UCF picks up the pieces after McDowell bombshell

By DEREK GONSOULIN
Sports Editor

After 13 years of building UCF's football program from a Division II failure to national recognition in F-A, head coach Gene McDowell resigned on Jan. 19 due to his involvement in the cellular phone scandal. McDowell has already filed a plea bargain at the U.S. District Court in Orlando and will appear before a federal magistrate to see if he will have to serve jail time.

McDowell lied on more than one occasion to Secret Service agents and a grand jury how he came to know of a federal investigation two days before the Oct. 28 raid of the UCF locker rooms at the Wayne Densch Building. Athletic Director Steve Sloan said McDowell could not stay on as coach if he accepted the plea bargain.

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Former football head coach Gene McDowell led UCF to a 10-12 record in two seasons in Division I-A.

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 to officially become a part of UCF in February.

UFC 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.

UFC 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 able to."
Infrared waves to aid biological experiments

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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 are 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. A particle accelerator is comprised of three parts: a source of elementary particles or ions, a tube pumped to a partial vacuum in which the particles can travel freely and some means of speeding up the particles.

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."

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."

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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 made 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 sorori-
ties because Chi Omega allows
its chapters to determine on their
own what they will con-
tribute 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
Get Acquainted Sessions on those
dates.

Since sororities are limited in
numbers, 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 per-
cipients, sincere learning, partici-
patum, 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 for-
ward to developing leaders here.

Chi Omega was founded at
the University of Arkansas in 1895.
In 1998, it has more than
240,000 members and 173 chap-
ters. 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 fra-
taternity.

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 annu-
al 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 ele-
mentary 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 pro-
gram.

The second thing about the fra-
taternity 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 perfor-
mance through a collegiate suc-
cess program designed specifi-
cally 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 develop-
ment of each individual. To fur-
ther 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 de-
velopment.

"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 cam-
pus," said Steve Whirty, Pi
Kappa Phi's director of educa-
tional programming. "The
Journey involves a new set of
fraternal standards that we know
the men at UCF are ready to sus-
cept.

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
to do so in the meantime.

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9th at 5pm in Career Services!
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.

Donna Guniden, 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 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 technology," 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 constructed 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 if an adjunct doesn't have the time to devote to the students, then he shouldn't be teaching."

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The special screening is Tuesday Feb. 3.

For more information about joining the SAA call 823-3453.
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.

An 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 assistantships.
* Making available long-term loans with low interest rates.
* Allowing international 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.

"This affects many, many students who had normally not had financial difficulties probably any time in their life," said director Kay Thomas. She noted that between 50 and 60 students contacted her office last week with concerns and questions related to the market plight in Asia.

The UM will also be sending a memo to all faculty and staff members sometime this week to inform them of the problem. Bob Kravik, associate vice president and executive officer, said the memo will ask colleges and departments to look to their resources for any way to help their own international students. The help could come in the form of scholarships, loans or job opportunities.

Kravik said the memo is a way to reassure students that their concerns are heard.

One student, who asked that her name be withheld, said she found it frustrating when she tried to explain to her advisor how the economic crisis was affecting her. When her department did not renew her assistantship for winter quarter, she panicked.

Eventually, after alerting them to the Asian market problems, a job was created for her so she could afford tuition.

"Even though they read newspapers everyday, they may not be connecting those things to their Korean students," she said. "We really want them to know about us."

While the UM alerts staff and faculty, administrators will continue to collect information and work with students on a case-by-case basis.

"We have no interest in driving students home," Kravik said. "In one sense, they've made a decision to come here and, like any student, we've made an investment in them just as much as they've made an investment here."

He said the UM has faced this problem before with students from Iran and Nigeria. When the governments couldn't afford to send money, a delayed payment plan was set up.
International Student Association fulfills a vital role at UCF

By DANIEL F. MCULLAN
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. Such a culture shock makes adjusting to life in Central Florida difficult.

Therefore, the guiding purpose of the International Student Association is to unite the international students and utilize the dimensions of their respective cultures. There are about 1,000 international students attending UCF.

