We're living on the air at WUCF

By JAMES COMBS
Staff Writer

WUCF Radio, 89.9 FM, has attracted the largest audience in its 18-year history during the fall of 1997.

Terry Rensel, program director, said the number of people who listen to the station has increased by 67 percent since the fall of 1996.

"The fact our ratings have improved this quick is very satisfying," Rensel said. "This tells us the community is very pleased with all the hard work we have put into this station."

A metro-survey in December 1997 ranked the performance for the station in four categories.

The average quarter hour, which is the average number of total listeners in any 15-minute period, increased from 900 in 1996 to 1,500 in 1997.

The share, which is the percentage of people listening to the radio and tuned into WUCF, increased from 0.5 percent to 0.9 percent. Cumulative audience, which is the total number of different people who listened for five minutes or more, increased from 6,000 to 10,000.

Dr. John Hitt, president of UCF, has been the president of UCF for six years.

Don't be a victim of crime during spring break

By BRIAN SMITH
News Editor

The UCF Police Department and the Orange County Sheriff's Office are working together to provide students with information they could use to prevent a crime from happening to themselves during Spring Break, which is between Feb. 23 and

We don't schedule any special events during the break, what I am doing is speaking with a few student groups," Emert said. "If you're Greek, I try to get this information out to the students who are going away for the break.

We have also spoken to local apartment complexes and offered them information on crime prevention and things that happen on campus (scams, indecent exposure, thefts, stolen vehicles, etc.). We do this a couple of times a year minimum."

Students often neglect to protect themselves from various dangers.

SG elections run from Feb. 17 and 18. Voting booths are set up around the main areas of campus. Look to the Future's website (www.orlando.digitalcity.com/future) for election results.
Senate repeals rule that was found unconstitutional

By JOHN TURNER
Staff Writer

In a move to allow the UCF student body to vote on changes to the Student Government Constitution, the Senate repealed a rule found unconstitutional by the Judicial Council presided by Chief Justice William McFarland on March 25, 1997.

The Senate rule 6.01 A, which defined a constitutional amendment, was found to be in conflict with the Legislative Authority section in the constitution.

The UCF administration is trying to remove these amendments from the ballot. This will not allow students to vote on proposed changes to the constitution.

The argument offered by the administration is that the proposed amendments need to be presented to the student body president as well as the chief student affairs officer first before the student body is able to vote on the proposals.

In a summary opinion, the McFarland court by acclamation disagreed with the staff workflow.

In a 1997 memo to Dr. Garth Jenkins, associate dean of students, Mary Beth Liberto, general counsel of the university, states her opinion on the McFarland court's decision.

"I disagree," she wrote. "If the current Senate wishes to amend the constitution without first presenting the proposed amendment to the student government president and the chief student affairs officer, the Senate must repeal Senate Rule 6.01 A."

Sen. David Siegel brought the issue to the attention of the Senate. "Once the Judicial Council finds a law unconstitutional, the law is null and void," Siegel said.

The situation became more controversial when it was discovered that the coordinator of student government, Montel Watson, presented the memo to the Chief Election Commissioner. Watson was available for comment.

The Senate immediately waived Senate Rule 6.01 indefinitely and was officially repealed. Sen. Chris Day said he was upset in the continuous attempts by administration to try to supersede Legislative and Judicial authority over the statutes.

"This vote tonight will allow the student body of this university to vote on what they want on or off their constitution," Day said. "The chief student affairs officer will have the opportunity to veto or sign off on the will of the students. The checks and balances exist and work." Although Cassandra Willard, chief justice, was part of the McFarland court, she preferred to not comment on the actions of the Senate on this issue.

Chief Election Commissioner Belmari Monserrate did not want to comment on whether she would place the proposed constitutional amendments on the ballot during the upcoming presidential elections. On Feb. 16-18.

Some senators do not believe this issue has been laid to rest.

Siegel filed a motion with Willard forcing Monserrate to place the proposed amendments on the ballot.

The Senate elections and appointments committee is also interested in Monserrate’s decision, since it reviews any violations committed by any of the members of the election commission and can take action based on evidence attained through an investigation.

Trial team wins awards, nominations at competition

The UCF Trial Team defeated teams from Duke University, University of South Carolina-Columbia and East Tennessee University in various rounds and tied with The Citadel.

The team competed at Furman University in Greenville, S.C., on Feb. 6 and 7. Although they did not get a bid for nationals, the members are awaiting a discretionary bid since this was the team’s first competition.

Dawn Rooda, legal studies major, won the regional outstanding attorney award, and other team members were just one vote shy of getting awards. They received seven votes each for top attorney and top witness. They also received ratings of 9 and 10 in overall performances.

"I am so very proud of these students," said Dr. Rob Remis, the trial team’s coach. "They did an exceptional job, acted very professionally and made an excellent representation and top witness."

In other news:

- The Student Government elections for president and vice president will take place on Feb. 17 and 18 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Polling stations will be outside the Education, Health and Physics, Business and Student Union buildings.
- The Counseling and Testing Center will be holding screenings at the Student Union on March 4 for eating disorders and anxiety. The eating disorder screening will be from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and the anxiety screening will be from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- The Student Academic Resource Center will be open 24 hours a day through Feb. 20 and from March 2 through March 8 to provide a quiet study area for students during midterms. SARC is located in PCI, room 102. For more information, call 823-5130.
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By NICOLE KING
Staff Writer

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She also spoke of her father.

"Dead men make convenient heroes," King said. "It is far easier to build monuments than it is to build a better world. The cause for which he lived is still a cause and the dream for which he died is still only a dream."

King spoke of the power of the civil rights movement in the closing of her speech.

"It took fewer than 20 years to dramatically change life in America," King said. "But it takes longer to change the private places of the hearts and the minds. Progress there is slower."

"When people come together around issues that are clear, a cause that is just and a purpose that is righteous, miracles can happen."

Members of the audience felt inspired by King.

"Everything she said is true," said Lucas Henderson, 19. "There are still things that we need to work on. I think she got most of the people out there to look at how they look at things and how they live their lives."

Trevor Bryan, 21, a major in health administration, called the speech enlightening and motivational.

"She instilled the real reason why there is a Black History Month," Bryan said. "It made me aware of who I am and that my purpose is to make a difference and to stand for something."

The speech caused me to look at the civil rights movement closer, and I now have a better understanding of what the struggle has been about," Bryan said.

Other students credited King's presence with giving them hope.

"Just seeing her gives me hope the dream her father had is still alive," said James Peasah, a history major. "She made me want to push for more and not just settle for what I have but to go out there and try harder."

