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The scandal between President Bill Clinton and White House intern Monica Lewinsky has been on everyone’s lips since the news of a possible affair first broke. The president has been accused of having sexual relations with Lewinsky and then asking her to lie about it in her deposition for the Paula Jones case, in which Clinton is being charged with sexual harassment. Both Clinton and Lewinsky have denied any occurrences of an affair.

Professors at UCF, along with the rest of the nation, have been paying close attention to the videotapes of Clinton and Lewinsky greeting Dr. Stacey Dunn, an assistant professor in the psychology department who specializes in body image, calls the tapes “confirmatory data.”

“When people have an opinion one way where they are questioning his morality and looking for indication of immorality, they will see it,” she said. “Others who are unsure or more objective will just interpret the gestures as a warm, communicated familiarization.”

### Course to teach students how to be medical coders

**By JAMES COMBS**  
UCF’s Professional Development Center in South Orlando is offering an entry-level course in medical coding. The course will begin March 24 and last six months. It will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Professional Development Center.

“The purpose of the Medical Coding Certificate Program is to prepare people to become well-trained medical coders,” said John Duryea, director of the center. “They will be able to find entry-level positions as medical coders in insurance companies, doctor offices, clinics and other health-related facilities. All doctors have medical coders.”

Mitch Sirota, the center’s program associate, said people who complete the course will learn how to put number codes on such things as operations and medicines. Then they will give it a price and send the code to an insurance company.

The program offers two different courses: terminology and basic coding. The terminology course, which lasts 14 weeks, will focus on anatomy and physiology. It will also cover medical definitions on topics like diseases and diagnosis.

### Stalking is a crime that crosses all barriers of age, race and gender

By GWEN R. RHODES  
Staff Writer

Stalking is a crime that crosses all barriers of age, race and gender; however, there are some aspects of a student’s life that make them a prime target for stalkers.

The UCF Victims’ Services Office sponsors a program to help prevent stalking incidents and to help victims of stalkers overcome the crime.

One out of 20,000 women will be stalked at some time in their lives, according to Park Dietz, professor of psychiatry at the University of California-Los Angeles and a frequent consultant for the FBI.

The FBI estimates that 200,000 people per year are stalked in the United States. Stalking is defined as a knowing and willful course of conduct by any person who deliberately, maliciously and repeatedly follows or harasses another person.

Stalking is a combined group of non-criminal behaviors, which in totality equates a crime.

“The key to understanding this crime is defined as a pattern of conduct composed of a series of acts over a period of time, however short, evidencing a continuity of purpose.”

### Thousands live by looking over their shoulders

By GWEN R. RHODES  
Staff Writer

While Hause said Windy Hall, president of Knight Publishing, who owns both publications, “We've had great response.”

The site features the entire publication, including news, sports, opinion, classifieds and photographs. Hall hopes to include a variety of features in the coming weeks: self-help tips, such as how to get along with roommates and understanding the registration process; campus maps and computer lab hours; a bulletin board for visitors to sound off on their thoughts about campus news; calendars providing information about entertainment occurring on and off campus; late-breaking news; quick email response to writers by clicking the mouse button on the reporter’s byline.

The campus newspaper, which commemorates its 30th anniversary this year, is now available through www.orlando.digitalcity.com/future. The web address will change to www.ucffuture.com within two to three weeks.

### Technician's training program helps students prepare for medical careers

By OLIVIA K. CURNOW  
Managing Editor

The Florida Tech's Professional Development Center in South Orlando is offering a technician's training program to prepare people to become well-trained medical coders. The training program will last six months and will be offered on a part-time basis.

The program is aimed at providing medical coders with the skills needed to enter the medical profession, as well as providing them with an understanding of the medical field.

### UCF's Professional Development Program offers entry-level courses in medical coding

The Professional Development Program at UCF offers entry-level courses in medical coding. These courses are designed to prepare students for entry-level positions in the medical field, such as medical coders in insurance companies, doctor offices, clinics and other health-related facilities.

The courses cover topics such as anatomy, physiology, and medical terminology. Students will learn how to assign codes to medical procedures and services, and how to interpret insurance claims.

The courses are taught by experienced professionals who have extensive knowledge in the medical field. The program provides students with the skills and knowledge they need to succeed in the medical profession.

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UCF helps children learn to read

By JENNIFER ANDREWS
Staff Writer

Through the help of Dr. LeVester Tubbs, vice president of student affairs, UCF has decided to become more like a family to the Orlando community.

In early January, the student body received an e-mail about a project called Americorps. This project was started by President Clinton in an effort to get more Americans involved in their local community.

Tubbs’ vision is to get the community service learning component within UCF to help coordinate efforts for a service learning that spans the entire university. To accomplish this goal, Tubbs said he began the America Reads project and two other community service projects as well: Athletics and Service to Americans.

The America Reads campaign focuses strictly on the goal to end illiteracy. Corps members of all ages volunteer their time to teach children to read. The volunteers usually have a common thread bonding them to form a cohesive unit. For their volunteer work, they receive a living allowance and students receive an educational award.

How did UCF get the start up funds for the project?

Phyllis Ledbetter said the university was granted additional financial aid funds for the purpose of this project, and those students who qualify for work study have the opportunity to make up to $7 and $8 an hour.

Volunteers will be paid because the most help is needed in Western Orlando and the downtown area. The volunteers will have to come to work.

“The areas the project is focusing on are predominantly sites at Parramore Heritage Center and The Jackie Robinson Little League pro-

gram through The Dr. Smith Center,” Ledbetter said. “But the volunteers are required to have a minimum of 10 hours and no more than 20 hours.”

Although this requires driving to work, students such as Paul DelPena said he does not think of it as a sacrifice to help a child.

“A short car ride is but a small price to pay for the opportunity to have a lasting effect on a young child’s mind,” DelPena said.

When asked about the response of the student body concerning this project, Ledbetter said it was so positive that some people were even willing to volunteer free of charge.

Walking trail allows students to commune with nature

By DAWN MYERS
Staff Writer

Recreational Services is making a walking trail that will be along the Lake Claire Courtyard Apartments. The trail will be about one mile long and it will wind around the unique greenery including carnivore plants.

Student Jeremiah Jackson is employed by recreational services to complete the first phase, which is a four-foot-wide trail. Jackson obtained a map of the campus from the physical plant and located two service roads around the lake. The use of those roads are enabling him to plan the route of the trail with the least amount of damage to the environment.

Alpha Phi Omega and Tau Kappa Epsilon have donated time to the project.

“We have to cut back the brush, carry out the leaves and throw the mulch down,” Jackson said. “It just takes a lot of time.”

Once the first stage of the project is done, recreational services hopes to find donors and make the trail into a boardwalk. Most of the area around the lake is marshy wetland. A boardwalk would enable hikers to view more of the lake.

Ben Johnson, a business major, made a replica of the recreation area as a capital improvement project for his cornerstone class.

Johnson focused on remodeling the park to be more beneficial for the use of the students.

Loren Knutson, director of recreational services, said he liked the idea and with the help of Johnson was able to request $80,000 in funds to begin renovating the recreation area.

These funds were allocated over a period of five years. Recreational services has been able to build a dock, renovate both picnic areas with concrete and add tables and lighting. It also has put in a paved sidewalk to the lake, built a gazebo, sand volleyball court, restroom facilities and an equipment room to house the canoes, kayaks, row boats and paddle boards.