This number is not counting the number of resident aliens, who represent 120 different countries.

The ISA holds an event every week and each event is an adventure in itself.

"Just to hear the different languages spoken at any get-together: Swedish, Danish, Spanish, Arabic, English, Russian is really something," said Rageda Kurdy, coordinator of International Student Services and ISA faculty advisor.

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.

"ISA is like a 'close family, something I've never seen in any other organization," said Camil 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 outgoing 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 member's country tradition.

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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The truck had a smashed driver's side window and the key ignition had been broken. The vehicle was towed and the owner was notified.

In other reports by UCFPD:

- A central processing unit, valued at $1,000, was taken from a classroom in the Engineering Building on Jan. 12 sometime between noon and 7 p.m. The room had been left open all day and several students had been in and out.

Due to contamination, police were unable to obtain any fingerprints. Officials within the engineering department are willing to prosecute.

- Alicia Everett, 19, reported her cellular phone had been taken from a shelf in the restroom at the Student Union on Jan. 5 at about 6 p.m. Everett suspended her phone service and is willing to prosecute.

- A zip drive was stolen from a computer lab at the Student Union sometime between Jan. 7 at about 5 p.m. and Jan. 8, Douglas O'Brien, 34, reported the theft and is willing to prosecute.

- Richelle Messer, 19, reported her beige Nissan Altima had been damaged while parked on campus sometime between 8 p.m. on Jan. 11 and 3 p.m. on Jan. 13. Somebody shattered the driver's side window of the car.

An AIWA digital walk man was taken from Clara Cobb's briefcase sometime between Jan. 12 and Jan. 14. Cobb, 43, had left her briefcase unattended several times during the above dates in the Visual Arts Building. Cobb is willing to prosecute.

- Robert Hopkins, 28, reported his blue Honda Civic on campus on Jan. 13 at about 9 a.m. When he returned four hours later, his rear window had been shattered.

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LEAD STORIES

- A Police Officer's Dream: Vincent Rehkemper's plethora of brutality lawsuits went to trial in New Haven, Conn., in December, and West Haven police officer Ralph Angelo was on the witness stand, claiming that Rehkemper himself had provoked the encounter by swinging at Angelo. Rehkemper's attorney, skeptical of his testimony, asked Angelo to demonstrate to the jury how hard Rehkemper 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 innately 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 rock bassist Rosemary Donato, who has for 13 years been out what might be described as a groupie for prominent opera tenor Richard Leech. 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 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."

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- Dallas Monsignor Robert Rehkemper resigned in August in the wake of a $120 million jury award against the diocese for the apparently sexual 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 ed it.
- TV personality Jenny McCarthy, on how those unfortunate nude photos as a Playboy Playmate ever got made: She was walking around Chicago, she told reporters in August, intending to be a model. "And I went, Jenny, no, no! All of a sudden my body started walking there (to Playboy). That's exactly what happened. A larger force, and I call it destiny, brought me in the door, moved my mouth, took the robe off, and did it."
- In November, the city of Pittsburgh agreed to forgo an appeal and thus to pay a $1.5 million judgment to motorcyclist Henry F. Jozze Jr. for injuries suffered in 1997 when, fleeing police after running a stop sign, he smashed into a police car being used as a roadblock. The original jury verdict in 1987 was for $60,000, but the city council insisted on an appeal, and a second trial in 1995 awarded the plaintiff's attorney the highest amount. The jury found the Pittsburgh police violated its own rules on roadblocks.
- In November, in London, England, awarded Peter Lawrence, 39, about $1.6 million for injuries he suffered in a 1991 motorcycle accident. Several broken bones mended quickly, but not the damage to the part of his brain that governs emotion and control. Before the accident, the court found, Lawrence was an easygoing man with a stable marriage and a good job, but now, after having lost his job and marriage, he can not stop making impulsive, offensive sexual advances, and several women testified that he has sexually harassed them.

