better understanding of what Ramadan represents to Muslims around the world. The greatest misconception about the celebration of Ramadan is a belief that Muslims fast nonstop for 30 days, instead of just during certain times of the day.

On Jan. 31, the Muslim Student Association will hold an Eid al-Fiter ("The Breaking of Fast") Party at the Barbara Ying Center to celebrate the end of fasting during Ramadan.

For information about the celebration of Ramadan or the Muslim Student Association, contact the Office of International Student Services in the Barbara Ying Center.
Sorority to get acquainted with UCF campus

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able to get in this one."

"It is different from other sororities because Chi Omega allows allows its chapters to determine on their own what they will contribute to the community," said Sarah Bliss, director of Extension for the National Organization of Chi Omega.

On Jan. 28 at 6 p.m. and Jan. 30 at 3 p.m., the sorority will hold informational presentations. Women can come in and see a video about the sorority and will be able to talk one-on-one with Chi Omega members. The sorority will also hold Get Acquainted Sessions on those dates.

Since sororities are limited in the number of women who can join, not everyone will get accepted into Chi Omega, Mason said.

There are six purposes Chi Omega members will develop: friendship, high standards of personnel, sincere learning, participation in campus activities, career development and community service, said Bliss.

"Chi Omega is always very happy to start at an outstanding campus where there are a lot of outstanding students like UCF," said Bliss. "We are looking forward to developing leaders here."

Chi Omega was founded at the University of Arkansas in 1895. In 1998, it has more than 240,000 initiates and 173 chapters. Its colors are cardinal and straw, and its mascot is an owl. Its headquarters are located in Memphis, Tenn.

Pi Kappa Phi can accept as many members as it wants since there is no fixed number on how many people can join, Mason said. The fraternity will begin recruiting for members in February.

There were two things that impressed Mason about the fraternity. One is called Push America, which was founded in 1977 to raise funds and awareness for people with disabilities. Since the program was founded, the fraternity has raised more than $5.5 million.

The fraternity also holds annual Push Camps where Pi Kappa Phi members from across the country come together to build ramps, accessible equipment and playgrounds designed for people with disabilities.

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They also participate in an annual cross-country bicycle trip called the Journey of Hope. Fraternity members ride 3,500 miles in three months, visit elementary schools and become involved with projects to help those with disabilities.

The development of a new chapter at a new school is always exciting for Push America," said Chad Coltrane, Push America executive director. "It is our chance to get more people involved with Push America, and it is the best opportunity to touch students the true meaning of brotherhood through our program.

The second thing about the fraternity that impressed Mason is a national leadership and personal development program called The Journey, which has three phases. The first phase focuses on enhancing academic performance through a collegiate success program designed specifically for Pi Kappa Phi.

Individual chapter growth through service to the campus and community is also essential to the first phase, Mason said.

The second phase assists in the leadership and personal development of each individual. To further help their leadership skills, the members attend a program called the Covey Leadership Institute. The program is based on Stephen Covey's book, Seven Habits of Highly Effective People.

The third phase focuses on life planning skills and career development.

"With a program like The Journey, the men of UCF will have the tools to improve their lives and have one of the most successful organizations on campus," said Steve Whitney, Pi Kappa Phi's director of educational programming. "The Journey involves a new set of fraternal standards that we know the men at UCF are ready to support."

Pi Kappa Phi was founded in 1904 and has 75,000 members nationwide.

Chi Omega and Pi Kappa Phi will not immediately have a house built along Greek Park since those houses are privately owned and land leased, Mason said. He expects both will try to construct houses in the future, but they will need to raise funds in the meantime.

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Adjuncts moonlight from job force to teach

Meeske said he realized some adjuncts have never taught before and need assistance.

If a student is uncomfortable with an adjunct, the student should talk to the head of the division or the department chair, Meeske said.

"We need to know when the teaching policies aren't what we desire," he said.

Dona Guindon, a social work major, said her experiences with adjuncts have been positive.

"They are very helpful to the class," Guindon said. "They give us real situations and an idea of what to expect.

"I haven't had any problems getting in touch with them or scheduling an appointment to meet with them. I haven't noticed a difference between my normal professors and the adjuncts I've had."

Students and department chairs agreed the effectiveness of adjuncts depended on their teaching abilities and their willingness to set aside the time for students.

Commercial business developer Ken Starr teaches a business management course, and he said anyone who is considering becoming an adjunct should be concerned about time.

"You have to prepare and research your course," Starr said. "The three hours a week you spend with the students is only the tip of the iceberg."

Starr said his experience at UCF has helped him in his career.

"It forces me to become sharper about my own job, especially about the technolo—" Starr said. "It has a refocusing effect on me from a straight business perspective to an academic perspective."

Ali Notash, an adjunct for three years at UCF, teaches classes for the mathematics department.

Notash said he considers being an adjunct a maturing process.

"I come in contact with different cultures and different views," Notash said. "I've learned a lot about patience and a lot about teaching."

Adjuncts are also quick to point out the system's faults as well.

Lisa Nalbone, a former adjunct who is now an instructor in the foreign languages and literature department, said one of the problems is stability.

"There isn't any," Nalbone said. "One semester an adjunct could be teaching three classes and the next, none."

While the enrollment continues to grow, UCF's use of adjuncts does not seem to be slowing down.

"There simply isn't enough money for the full-time faculty positions the demand for classes requires," Fernandez said.

"One of the solutions is adjuncts. The system was con-strued as a temporary solution but because of the resources, the temporary has become the permanent."