Future renovations include the walking trail, revamping the field, installing irrigation system, roping off the swimming area and installing a children’s playground.

Although recreational services does not have the personnel to open the equipment room daily, it hopes to receive additional funding in the future to allow students access to the boats. However, when organizations reserve the area at Lake Claire, they will be entitled to the use of the equipment.

If an organization would like to help with the walking trail, contact Jeremiah Jackson through the Recreational Services Office.

Lonely roommates hope game will improve their love lives

By GWEN R. RHODES
Staff Writer

Get that lonely roommate out of your hair by setting them up on a date with the mate of your choice in the roommate dating game to be held on Feb. 10 at 8 p.m. The event will take place at Locos, which is located in the Student Union.

"Come see a show and get dinner while you're there," said Kelli Belfatto, popular entertainment director for the Campus Activities Board (CAB).

The CAB sponsored event will take a pair of roommates and match them up with dates for Valentine’s Day.

The number of pairs of roommates that will be set up with a date depends on the number of people that sign up to participate. The pairs with dates or contestants, Belfatto said.

"We're hoping to get at least three separate sets of roommates," she said.

In this version of The Dating Game, a pair of roommates will come up with a list of personal questions to ask a three-person panel of contestants.

Belfatto explained how the game will be played.

"Roommate A will ask the questions of the panel for roommate B, and then roommate A will pick roommate B's date based on the answers to the questions," Belfatto said. “Then the roles will reverse and roommate B will do the same for roommate A.”

“We will have at least one set of male roommates and one set of female roommates,” Belfatto said. “The roommates will go out on a double date, on Valentine’s Day to either the Comedy Zone or somewhere for dinner.

The dinner location had not yet been chosen, Belfatto said.

“We decided that this would be a fun activity because it is different from the norm,” Belfatto said. “It will be different from the Singled Out activity we sponsored last semester. The contestants will be narrowed down to three instead of the 50 like was done in the Singled Out event.”

Locos was chosen because the roommates and contestants can be separated so that no one sees each other before they are supposed to, Belfatto said.

“It is one of the rules like in The Dating Game," she said. “Locos is planning on having a food special so we are encouraging people to come and watch the show and have a bite to eat at the same time.”

Anyone who is interested in being a roommate/contestant or possible date can call 921-6471.

Dinosaurs invade UCF

While learning about dinosaurs, students in Marybeth Matta’s class at the Creative School for Children created their own dinosaur museum by making a stegosaurus, tyrannosaurus rex and dinosaur eggs.

Photo by PETER KUNDIS

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Students play games, get informed on health issues

By NICOLE KING
Staff Writer

The 1998 Fitness and Health Tour kicked off at UCF on Jan. 26. The two-day fair blended fun and games with serious messages about health issues.

Games such as the rock wall climb, the gladiator duel and the velcro wall were offered to students as a safe way to relieve stress, said Ken Gistedt, tour director.

"We're not out here to lecture to students about drinking just inform them that they do have choices like not getting into a car with someone who has been drinking," Gistedt said. "It also gives organizations from the school to come out and promote themselves."

UCF's Student Health Services used the event to promote its Get in Shape Fair Spring Break week, which included a body image workshop and lectures on nutrition and reducing stress.

Jamie Gordon, 20, works for the Peer Education Program and represented student health services at the fair.

"We look forward to these type of interactions," Gordon said. "It's a good way to educate students about college health issues and it's a lot of fun too."

Marketing event coordinators Carlos Bedoya and Steve Ewing said they enjoy visiting college campuses throughout the United States.

"Students get information about alcohol, drugs and exercise," Bedoya said. "The main issue is to show students that there is a way to have fun in a safe way."

Ewing agreed with Bedoya. "It's a stress reliever for the students and gives them a natural high," Ewing said. "Most of the games are challenging and the participants feel a sense of accomplishment when they have finished playing. It's a kick out of it because I get to watch everyone have so much fun."

Michelle Dasilva, 19, took part in the bungee challenge with a friend.

"I came last year and definitely wanted to come back," Dasilva said. "You get free stuff and students get the messages about health in a fun way."

First-time UCF professor wins AMSA award

By OLIVIA K. CURNOW
Managing Editor

Dr. Laurence VonKalm, a biology professor, received the Golden Apple Award from the American Medical Student Association (AMSA) after teaching at UCF for only one semester.

"I was very surprised to receive the award," VonKalm said. "It makes a big difference when students go this far to show their appreciation."

Each year, AMSA gives the Golden Apple Award to a different professor at UCF regardless of the subject they teach because AMSA members have a variety of majors. However, a teacher can not receive the award two years in a row.

VonKalm taught general genetics and embryology and development in fall 1997 and apparently made quite an impression.

Scott Wilcheck, president of AMSA, was enrolled in VonKalm's genetics class.

"He is a mentor to students," Wilcheck said. "He has gone out of his way to assist students on both a personal level and an academic level."

VonKalm expressed his gratitude toward AMSA.

"It has encouraged me to work just as hard because it's their way of showing how much they appreciate it," he said. "It's not so much how the course is taught, but how much interest you show in the students."

SG announces candidates for spring elections

By OLIVIA K. CURNOW
Managing Editor

President and vice president hopefuls will be campaigning in the next couple of weeks, and Student Government will attempt to attract more students to the spring 1998 elections.

Candidates for SG president and vice president are as follows:

Alberto Amoros and Chris Gonzalez; Dominic Fariello and Tami Johnson; and Jason Murphy and Richard Maxwell.

The SG Election Commission will be hiring disc jockeys to entertain at the voting booths, handing out promotional items and awarding various prizes from area merchants through a random drawing.

The elections will be held on the main campus from Feb. 17-18 from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m.

SGA
Everyone has opinion on Clinton scandal

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"Dunn said at this point she does not think the interpretations are substantia-

"They are grossly biased," she said. "It is unfair and a mistake to interpret them."

Although junior Matt Brosse does not think the public should be so quick to judge the president's actions, he thought the greeting was questionable.

"Why would you be hug-
gging your intem with that's a little fishy," he asked. "Why would you show so much affection?"

Computer engineering major Gamma Dean thinks they were electing when they knew what kind of person they were making her lie under oath, she said. "It's unfair and a mistake to expand their career opportunities," Duryea said. "The whole point of this program is to help people get a job as quickly as possible. The room for growth in this field is good."

Duryea said the program will benefit students who have a knowledge of anatomy/physiology and medical terms before entering the course. An associate of arts degree is not required for registra-
tion.

The program costs $990. A certificate of completion will be issued for those who complete the course. "This will help students get jobs at an entry level in small medical practices," Duryea said.

For more information or a brochure on the program, call UCF's Professional Development Center at (407) 836-0585.

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Shortness of concentration should not be barrier to success

By LINDA RAMOS
Staff Writer

Lack of concentration is one of the main reasons students give as a barrier to their collegiate success.

In George M. Usova’s book Efficient Study Strategies: Skills for Successful Learning, the definition of concentration is the ability to focus on one thing at a time. One of the many causes of poor concentration can be attributed to distractions.

In order to gain the ability to concentrate, a person needs to identify their distractions, eliminate them and develop a concentration tracking system.

Carol C. Kanar, The Confident Student, divides distractions into two categories: internal and external.