CHUTZPAH

- According to a report in The Washington Post in November, armed robbers in the large Nigerian trading city of Onitshla are so bold, and the police so outnumbered, that they often notify the victims in advance that they will come to rob them, to encourage the residents to be away from the house at the time. A few days after the police announced a crackdown, one gang of 50 armed robbers cor doned off a street and looted every apartment building on the block.
- To help the government's case against him, accused bus fire-bomber Sabu Abu el-Ulla played himself in a prosecutors' video re-enactment of the crime in Cairo, Egypt, in September. A jowly el-Ulla acted out all the sequences, including fiting in the tourist passengers and hurling three Molotov cocktails down the aisle of the bus. Said a clearly pleased el-Ulla, "I have always wanted to be an actor."
- Ousted Klooe Munmuny, Venevappan, 47, wanted in connection with more than 130 murders and 200 elephant-killings in the southern India states of Karnataka and Tamil Nadu, announced in August that he would surrender to authorities in Madras only on the condition that he be given a subsidy of about $143,000 and an immediate presidential pardon.
- Welsh welfare couple Shaun and Julie Doran complained to reporters in November that the free house built for them by the government was "too white" and therefore too difficult to keep clean. The Dorans and their nine children were given the $200,000 house near Llandeilo, Carmarthenshire, plus about $450 a week in welfare benefits. Complained Julie, 34, about the fact that all rooms are "White everything. It is driving me mad."

ADULT BEHAVIOR

- Government education officials confirmed a report in Malacca, Malaysia, in September that a fifth-grade boy, the son of a man named K. Rambiah, 38, who was shirking his homework assignments, was held by the teacher, who ordered the 21 girls in the class in the class to slap him on both cheeks, resulting in a swollen face.
- In July, two volunteer fire fighters in The Plains, Ohio, playing hide-and-seek with neighborhood kids, got stuck in a tree 15 feet up at about 10:30 p.m. Ten of their colleagues, with an extension ladder truck, responded to the 911 call.

ZERO TOLERANCE

- Recently declared as drug contraband in schools, earning suspensions for the students in possession: cough drops (Bellevue, W.Va., November); health-food lemon drops (Colorado Springs, November); Certs Concentrated Mints (Manassas, Va., September); gift-wrapped bottle of Bordeaux wine as a Christmas gift for an eighth-grader's French teacher (Cobb County, Ga.).

NO LONGER WEIRD

- Adding to the stories that were formerly weird but which now occur with such frequency that they must be retired from circulation: (23) The empathy patient who just can't stop smoking even though hooked up to an oxygen tank, with predictable results, as happened to Robert Auger of Bridgport, Conn., in November. And (24) the gasoline thieves working in the dark who believe the best way to illuminate an area is with a match or lighter, to similarly predictable results, as happened to Timothy D. Compton, 16, in Glenoma, Wash., in November.

(Read your Weird News to Chuck Shepherd, P.O. Box 8306, St. Petersburg, Fla. 33738, or Weird@compuserve.com. Chuck Shepherd's latest paperback, "The Concrete Enema and Other News of the Weird Classics," is now available at bookstores everywhere. To order it direct, call 1-800-642-6480 and mention this newspaper. The price is $3.95 plus $2 shipping.)

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Losing weight tops New Year's resolution lists

By CHRISTINE TATUM
College Press Service

Kim Tifliff, 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 movement, bags of peanut M&Ms and pizza added inches to her waistline. The extra pounds were no big deal until this last round of holidays, she said.

"I tried on dresses and realized my shape that I care about," Poitras said. "But losing weight is different," said John Poitras, a strength and conditioning coach at Marist College's fitness center. "It takes discipline and a willingness to change your lifestyle, many fitness instructors say.

"You can't do this for a couple of weeks and then go back to your old ways," Johnston said. "Once you can't exercise during the day and eat whatever fatty foods you want to at night," said Jim Johnston, head athletic trainer and coordinator of exercise/sports science at Grand Valley State University.

"There's nothing magical about losing weight; it takes discipline and a willingness to change your lifestyle, many fitness instructors say. You can't do this for a couple of weeks and then go back to your old ways," Johnston said. "Once you can't exercise during the day and eat whatever fatty foods you want to at night," said Jim Johnston, head athletic trainer and coordinator of exercise/sports science at Grand Valley State University.