"I've had good experiences and bad experiences," said Stacey Copeland, a journalism major. "When the adjunct is a good teacher, he brings something extra to the classroom. But it an adjunct doesn't have the time to devote to the students, then he shouldn't be teaching."
Asian students discuss alternate tuition funding

By SARAH HALLONQUIST
College Press Service

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. — Jokes and laughter covered the worried expressions on the faces of University Korean students as they patiently brainstormed for ways to pay this quarter's tuition.

About 30 students, both graduates and undergraduates, attended the special Korean Student Association meeting Jan. 9 at Coffman Memorial Union.

The recent market crashes in Southeast Asia are causing international students from South Korea, Malaysia, Indonesia and the Philippines to seek different sources of money for tuition and living expenses. Many of these students receive funding from their government or parents while they complete their education in the United States. But as the exchange rates continue to fluctuate, the students find they get less money from home.

"The first thing I check is the exchange rates," said Jeong Hoon An, a political science undergraduate who recently got an on-campus job to make up the funding difference his parents can't send him anymore.

As is among three students chosen by the group to communicate with UM administrators about addressing the financial crunch. Because the undergraduate and graduate students have different financial needs, the group chose students from both areas to represent their concerns.

As a starting point, the students drew up a list of suggestions. They include:

* Applying resident tuition rates to students who do not receive financial support from their department, such as graduate or teaching assistants.
* Making available long-term loans with low interest rates.
* Allowing students to work off campus temporarily (which is currently illegal under immigration and Naturalization Service regulations).

In addition, the Korean Student Association is planning "Korean Culture Night" for February. Originally intended as a showcase for Korean art and music, the celebration will now focus on raising money to help struggling students pay their tuition or living expenses. Brandon Cho, the association's president, said they will sell crafts and ask for donations from the Twin Cities Korean community.

Meanwhile, UM has begun responding to the students' requests. The office of International Student and Scholar Services is holding informational sessions this week for all international students affected by the economic crisis.

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International Student Association fulfills a vital role at UCF

By DANIEL F. MCMULLAN
Staff Writer

Upon arriving in America, many students experience a major culture shock. They immediately learn America is nothing like what they find portrayed in movies and television. With so many ethnic, racial, cultural and religious backgrounds, the possibility for strife is remarkably nonexistent. Prejudice is set aside and American culture is emphasized. "We observe most American holidays in order to introduce American culture to international students," said Marc Intong, ISA treasurer. "A few months ago we had Swedish Night where the Swedish members prepared their favorite dishes." Each month a different country is highlighted. The similarities amongst members are celebrated and the results are meaningful friendships and cultural enlightenment.

The ISA is like a "close family, something I've never seen in any other organization," said Cami Reyes, ISA public relations officer. "Racial or ethnic backgrounds are overlooked."

Although some members talk about their homelands nostalgically, nationalism does not enter into their conversations. The ISA is "more about American culture" than anything else, Reyes says. She encourages any student with a passion for international things to join the ISA.

The ISA has many events planned for the spring semester:
• The Dinner Board is an opportunity for the incoming ISA board members to treat the ongoing board to dinner as a show of gratitude for their services.
• In February, Valentine's Day will be a colorful event. The party venue will be decorated according to each members' country tradition.
• The ISA event that Kurdy says is most anticipated is the Fashion Show on March 6. The only requirement for membership is a desire to belong to the group and an interest in international diversity.

If you want to join the ISA, applications are available at the Ying International Center.

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LEAD STORIES

- A Police Officer's Dream: Vincent Dunne, the Metropolitan police officer, said that someone, claiming that Morrissey himself had provoked the encounter by swinging at Angelo, Morrissey's attorney, suggested that the witness, Angelo, asked Dunne to demonstrate to the jury how hard Morrissey had swung at him. Before the lawyer could clarify what he meant by "demonstrate," Angelo popped the lawyer on the chin, staggering him and forcing an immediate recess.

- The show business newspaper Daily Variety reported in December that John Kricfalusi, creator of TV's "The Ren & Stimpy Show," was threatening legal action against the producers of the Comedy Central show "South Park" for ripping off a cartoon character. According to Kricfalusi, his character "Nutty the Friendly Domp," an immortal piece of excrement, must have been the basis for "South Park's" Mr. Hankey the Christmas Poo, a holiday-dressed, singing, dancing piece of excrement.

- A December-New York Times story profiled 55-year-old bank vice president Rosemary Dunne, who has for 13 years been known what might be described as a groupie for prominent opera tenor Richard Lewis. She has sat on the front row of each of his 74 Metropolitan Opera performances since 1992 and traveled to most of his out-of-town and international engagements, all at her own expense. She has given him many gifts, including scrapbooks of his appearances, but is not romantically interested in him. She calls her obsession "my Valium. I save on therapy.

NOT MY FAULT

- Dallas Monsignor Robert Rehkemper resigned in August in the wake of a $120 million jury award against the diocese for the apparently serial pedophilia committed by one of its priests. Still, Rehkemper thought the incidents weren't entirely the fault of the priest or the diocese: "I don't want to judge the (kids' parents) one way or another, but it doesn't appear they were very concerned about their kids." He also opined that once a kid reached age 6 or 7, he should have known that sex with the priest was wrong and report-
Losing weight tops New Year’s resolution lists

By CHRISTINE TATUM
College Press Service

Kim Tifloma, a sophomore at Grand Valley State University in Michigan, smiles when she says she successfully avoided the infamous “Freshman 15.”

“I gained more like 10 pounds,” she said.

A desk job that limited her exercise, bags of peanut M&Ms, and late-night runs for ice cream and pizza added inches to her waistline. The extra pounds were stashed around her dorm room, she said.

“If you don’t want water, drink juice or sports drinks instead.”