Betsy Penne, the Campus Activities Board's director of speakers, said she thought the audience got more out of King's lecture than any UCF speaker this year.

"It's like she said, even though we are doing this because it is Black History Month, this is something we should be doing all the time," Penne said. "It set a positive tone for the month."

King lectures frequently about the civil rights movement and the legacy of her father.

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To keep funds, WUCF meets its highest ratings

an entire broadcast week, increased from 17,400 to 28,100.

Ratings, which is the percentage of the total population listening to WUCF, increased from 1.7 percent to 2.6 percent.

"I feel like the university sees this station as a good voice to the entire community, not just UCF," said Kayonne Riley, station manager.

WUCF faced a tough situation a year ago.

The Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB), which fund-
ed WUCF since 1992, threatened to quit funding unless the station met a certain performance criteria.

During that time, the station's Sunday shows, which included Music From India, the French Hour and the Jewish Hour drew zero ratings, Rensel said.

He said the station faced losing $100,000 a year from the CPB.

Without funding, the station would have to rely on volunteers. Also, it would lose its hourly newscasts from the National Public Radio (NPR), which WUCF is a member station.

In 1997, members of the NPR came to the campus and talked with members of WUCF and university administrators. They discussed solutions for the station to increase its ratings and keep its funding.

"We realized the jazz programming we broadcast on the station is what has always done best so far as audience and fund-raising," Rensel said. "At that time, the university agreed they wanted this station to succeed and keep its federal funding and to be as relevant as possible in the community. So we got the go-ahead to do what we needed to do to make sure that happened."

In March 1997, the station added more jazz to its program-
ing and eliminated some of its non-jazz programs.

"When we did that we seen the response of the community explode virtually overnight," Rensel said.

In 1997, the CPB put 12 public radio stations on probation. WUCF was the first of those stations to come off that list, Rensel said.

"Our peers in the public broadcasting world know about our success and we should be a model to them," Rensel said. "It is not how we did it, but the fact that we did it shows other stations it is possible."

WUCF has tried to extend its influence in the community. The station had a fund-raiser in May 1997 where it asked the audience to support the station and earned $50,000.

During the summer of 1997, members held a Small Public Awareness Campaign where they put up different billboards in Orlando.

"I meet a lot of people who don't realize there is a station around here that is geared toward jazz until they meet somebody from our station," Rensel said. "I had somebody tell me that WUCF is the best kept secret in Orlando."

"We don't want to be the best kept secret. We want everyone to know about us. That is very possible with Orlando's growing market," Rensel said.

The station has a combination of full-time staff, part-time staff, volunteers and students, Riley said. The entire staff is comprised of more than 30 people.

In addition to the jazz programs, the station also does a three-minute sports report twice a day during the week. Also, it has hourly newscasts from the NPR and broadcasts home football games.

On Sunday nights, the station plays various reggae and bluegrass music. It also broadcasts a philosophy course on Sunday. On Saturday nights, the station plays blues.

"Obviously, jazz is still our main focus, but we want to diversify somewhat so we can attract other listeners too," Riley said.

Paul Thomas, music director, works the 6 a.m. to 9 a.m. shift Monday through Friday. He has been in radio for 19 years, and he used to be a jazz trumpet player.

"The radio is a very personal medium and is also a one-on-one exchange," Thomas said. "What I try to do is become part of people's lives in the morning.

"I try to give them the weather in the mornings because you have to get them up and let them know what the day is going to be like. You've got to let them know whether to grab an umbrella or a sweater."

Thomas said he thinks the best way for WUCF to survive is to compete in the marketplace.

"No one else in the market is offering traditional jazz," Thomas said. "For us to be able to fill that niche and become a part of the community at-large is where I think the future of this radio station is."

Peter Carroll, production manager, has worked at WUCF for 11 years. He hosts the mid-day jazz show from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. He also records programs off of satellites and helps prepare them to air on the station.

"One thing I like about this job is that I work with some very good professionals who help me do my job better," Carroll said.

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Lou Pritchette is a jazz DJ for UCF on Wednesday nights.

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Polie offer safety tips for spring break

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crimes, Emer said, either while on vacation or when the campus is on break.
Emer offered advice for students who will be leaving the campus for the break.
Remove valuables, if possible, from on-campus housing while you’re away,” Emer said.
“Burglaries are more prone to happen when you’re away for an extended period.”
The UCF Police Department has made an effort to reduce burglaries by implementing the COPS program.
The program is a combined effort from the Housing Department, Building Services and the Physical Plant to warn people to be on notice for suspicious looking people lurking around buildings.
The COPS program puts officers at Lake Claire and the old dorms to keep a closer watch on criminal activity during spring break,” said Lt. Mike Zelanes, patrol commander of the UCF Police Department.
Zelanes said crime decreases during semester breaks.
“We don’t have as many traffic accidents and thefts go down,” Zelanes said. “We’re not going to change anything.”
UCF has the one of the lowest crime rates out of the nine universities in Florida, Zelanes said.
While some students are concerned about becoming a victim of crime, others said crime will happen no matter what prevention steps are taken.
“They say to not leave valuables in your room when you leave campus, but when I go home for Spring break it’s impossible for me to lock my TV, computer and stereo into the car,” said Devon Friday, 18. “I’m just going to have to take my chances and leave my stuff. But besides that I try to follow the rest of the prevention tips they offer.”
Eva Smith, 20, said she will be careful when she attends parties during Spring break.
“A lot of bad things can happen to you when you go to a party, especially to a party where you don’t know that many people,” Smith said. “I never let anybody get a drink for me, even if it’s a female friend because you can’t be too careful.”
Then after I get my own drink I’ll walk around with two hands on the cup. One hand to hold it and the other on top so there isn’t as much of a possibility for some psycho to drop some drug in it.”
Jeff Woods, 24, said the providing of crime prevention tips is more beneficial to freshmen.
“Most of these kids are moving from the buddy system and do not allow friends to leave with a stranger or let them to leave without you.
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Questions answered as election nears

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"It doesn't matter which club you're in, as long as your heart's in a good place."

The SG vehicles that are supposed to be available for campus organizations to use have not been accessible which has been a concern for many clubs which need them.

"On behalf of SG, what needs to happen is a revolution or restructuring in how these vehicles are handled," said presidential candidate Jason Murphy. "The students need to be aware of the policies and procedures behind those vehicles, the liabilities behind those vehicles, and the consequences and results of using those vehicles."