"Among many steps people can take to lose weight this year:• Establish realistic goals, and vow to stick to them. The average person should not lose more than one or two pounds a week, or eight to 10 in a month, Johnston said.
• Consume fewer calories. Avoid white cheeses (white cheeses are generally more healthful) and take smaller portions.
• Lay off alcohol and soft drinks. "I can't think of one healthy thing either of them does for you," Poitras said. "They're filled with empty calories your body won't use. They make your kidneys and liver work harder than you should. If you don't want water, drink juice or sports drinks instead."
• Eat less at night. "Pizza at midnight is not a good idea at all," Poitras said. If you're eating when you're not hungry, 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 is more important than it's at least an hour after you last ate," Johnston said. "You'll see results if you exercise four to six times a week and keep 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 factor to determine if you're gaining or losing are the clothes you put on every day. If there's fittering more snugly or loosely, you'll know.
• Reward yourself. "Tell people you 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."
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 bachelors 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 tightfitting 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.

UCF grad turned comedian DT Tosh had everyone in stitches at Locos last Tuesday night.
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. It felt really good to be somewhat aggressive 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 highest-grossing horror film ever produced, "Scream." In fact, she is back to screams and screams 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 Loe 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 Jada Pinkett.

The plot: Sidney's story has been transformed into a movie called "Stab," based on Gale's truly 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 nearly destroyed Sidney's life returns to action, and once again Sidney must dodge the killer's angry wolf and be funny and have a very good time.

"I was contracted to do "Scream 2," but I was apprehensive," admits Campbell, "I was apprehensive only because the very reason a sequel is made 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 through the 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" sequels suck.

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 nods in agreement. "That's true," notes the Toronto-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 to stick 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 drama, sometimes emoing through a character rather than their own life helps them get through it. I had a break down 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 futilities (Campbell) dealing with the realistic 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 Cob. "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 as serious as ours is right now. It's hard to keep it light-hearted.

"Not to ever to settle with the "Scream"-tests and "Party," Campbell fills every second of downtime with even more diverse work. She plays a 1970s soap star in "54," a feature about Manhattan's infamous discotheque Studio 54. and is a drug-addicted, ex-conviot bisexual in the steamy drama "Wild Things," with Matt Dillon and Kevin Bacon.

As if that weren'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 jigsaw 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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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

**UCF this Week**

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- **Locos’ UCF sports trivia**
  What UCF basketball player’s father is a local high school coach?
  Answer in the CFF sports section, page 27.

- **Looking back in UCF history...this week in 1993**
  The Board of Regents decided to increase freshman enrollment at UCF and other state four-year schools.

“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 for one of your classes 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/subtitles, 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 items during last minute study sessions. For text reading use the SQ3R method.

The SQ3R method is: survey, question, read, recite and review.

Survey the chapter you need to read by skimming over the titles/subtitles, objectives, figures/tables, the first/last paragraphs and summary. Pay attention to vocabulary/technical terms and definitions. Then, question the chapter. What material in this chapter would be on the test? Next, read the chapter. The reading is where most of the trouble with textbooks begins.

In her study skills help web page, 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 that paragraph. Highlight the sentence and 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 cram, 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 methodologically turns out not to be another college chore but a work of art.

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Fax your letter to the editor. 977-0019
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 Kriczek, 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 Kriczek 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 Hochstrasser, Junior, History, Orlando.

I believe that we have a lot of talent on the UCF football team and they will continue to produce without Coach McDowell. McDowell needs to pay for any actions or involvement that he's had in this matter, but it shouldn't reflect negatively on the football team.

-- Nicole Jones, Graduate, Psychology, Boston, Mass.

Yes! Being a former football player, I already know the kind of psychological effect, that losing a coach can have on the players. He will be missed and it will show the most on some of the least experienced players. Leadership is the key to success, and it's up to the senior players to continue the lessons that were learned from Coach McDowell.

-- Michael A. Phillips, Sophomore, Computer Engineering, Miami.