Internal distractions are those that develop within you such as hunger, sleepiness, sickness and stress. Eliminating these distractions seems obvious when hungry, sleep when tired and rest when sick.

Eliminating stress, worry and frustration however is less obvious. How can you study for that math exam when your mind is constantly bombarded by the thought of that term paper due tomorrow you have not written?

The best way to eliminate internal stress distractions is to acknowledge them. Pace these negative feelings, prioritize them and mentally push them aside. Give yourself a worry break.

For example, study for an hour and then give yourself a ten-minute break to worry about everything else. You will then be able to resume studying with less stress on your mind.

External distractions are those that arise outside of you such as noise, temperature, unavailable resources, friends. Sometimes these distractions seem to be beyond your control. However, rather than react to them, just take them in stride.

If your classroom is always cold, which prevents you from listening to the lecture, take a sweater. If there is a construction crew outside your dorm and the noise prevents you from studying, then go to the library.

If the library does not have a free desk for your research paper don’t resign yourself to write a bad paper. Take the opportunity to find other resources that might be better.

Finally, don’t be afraid to say no to your friends when they are tempting you away from your concentrated effort.

One way to keep track of your concentration efforts is to use a checkmark technique.

Walter Pauk, in How to Study in College, describes this technique as a way to catch yourself whenever you are not concentrating.

Designate a piece of paper as your checkmark board. At any time you are studying or are in class and you start to lose your concentration to any distraction place a checkmark on the board.

The technique’s goal is to get an few checkmarks on the board as possible.

Poor concentration does not need to be a barrier to your college success. Identify your distractions, eliminate them and mentally resolve to stay focused.

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UCF to lace up its dancing shoes

By DAWN MYERS
Staff Writer

The dates for Greek Week have officially been set for March 28 to April 3. The week will begin with the Dance Marathon, which will benefit the Children’s Miracle Network.

Dancers can sign up between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Feb. 4 and Feb. 5 in front of the Student Union Partner pairings are posted in the Greek Council Office.

In other Greek news

• Alpha Tau Omega is holding its annual Excalibur Medieval Fair on Feb. 7 and Feb. 8. The weekend begins with the Most Fraternal Men at the Fair on Feb. 6 at its fraternity house on Greek Park Drive.

The fair will begin at 11 a.m. on Saturday. Sororities will be competing in games such as human checkers and canoe jousting. The games are open to the community and all UCF students.

The proceeds will benefit Muscular Dystrophy Association.

• Alpha Xi Delta is planning its annual philanthropy event, Xi-Man. The competition will be held on March 13 in the Student Center auditorium.

Contestants will be judged in five areas: interview, business attire, on-stage question, talent and swim wear. The deadline for applications is on Feb. 18. All proceeds will be donated to Choose Children.

• Delta Delta Delta traveled to New Orleans during the winter break to compete in the National College Flag Football Championship. Tri-Delta represented UCF in the tournament that had 40 female teams competing.

Its only loss was in the quarterfinals against a team from Mexico, which resulted in a sixth-place ranking.

“It was such a great time,” Katie Distasier said. “We learned a lot about different playing styles. The way the Mexican teams could pitch the ball was phenomenal.”

Golden Key National Honor Society

GENERAL MEETING:

When: February 9th -- 4:00pm
Where: Student Union -- Room 224

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LEAD STORIES

• Hard Times for Canadian Strippers: According to December news reports, Mexico stepped up what had been a low-key enforcement policy in the country to work under the special "high technology" skills category of NAFTA. And in Winnipeg, Manitoba, stripper Carole Levesque filed a lawsuit against the local police because officers forced her to raise her hands over her head during a drug raid despite her truthful protest that recent breast-enhancement surgery had left her unable to do that without pain.

What Goes Around, Comes Around: Since taking control of most of Afghanistan in September 1996, the religious Taliban army has enforced strict, conservative Islamic rule, especially regarding the work, recreation and dress of women. Now, according to a report in the London Daily Telegraph in November, a splinter Muslim group about 200 miles north of Kabul has begun to train a women-only battalion to fight the Taliban. Females from the Hazaras, a Turko Mongol ethnic group, have been training at a secret location and will soon begin a major recruiting campaign.

• Tough Guys: In Paris in December, just before being convicted of the murders of two counterespionage agents, international terrorist Carlos the Jackal was sentenced to 10 days' solitary confinement for calling a prison guard a "p***." Two weeks later, Montreal Canadians' defense man Dave Manson underwent surgery to remove a Christmas tree needle that had gotten stuck in his ear.

COMPELLING EXPLANATIONS

• David S. Marson, 36, and Michael C. Ahorn, 35, were found inside in a car in a public parking lot in East St. Louis, Ill., in November, having sex, and were charged with public indecency. According to the arresting officer, Marson said, "I know it was wrong, but I just couldn't wait."

• William Garland, the father of the late rap singer Tupac Shakur, fighting for part of Shakur's multimillion-dollar estate in Los Angeles in August, despite his having had no contact with his son after age 5, pointed out at a hearing how he was a good father. For example, he said he would often talk in little Tupac, a bed-wetter, with another Greenland son, also a bed-wetter: "They could pee with each other."

• In July, Toronto courier Alan Wayne Scott, 47, lost a three-year battle when the Ontario Tax Court ruled that he took improper business deductions. Scott, who makes deliveries on foot and by bicycle, had claimed that his body is a professional vehicle that operating expenses (shoes, knapsack, the $13 a day in extra high-calorie food he must consume to do his grueling job) should be tax-deductible just like an automobile's expenses are. (And, as Scott pointed out, his machine is environmentally friendly.) On the day of the court's decision, a NAFTA report named Ontario the third biggest polluting jurisdiction in North America.

• In November in Wasilla, Alaska, Diame Carr was sentenced to 26 months in prison for sexually molesting his 15-year-old baby sister. Carr maintained that he did not know the girl was under the legal age of 16 because he and the girl are Jehovah's Witnesses, whose members do not celebrate birthdays.

THE CONTINUING CRISIS

• Crisis at Nike: The winner of September's annual Angeles Crest ultramarathon, which started at the Wrightwood Resort in the San Gabriel Mountains near Los Angeles and finished in Pasadena, was Mexican Tarahumara runner Cristlo Chacarito, 52, in a time of 19 hours and 34 minutes. Incredibly (if one believes shoe ads), Chacarito beat all the guys in $200 running shoes; he ran the race in sandals made from old automobile tires.

• Robert Kong, 13, was arrested and charged with manufacturing a destructive device, namely a 5-lb. pipe bomb that he had made, gift-wrapped, and presented to a female classmate in Corvallis, Ore., for her birthday. He said he followed the instructions he had seen on an Internet site.

• In September, officials at the Florida Agency for Health Care Administration changed their minds and decided it was OK for employee Mr. Dale Robb, hired as a counselor in 1996 after 20 years in the military, to report for work every day dressed as a woman named Sabrina. And in an August story, The Washington Post featured a recent tourist, the very masculine Larry Goodwin, 51, of Douglas, Wy, who took in the sites around town clothed as he usually is, in a dress. Said Goodwin, "I really love the feel of women's clothing."

• According to a police report in Colerain Township, Ohio, in June, a restaurant manager trying to rid his property of drug paraphernalia turned over a home-made bong pipe that he found in a rear corridor of his building. The bong was actually a hollowed-out potato rigged with masking tape and aluminum foil, with marijuana residue inside, and had to be destroyed by the police, rather than kept as evidence, in that it was perishable food.