Murphy said there was a definite need for the vehicles, especially since transportation is costly for many clubs and organizations. He also said the lack of education regarding their use is the reason why the privileges were taken away.

A question regarding the pay of SG leaders was asked, bringing remarks from the candidates and laughs from the audience.

"There are services I think should be paid because the students do volunteer their time, but there are positions that take up a lot of the students' time, and a lot of students have to work to put themselves through college," said presidential candidate Albright Yarrs. "What other way can they be paid back, other than through some monetary salary? I do feel a lot of positions on campus should be paid because these people are implementing their ideas, then they, their knowledge and themselves for the purpose of the whole student body."

Farrello and Murphy said a salary was important to them and should they be elected to office.

A statement by a senator was made regarding funding for the College of Engineering. The senator said the college received more than 50 percent of the activity and service fee funds. The question asked what each candidate was going to do to ensure each college received equal funds.

Murphy's running mate, Richard Maxwell, an engineering senator, said the statement was wrong, and the correct figure was 54 percent of the senate working budget. He justified the college's abundant funding by saying its technical events are shown on the Discovery channel and they represent UCF, not just the engineering program.

"It may be different next year," he said. "Maybe they'll only receive 18 percent. But that's what the students need this year. The College of Engineering senators shouldn't be harassed or taken lightly when we come to the senate meetings because we do things for the UCF students."

Murphy's accomplishments as SG director of public relations and the reason why he is no longer in that position was brought forth by an audience member.

"I established a committee that would help the executive branch in making sure that SG is marketed where it needs to be," he said. "Communication was a big problem between the president and the student body."

Dominic Farrello and Tami Johnson said they will find any campus organization, Greek or non-Greek, that the students need this year. The College of Engineering senators shouldn't be harassed or taken lightly when we come to the senate meetings because we do things for the UCF students."

"I have not missed that many meetings or else I would have been kicked off of senate," Amoros said. "Laid back, yes, that's my style. But, I do take this position seriously because I do love my school. I've enjoyed everything I've gotten from it, and now it's time to give something back."

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British printmaker etches his work on American soil

By ANN BOROWSKI
Staff Writer

Students and faculty surrounded British printmaker Marcus Rees Roberts on Feb. 18 in the UCF Art Gallery as he talked about what inspires him and the other four printmakers in the gallery show to create art.

"Etching is different from other techniques in art because it invites you into the work and motivates you to constantly change it," Roberts said. "This man [Roberts] is one of the stars of British printmaking," said Steve Lotz, UCF art gallery curator.

Roberts, who is a successful printmaker with prints in several museums across Europe, was a visiting art professor at UCF in 1982. At that time he displayed his prints in the gallery. This time he is curator of the exhibit, which includes most of his work he has done since he left UCF in 1982. As curator, he chose the other four printmakers that join him in this British Printmaking exhibit.

A black and white portrait of a man with a beard starts out Roberts' series of prints titled, "Blue Beard." Throughout these eight prints, women sit on beds and in corners of isolated rooms. The women look sad and lonely. These prints are based on a man I know," Roberts said. "He takes advantage of women." A naked man standing in front of barbed wire dominates his series called, "Winter." Throughout this series the man stands alone in different places such as a cemetery and a darkened room. The deep black and whites of the prints evoke a feeling of depression. The emaciated man looks like a victim of the Holocaust.

"A major influence on my work is the Holocaust," Roberts said. "It is a dark shadow on the human consciousness of the 20th century, and that sense of tragedy runs through my work."

The rest of the printmakers' work in the show evokes sense of foreignness, Roberts said. "Ana Maria Pacheco was born in Brazil but has spent 25 years in Britain, but her work is about Brazil," Roberts said. "Elspeth Lamb's work is based on Greek and Mayan myth, but she is British. Gregor McAlpine's is Scottish but lives most of his time in mind if not body in Germany. Sophie Plowden is British, but her landscapes comes from somewhere real. They come from someplace in the imagination."

McAlpine's prints of hands and Plowden's imaginative landscapes that resemble black and white photography. The show runs through March 13.

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Oratorical contest has an Evening of Elegance

By GWEN R. RHODES
Staff Writer

Candelit tables and the soaring notes of saxophonist Kenny G's latest hits set the tone for an Evening of Elegance sponsored by the African American Student Union on Feb. 11 at the UCF Dining Room.

The event was held as part of UCF's contribution to Black Heritage Month. Five people competed for cash prizes in an oratorical contest themed "Uplifting Ourselves" and "Enhancing Our World."

"We try to have the contest every year to bring together the black faculty, staff and students as we celebrate Black Heritage Month," said Eugene Manselle, an oratorical contest committee member. "We wanted to keep it classy, have as professional an event as possible and have some fun," said Joyce Miller, an oratorical contest committee member. "We wanted the participants to have the opportunity to speak in front of a number of people like at a gala or other professional setting."

According to AASU historian Akiya Watkins, the contestants were judged in six categories: speech development, speech values that covered originality of thought and material, audience response, physical appearance and body language, manner and correctness that included grammar and punctuation.

Nichole Harris was chosen as the first-place winner and was awarded $125. Second place was awarded to Alec Richardson and he won $75. The third place winner was Calbert Lee, who won $50. "It was interesting to hear five different viewpoints on the same theme," Manselle said. "They talked about what they believe it means to uplift ourselves and enhance our world and gave us some ideas on how we should go about doing the same thing."

The judges for the contest were Robin Hollow from the College Reachout Program, LaShan Ferguson, a recent UCF business graduate, and Summer Blanding, former officer of the AASU.

"The speakers were very enthusiastic," Miller said. "They just took the theme and ran with it."

In addition to the contestants' speeches, there were several readings by AASU members. Akiya Watkins read a poem by Maya Angelou called "A Day Away," Kenya Bailey read a poem by Jabari Asim called "Harlem Haiku," and Roshana Walker read Ntozake Shange's short story "For Colored Girls Who Considered Suicide When The Rainbow Isn't Enough."

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Canadian professor discusses stuttering research

By NATALIE NATALE
Staff Writer

Dr. Luc DeNil, associate professor at the University of Toronto Medical School, is engaged in a long-term research program funded by the Medical Research Council of Canada to investigate the causes, nature and treatment of stuttering.

The Department of Communicative Disorders sponsored a four-part lecture series on Feb. 9-10 about stuttering research featuring DeNil.

He is one of five people in the world conducting this type of research, said Dr. Chad Nye, communicative disorders department chair. The communicative disorders department expects this lecture series to prompt interest in research activity among faculty, staff and students at UCF. DeNil first became interested in stuttering while working at a speech rehabilitation center in Belgium.