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.

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Hostel site provides travel options for affordable rates

By STEVE BARNES
Web Editor

CYPERSPACE: 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 $2-$5 a day, you could find yourself soaking 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 prefer, you can take a shorter 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 find 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, prices 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.iyhf.org

If you know of a site that might be of interest to our readers, drop me a line at news_guy@hotmail.com and I will try to review it in a future article.
BY COLLEGE PRESS SERVICE

LOS ANGELES, Calif.—The end of affirmative action admissions has had a mixed impact on the number of minority graduate students attending its graduate and professional schools.

While non-Asian minority enrollments at UC's law and business schools, for example, dropped sharply this year, African-American enrollments in academic programs, which offer master's and doctoral degrees in the sciences, this fall were up. The number of Latino students were down in all categories.

This year's enrollments were the first under a statewide ban on affirmative action in University of California admissions processes. Decisions on who to accept into graduate programs were mainly on their standardized-test scores and grade-point averages. Decisions on who to accept into graduate programs were "independent," he told The Chronicle of Higher Education.

Enrollments by African-Americans dropped by 9 percent from 464 to 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.

Terry Lightfoot, a university spokesperson, said that the differences between the enrollment figures at the professional schools and those at the graduate programs were due to differences in admissions processes. Generally, applicants to professional schools were judged mainly on their standardized-test scores and grade-point averages. Decisions on who to accept into graduate programs were "much more informal and independent" and took into consideration other factors, he told The Chronicle of Higher Education.

The biggest drop in non-Asian minority enrollments occurred in UC's law schools, where 821 new students enrolled this year. Enrollments by African-Americans were down 63 percent, from 43 students last year to just 16 this year. Latino students decreased by 54 percent, from 89 student to 59. American-Indian students dropped by 60 percent from 10 students to 4.

Meanwhile, Asian-American enrollment rose by 9 percent, from 140 student last year to 153 this year. The number of white students jumped 5 percent, from 373 students to 390.

The university noted a big jump in another category: the number of students who didn't state their ethnicity rose by 100 people, or 25 percent.

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Most minority enrollments fall at UC professional schools this year

Herpes May Show Up Long After Infection, Say Researchers

PALO ALTA, Calif.—Don't automatically blame your current sex partner if you develop signs of genital herpes. The virus may have been passed from a partner from years ago, even if you've never had symptoms before, says an infectious disease expert at Stanford University Medical Center.

"Understanding the biology of the herpess simple virus type 2 (HSV-2) can help reduce mistrust and accusations of infidelity in a relationship," says Dr. Ann Arvin, a professor of pediatrics who is researching the herpes infection.

"HSV-2 symptoms can appear at any time, even decades after infection. Until recently, we didn't know that most people become infected without having symptoms at the time," she says.

"HSV-2 is almost always spread by genital contact and now infected about 20 percent of the U.S. population, Arvin says. The symptoms include intermittent ulcers or sores in the genital areas. However, the vast majority of infected people do not know they have HSV-2 infection because they never develop recognizable symptoms, she says.

A definitive test for the infection is not available, unless a person has active genital ulcers.

"I wish we had a definitive way to prevent spreading HSV-2, but for now, safe-sex practices are the only option," she says.

Condoms, she adds, offer protection because herpess spread by contact with skin and mucous membranes of the genital area, but they may not work if the infection is in areas not covered by condoms.

Distance Learning Expanding Rapidly, Survey Finds

NATICK, Mass.—More than half of all higher education institutions now have distance-learning programs, a survey has found.

At the same time, universities and colleges report they expect to spend more than $1.5 billion this academic year on upgrading technology.

"Further, 50 percent of higher education institutions rated technology's effectiveness "high or very high" on four key dimensions: student attitude toward learning; student achievement; student-faculty interaction and student self-esteem," said Carole Cotton, president of CCA Consulting Inc., which conducted the research survey.

College Football Sets Attendance Records

OVERLAND PARK, Kan.—More fans than ever attended NCAA football games this season, and for the first time in nearly a quarter century, a team other than Michigan captured the national attendance title.