“Pizza at midnight is not a good idea at all,” Poitras said. “If you’re eating pizza that you’re less active, you’re consuming more calories you’re not going to burn. It’s common sense.”

“Exercise more often and at your ‘target heart rate.’ When you exercise four to six times a week and your target heart rate up for 20 minutes per session.”

To find your target heart rate, subtract your age from 220, and calculate 60 percent and 80 percent of that number. The high and low numbers provide a healthy range for the number of times your heart should beat per minute, Johnston said.

“Vary your exercise. People have their favorites, but they should choose exercises that work different parts of their bodies,” Poitras said. “It helps them tone and condition, and it keeps them from getting bored.”

Aerobic exercises, such as!jogging and walking, typically keep heart rates up, Johnston added.

“Make a note of it. When people write down what they do, they can look back to see the improvements they’ve made,” Poitras said.

“Avoid weighing yourself every day. ‘People get so discouraged when they don’t see results,’” Johnston said. “The best factors to determine if you’re gaining or losing are the clothes you put on every day. If they’re fitting more snugly or loosely, you’ll know.”

Reward yourself. “I tell people they can have one meal made up of whatever they want to eat—fettuccine Alfredo, french-fries and ice cream—every four days,” Johnston said. “As long as you’re exercising and eating those foods in moderation and not every single day, you’ll still see a difference.”

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UCF grad turned comedian delivers

By CORBETT TRUBEY
Entertainment Editor

Another UCF success story:
A tall, skinny DT Tosh takes the stage. A self-proclaimed cross between Vanilla Ice & Julia Roberts, he lets off joke after joke in rapid fire as laughter bursts throughout Locos. This successful comedian graduated with a bachelor's degree in marketing. Asked where he keeps his hard-earned diploma, he quickly replies, "In a box. In a closet." And the rest is history...

Actually, it's much more than that. Labeled "The voice of Generation X," Tosh has entertained people across the country for two and a half years now, bringing his hilarious personality to his alma mater last Tuesday night for a special show sponsored by the Campus Activities Board. It's no wonder he's received the label he has. With jokes ranging from road trips to Jerry Springer to Taco Bell, his material is something any college student can relate to.

Born in Germany, Tosh eventually spent the majority of his childhood years in Titusville before tackling the business program at UCF. It was only until he graduated that he decided he wanted to experiment with comedy, winning an open mike contest at a blues club soon after. As for his label, it was bestowed upon him while he was working on a cable access show, and he gladly accepted it. Although he technically resides in Orlando, he spends most of his time travelling, receiving enthusiastic greetings (Georgia Southern University), and every now and then a not-so-enthusiastic one (A group of senior citizens in Mississippi, one of which stood up in the middle of his monologue and shouted "You're horrible!").

What's best about Tosh is his honesty, which is refreshing, if not able to make you fall on the floor laughing. "I love being a comedian because," he says, "it lets me be 100% of myself all the time." He cites Bill Cosby, Sinbad, and Jerry Seinfeld as his inspirations, and himself as his worst critic. Although he keeps all his written material on computer, a surprising amount of his show is improv, and he encourages the audience to participate as much as possible, which included getting one woman to dance on stage with him during the show at Locos.

"I love a crowd that really gets into it," he exclaims. At the end of his show, Tosh decides at the last second to do his riskiest joke. Imitating himself as a basketball player, he throws on a gigantic afro wig and strips down to a tight-fitting basketball uniform as the crowd roars. Considering that his weight is his biggest insecurity, it's not hard to see that Tosh will do anything for a good laugh.

And until the laughing stops, his degree will continue to sit. In a box. In a closet.

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UCF grad turned comedian DT Tosh had everyone in stitches at Locos last Tuesday night.

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Blues Brothers 2000 is rated PG-13 and opens February 6.
Neve Campbell overcame her fear of sequels

**BY IAN SPELLING**

**College Press Service**

NEW YORK—Actress Neve Campbell says she remembers the first time she ever did a screaming scene.

"I realized I'd never actually screamed before. It felt really good. I felt really good to be totally un inhibited and to actually speak my mind. I sort of grew up never feeling it was OK to share emotions," she says.

By now, Campbell has no trouble showing her emotions on screen, be it as Julia in Fox's series, "Party of Five," or as the star of the hippest, most lucrative horror film ever produced, "Scream." In fact, she is back to screaming and screaming again in "Scream 2," the sequel.

All the characters who survived the first bloodbath return for more, including Campbell as the heroine, Sidney; Courteney Cox as bitchy reporter Gale Weathers; David Arquette as the lovable Dewey; Jamie Kennedy as Sidney's pal; and Liev Schreiber as the guy Sidney wrongly accused of killing her mother. Joining the fray for the follow-up are Sarah Michelle Gellar, Jerry O'Connell and Julia Pinkett.

The plot? Sidney's story has been transformed into a movie called "Stab," based on Gale's trashy tell-all book about the events depicted in "Scream." At the film's premiere, held in a movie theater near the college Sidney now attends, the vicious masked bogeyman who initially destroyed Sidney's life returns to action, and once again Sidney must dodge the killer's sharp wit and sharper cutlery too often offered by her fans.

Though it all sounded great, Campbell wasn't exactly enthused about committing to another horror outing, despite the fact that "2" also re-teamed "Scream" director Wes Craven and scribe Kevin Williamson.