• City Council member Ed Walker of Brier, Wash., was charged in September with spitting on a neighbor who had put up a yard sign touting Walker's opponent in the upcoming election. Said the neighbor to a reporter, "We've got him dead to rights. All we need is a sample of his spit (for DNA testing)."

YOLANDA KING

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Student Government Association & African American Student Union present

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RECURRING THEME

Latest Attempts by Women to Use the Law to Enforce Prostitution Contracts: In November, three teen-age girls were arrested after they called police in Oxnard, N.Y., to ask for help because a man who had just had sex with them and paid them with a check for $1,500 scammed it on an out-of-state bank that the girls couldn't cash. And in June, a judge in Salt Lake City dismissed Kathleen Ferguson's lawsuit against Zions First National Bank for repossessing her truck. She had sued, believing she could keep the truck because she worked out a deal by having sex with the repo man.

(See your Weird News to Chuck Shepherd, P.O. Box 8306, St. Petersburg, Fl. 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 $6.95 plus $2 shipping.)

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Born in Montgomery, Alabama, two weeks before Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat on the bus and triggered the movement that ultimately desegregated the South, Yolanda King has been in the midst of the struggle for human rights all of her life. The oldest child of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Coretta Scott King, Yolanda has participated in numerous civil and human rights demonstrations and has spoken before countless audiences. February 12th, she will speak at the UCF Arena at 8pm.

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Early break not good for students

By JASON HEIRONMUS
Opinion Editor

For one reason or another, each and every one of us picked the University of Central Florida for at least one primary reason, or perhaps for several reasons. As students we choose to attend classes at this fine institution for the sole purpose of gaining an education which will set us upon the fast track of life. In theory we believe that our chosen school is working as hard as it possibly can to make college life just that much better for us, the students. However, sometimes decisions are made which really make the hair on the back of your neck stand at attention.

As I am sure you know, or, if not, it was not so nice. Now, being someone who knows absolutely nothing about the business world, I can only guess that this would be a bad thing right? Why else would they want so drastically to spread all of the spring breaks apart? I don't think all the big boys down at the education board or whatever looked over the results of last year and said, "You know, those kids really had too good of a time last year. Let's really give it to 'em this year, they'll hate everything spring break has to stand for!!" I'm sure there was a method behind the madness, wasn't there?

So, everyone's spring break couldn't have been at the same time, fair enough. But I still want to know why it is that it seems that UCF was thrown like a baby to the wolves. But it is a strange craziness, ends on the day that our break begins. That hurts. Can someone please take the dagger and twist it hard in my back, because I'm not sure that I can take much more of this. It reminds me of an extraordinarily cruel joke. It is almost such a harsh move that I believe it to be a calculated one. How can you schedule a week of spring break that is ridiculously early and begins on the day that March comes to an end? It is like going fishing without any bait.

And to add fuel to the fire, why would Valencia's break not be the same as ours? I just don't understand it. Unless my eyes have deceived me more than once isn't Valencia located something like two and a half minutes away from UCF? And isn't Valencia practically like the sister school to UCF? And don't the majority of Valencia graduates go on to UCF? Now these are just questions, questions that one should consider, especially when one has the authority to virtually decide what thousands of students are going to be doing for an entire week.

Unless we can get everyone to go ahead and attend classes during our scheduled break and take off when we think a good time is for our break, we will just have to deal with it this year. We will take what we are given and run with it and try to make the best we can out of a horrendous week.

And eventually, an explanation is due to every student at UCF.
Education best defense against stalkers

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are the words "a period of time, however short, because people tend to think of stalking as happening over a long period of time like six months to a year."

"However, if you take these series of actions, there is no time limit. If you do these 10 things to harass that person, it does not matter whether it takes you six months or two days if it is still stalling against the law."

Harassment is defined as engaging in behaviors which are directed at a specific person that causes substantial emotional distress in that person and serves no legitimate purpose.

The course of conduct and harassment level of behaviors constitute a misdemeanor.

A credible threat is defined as a threat which is made with the intent of causing the target to reasonably fear for his or her safety. The threat must involve violence, so the students who drink make an established right, the person who sits beside them three times a week in class even though they do not really know that person.

In addition, part of the college atmosphere involves alcohol use, so the students who drink together feel they know people better than they really do, when in reality they are strangers.

Typical themes used by stalkers include: intense infatuation, love fixation, the inability to accept the end of a relationship, jealousy and child custody disputes.

Some behaviors to look out for include but are not limited to: appearing unexpectedly at places you normally frequent; following you or driving by your home, school or work repeatedly; phoning, leaving messages on answering machines, faxing or repeated hang-up calls; sending unsolicited cards, letters, notes or gifts and contacting your friends, family, neighbors, boss or co-workers to check out your whereabouts or having someone you don't know do that for you.

"It is frightening how much a stalker has in common with serial killers and domestic violence abusers," said McCunn. "They all have the common theme of wanting to have power and control over you."

According to McCunn, a red flag of warning should come up if a date seems to be too persistent or exhibit inappropriate behavior.

"An example is your date might say 'this is our song' when you hear a song on the radio for the first time, and you are thinking this doesn't feel right," Williams said. "You are probably correct and should be concerned because that level of persistence is inappropriate."

In addition, they will tend to place a lot of emphasis on symbols of the relationship and become overly attached to those symbols," McCunn said.

In many instances a stalker will have a perceived relationship with the victim, according to Williams.

"They think you have a relationship with them even if you only know them casually or recognize them as someone you pass everyday on the way to class, and they think your hello is an invitation to a relationship," Williams said. "They will think that the victim really likes them."

The victim services advocates warn against trying to talk to the stalker to get them to leave you alone.

"This only makes them feel that they have either accomplished their objective in getting you to talk to them or made them feel more powerful that they are disrupting your life," said McCunn.

To help with this problem, the Victims Services Office has a program that addresses the issue of stalking.

The program outlines what stalking is, what the law says, what to do if you or someone you know is being stalked, what types of typical behaviors stalkers use so that you will know what to look for and how to protect yourself from being stalked.

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Athletic department honors contributors to UCF sports

By BRIAN SMITH
News Editor

Nomination forms for the inaugural class to the UCF Hall of Fame closed on Jan. 31. A nine-member committee will select four inductees and announce their choices at the Night of Knights, which is a fundraising black-tie affair, on Feb. 18.

"We had a lot of nominations and there was great interest in it," said Thomas Scott, assistant athletic director. "The talent pool was much larger than expected."

The committee, which is comprised of former athletes, Knight Boosters, faculty representatives, alumni directors and donors, will conduct a formal process to narrow down the nominees to four inductees.

"It will be the selection of the board," Scott said. "It will not be a popularity contest."

The committee will conduct research of the nominees and allow John Marie, sports information director, to fill in the athletic accomplishments, Scott said.

The Hall of Fame will encompass all sports at UCF and individuals who have made a contribution to the university's athletic program. Potential inductees can be athletes, coaches or donors.

"There were over 50 nominees from a wide section of sports and tennis frames," Scott said. "We had nominees from the first team to play at UCF to people who finished four years ago."

Jodi Weselberg, marketing director, said the nominees will be judged on whether they have represented UCF since they left the university.