Tennessee, benefiting from new stadium expansion and star quarterback Peyton Manning, is the new No. 1 college football team for draw in the home crowds, according to the NCAA.

Overall, 36,857,849 football fans attended Divisions I-A, I-AA and III games—a jump of nearly 775,000 fans from 1996. Most of the growth was due to the increasing popularity of Division I football. Division I-A totaled a record 27.6 million home fans. That's an increase of nearly a million from the previous record and accounted for almost 75 percent of the 1997 national total.

The Big Ten attracted the most fans, followed by the Southern and Big 12, the Pac-10 and Atlantic Coast conferences.

The NCAA Statistics Service has compiled national football attendance since 1948. Here is a breakdown of the top teams, based on home-game attendance:

1. Tennessee
2. Michigan
3. Penn State
4. Ohio State
5. Florida
6. Auburn
7. Georgia
8. Notre Dame
9. LSU
10. South Carolina

Currently, an estimated 1.3 million Americans are involved in electronic higher education, up from an estimated 753,000 students who were enrolled in 1994-95.

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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's dorm room, he doesn't just toss it in a bin. He regenerates. The Homestead cabins were built on the edge of a woods about a mile away from the main campus. While for a long trek, Rowe says she's glad the loud sounds of television and the buzz of air conditioners are far away. "It's quiet at night and you just sleep," she said. "It's amazing."

At Connecticut College, seven students each live in the Earth House. While they have running water and electricity, the Earth House is the campus co-op, 2nd floor dormitory for environmentally-conscious students. "They're known for off-beat habits like having the radi­ators turned off in their 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 Humboldt students are campaigning to get class credit for their time in the woods.

Hippie is such a weird term," she says. "That doesn't adequately describe the motivation it takes to live there when there's a foot of snow on the ground and you have to walk a mile to class. The cabinets were built in the 1970s to teach students how to get away from consumerism, Rowe explains. 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," says 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 together and turn off radiators to conserve energy.

Students living such a meager existence say the freedom from dining halls and crowded dorms gives them a peace of mind and a chance to bond with other students. But life without microwaves and TV dinners requires a lot of hard work, too. "This is not fun and games," says Stuart Dyke, a Denison spokesperson. "This really takes some self-reliance on the part of the kids. Those who last more than a semester are really the stickwarts.

Katie Rowe has lived in Denison's Homestead dormitory for three years. "I've returned to visit because living in the Domes is "probably one of the richest experiences of their life." Dave Kupfer, a 1997 graduate who is now an environmental consultant, lived in the Domes from 1980 to 1986. "It was the highlight of my university career," he agrees.

But residents will admit that working so closely with other people in a small space does make it difficult to get outside. "I've seen very good friends come and leave this place," says Watts. "The demands can be hard on your personal time. There are times when you want to have your own place."

"It's not to say it's Utopia in any way." Still, Watts says he would rather be around the warm beds and gardens of the Domes than the empty beer bottles and vending machines of the dorm, where he lived his freshman year. "It was concrete. It was five stories," he remem­bered. "There were 80 people [per floor]. What did you do?"

While it takes time and energy to grow your own food and turn your own mulch, Watts says the demands of alternative living are actually be a welcome break from his studies. "For me, it's a release. I need to get outside. There's trees. There's paths. There's gardens. There's chickens," he says. "This provides tons of study breaks."
McDowell lied to prosecutors and a grand jury

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to UCF with McDowell back in 1984, will be the interim head coach through the 1998 season. Sloan said the entire coaching staff will be retained to help the program keep order. The search for a long term head coach won't take place until after next season.

Sloan, who took over the AD's duties after McDowell in 1993, said the former coach should be remembered for the good he did and not his bad judgment during the cell phone incident.

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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.

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When Green said he didn't know of any, the coach told the senior to tell the players to do whatever they had to do to correct the situation or they would be in serious trouble. The Secret Service raid two days later found only four of the 17 illegal phones the agents expected to find.