"I was contractually bound to do "Scream 2,"" Campbell notes, "but I was apprehensive," admits the friendly, coo-voiced actress, who is now attending college. "I was apprehensive only because the very reason a sequel makes is that the first film was so good. So, it's a huge challenge to make a sequel as good as the first film. But I was extremely happy when I got the "Scream 2" script and realized Kevin had carried that through-line of being able to laugh at one's self. That's what I thought made the first film so unique. I also thought "Scream 2" was as funny and as scary as the first one. We also kind of protect ourselves by saying within "Scream 2" we're sequels now.

Not one to toot her own horn, Campbell neglects to mention that another key element of the original "Scream" appeal was her performance. Yes, "Scream" and "2" are ensemble pictures, but Sidney's the lead. If the audience doesn't care about her, it won't care about the film.

Campbell notes in agreement. "That's true," notes the Towers, born actress, "I remember feeling insecure on the first film. Everybody around me was being goofy and being funny and had these great one-liners, and I seemed so stoo in some ways. But I came to realize that if the audience couldn't see the movie through my eyes, then they wouldn't see it at all. They're not going to feel it, and they're not going to care. So it was very important for me to remain reality-based within the film because there has to be some source of reality for it to be good. It was the same thing on the sequel.

"I also liked the choice of having Sidney be in the dramatic arts, actually. When somebody's been through an extreme amount of trauma, sometimes emoting through a character rather than their own life helps them get through it. I had a breakdown when I was 14. Performing is very cathartic for me. I learn a lot about myself through performing. Dancing, at first, was the way I expressed myself. Now, it's film. And it helps a lot."

If drama is catharsis, then Campbell's stint on "Party of Five" should forever keep her out of therapy. These days on the angst-driven series, Charlie has cancer and future (Campbell) dealing with the realities of married life.

"I do feel the show is a little melodramatic now," says the actress, who's in the process of divorcing her real-life husband, Jeff Col. "They've chosen for Charlie to have cancer. People want the show to be a little lighter, but you can't have the family running around being OK, with the fact that he's dying. If you're going to play it out, you have to play it out in the most realistic way. It's a little hard to do, working 14 to 16 hours a day on a show that is an hour an hour."

"It's why I'm producing. I want to have more control over my career. I want to be the director, want to write. I want to be in the business and do other things. That's why I'm producing. I want to direct, want to write. I want to have more control over my career. I don't want to depend on executives, on studio people, to grant me my fate. I'd rather hold onto that myself and craft my own career."

If that wasn't enough, Campbell co-produced the romantic comedy "Hairshirt," an independent feature set to hit the festival circuit sometime in the new year.

"It stars Rebecca Gayheart, David DeLuise, my brother, and a lot of other newcomers and friends," Campbell notes. "It was just very incestuous. I have a very small role. It was a great experience, like putting a big jaguar puzzle together. I learned a lot about patience from doing it."

"It's all part of Campbell's ambitious game plan. "I want to act in movies after the show ends," she says. "I want to be in this business and do other things. It's why I'm producing. I want to direct, want to write. I want to have more control over my career. I don't want to depend on executives, on studio people, to grant me my fate. I'd rather hold onto that myself and craft my own career."
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Letter to the editor

The Muhlhan family wishes to thank everyone at the University of Central Florida for their prayers and support during Scott’s illness and for the outpouring of sympathy after his death.

Scott was truly a very unique young man. He was a role model to everyone who knew him, always encouraging everyone to do their best. Honesty and compassion were ever present in his life. The brothers at Sigma Chi were as important to him as his own family.

Even though cancer took his life, his goodness lives on. Please remember his courage, his love of life and his tremendous sense of humor. He will live in our hearts forever.

---Barbara F. Muhlhan

UCFthisWEEK

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Sunday 1

Double Feature Movie: Jurassic Park and The Lost World, Student Union, Room 316, 6:30 and 9 p.m.

Thursday 29

Leadership Week Kick-off Ceremony, Student Union, 12 noon.
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Friday 30

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“Tradition Starts Here!” Located in the UCF Student Union.
Method assists students in studying

By LINDA RAMOS
Staff Writer

Have you ever finished reading a chapter in a textbook and realized you have no idea what you just read? Reading actively may solve this problem.

It consists of an understanding of the text's organization, the use of the SQ3R method and some note taking.

Generally, books are organized in the same format: titles/subtles, table of contents, chapters, appendices and indexes.

Nancy V. Wood, representative for College Reading and Study Skills, suggests reading a text's preface prior to tackling the assigned contents in order to understand the why and how the text was written.

These sections could give clues as to how to read the book, and is the book technical, theoretical or practical?

Other parts of the text provide additional clues.

The title informs a reader of the book's subject matter. The table of contents presents the subject into chunks of information called chapters. The appendix is usually for additional information and the index aids the reader to find terms and definitions.

In her study skills help web pages, Dr. Carolyn Hopper, study skills coordinator for Middle Tennessee State University, suggests not marking the text as you read.

Instead, after you have read a paragraph, write a question in the text's margin that summarizes the paragraph. Highlight the key words in the paragraph that answers the question. By questioning and highlighting paragraphs, studying the text will be easier later on.

After doing these steps, the SQ3R method can be applied.

Recite in your own words what you have read and review the assigned material.

When reviewing, the reader wants this new information to incorporate with prior learned information so give it some personal relevance. (For example, friends, family and job.)

Also, reviewing should be made easier if the reader questioned and highlighted the answers to each paragraph. If the reader must crum, then they could quickly review these marginal text notes.

Undergraduates can find this procedure useful. However, due to the multitude of required reading graduate students will need to master the surveying, skimming and note-taking skills. Either way, text-reading done methodically turns out not to be another college chore but a work of art.

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By PETER KUNDIS

Do you feel that the resignation of Coach Gene McDowell will have any real effect on UCF's football team?