"My first 16-year-old client sat in front of me stuttering severely, and I had no idea how to help him," DeNil said.

This prompted DeNil to seek a doctorate at Southern Illinois University and research neuro-motor control at the University of Wisconsin.

DeNil approaches stuttering from a neurolinguistic standpoint. Neuroimaging provides a window to the brain. It allows researchers to "look inside the brain without opening up the skull," DeNil said.

He presented interactive lectures about Functional Imaging of the Brain, Neuroimaging for the Clinician, and Neurophysiological Perspective on Stuttering. In his lecture on Neuroimaging for the Clinician, DeNil displayed two slides depicting the patterns of brain activity in a stutterer and a non-stutterer while reading out loud.

"Non-stutterers have a lot of left-hemisphere activation, whereas stutterers have proportionately more right-hemisphere activity," DeNil said.

This supports the hypothesis that right-hemisphere brain activity leads to disfluent patterns of speech, DeNil said.

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Sorority throws Valentine's Day party for preschool children

By DAWN MYERS
Staff Writer

Alpha Xi Delta spent Feb. 13 with the children in the Head Start Program at Bonneville Elementary.

The sorority, along with its Xi-Man, Scott Jordan of Sigma Chi, planned a Valentine's Day party complete with cookies, Valentine cards and games for the preschool children.

Alpha Xi also volunteered in the Special Olympics Spring Games held on Feb. 7.

In other Greek news:

• Delta Delta Delta is planning Hoops for Hopes, which is its annual philanthropy event. This three-on-three basketball tournament is open to any team at UCF or the Orlando community. The entry fee is $50 per team, and the deadline is March 6. All proceeds will benefit Children's Cancer Research.

• Delta Gamma won the Escalator games at Alpha Tau Omega's Medieval Fair. Seven sororities played in the various games at Lake Claire on Feb. 7. During the evening after the games, Alpha Xi Delta's Kim Fennel was announced Alpha Tau Omega's Fairest Maiden.

• Kappa Delta is planning Shamrock, which is its annual dance contest. Teams of 12 will pay a $25 entry fee and dance on March 19 at 7 p.m. in the Wild Plaza. The money raised will benefit the prevention of child abuse.

Women's rugby wins Black Rose Tournament

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The UCF women's rugby team captured first place this past weekend, going undefeated in the Black Rose tournament in Statesboro, Ga.

UCF defeated Jacksonville University of South Carolina on Saturday. Tries by Jenny Summer and Tara Thompson, along with a two-point extra kick by Amy Bashara, gave UCF the 12-0 victory.

UCF was slated to play Georgia Southern University, but GSU forfeited to give UCF an automatic win.

Sunday's play matched UCF against Clemson, Kristyn Malvey and Candy King each scored a try and, with an extra kick by Bashara, the score was 12-0 at the half.

In the second half, Malvey again found the try zone along with Sara Sumner and Ana Martin to give UCF a 27-5 victory.

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

LEAD STORIES

* Things You Thought Didn't Happen Anymore: An agency of the International Chamber of Commerce in London reported in January that a total of 31 people or ships were killed in 1997 in attacks by pirates. The prime areas of concern were near Indonesia, India, the Philippines and Brazil.

* The Blessed Family Unit: In December, a judge in Montgomery County, Md., awarded custody of a 2-year-old boy to his biological mother, Latrena D. Pickle, 23, despite the fact that she murdered an infant daughter in 1992 for crying too much. (She was given a suspended sentence for the murder and found a job, during which she engaged in credit-card fraud, to which she later pleaded guilty. The judge sent her to prison for that but changed his mind and let her out a few months later.) And the month before, Bertha Bromley, 34, was sentenced to probation in Edwardsville, Ill., for attempting to strangle her 9-month-old infant daughter in 1992 for crying too much. (She was given a suspended sentence for the murder and found a job, during which she engaged in credit-card fraud, to which she later pleaded guilty. The judge sent her to prison for that but changed his mind and let her out a few months later.)

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* In December, Iowa Wesleyan College announced it would award an honorary degree in business to Cambodian tycoon Teng Bunna, who is a close adviser to Prime Minister Hun Sen and who has long been suspected of cocaine trafficking. Teng Bunna recently made international headlines when he shut down a Royal Air Cambodge airline's base in retaliation for lost luggage and a short time later for pulling a gun on the crew of an Orient Thai Airlines flight so they wouldn't take off before his companions arrived. (In January, when it was pointed out that Teng Bunna had been denied a U.S. visa because of the drug allegations, the college withdrew the degree.)

* On the heels of reports that Sweden forcibly sterilized 60,000 people with inferior genes between 1935 and 1976, Stockholm's second-largest newspaper Aftonbladet reported in September that government-supported dentists had force-fed candy to mentally handicapped Irish soldiers in 1991 in retaliation for lost luggage and a short time later for pulling a gun on the crew of an Orient Thai Airlines flight so they wouldn't take off before his companions arrived. (In January, when it was pointed out that Teng Bunna had been denied a U.S. visa because of the drug allegations, the college withdrew the degree.)

* Zimbabwe president Robert Mugabe, who visited Scotland for the British Commonwealth summit in October, left without accepting the invitation of British gay leaders to be hooked up to an erotic arousal machine to determine whether his rabid anti-gay bias is really a shield for homosexual feelings. Mugabe has called gays "lower than dogs and pigs." Erection measuring research by a University of Georgia professor indicates that as many as 80 percent of gay-hating men become aroused in gay erotic videos.

* The New England Journal of Medicine reported in December that at least half the drugs donated to Bosnia and Herzegovina during the war were made up of drugs from U.S. companies, though no company or country was identified in the articles. They were made of different drugs to help determine whether sugar and other medicines donated were useless and even dangerous, apparently donated largely for the benefit of the company and not the recipients. Not only were 17,000 tons of drugs out of date (or spoiled, or with untranslated instructions), and not only did most or all of the companies get charitable tax deductions in their own countries, but disposal costs of about $2,000 a ton fell to the World Health Organization.

* In August, two cities debated plans to reduce the amount of dog poop in municipal parks and on sidewalks. The city of Christchurch, New Zealand, was contemplating installing a series of anonymous "poopcam" around town to catch dog owners who neglect their scooping duty. And Tel Aviv, Israel, announced that squads of plainclothes police officers armed with cameras and night-vision equipment were on duty around the clock photographing violators of its ordinance.