The committee will conduct some research to see if the nominees are representing UCF in what they are doing now, Weselberg said.

To be nominated, a candidate must be separated from the capacity to which they are nominating for four years. For example, coaches and administrators must be four years away from coaching or administrating, but they can be serving another role at the university, such as a coach who becomes a professor.

"If a student athlete is in jail, he won't be in the UCF Hall of Fame," Weselberg said. "When somebody wants to nominate a person for the Hall of Fame, they must give their reason for nominating the person."

"If a lot of people give different reasons for nominated a specific person, then that will have some weight with the committee," Scott said. "If 50 people all say Alan Grouch should be nominated for different reasons, it should add weight."

"It all could take it is one person saying the right thing to get them into the Hall of Fame."

An act of kindness or something personal like being kind to animals could give weight to whether they get inducted, Weselberg said.

Scott said UCF has an outstanding athletic program.

"I believe UCF has a long and hallowed tradition of athletic programs," he said. "Great people have come to UCF."

The Hall of Fame will have its inauguration in April and be placed in a temporary facility. The Wayne Densch Sports Center and the UCF Arena are being considered for the site.

In the future, the Hall of Fame could be put in an athletic building if one is constructed.

"We're very disinterested," Weselberg said. "Someday we will all be buried in the same building. We want something to be here that will have longevity and be in a public place."

Steve Sloan, UCF athletic director, said the arena would be an ideal location for the Hall of Fame.

"A lot of people go there," Sloan said. "We have several thousand people who go to the arena for the different events."

With the Hall of Fame being at the arena, more people will get to see it more than anywhere else on campus, Sloan said.

In the future, the Hall of Fame will induct members on a yearly basis.

The election process will be an annual event, Scott said. During the fall 1996 semester, the Knight Boosters are planning to host a golf tournament and banquet around Homecoming so the Hall of Fame inductions occur along with the football game.

"We're such a young university that we are going little by little because there are a lot of worthy people to consider," Scott said.

Weselberg said the nomination process will help the induction process in the future.

"We are developing a pool of applicants for following years," she said.

"We don't have the years of history of a Notre Dame," Weselberg said. "We are starting from scratch. We are going to keep a file on the applicants because next year the nominees will be a lot of the same people."

Torchy Clark, former UCF basketball coach, said the talent pool will grow in the future.

"Every five or six years presents their own players," Clark said.

Weselberg said the inductees and the university will both be given something that will last forever.

Those who are inducted will be given something that they can keep forever, and UCF will have something it can have forever, Weselberg said.

Clark said it is time for UCF to have a Hall of Fame.

"I think it's great," Clark said. "It's nice they're going to have one. Every school has its tradition and it usually starts early. A Hall of Fame is something people shoot for."

Clark, who was inducted in the Florida Hall of Fame, spoke about the possibility of his induction into the UCF Hall of Fame.

"I don't expect anything ever," Clark said. "I'm proud to have done what I have done. We had seven straight nationally ranked teams in a row. We had a good run."

Woman hits man, man's dog bites woman

By ANNEMARIE MONTALI
Staff Writer

Jeannoel Laborde, 21, hit Christopher Curchy, 42, after an argument in the parking garage on Jan. 22. Jeannoel's pit bull attacked Curchy.

The dog lunged at Curchy on the face. The bite left a small cut. When officers arrived, the dog started toward them. Jeannoel was told to keep the dog under control and then he was arrested for trespass after warning.

Jeannoel declined to press charges for battery and was later released and issued a warning.

In other reports from the UCFPD:

- Christopher Curchy, 42, reported he had left his black luggage carrier bag in a classroom in the Education Building while he went to another room for 10 minutes on Jan. 26. When he returned, the bag was missing. The carrier contained a Radio Shack mixer, CD player and 12 to 14 CDs. The total value of the property is about $670. Curchy is willing to prosecute.

- Jonah Travick, 20, reported that on Jan. 20 at about 2 p.m. he noticed the fog lights had been removed. Travick is willing to prosecute.

- Teresa Caplan, 52, reported leaving her purse in a classroom at about 9:45 p.m. on Jan. 26. When she returned to her car, she realized she did not have her purse. The authorized her steps and could not find it.

- The purse turned up at the KI..SK a few hours later. Curchy and American Express cards were taken along with $80 to $100 in cash.
Men's rugby team defeats Florida Atlantic 17-6

By BILL CAIL
Rugby Correspondent

Jan. 31, the UCF Rugby team traveled to Boca Raton to face Florida Atlantic University. This game was the first of the season, also the first conference game for UCF.

The team played a close match until halftime when they were down 6-5. In the second half, however, the Knights shutdown FAU. The forwards for UCF completely stopped the Owls, dominating them in most scrums. The tough play of the team also led to the Knights scoring 12 unanswered points.

Scoring in the game were Nick Adelman with a try and a conversion, and Rick Bailey with two tries. UCF won the game 17-6, starting the season with a record of 1-0.

UCF's next game will be Feb. 7, at the University of Florida; and the next home game will be Feb. 14, against the University of Miami. That game will be at 2 p.m. on the intramural soccer fields.
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Anybody can be approached to join a cult

BY NATALIE NATALE
Staff Writer

It has been more than three years since "Julie's" first encounter with a cult recruiter.

"I was such an easy target," she said.

She gets upset as she talks about how she was approached. She was looking over chemistry notes in The Wild Pizza when "Sara" approached her and asked if she played sports. Sara then invited Julie to play volleyball with her and her friends the next day and they exchanged phone numbers.

"It was my second week at UCF, my first time away from home and I was homesick," Julie recalls. "My living arrangements were not ideal. I shared a dorm room in Brevard Hall with two complete strangers. I had to leave my car and my boyfriend back home. I was very lonely. I was so excited to have a new friend. I met Sara the following day at the volleyball courts and jumped right into the volleyball game. Everyone was so friendly. They all introduced themselves and welcomed me."

Over the next few weeks, Julie and Sara became better friends, shared stories about old boyfriends, and became a disciple of God.

One night on the phone, Sara invited Julie to a fiesta party her friends were throwing. Julie was very excited to attend her first college party and thought Sara was so lucky to have so many friends.

At the party, Julie felt very comfortable and helped herself to food and drinks, but was surprised there was no alcohol.

Two weeks later, they met in the library to study. "We checked out a windowless study room on the third floor," Julie said. "I got out my chemistry book and Sara placed a large Bible on the table. Then Sara broke the silence. "Julie, I used to be like you," Sara said. "I used to be Catholic. I had a boyfriend. I drank. I had to move away from home. I felt lonely. I was missing something in my life. That was before. That was before I reformed my life and became a disciple of God."

Julie expressed she was happy for the path Sara had chosen, but reminded her that her family had raised her Catholic, but Sara didn't quite.

"Julie, you shouldn't believe things just because your parents told you to believe them," Sara said. "You must believe things for yourself. My family did not accept me after I became a disciple of God."

"Do you know that you are going to hell?" Sara continued. "Look at the horrible, ugly sin in your life. I was just like you but now I am a disciple of God. All of my friends are disciples of God too. That is what I was missing in my life."

Julie once again said she was

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Sara

Julie
catholic and impressed upon her that she believed in her religion.

"Julie, do you even know what you believe?" Sara said. "The only way anyone can get into heaven is to become a disciple of God."