I don't feel that McDowell's resignation will have a big effect on the team. For the reason for this is that, Mike Kruczek, his replacement, had been with him for a long time. They both probably have very similar coaching styles, and good relationships with the players. I think that Kruczek was responsible for bringing Daunte Culpepper to UCF and already has a close relationship to him. -- Phillip Welsh, Freshman, Electrical Engineering, Merritt Island.

I feel that the future of the UCF football team remains quite uncertain. Coach McDowell, in my opinion made the team what it is today. I wonder if the school will ever be able to find a coach that will be able to continue promoting the program like he did. -- Brynja Hochstowiser, Junior, History, Orlando.

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I strongly feel that the football team had a great season due to the combined efforts of both the players and Coach McDowell. So, I do feel that this matter will have an effect on the team, hopefully not a very severe effect. -- Liza M. Rosado, Senior, Org. Communication, Bayamon, Puerto Rico.
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Hostel site provides travel options for affordable rates

By STEVE BARNES
Web Editor

CYBERSPACE: Looking for a chance to travel the world and meet interesting people without spending a fortune? If so, you’ll definitely want to check out the Hostelling International web site.

Hostelling International is a non-profit organization established in 1909 to provide inexpensive lodging to travelers. From $12.51 a day, you could find yourself sticking out with fellow travelers in places such as Munich, Paris, Hong Kong or any one of 5,000 locations in 71 countries. Of course if you can afford, you can take a longer trip to say, Clearwater Beach or Key West, two of the six hostel locations in Florida.

And you can forget about the stereotypical dorm-style flop houses of old. Many of today’s hostels are located in restored hotels, historic buildings and even renovated farmhouses. Of course you won’t need room service or mini-bars, but you may find freedom, relaxation and great company at a price you can afford. Many of the hostels offer meals, game rooms, and group activities.

You may be surprised to learn that hostels aren’t just for young people. Hostels are open to anyone, regardless of age, and many offer private rooms and family accommodations.

The Hosteller International web site provides a world-wide listing of hostels, including information about amenities, rates and area attractions. The simple format makes planning your dream vacation a breeze.

Simply choose a country and scan the listing of local facilities. If your geography skills are similar to those of most Americans, you will appreciate the geographical maps which allow you to simply point to a region that looks interesting.

Choose the location you want and that hostel’s home page pops up. There you will find a description of the facilities including information on the number of beds, availability of laundry and cooking facilities, rates and information on area attractions. Many of the sites include either a picture of the hostel or of the surrounding area.

Each home page also contains reservation information, including toll-free phone registration numbers.

The main home page includes general information on the organization and travel tips. Within the tips section is information related to currency and medical precautions. There is also information about passport and visa requirements, and a link to the U.S. State Department which provides up-to-date warnings about places that are considered unsafe for Americans.

The site can be found at www.hihostels.org/.

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Terry Lightfoot, a university spokesperson, said that the differences between the enrollment figures at the professional schools this year and those at the graduate programs dropped by 9 percent to 464 from 508 the year before. Meanwhile, 218 black students—up slightly from 213 the year before—enrolled in various academic programs at the UC's nine campuses.

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Whose turn is it to feed the chickens anyway? Students try commune living

By COLLEEN DE BAISE
College Press Service

When garbage piles up in Russ Watts' dorm room, he doesn't just toss it in a Hefty bag. Instead, he sprinkles food scraps outside for the chickens. And worms eat the rest of the kitchen waste, turning it into mulch for an organic garden.

"The compost that comes out of worms beats the buzz of the most lush, brown earth," raves Watts, a University of California-Davis graduate student. "It's incredible— if you get into holding dirt in your hands, which a lot of people out here do."

"Out here" is not your ordinary slab-of-concrete residence hall. Watts and 27 other UC-Davis students inhabit the Domes, a group of 14 half-circle fiberglass shells surrounded by garden space. Also nicknamed Baggin's End (from the book 'The Hobbit'), the structures were built 25 years ago as a form of alternative housing on the California campus.

But only people who like to get their hands dirty need apply: residents must maintain the grounds, which includes tending to the organic garden and pine needle paths. Students typically learn how to can their own vegetables and prepare meals through solar cooking. And they clean up using solar showers.

"If you talk about the planet Earth and Mars, you'd have that much of a difference between domes and dorms," says Watts.

It all sounds unusual, but UC-Davis isn't the only campus to offer students a style of living that seems like a throwback to the 1960s commune movement. At Denison University, 12 students each year rough it in three rustic cabins with no electricity or running water. Humboldt State University students grow herbs and use a composting toilet during their time at the Campus Center of Appropriate Technology. At Connecticut College, students who share the Earth House cook vegetarian meals, turn off radiators and use a composting toilet during their time in the woods.

"We're known for off-beat habits like having the radiators turned off in our rooms and not flushing every time, but it's all in the name of conservation," says Natalie A. Hilt, an environmental intern at Connecticut College.

This year, Earth House students are working to install solar panels, a composting toilet and energy-efficient appliances, she added.

Of course, trying to be self-sufficient can be draining on your time, especially if you're a college student who needs to go to class, crank out term papers and cram for finals. That's why most students are campaigning to get class credits for their time in the woods.

Rowe says the best part of cabin life is "the education you get from interacting so intimately with kids who express themselves. People need to have that experience."

Other students who live in alternative housing say it's a great educational experience. At UC-Davis, Watts says the experience back to visit because living in the Domes is "probably one of the richest experiences of their life."

Dave Kupfer, a 1987 graduate who is now an environmental consultant, lived in the Domes for three years. Solar panels provide enough electricity for the lights, refrigerator and CD players, but residents must pump their own water from a well and chop their own firewood for heat.