FIRST THINGS FIRST

* In July, long-haired defensive end Brent Biermann walked out of the Tennessee Oilers' training camp, thus putting his lucrative career in jeopardy, rather than submit to the traditional rookie haircut at the hands of veteran players. And in November, five football players from Legnano-Acroma (N.M.) High School quit the team just before the first playoff game, in order to go deer hunting.

* Vanity Fair magazine reported in its January issue that when the warden at the Huntsville, Texas, prison was trying to accommodate the last requests of death-row inmate Larry Wayne White (who appeared in News of the Weird before, for an obituary reason) last May, he got his preferred last meal but not a last cigarette. The prison is a nonsmoking facility.

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By JASON HEIRONIMUS
Opinion Editor

Once again it is that time. As students, once a year we are harassed by people haggling us for their vote. You may not know them, know anything about them, or even to know them for that matter, but they still ask us to give them a vote of confidence. A sign that says, "I'm behind you!"

The problem is, however, why should one vote at all? These people that run for office for their vote. You may not know them, know anything about them, or even to know them for that matter, but they still ask us to give them a vote of confidence. A sign that says, "I'm behind you!"

As I can see these seem to be the best reasons for not voting. They are all very strong arguments, except for reason #4. But if you look at both sides of the argument, there are so many reasons why the average student doesn't vote for the SG election:

1.) Apathy - Joe Student just doesn't care. He doesn't pay to annoying pamphlets
2.) Ignorance - No one knows anything about the candidates, if elected, will be dealing with on a grander scale. Greeks are the kind of prejudice, the kind that always wins at the laws, becoming the property of the newspaper or its individual columnist and are not necessarily those of the University of Central Florida. Knight Publishing, Inc. is not associated with the University of Central Florida.
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Athena restaurant full of Greek delights

By HENRY SPRINGS
Staff writer

Hidden away among the plain eateries of University Shoppes, rather than the canals of Venice or the shaded coves of the Aegean, is a small treasure trove of Greek cuisine worth your while to stop by and sample. Athena, the restaurant, after it's namesake, the Greek goddess of war, proves to be full of surprises.

The fragrant smell of roasting chicken leads you through the door. The short blue and white wooden tables may invite you to stay a while after ordering. The walls are covered with photographs and pictures of Greek life. You may find some inspiration from the hanging plants, ceiling fans, or the radio serenading you overhead while you stare out the window into the dark parking lot. Not anything extraordinarily different in comparison to most delicatessen type Greek restaurants. Nothing nearly as different save for the taste, service, and prices. The owner says they are "the lowest in town."

Andreas Afexendiou, the owner, is big on Greek. He's Greek and he's been in the business for fifteen years. He takes his taste for Greek food form deeply rooted ideas and traditions. He feels his food, or rather Greek food, was meant for fun and socializing. It's reflected in the menu.

The roasted chicken was surprisingly tasty. The skin was roasted to a delicate brown. The mix of oregano, parsley, basil, and citrus nicely complemented the chicken as well as the other dishes. The spices weren't overpowering. The chicken still tasted like chicken (quarter, $3.99).

The roasted potatoes had been quartered and were roasted to a crisp golden brown on the outside while remaining tender inside. They'd been likely sprinkled with virgin olive oil, the only oil the restaurant uses. It's the Greek answer to the french fry ($1.79).

For those bored by the salad fare of other restaurants, membership on Athena's preferred customers list has it's privileges. The Mediterranean salad ($2.79) was truly refreshing. It's mixture of tomatoes, cucumbers, parsley, feta cheese, lemon juice, and olive oil is a real palate pleaser with or without the accent of roasted chicken.

The menu includes everything from nine types of sandwiches: egg salad, tuna, cheese, ham, and sliced turkey, to nine salads: Greek, chicken, stuffed tomato, and Mediterranean, just to name a few. There's plenty of soup and side orders: rice pilaf, roasted potatoes, olives, green beans, and grilled pita bread. There are ten specialties which include everything from barbecued chicken on a pita, spinach pie, mousaka, chicken gyros, and chicken Cypriana.

The desserts are typically Greek: Baklava, rice pudding, or pie. The wine list isn't extensive, only including the basics: red, white, blush, and of course, light or regular beer. Everything is reasonable enough for any resident, student, or visitor in Orlando trying to find food at reasonable prices.
Nothing's what it seems in 'Palmetto'

By STACEY COPELAND
Entertainment Editor

Harry Barber is out for revenge. Harry (Woody Harrelson) has spent the last two years of his life behind bars and he isn’t too happy about it. He was set up by local officials when he refused to accept a bribe and keep his mouth shut about the corruption taking place in his hometown of Palmetto.

Harry’s name is finally cleared, even though he served prison. But all he can think about are the years of his life that were taken away while he was serving time for a crime he didn’t commit. Harry wants to get as far away from Palmetto as possible but his girlfriend Nina (Gina Gershon) convinces him to stay.

After a few weeks of job hunting, a frustrated Harry is ready to give up when Rhea Malroux walks into his life. Malroux (Elisa Shue) has a proposition for Harry. The young wife of an ailing millionaire offers Harry $50,000 to help her carry off a phony kidnapping scheme she has concocted with her stepdaughter Odette (Chloe Sevigny). All Harry has to do is type the ransom note, make a threatening phone call and collect the ransom.

Harry decides to go for it. He thinks someone owes him something for the time he spent in jail and carrying off something so illegal would be the perfect revenge.

To be honest, I only wanted to see this movie so I would get the chance to bash Woody Harrelson. After seeing movies like “Natural Born Killers” and “Kingpin,” I’m not his biggest fan. I thought I would walk in, sit through the movie, and be able to go home and just slam the poor sucker in my article.

But I have to be honest, this movie was fantastic. I sat there thinking I had the movie all figured out. I thought Harry would just get caught and land right back in jail. But the plot takes an unexpected turn and I had no idea what would happen next. Then it took another turn, then another (you get the picture). It’s a complete guessing game.

Harry and Shue, two of my least favorite actors, have both redeemed themselves with this thrilling suspense movie. They both play their parts extremely well and their characters are fascinating, although I’m still trying to figure out why Harrelson’s character was dripping with sweat throughout the entire movie while everyone else stayed relatively dry. That one just confused me.

So, what are you waiting for? Go in line already! This is one ending you definitely won’t be expecting.

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Music maestro BT rips it up

By CORRETTE TRUBEY
Entertainment Editor

Riding on the tidal wave on electronic dance music acts generating attention in all parts of the world, BT (Brian Transeau) has a style all his own. This fresh-faced 28-year-old from Maryland has created a soundscape of intense emotion and grinding beats, creating tracks that have moved many people, in more ways than one.