Sara flipped through the pages of the Bible, quoted verses and wrote down reference numbers as she preached about them. Julie grabbed the sheet of paper and ran out of the library and back to her dorm.

"Another girl from my dorm and I immediately looked up the verses Sara had quoted from the Bible," Julie said. "She told me that Sara was wrong. She said Sara had interpreted the Bible in a manipulating manner. No one had ever told me that I was going to hell before."

After the incident, Julie visited Campus Ministries.

"They told me Sara was probably trying to recruit me into a cult," Julie said. "I was lucky to have so many people helping me and open to me."

Over the next few months, Sara continued to call Julie and invite her to go out with her and her friends. She had her roommates take messages for her.

During that semester, Julie would see Sara and her friends at the Reflecting Pond and wave. They ignored her. They turned the opposite direction and it hurt her feelings, Julie remembered. According to A Ready Defense, by Josh McDowell, breaking ties with family offering instant happiness, heavily promoting guilt, making harassing phone calls, shunning doubters from the group, claiming an altered status for group members and intensely opposing society are all signs of a cult.

Significant life events such as a move can cause one's sense of control and judgment to waiver. During these times of vulnerableness, cults can try to move in and fill a person's need for security and self-esteem, McDowell explains.

Anna Jackson, campus minister for the Wesley Foundation, has heard stories like Julie's and others when dealing with students who have had contact with cults.

"Avoid students to ask a lot of questions, read the scriptures for themselves and seek out the opinions of others who are not involved with the group," said Jackson.

Julie and her hometown priest discussed her brush with cult involvement.

This encounter prompted Julie to persistently explore the Catholic faith for over one year. Julie developed a renewed sense of appreciation for her beliefs. She returns a devout Catholic and has future plans of raising her children in the Catholic church.

UCF is hosting a Cult Education Program on Feb. 18 featuring speaker Bob Watts Thornberg of Boston University at 7:30 p.m. in the Student Union.
A 'desperate' script with a great cast

By CORBETT TRUBEY
Entertainment Editor

In a San Francisco hospital, hundreds of people's lives hang in the balance, including Matthew Connor (Joseph Cross), whose cancer has gone out of remission and could be fatal unless he finds a match for a bone marrow transplant. The match could be any average Joe, but not in the reality of Hollywood. The only successful match just happens to be a homicidal sociopath bent on breaking out of prison, seeing the hospital as his only chance for freedom. Poof! You have the latest paint-by-numbers suspense drama "Desperate Measures."

Anybody could've thrown this movie together, but under the helm of a seemingly so-so film is director Barbet Schroeder, who has weired out audiences in the past with "Single White Female" and "Kiss Of Death." A very simple and predictable set-up is twisted around with the strange bond that forms between Matthew's dad Frank (Andy Garcia) and crazy convict Peter McCabe (Michael Keaton).

The opening of the film reveals the lengths to which Frank is willing to go to save his son as we watch him break into a government office to find a bone marrow match for his son. This act of crime only complicates things later in the film, when Peter's eventual escape in the hospital makes him a target for the police, who wants him dead or alive. Frank, also an officer, cannot risk Peter's life because he needs his bone marrow to save his son, and soon Frank finds himself crossing the line once again to keep Peter from getting away without getting himself killed.

It's nice to see two of Hollywood's most underrated actors have a shot at two well-written roles. Andy Garcia gets high marks as the world's most sensitive dad, showing intense emotion as his son gets sicker while trying to catch Peter. And while many people are used to Michael Keaton playing heroes and nice guys, his departure as the psycho Petter doesn't really break any ground for him but manages to get all the right reactions from the audience, especially when he lets off a few one-liners here and there. What's even better about Michael Keaton's role is how surprisingly violent he is, something you wouldn't expect giving the high amount of drama in the film.

Despite the massive number of law enforcement officers combing the hospital and the courageous actions of Matthew's doctor Samantha (Marcia Gay Harden), nobody can catch Peter, even though there are several moments when he could've been caught. It's a small letdown when the movie is full of stupid people, but it would've been a short movie without them. Besides, Michael Keaton is fun to watch because you're never too sure of what he'll do next.

"Desperate Measures" is a very self-explanatory title. The lengths to which people will go to save others (and themselves) is explored not too far in the movie without them. Besides, Michael Keaton is fun to watch because you're never too sure of what he'll do next.

"Desperate Measures" would've been just plain desperate.
Before I reviewed this CD, I’d heard only one of Erykah Badu’s songs and I loved it. Her reggae/jazz sound made me immediately think of her as a “female-BoB Marley.” However, to my surprise, the entire album turned out to be a variety of stories, songs, and rhythms that I loved even more than the first. “Baduizm” seems to represent Erykah’s unique ability to vary her sound, just as quickly as she sings about issues such as love, stress, and heartbreak. Then, just when you think you’ve gotten used to her, she starts advising her man on how to style his afro. Her blues-type voice seems to harmonize with whatever instruments are handy, ranging from trumpets, pianos, and bass, to bongos and street snap. This album is a definite must-have for get-togethers that house a range of music preferences. I guarantee you will not only respect your CD selection, but they’ll also find themselves realizing “If your knowledge were put to the test, your wealth, it would be well earned.”

Shannon Wray
Music From The Motion Picture ‘Titanic’
Composed And Conducted By James Horner
(Sony Music Entertainment)

Shannon Wray
Sound In The Eighth Dimension
(Alibrim Recordings)

Eighth Dimension Recordings, and all its talent, has been stirring up attention the past few years not just in Orlando, where they’ve based, but in clubs, bars, and CD players of the country. Selected Material is a showcase of their best work, a beat-soaked journey through acid jazz, jungle, dub, and trip-hop that can make you put your head back and close your eyes while moving your feet at the same time. Many of the productions on this massive double CD compilation come courtesy of many popular local DJs. DJ BMF well-known for putting on the weekly Phat n Jazzy gatherings at Sapphire Supper Club, Q-Biuss Abstract Message who makes regular appearances at Knock Knock), Pimp Daddy Nash (resident of the Gro Lounge), and Mot (thrown at Icon on the weekends). Along with groups Dubmarine, Lickerish Quartet, and others, Selected Material is the most well put-together compilation to come out in a while. While the album flows with a smooth edge to it, it’s hard to put your head down. The whole way through, you can hear the distinct differences in each artists’ sound, from BMF’s “Sound In The Round” (a great house track) to Lickerish Quartet’s “Listening,” a spacey jungle groove. Once again, Orlando becomes the home for another unique group of producers, and Selected Material is surely only a sign of what’s to come.

Shannon Wray
Natural Born Chillers
“Rockthefunkybeat” (Warner Bros.)

Oh, so after hearing this single for the first time downtown it gave me a really big headache. However, the repetition got to me. Soon, I found myself uttering the very same words that annoyed the hell out of me the night before... over and over and over. This maxi-single, which will probably become common knowledge to any spinner’s rotation, clearly shows the unique remix tactics of the Natural Born Chillers and all of their producers. All 6 tracks show a slight difference in “rockthefunkybeat,” yet the cuts are different than the normal house mixes I usually hear. This, in addition to one other song entitled, “Rollin’ With The Chillers” is one of the reasons why this maxi-single has remained in my CD player for the past two days. I’ve already picked which version is my favorite and I’m sure any jungle fan will appreciate the entire CD. “Rockthefunkybeat” is definitely a哪ble package, that is if being yyyou like exctreme reparation.
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Chance to study abroad made simple with site

By STEVE BARNES
Web Editor

Would you like to travel the world, meet exciting people and earn college credit? If so, you'll want to check out studyabroad.com, a web site designed to help students find the perfect study abroad program.