"During finals week, there's so much wood being chopped," she says with a laugh. "Everyone's taking out their aggressions."

Rowe and her cabinmates enjoy fresh vegetables from their organic garden during the summer months and cook meals over a wood stove when it's cold. And there's plenty of time for chatting: there's no television or telephone.

Nor is there a flush toilet. Even on the coldest days, residents must trek outside to an outhouse 50 feet away.

The cabins were built in the 1970s to teach students how to get away from consumerism, Rowe explains.

"It's a way for you to express yourself. It changes your life," she says. "It gives you a new perspective. It's a change in comfort levels. You're ridding yourself of needs."

But don't call the Homestead residents "hippies."

"We have a hard time losing that stereotype."
McDowell lied to prosecutors and a grand jury

Gene McDowell would still be coaching the Knights if not for the federal plea bargain he filed at the U.S. District Office in Orlando.

I sincerely apologize for any problems that my actions and judgment in the cellular telephone investigation may have caused this university," Offensive line coach Paul Lounsberry said. "I think we keep building on what coach McDowell started. I think coach Krucek is going to keep it going forward and we are excited about the opportunity," Senior defensive end Jermaine Benoit said. McDowell meant more to him and the rest of the players than just a coach.

"It's hard, being that he has been the coach here for 13 years," Benoit said. "He did nothing but give love for all of the players. Even when I was down, stressed out or whatever, I used to talk to him and he would keep my head up.

Benoit wishes McDowell could have left on much better terms. "Sometimes, it's all a part of life," he said. "Sometimes you have to make decisions you really don't want to but it works out for the best. I think he made the right decision. He didn't really want to put all of the media hype and stress on the team."

UCF went 86-61 under McDowell, including 10 winning seasons. In two years as the coach of the I-A Knights, his teams went 10-12, but they played highly competitive games at Mississippi, Mississippi State, South Carolina and eventually national co-champion Nebraska.

"I hope he'll be okay in the long term, because you don't like to end your coaching career, and be coached for 33 years, with something difficult to deal with like this," Sloan said. "If we can help him through this transition we will do everything we possibly can."

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Culpepper's decision influences Kruczek

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Steelers, including the 1978 and 1979 Super Bowls. Prior to arriving at UCF, Kruczek was an assistant coach with the Jacksonville Bulls of the USFL in 1984 and served the previous two years under Bobby Bowden, where he worked with McDowell.

He spent 13 seasons under McDowell as the offensive coordinator and more recently as standout quarterback Daunte Culpepper’s mentor. Kruczek said Culpepper's decision to stay played a big part in his not leaving to coach with the Indianapolis Colts.

"I told him after the season that I wouldn't leave even if the NFL came to get me and it held up," he said. "I'm trying to teach him loyalty and honesty besides the Xs and Os, to try to help him become a man. He came in here as a man though. He really did. But he did factor into the decision, obviously.''

With the impact of McDowell's resignation still to be seen on national signing day in early February, Kruczek has the daunting task of rebuilding respect to a program as a head coach without the security of a long-term deal. But with his wealth of experience and strength of character in more ways than one, Kruczek can probably handle it.

As for the media, he's getting the hang of it.

When asked if any player on the team could out-leg-press him, he replied, "Maybe one or two. Not too many though. My legs aren't very good by my shoulders aren't very good either. ... too many aches and pains."

You're about to get a lot more aches and pains on those shoulders coach. I hope you're around long enough to reap the benefits.

Women's rugby defeats FAU

The UCF Women's Rugby Team continued its winning tradition by opening the spring season with a 32-0 win against Florida Atlantic University last Saturday.

Kristy Malvey scored first to give UCF an early lead of 5. Nicole Tevin was next to battle her way into the try zone to double UCF's score to 10 by the end of the half.

At the start of the second half, Tara Thompson found the try zone to boost UCF's score to 15. But the Knights were not satisfied. Tries by Kristy Malvey, Candy King and Jenny Summer, along with a 2-point extra kick by Amy Bishara, gave UCF the shutout victory.

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Coach Bergman needs pitching staff to step it up

Bergman's quote:

"The one thing we didn’t have last year was someone who was able to step it up and win 10 games.

I think in a three-game (NCAA) conference series, you have to have that one guy who you know will go out and get that win. With the strength of our pitchers in ERA (3.72), innings pitched (110.2) and strikeouts (110) in 1997, Bellhorn (4-4), a senior, was drafted in the ninth round by the San Francisco Giants in 1997 and is listed among Baseball America’s Players to Watch. Bellhorn was second on the team in ERA (4.15), complete games (14) and gave up only 74 runs.

Lubozynski (8-3), a senior, was named to the GTE Academic All-America Second Team in 1997. He paced the Knights in complete games (4) and started in 15 of his 18 pitching appearances. Lubozynski said that UCF’s 10-game winner will have to be a multi-faceted pitcher.

"We have a couple of guys who can do it," Lubozynski said. "The way how our system works, we don’t [ever have] a 10-game winner because most of our starters pitch on the weekends, so it will have to come from a guy who will relieve some and start some.”

UCF’s outfield has undergone the most changes since last season, with only senior Will Croud returning. Croud, who started all 55 games he played in, hit .311 with 66 hits, 12 doubles and two triples, ranking him in the top six in each category. Freshman Matt Bowser will replace Pacitti in leftfield. Bowser, who earned an invitation to the USA Baseball National Team trials last November, will try to make for the loss of Pacitti’s production in 1997: 15 homeruns, 71 RBIs (both first on the team), 13 doubles, 74 hits and 63 runs.