Combining house, trance, jungle, and sweeping orchestra-like compositions, he’s taken his show on the road for a cross-country journey with The Crystal Method, another popular act, for an energetic, exciting show which graced the Club At Firestone. The crowd was packed that were only interested in curating attention in all parts of the world, BT (Brian Transeau) has a style all his own. This fresh-faced 28-year-old from Maryland has created a soundscape of intense emotion and grinding beats, creating tracks that have moved many people, in more ways than one.

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Listen Up! — BY SHANNON WRAY

Sylk 130

"When the Funk Hits the Fan"

(Outerself Records/Columbia)

I think the reason why I enjoy this cd so much is because of its personal versatility. This "West Philly" group definitely has a way with their sound, not to mention their slick conversation. For example, the soft beat of "The Reason", which by the way, collides perfectly with samples from Boz Scaggs' "Loudness", has a relaxing jazz feel with a classic air of jazz rap that makes this collection stand out with style. With titles like "When the Funk hits the Fan" and "Incident on the Couch," you can probably develop your own imagination setting. But you can't capture the toe-tappin' side straight funk without laying back and simply listening first hand.

Meredith Brooks

Blurring the Edges

(Capitol Records)

On the backcover of this album, there is a drawing of what appears to be a long haired guitar player, with the words "do you want to be happy or do you want to be right" pasted around him. This is a typical caption that you'd expect to hear from this artist. After being vaguely familiar with "Bitch" I really had an Alexis Morivee instinct about this cocky newcomer. Then, this sexy song "What Would Happen" creeps to the top of the charts. The eerie back drums and hummed atmosphere of "What Would Happen" drew me deeper into this artist. It seem that she went deeper and deeper into her "Little Town" and speeches about what "I Need." The rest of the cd seems to me to be way too Sheryl Crow-like. To tell you the truth, her boomy comments got old, yet her rhythm was good and her vocals were impressively varied. I just pictured Sheryl strumming her guitar and Alexis belting out bold lyrics. Maybe it's me, but if an artist reminds me too much of another, I begin to assume that there isn't a unique image. If I were you, I'd skip this purchase and if you feel like complaining, write your disappointments down. Then, you'll probably see the same result that you'd see after hearing this cd. A selfish way to waste paper.

Savage Garden

(Columbia)

Savage Garden has a catchy harmony that occasionally gets you singing along to their songs, even if you don't want to. All I have to say is "Ooh, I want you, I don't know if I need you...." and I'm sure you'll finish the sentence, along with the following line that repeats. Darren Hays, the lead vocalist has a unique, fairy-keen sound that is kind of hard to explain, but when it comes together with Savage Garden's top-40 beat, it sounds like it fits. His voice appears to reach very high pitched proportions and is just very weird. The group's newest single, "Truly, Madly, Deeply" is sappy enough, yet again...it got me singing. What can I say, I hummed to Roxette too, does that mean I'm a dead fan? These two bands have similar sounds, if that helps trigger your memory of their sound. Meanwhile, "To the Moon and Back" is without a doubt the best ballad on the album, because of it's production, old time feel, and yes, Darren's weird vocals. However, the rest of the album sounds similar to their existing singles, light, with a lot of focus on repetition with the lyrics.

Oasis

Be Here Now

(Epic)

After their debut album, "Definitely Maybe," Oasis seemed somewhat sturdy. Then after the release of "What's The Story Morning Glory?" this UK sensation became slightly aware of their impact. Now, with the recent release of "Be Here Now," Oasis' standard is anything but a miracle. "Be Here Now" offers a wide range of acoustic sounds from five creative chats from England that create a megacultural impact on universal listeners. It features tracks like the already familiar "Don't Go Away" and "D'You Know What I Mean?" plus a multitude of new cuts that are sure to top the charts. The beats are familiar, yet the entire cd seems slightly above the previous collection. Any person remotely familiar with Oasis would immediatelyバン some of their most well known hits such as "Champagne Supernova" or "Wonderwall," but this band has many other versatile ways of expressing what needs to be expressed. Yes, Oasis is fairly new to the "rock star" scene, however they are experts at music and masters at selling themselves. A New York Times reviewer precisely described this point when he printed this comment: "What separates Oasis from other punk bands like Green Day and Smashing Pumpkins, is that these Brits look as if they might actually mean it...their strumming, beckenston, judging from the turn-out at their February 6th appearance at the UCF Arena, this "beckening" has become a full-fledge beg from fans. "Be Here Now" certainly sounds like it delivered all that it intended.
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Site facilitates translations of foreign languages

By VICKI DeSORMIER
Staff Writer

CYBERSPACE — It’s the 11th hour. The translation is due for your French class and you’ve got to get it done ... or else. Problem is, you’ve got an assignment due in another class as well.

What will you do?

Maybe you’ve heard of machine translation. Computers can now turn that French text into English or vice versa. The same is true for other languages.

So you search the internet and find several sites that offer such a service. Some charge a fee, others offer it free in hopes that you’ll purchase the software that will allow you to translate something without getting on line.

If you use the machine translations for your homework, don’t be surprised if your professor gives you a poor grade. Not just because you cheated ... but because it’s not very good.

One of the best known machine translation sites is Alta Vista’s Babelfish (http://babelfish.altavista.digital.com).

You can type in the URL of a site you want translated. Say you find some information for a research paper, but it’s written in Portuguese. It will bring up the site fully translated into English. Or vice versa.

You can also type in your own text that you’d like to have converted and it will do that. The problem is, the translation is more often than not stilted and sounds like it’s spoken by someone not particularly fluent in the language.

Here, for example is Babelfish’s own disclaimer as it appears originally on the site in English, then translated into Spanish and then back into English. Something, as they say, is lost in the translation.

Remember that a computer — not an actual human translator translates the text. Computerized translations often lack meaning of common words and they do not present/display many exactly refranes.

The assistant of the translation of AltaVista provides you with a tool to translate a grammar document correct something comprehensible, but she does not perfect it. You can help to improve the translations (well known of another way like education the computer something putting under feedback.

As you can see, even if you don’t understand Spanish, the return to English was awkward and hardly something you’d expect a good grade on. Still, if you’re looking to merely get the gist of something written in a foreign language, such a tool would be invaluable. It’d be a handy way to learn something on the internet in other countries.

And, sometimes, it’s good for a laugh.

A machine knows nothing of idioms or slang. If it tries to translate such cultural slang, it usually makes it so awkwardly it loses all meaning.