McDowell's telling the local media that he knew of the investigation before it occurred drew the attention of the Secret Service. The coach lied in an interview with prosecutors and agents on Oct. 30, saying he learned what he knew from an unknown woman in a parking lot. He also told a grand jury later that day that he didn't know how the players knew of the investigation. David Smith also told agents on the same day that he didn't inform the coach.

On Nov. 3, McDowell asked Green to forget the conversation the two had prior to the raid. Three days later Smith lied again, this time to a grand jury. On Nov. 12, Smith lied to agents again before telling the truth. McDowell was called before a grand jury for the second time on Dec. 4, where he denied he told Green to forget the players of the investigation.

On Monday, radio and news reports said that McDowell would step down as head coach. Tuesday morning he sent his resignation letter to Athletic Director Steve Sloan.

The letter included the following: "...I am tendering my resignation based upon my decision to resolve the federal investigation in a way that, hopefully, will cause the least amount of embarrassment and trouble to you and the University of Central Florida. 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 Kruczek and the rest of the program will survive McDowell's absence.

"I don't think anything changes," Lounsberry said. "I think we keep building on what coach McDowell started. I think coach Kruczek 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 he 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."
**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 most recently as standout quarterback Dusute Culpepper’s mentor. Kruczek said Culpepper’s decision to stay played a big part in his own choice, particularly coming from 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. I try to help him become a man. He came in here with a program as a head coach and he can probably handle it. I think he’s around long enough to reap the benefits.

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.

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.

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Coach Bergman needs pitching staff to step it up

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Coach Bergman needs pitching staff to step it up. With the strength of our pitching staff, we have five pitchers who pitched well in 1997. Bellhorn (4-4), a junior, 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 our system works, we don't have 10-game winners 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 Crowder returning. Crowder, 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 will replace Pacitti in leftfield. Bergman said the early schedule obviously isn't made to see how good you are, and the reason you play good people is to see how good you are. The early part of UCF's season 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 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 there. The reason you play good people is to 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 1,768 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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There must be some way to avoid doing the same thing for the next forty years.
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 horrific 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 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.

"Chat 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 flicked 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 outside, 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."

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Tennis teams look to improve on successes

By DEREK GONSOULIN
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 earned the school’s first NCAA Division I tournament berth, while 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.

Falkenberg said a tougher schedule will make last year’s success hard to repeat and hopes her teams are not satisfied with past achievements.

“We don’t have of that kind of tradition,” Falkenberg said. “I hope the players aren’t overconfident. They better not be. Our schedules are tougher than last year.”

Those schedules include 10 women’s teams and eight men’s teams ranked in the top 75 in the country. The big-name women’s schools include South Florida, Miami, South Alabama, Tulane and Seton Hall. The men tangle with Miami, UNLV and Michigan.

“It doesn’t matter if you lose as long as you are playing good teams,” Falkenberg said. “Locos sometimes help you. The problem is you don’t get that tough competition all the time.”

In the women’s NCAA tournament loss to Michigan, then-senior Anna Sterndale was injured and it forced all of the lower seeds to move up and play higher seeded players. Falkenberg said the 5-0 loss was a result of not playing enough deep teams early in the season.

“The problem comes with fourth-, fifth- and sixth-seeded players,” she said. “If you don’t play the quality competition, it really gets weak at the bottom. When you play the really good teams that are strong all the way through No. 6 and your players are not used to that you have a problem.”

For the women, replacing No. 1 singles player Hadas Ronen, who is serving her required tour of duty with the Israeli army, is a top priority. Sophomore Maria Widyarharma is the only player in her 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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Knights open up divisional play with pair of 

By TONY MEJIA
Staff Writer

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' Steven Weber scored a game-high 15 points. Junior forward Brad Traina was the only UCF player in double figures, scoring 10.

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

Two days later against Campbell, the Knights failed to score in 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 Traina, 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've just not hitting them," coach Kirk Speraw 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 Buckie Hodge picked up the scoring slack, combining for 30 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 flowing by the jumper," Marlow said. "They were focusing on Jones and Traina, leaving me wide open. They let me shoot and I think I was 4 of 5 today and I think I hit my shots."

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