TCC transfer David Geis will join Bowser and Croud in the outfield as the new rightfielder.

Bergman said the early schedule will challenge the stability of the unit as the Knights face No. 11 Auburn at the Olive Garden Classic Feb. 6-8, No. 12 Washington at the Florida Marlins Tournament Feb. 13-15 and No. 22 Oklahoma and No. 10 Rice in the Marriott West Loop Houston Invitational Feb. 20-24.

Bergman said the early schedule will help prepare the team for its conference schedule in March.

"This is just another season, but we have three tough weekends early on," Bergman said. "We’ve got a lot to prove and we’ll see how good we are early on.

"A season obviously isn’t made in February, but the foundation is. The reason you play good people is so see how good you are, and we’ll know more about this team by the end of February."
Campbell puts UCF away late

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fancy steal by D'Quarius Stewart which led to a Traina
slam and got the crowd of 1,708 on their feet. But
Campbell's George Miller, the reigning TAAC player
of the week, scored 10 of his game-high 24 points in
the last four minutes, giving the Camels a 61-59 lead
on a three-pointer with two minutes left.

"We let up and we didn't do the things that got us the
lead in the first place. They came up and overtook us,"
Hodge said. "Once you've got a team down you have
to keep pounding away and we didn't do that."
After taking the lead, Miller and the Camels hit seven
of eight free throws down the stretch. Stewart hit a
three-pointer to draw UCF within one at 62-63 with
less than a minute to play and Campbell forward
Darrin Hucks missed the back end of a one and
one with 32 seconds left. Down just two, UCF
failed to grab the rebound and the Camels scooped
it up and finished the game off at the free-throw
line.

The Knights, losers of three in a row at home, travel south to play Florida International on Jan. 29
and Florida Atlantic on Jan. 31.

"We're really down right now," Speraw said. "Our
problem is that we just aren't hitting our shots. We've
struggled at home, so now we have to go out on the
road and make up for it."

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A Tale of Two Halves for Knights

By BRANT PATRICK PARSONS
Staff Writer

The UCF women's basketball team didn't show up until the second half against Stetson, but the result was well worth the wait. After a terrific first half left them trailing the Hatters (4-12, 0-6) by 20 points, the Knights rebounded with a 57-23 second half to win, 78-64 at the UCF Arena on Jan. 24.

Coach Lynn Bria said she challenged her players at halftime. "They knew what they were going to have to do, and I felt that we would see what we were made of," Bria said. "I told them, we can just lie down, or we can go out and chip away at this and get back in the ball game." Beginning with Kelli Ely's three-pointer 25 seconds into the second half, UCF went on a 24-4 run to tie the game with 10:44 left.

"I didn't think we would get it all at once like that, but we did. They were pretty determined," Bria said.

Part of that determination might be the fault of the Stetson team's confidence at halftime, which included chanting outside their locker room within earshot of UCF. Junior forward Chasity McClendon said the team didn't appreciate the Hatters' talk.

"To me, hearing the things they were saying because they had 41 points in the first half ... it made me feel like we cannot let them leave here with this," McClendon said. "They had put us down, and I really didn't like that. We all heard that (chanting). We came together and we talked about it and coach Bria came in and she reinforced what we were thinking. And we came out and we had to do what we had to do. We weren't going to talk, we were going to show them with action."

McClendon led UCF's comeback in the second half. Along with her 16 points and seven rebounds in the half, McClendon set an example for her teammates by hustling after several loose balls.

"She really dominated the boards and hit some shots in the post that I thought were big key scores," Bria said.

The team's leading scorer and offensive catalyst, junior guard Chariya Davis played a huge role in the comeback. Davis scored 12 of her team-leading 23 points in the second half.

"Chariya was just everywhere," Bria said. "I think the play I remember most was when the ball was going out of bounds and Chariya flied it up to Kate [Fetzek]. That's a major hustle play that I think elevates your team."

Davis said the Knights' style of play were down the Hatters. "We were trying to really run on them, and I am the type of player who likes to push the ball," said Davis, who added eight rebounds and seven assists. "I was trying to push it and trying to find someone open, or free myself open for a shot."

In the first half, Stetson shot 47 percent from the field, including six of 10 on three-pointers. Hatters guard Shannon Wallhoff led the first-half barrage with 17 points, including five three-pointers. UCF's defense tightened in the second half, holding Stetson to 27 percent shooting and no three-pointers. They also held Wallhoff to two points.

"We made adjustments," said Bria. "We didn't help off [Wallhoff] in the second half, we stayed on her. They really weren't hurting us on the inside, they were hurting us on the outside. It was like two different teams, it really was. We were nothing the same, it really started with the defense."

UCF (10-5, 5-1) faces a tough week ahead. After traveling to Troy State, the Knights return home to play nationally-ranked FIU on Jan. 29 and FAU on Jan. 31. Bria refuses to look past any game.

"Every game from now on is a big game, there is no looking back," Bria said. "We are just going to play one game at a time, not look past anyone because as soon as you do that, you are going to get beat."
Tennis teams look to improve on successes

By DEREK GONSOLIN
Sports Editor

The UCF men's and women's tennis teams had their best season ever in 1997, but Coach Gail Falkenberg promises this year's squads will be even better. The women finished 22-2 and the men went 19-5, won the regular-season TAAC championship and made it to the finals of the conference tournament for the first time.

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For the women, replacing No. 3 singles player Hadas Ronen, who is serving her required tour of duty with the Israeli army, is a top priority. Sophomore Maria Widyarthana is the only one given as the No. 1 singles player (18-4 at singles, 7-0 in TAAC play). Widyarthana was the first freshman to earn TAAC player of the year honors.