But have fun with Babelfish. Write a letter to a friend, translate into another language and send it off, leaving it to him to find the English equivalent.

If, while you’re surfing the net, you find a cool site, let me know about it (wordgal@rocketmail.com) and maybe I’ll review it in a Future article.
The Wellness Center is making me sick.

The past six months have been the hardest of my life. Because of an incident that took place over the summer, I was a week through the fall semester. After finally speaking with a victim advocate on campus and many caring friends, I am back on track and in control of my life. This is being done without thanks from the HIV Testing Center.

Finally, I have had the courage to accept my situation and to take care of my well-being. I took the initiative and decided to go to the Wellness Center. My best friend and I searched for fifteen minutes before eventually finding the well-hidden trailer. I was given an information sheet with a phone number to call and make an appointment. I was surprised to find that I could not make an appointment on the spot at the Wellness Center itself and that I had to schedule a pre-appointment, an appointment, and a post-appointment. This aggravated me a little.

The next morning I called the number that I was given. I spoke with someone who was just answering the phone for “a little while.” I asked her questions in which she seemed to have no clue as to what I was talking about. I left a message with my first name and phone number. I have yet to receive a return phone call. Strike two.

I waited a few days and then proceeded to call again. I was greeted by voice mail that had not been updated since before winter break. I figured that if they had not bothered to update the message, then why would they take the time to return my phone call. At this point I was fuming. I called the next day—same thing.

All of this provoked me to write this letter. I feel that something in this system needs to be changed. I am very frustrated that I have tried to better myself and my situation and that I keep getting set back. I almost feel that it is not worth it. The only reason that I keep pursuing this is because I am a strong person who knows that this test needs to be done. I will keep taking the necessary actions until I get a response. For those who are still in a state of turmoil, something needs to give. I wish them luck in dealing with this tangled web of disorganization.

Sincerely,
A concerned student
Expanding your vocabulary enhances ability to communicate effectively

By LINDA RAMOS
Staff Writer

Let’s make two points clear regarding the creation of a college-level vocabulary.

1. It does not only consist of four-letter words exclaimed during exam time. Two, it does not suggest you have to revisit the vocabulary section of your SAT practice book.

The purpose of developing a college-level vocabulary is to enhance your capability to effectively communicate with others.

Eric Jensen’s book, “Student Success Secret,” suggests a well-built vocabulary is correlated to higher career opportunities and advancement. Actively reading, judging, researching and practicing constrains a high-quality vocabulary.

Anybody can become a well-read student. Read textually challenging material journals, poetry and your class textbooks. Becoming well-read in higher career opportunities and advancement. Actively reading, a multitude of disciplines increases your exposure to spelling/grammar rules and various writing styles.

By consciously strengthening your written communication skills, you may want to look the word up in a dictionary. How should you decide to take the time and energy to learn a new vocabulary word encountered in your readings?

In Executive Learning: Successful Strategies for College Reading and Studying, authors Jeanne Shay Schumm and Shawn A. Post differentiate between technical and general vocabulary.

Technical vocabulary comprises of words specific to your field of study. Such as legal, medical and engineering words. General vocabulary comprises of words that could be used by most people to facilitate oral expression.

In judging a word ask yourself a few questions. Will this word be on the test? Will this word improve your writing? Will incorporating this word into your permanent vocabulary usage help you to advance professionally in your chosen career path?

Research a word you find is worth your attention. Look the word up in the dictionary. If you are serious about expanding your vocabulary, you may want to look the word up in a thesaurus for its possible synonyms.

Vocabulary words need to be used or they will be lost. Avoid losing your new vocabulary word by forgetting to use it in speech and writing. If it is a technical word, then associate with likeminded students and professors who would most likely appreciate your knowledge.

To help remember the word, you can explain and teach the word to others.

Practicing the word through active usage cements it in your long-term memory.

Make vocabulary flash cards, as advised by Kevin Paul in “Study Smarter, Not Harder.” Flash cards allow you to learn the front and back of a word. Place the word on the front and everything else related to it such as definitions, case and synonyms on the back.

Cultivation of a scholarly, effective vocabulary goes well beyond the SATs and even the college years. It is a lifelong process.

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Special to the Future

Diana Immanuel, Senior Program Coordinator for The Washington Center for Internships and Academic Seminars, will be visiting UCF on Feb. 18 from 2 p.m.-4 p.m. in the Student Union (Key West, Room 21BD), to speak to students about internship and scholarship opportunities in Washington, D.C. for academic credit available through The Washington Center's Internship Program.

Since it was founded in 1975, The Washington Center's program provides a unique educational opportunity available to students of all disciplines/majors to experience Washington, D.C.'s professional, cultural, and social environment while interning at various public and private sector organizations in the city.

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UCF looking forward to rematch with No. 18 FIU

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shots and adding four turnovers. Bria shuffled the lineup in the second half, which included the benching of Davis for the first 14 minutes of the period. The coach went with reserves Kelli Ely, LaDonnaLarry, and Nancy Richter along with starters Chasity McClendon and Kate Richter.

"Those five seemed to really work well together," Bria said. "You can also throw Stacey (DeVeaux) in that group. When you have Chat (McClendon) or Stacey as a single post player and four guards it is tough for other teams to defend against it. They can all shoot the three and they can all penetrate on you. We've gone to that quite a few times and won with it."

McClendon led the group by scoring 12 of her team-high 16 points in the secondd half along with grabbing six rebounds, many of them key defensive rebounds late in the game. "I told [the team] to get in there and keep them off the boards and did she ever," Bria said.

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Knights are suddenly contenders for TAAC championship

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lowlight of Speraw's tenure, but he had a legitimate excuse: With the inexperience of eight first-year players, including six freshmen, and the team's leading scorer being a streaky three-point shooter in Jones' backyard against Marquette (58-85).

Jones has been the TAAC's leading scorer all season and is UCF's top rebounder, but like Michael Hodge for the Bulls, he couldn't do it all himself. Competitive with Jones on the floor, the team looked lost with him on the bench. The philosophies of the coach didn't seem to be working with the younger players.

The Knights were better, but not good enough. Goodbye, Coach Kirk Speraw.

Any coach after five seasons whose team doesn't show enough improvement is doomed at the Division I level. Alumni want winners. Fans want winners. They all want to see a winner play and the home-losing streak was putting the nails in Speraw's coffin. After the loss at FIU on Jan. 29, it looked like Speraw's biggest win, however, perhaps even bigger than his two conference championship games, came against FIU on Feb. 7. The Panthers are the only conference team to have beaten the College of Charleston the entire since the 1995-1996 season and they had played teams like Michigan, Notre Dame, Alabama and Maryland within a few points earlier this year. They were supposed to be way out of the Knights' class. They were the kind of team UCF hasn't been able to beat all season.