The site is logically organized and allows students to search for a program using a number of searchable menus. Searches can be conducted in one of several ways: by country, type of program or semester.

This site lists literally thousands of programs. From Argentina to Zaire. From art to zoology. You get the point. If you want to study outside the U.S., you will probably find something you like at this site.

The first step is to decide on a course of study, semester or area of the world you would like to study. Then use the scroll-down menus to find a match and use the select button.

The program will then give you a listing of courses and universities which offer programs that meet your criteria.

Look through the list provided and choose something interesting. Some of the programs listed have links to their own web sites which go into great detail about what they offer. Others simply have an e-mail link to write for more information.

All of the programs offer some type of academic credit, but before signing up, you should contact your school to find out if the credit will transfer and if financial aid is available to help defray the cost of the program.

In addition to the wealth of information about various programs, the site offers tons of information about traveling abroad in general. A linked travel handbook includes information on making travel arrangements, obtaining visas and passports, getting proper inoculations and general safety procedures.

There is also a chat room which allows you to talk to other students who are planning to study abroad, or have already done so.

The URL is http://www.studyabroad.com

Remember, if you want to travel this summer, now is the time to get started. Many programs have early deadlines.

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

By BETH

Staff Writer

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Orlando’s maze full of fun

CineDome amazes with sight, sound

By JAMIE CLUETT

Staff Writer

Tired of doing the same old thing every

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Knights drop Hatters, surpass them in TAAC standings

BY TONY MEJIA  Staff Writer

The UCF men's basketball team secured a crucial victory on Feb. 2, defeating rival Stetson 77-74 to tie the Hatters for third place in the TAAC Eastern Division. Mark Jones led the Knights with 26 points and nine rebounds, as UCF withheld a late charge by Stetson.

Central Florida needed a victory at home after dropping its last three decisions at the UCF Arena and played it, out-hustling Stetson to claim a 47-32 advantage on the boards. It proved to be the game's biggest key.

"They have a bunch of big guys and they really know how to go in there. They seemed to get every offensive rebound," said Stetson junior forward Garrett Davis, who paced the Hatters with 24.

"Their rebounding advantage got them about 20 extra points and it killed us in the end."

Jones scored eight consecutive points to give the Knights a 29-27 lead which they never relinquished. UCF led 34-30 at halftime and took a 44-38 lead midway through the second half, with star center foul trouble that centers Bucky Hodge, Davin Granberry and Scott White got into guarding Stetson center Jeff Warbritton. With over 13 minutes remaining, each had three fouls.

Despite the foul trouble, UCF held Warbritton without a field goal for all but two minutes in the second half. Warbritton, who was averaging a TAAC-high 20 points a contest in conference play, finished with 14.

"Their people are tough down low, but we battled through the foul trouble and played reasonably well in the post," Coach Kirk Speraw said. "The inside play was critical for us, and the fact that we out-rebounded them by such a wide margin was a major factor in the ballgame."

D'Quarius Stewart's three-pointer with 6:29 left gave the Knights a 62-47 lead, their biggest of the game. Stetson refused to go away however, taking advantage of missed free throws, turnovers, and a poor shot selection by UCF to trim the lead to 68-62 with 1:21 to play.

"Down the stretch, we didn't plan on the game being as exciting as it was," Speraw said. "I was pleased with our effort up until the last six minutes of the game. We didn't finish the game defensively at all. They came down and scored on every possession. Fortunately, in the final minute Brad and Mark stepped up and made free throws when we had to make free throws and did what we had to do in the end offensively."

Traina, who finished with 18 points, hit seven of eight free throws at the end to save the game for UCF. Stetson's Davis caught fire in the final minute, hitting all four of his shots to keep the pressure on the Knights. UCF and Stetson meet again Feb. 14, at the Edmunds Center in Deland.

Challenging weekend awaits UCF

BY JEFF CASE  Staff Writer

A week after scoring 25 runs in two victories over Rollins College, the UCF baseball team will face its first serious challenge of the year.

"This weekend is a great opportunity for us and sets the tone for how we will play the rest of the season," said Bergman, referring to the Olive Garden Tournament Feb. 6-8, which UCF participates in this weekend. "You have to win on the road to be successful and certainly, we will have a great opportunity to play quality teams on the road."

The tournament, which will be held at Osceola County Stadium, will feature two teams (No. 31 Auburn University, and No. 28 UCF in Baseball America's top 30 and two others (the University of South Florida, Clemson University) which competed in the NCAA Baseball Regionals last May.

Auburn coach Hal Baird said the tournament's balance is a concern.

"This is outstanding early season tournament...It's like a Southeastern Conference weekend for us," said Baird, whose Tigers were 50-17 in 1997. "Thirty-six innings of baseball this early in the season may be too tough for us. This is one of the better fields of competition in this tournament."

Baird said that UCF's seniority and an injury to one of his pitchers has his team thinking offense first.

"Central Florida has almost everyone back from last year," said Baird, who returns all nine starters but lost four of his eight pitchers to the 1997 Major League Baseball draft. "Jay Bergman always has a strong program but when he has so many players return like he did this year, they will be good. They're always well respected among college baseball people."

"We have an inexperienced staff, and our regular starters, Chris Bootcheck, broke his hand and will be out about five weeks. Our pitching won't be ready, so we will have to score a lot of runs to win the tournament."

The Knights have not played the Tigers since 1993, when they lost three of four games against AU, with the lone win coming in a 12-4 decision in that year's Olive Garden Tournament. Overall, UCF has posted an 11-16 mark over the tournament's nine-year history, winning the tournament in 1996.

Clemson, a participant in the 1997 College World Series, will be fielding six new starters and returns three pitchers from 1997.

Clemson coach Jack Leggett said his team is not overlooking any team.

"This is a strong tournament," said Leggett, whose Tigers went 41-23 in 1997. "Central Florida, USF and Auburn are three of the best teams in the southeast and should provide a great challenge. We want to play well and we respect all the teams in this tournament."

"I've heard only good things about UCF but they probably know as much about us as we know about them."

The Knights face Clemson at 11 a.m. Feb. 7 in what will be the first ever matchup between the two schools.

Against USF, the Knights will look to avenge a 5-4 NCAA Regional Tournament loss to the Bulls. Coach Eddie Cardieri's South Florida baseball club returns six starters and four pitchers from last season's 39-24 team. The rematch is set for 7 p.m. on Feb. 7.

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Kruczek looks to sign 19 recruits on Feb. 4

From PAGE 24 back, where the team has lost five starters to graduation.

The Knights have commitments from three offensive linemen and are looking for three wide receivers to replace Mark Nonnem, Stasha Butler and Eric Leister when they graduate next season. Despite wide receiver being a current strength at UCF, the coach doesn't want a repeat of 1995 when quarterback Daunte Culpepper had only inexperienced receivers to throw to.

Kruczek said UCF has been trying to meet all of the team's current and future needs, while saving some scholarships for future seasons. By signing 19 players this year, the Knights can sign up to six transfers or late qualifiers to scholarships during the season. UCF recently signed junior college quarterback Kelvin Robinson out of Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College and 6-foot-6, 240-pound tight end Wanzell Underwood, who runs the 40-yard dash in 4.6 seconds. Kruczek believes that with the right work ethic Robinson can redshirt in 1998 and be the starter in 1999 and 2000.