The other five seeds are up for grabs. Junior Rachna Ashar, an all-conference selection last year, will compete for No. 2, which she held last season. Freshman Ann-Jeanette Svantesson is the 36th-ranked player in Sweden and will likely fight for one of the bottom three seeds.

The men will be led by junior David Winberg, who replaces fellow Swede and Arkansas-Little Rock transfer Mattas Akesson as the No. 1 singles player. Falkenberg speaks highly of freshman Greg Novak, who is the No. 10 singles player in his native Canada. Senior Pelle Brunskog, an all-TAAC selection last season, returns after setting an NCAA record with 25 wins (including fall tournaments) in singles play.

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Head coaching job suits Kruczek

By DEREK GONSOLIN
Sports Editor

Addressing the media for the first time since Gene McDowell's resignation, interim head coach Mike Kruczek was comfortable before a firing squad of microphones, lights and television cameras.

Kruczek, 44, said he's used to this, from the sight of the Pittsburgh Steeler Super Bowl rings (1978 and 1979) on each of his ring fingers. I'd take him for his word.

Perhaps he was getting used to life outside of a car, where he had spent the last few days with like-to-be-named assistant head coach Alan Gooch on the road recruiting. An avid weightlifter, Kruczek likes to show up at work in sweat outfits rather than the recruiting. An avid weightlifter, Kruczek likes to show up at work in sweat outfits rather than the rings (1978 and 1979) on each of his ring fingers. I'd take him for his word.

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But you also need a mix of freshmen and junior college players in that mix and provide some unpredictability that goes with that chemistry.

The Knights, who are ranked 28th in the preseason poll in Baseball America, will feature an experienced infield.

The infield is led by sophomore first baseman Dustin Britson, who played in 62 of UCF's 65 games in 1997.

"There is no substitute, in any sport, for experience other than experience and great ability," Bergman said. "We have great ability and when you talk on the experience, it makes a very formidable team."

The only lack of experience is found at second base, where the Knights will start Tallahassee Community College transfer Tim Both, who led all junior college players in runs scored (62) in 1997, hit .335 for TCC and owns the college's career hits record with 126.

Starting shortstop Eric Riggs is coming off his first full season with the Knights in 1997. After splitting time in 1996 between the diamond and the UCF Arena as a member of the basketball team, Riggs posted career highs in several categories, including batting average (.361), hits (70), home runs (9) and RBIs (31).

Riggs, who started every game in 1997, said his first full season helped him prepare for this year.

"I gained a lot of experience and got to know the game better," said Riggs, a junior. "Coming in my freshman year I only played a third of a season, I didn't get to experience the traveling they did early in the year."

"Last year doing the traveling and playing in the competitive games, it just helped me mental ly prepare."

Senior third baseman Pat Williamson, who led UCF with a .390 batting average, rounded out the starting infield. Behind homeplate, junior Erik Johnson will assume the catching duties.

Johnson, who received his first varsity playing time in 1997, took advantage of his opportunities posting career highs in batting average (.388), third in the team, hitting (.77, second), doubles (17, tied for first) and RBIs (58, second).

Kruczek said that UCF for attain higher success, the Knights will need a 10 to 12 game winner during the regular season, something that hasn't been accomplished by a Knight since Craig Corzart won 10 games in 1995.

"Pitchers Todd Bethlom, Mike Labozzini, Mike Marott and Travis Held all have the capability of this kind of year. It's just a question of who will have the chance," said BERGMAN, Page 24

Knights open up divisional play with pair of

By TONY MEJIA
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After posting a 4-2 record against the TAAC Western Division, the men's basketball team came home to open up its interdivisional slate and cooled off. Most notably, UCF's shooting has cooled off, leading to consecutive losses against the first place College of Charleston, 65-47, on Jan. 22 and Campbell, the division's last place team, 68-64, on Jan. 24.

Although no TAAC team has beaten Charleston (14-3, 7-0) in over two years, the Knights didn't make it any easier on themselves by shooting 34 percent from the field in the loss. The Cougars' Stedri Webber scored a game-high 15 points. Junior forward Brad Traín was the only UCF player in double figures, scoring 12.

"They came at us and we had no response. We didn't come out an play with confidence," Traín said. "We couldn't hit any shots, but we've got to learn to do other things when we're not shooting well. Right now, we're kind of hanging and dying by the jumper."

Two days later against Campbell, the Knights failed to capitalise on the first four minutes, falling behind 7-0. UCF lacked an interior attack and settled for jump shots throughout the entire first half. Their top two leading scorers, senior guard Mark Jones and Traín, combined to miss all 10 of their first-half shots, with only a Jones free throw preventing them from being shut out in the game's first 20 minutes for the second straight contest.

"I don't know what's going on with them. We've always had good looks early, but we're just not hitting them," coach Kirk Sperow said. "Mark (Jones) stayed after practice and worked on his shot the other day to the point where he was really shooting the ball well and I thought he'd be fine for this game. Something happened along the way and he reverted to some bad habits."

Jones, who averaged over 20 a game entering the contest, hit only four of 19 from the field and finished with just 10 points. Senior forward Tony Marlow and junior center Bucky Hodge picked up the scoring slack, combining for 36 points, which came mostly on jump shots. Off the bench, Marlow and Hodge scored 26 of the first 31 points for UCF.

Marlow finished with a career-high 17 while Hodge added 13 points and six rebounds.

"I just did my thing and dying by the jumper."

"They were focusing on Jones and Traín, leaving me wide open. They let me shoot the jumpers and I ended up not hitting any."

The Knights took the lead from the Canes (9-9, 3-5) and pushed it as high as six on a...