Kruczek said many of the players UCF recruits don’t realize that while they have the talent to play for schools like UF or FSU, they could be four-year starters as Knights. Former standout running back Marquette Smith, who holds several school rushing and scoring records in his two seasons with the program, was a much-hyped recruit for the Seminoles in 1992. Kruczek said Smith sat on the bench at FSU for two seasons when he could have been starring for the Knights.

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The recruiting frenzy will likely continue through the rest of February, but Gooch said most of the long road trips away from home are over, ... at least until next year's recruiting begins in earnest.

"I'll be good to be back with the people who fight for UCF," Gooch said. "I plan on giving [my wife, Linda] an official visit."

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**Wednesday 4**

- Men's tennis vs. Bethune-Cookman College, varsity tennis courts, 2 p.m.
- National Signing Day—The first day football recruits can sign with a university.

**Thursday 5**

- Women's basketball at Samford, 8 p.m.
- Men's basketball vs. Florida Atlantic, UCF Arena, 7:30 p.m.

**Friday 6**

- Women's tennis at South Florida, 2 p.m.

**Saturday 7**

- Men's tennis vs. South Florida, varsity tennis courts, 1:30 p.m.
- Men's golf at the Gator Invitational
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Knights relief pitching shines

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in innings, gave up three hits, four runs, walked two and struck out five.

UCF (2-0) began to come back in its half of the second inning. A wild pitch by Rollins' Bryan Welch scored Bellhorn from third to cut the lead to three. With designated hitter Scott Biernacki on second after a double off Welch, Will Croud's RBI single drove in Biernacki to make the score 4-2.

In the bottom of the sixth, the Knights completed their comeback. With catcher Erik Johnson, Bellhorn and left fielder Matt Bowser all on base, a wild pitch by Rollins reliever Chris Doherty scored Johnson to make the score 4-3. Doherty walked UCF second baseman Tim Boeth, reloading the bases.

Tars' freshman Jeff Hearty, who replaced Doherty, walked centerfielder Will Croud, to tie the score at four. An RBI single by third baseman Pat Williamson drove in Bowser and two batters later, a walk to first baseman Dustin Brison sent North home, making the score 6-4.

UCF coach Jay Bergman said he was confident his team could come back against the Tars.

"Coming back is part of baseball," said Bergman, who went for his 800th career win on Feb. 3 at Bethune-Cookman College. "We've got enough offense that we can get back in the ballgame ... coming back from five to seven runs is not something to worry about in college baseball."

Bergman said the game provided his team with early satisfaction.

"I think these games were good because we got a chance to get behind a little bit early in the season and get the feeling of coming back and winning and being patient to play well," said Bergman, whose team owns a 42-37 all-time record against the Tars. "I think that's very, very important."

The comeback effort was a welcome change from the lopsided, 17-0 UCF victory at Rollins the day before, Bellhorn said. In the victory, the Knights hit three home runs and scored in every inning but two.

"I'm glad we had this kind of game instead of another blowout like on Saturday," said Bellhorn, who finished the series four hits in six at bats, five runs, one RBI and two walks. "We stayed composed and didn't let [Rollins' run] affect us. This kind of game helps us keep in tune and in baseball, you never know what is going to happen."
Perry capitalizes on opportunities

By TONY MEJIA
Staff Writer

While playing varsity basketball at Louisville Ballard High School, Cory Perry rode the bench for two seasons before becoming the starting point guard in his third year. Making the most of his opportunity, Perry led the team to the Kentucky state playoffs with an assist per game in his last four. Perry's mild-mannered, workman-like effort is appreciated by his coaches and teammates. Perry earned a scholarship at UCF.

Sophomore guard Cory Perry had 17 points and 15 rebounds in victories at Florida Atlantic and at home against Stetson. Perry's arrival at UCF met with high expectations, but he quickly gained many accolades from the coaching staff, including a scholarship.

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Senior guard Mark Jones, who played with current NBA point guard Bobby Jackson at Minnesota, appreciates Perry's play and leadership skills. Jones relies on Perry to get himself and his teammates up for scores, said Perry. "We have a good real defense and it's my job to set it up. I try to do my job the best I can." Perry's mild-mannered, workman-like effort is appreciated by his coaches and teammates.

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A game within itself:
National Signing Day is just the reward

By DEREK GONSOULIN
Sports Editor

A few weeks ago, football coach Mike Kruczek and recruiting coordinator Alan Gooch arrived late one night to visit a top recruit at his family home in Tampa. Kruczek said waiting outside the recruit's home was coach representing "a school from up north."

"He was going to come in and talk to them after us, but we didn't get there and meet the family until 10:30 at night," Kruczek said. "We told this individual we'd be in there 15 to 20 minutes and he could go in afterward.

"I think that stuff happens. The first guy there is going to try and sell it for as long as he can, talk about everything possible, have them ask every possible question. What you try and do is get these people into a comfort zone where they trust you and believe what you are saying and they are not going to do that in half-an-hour. They are going to give you their sons for five years, so they have to feel comfortable with who you are and what you are about.

After months of road trips, hours of video tape, hundreds of phone calls, dozens of official visits and rehearsed salesmanship, National Signing Day is here.

Feb. 4 is the first day high school seniors can sign with college teams, but the battle for recruits has been a daily job for months. Kruczek said. With former coach Gene McDowell forced to resign due to his involvement in the cell phone scandal, Kruczek said he has to constantly fight off rumors, caused by rival school recruiters.

"I've had to address that everywhere I've gone the past two weeks," Kruczek said. "Everywhere I go it's, 'What about this NCAA-sanctioned probation?"

"For months, Kruczek said. With former seniors can sign with college teams, but coaches have to start winning big games, especially at home.

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The Knights hit 58 percent of their field goals over the two games, including an amazing 60 percent in their 95-86 loss to FAU on Jan. 29.

Now as it is UCF's turn to host the Panthers and the Owls, the Knights need to make the most of their hot start.

"I think a lot of positives have come out of those losses. We had a lot of good movement and we attacked really well," Coach Kirk Speraw said. "What I really want to see is that we shot the ball well from the outside, so hopefully this can be a good sign of things to come.

In the Panthers' nine-point win over the Knights, FIU overcame UCF's strong shooting display by pressuring them into 24 turnovers. Freshman point guard Carlos Arroyo scored 20 of his team high 23 points in the second half, sparking the run which provided the Panthers some separation from the Knights. Arroyo scored 12 and junior forward Brad Traina. The Owls, who played only four minutes in the loss against the Knights, scored 13 second-half points and helped bring the Owls back from a 21-point deficit.

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The Knights must first deal with FAU on Feb. 5, whom they defeated 81-72 on Jan. 31 behind 25 points from Jones and 18 from junior forward Brad Traina. The Owls play at a slower pace than FIU, but have a lot of weapons. Darren Annette, one of the TAAC's top performers, scored only 12 points in the loss against UCF, while Gary Durrant led FAU with 14 and James Turner added 12. The big surprise was senior Aiknur Cook, who didn't play in the first half against the Knights, scored 13 second-half points and helped bring the Owls back from a 21-point deficit.

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