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I asked Athletic Director Steve Sloan after the game if D'Quarius Stewart's game-winning three-pointer had saved Speraw's job.

"His job was never in question," he replied with a large grin.

Maybe I had jumped on the get-ridd-of-Speraw bandwagon a little too quickly, but I needed more proof.

Then came the game at Stetson. Down 14 points in the second half, UCF went on a 36-12 run thanks to clutch shooting, defense and Traina's career-best (I still can't believe this number) 37 points. The Knights had gone from a losing team at 9-10 to clinching a winning record with at least three games left to play. That's a winning season as in just the school's second such cherry year since 1984, which have both been under Speraw's guidance.

Damn, I think I'm even ready to give Speraw a contract extension after hearing that.

So what's the moral here? Perhaps that you and I should butt out and let the professionals do their jobs? Nope. The next time the team loses, I'll be the first one to jump on the get-ridd-of-Speraw bandwagon. If they don't win the championship, ... we, ... I, ... um, ... never mind. You're spoiling the mood here.
Offensive problems continue for baseball team

By JEFF CASE
Staff Writer

UCF coach Jay Bergman may have seen the Florida Marlins Tournament Feb. 13-15 as a chance to redeem his team’s woeful eight-run performance at the Olive Garden Classic the week prior.

After his team was outscored, 17-6, and out-hit, 31-11, by Santa Clara, Washington and Oregon State, Bergman saw more wasted pitching efforts due to poor hitting.

“We’re just not scoring any runs, plain and simple,” said Bergman.

“It was a disaster. We put too much pressure on our pitching staff this weekend to go out and try to pitch a perfect game.”

UCF opened the tournament by losing 2-0, to Santa Clara on Feb. 14. The game, which was scheduled as a night game on Feb. 13, was rained out and rescheduled for the morning of Feb. 14. The Knights’ performance looked sleepily as they went up 3-0, keying their lead up to a comfortable 4-2 margin.

The score remained the same until the top of the sixth, when UW added another three runs to up the score to 7-2. UCF pitcher Mike Maroth (0-1), who gave up the three home runs, was relieved by Travis Held after five innings in the SC game, giving up five hits and two runs, including a two-run homer run off Miller to give OSU’s 5-0 lead. UCF scored two runs in the ninth, but lost 7-2.

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“The hitting wasn’t there for us for the most part, but we were hitting right at people, so we really can’t say we’re not hitting,” Croud said. “We’ve got to go back to the drawing board and find the holes [in the opposition’s defense]. We’ve just got to come together and hopefully it will work out next week.”

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UCF went a combined 0-5 with no RBIs.

Troy Satterfield (0-1) pitched five innings in the SC game, giving up five hits and two runs, both of which came in the bottom of the fourth inning. Kevin Gordon (1-1), who relieved Satterfield in the top of the fifth, struck out four Broncos over his three innings of work.

UCF has success early against Washington in the night game on Feb. 14, but fell 8-4. In the third inning, rightfielder David Gies had an RBI single to drive in a run off of Matt Lubozynski, who pitched four one-third innings, and replaced him with freshman Chris Miller (0-1). Bailie stepped up a hit the two-run homer run off Miller to give OSU a 5-0 lead.

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The Knights were out hit 13-5 to 8-1, with back-to-back-to-back home runs by UW’s Ryan Bandy, Ryan Lentz and Rick Stefonick pushed the Huskies lead up to a comfortable 4-2 margin.

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UCF shows heart in comeback win at Stetson

By TONY MEJIA
Staff Writer

Behind a career-best 37 points from junior forward Brad Traina, UCF came back from a 14-point, second-half deficit to earn its fifth-consecutive victory, an 88-84 decision over Stetson on Feb. 14. Traina scored his career-high points off 10 of 14 from the field, including four of seven on three-pointers and 13 of 14 from the free-throw line, the bulk of his scoring in the second half, where he had 26 of the Knights' 51 points. Traina, who has averaged 21 points during the team's winning streak, also led the team in rebounding with six.

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Women beat GSU, 73-69,
to clinch winning season

By BRANT PATRICK
Assistant Staff Writer

The game may not have been pretty to watch, but the result suited women's teams in the TAAC, the Knights and Georgia State. In a contest featuring two of the top teams in the TAAC, the Knights and Panthers combined to shoot less than 38 percent from the field, the bulk of his scoring in the second half, where he had 26 of the Knights' 51 points. Traina, who has averaged 21 points during the team's winning streak, also led the team in rebounding with six.

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Poor defense gives Mercer upset win over UCF

UCF (14-9, 9-4) dropped its third straight game to Mercer, 76-73, Feb. 16 when Nancy Richter's three-point attempt fell short as time expired.

The Knights' defense allowed the Bears (7-16, 5-8) easy baskets throughout the game. Coach Lynn Bria said, Mercer (7-16, 5-8) finished the game shooting 52 percent from the field.

"I was very displeased with our defensive effort," Bria said. "We let them shoot wherever they wanted to shoot. We gave up a lot of uncontested shots and that is probably why they shot 52 percent from the field."

After leading 38-36 at halftime, UCF fell behind by as many as 12 points in the second half. The Knights cut the lead to one, 73-74, on junior forward Chadly McClendon's three-point play with 28 seconds left. Bears' guard Jenny Sessor then connected on two foul shots for the final margin.

McClendon continued her excellent play for the UCF, leading the team in scoring for the third time in four games with 19 points. The Knights had eleven players score in a game where the offense played relatively well.

"It was just defensively, our perimeter defense was very poor," Bria said. "We never dictated to them where they were going to go. We let them go wherever they wanted to go."

—By BRANT PATRICK PARSONS

Women's tennis split with FIU

Jeanine Christian defeated Mariana Fantinelli, 6-4, 6-0, at No. 2 singles and combined with Maria Widjadharmi to earn a match-tying, 8-0 win at number one doubles, as the women's tennis team knocked off TAAC rival Florida International University, 5-2, on Feb. 15.

The men's team was not as fortunate, as FIU rallied for a 4-3 win. After the Knights won the doubles point. UCF's David Winberg cruised to a 6-2, 6-1 win over Eduardo Saenz at No. 1 singles, FIU, however, won four of the other five singles matches on route to the victory.

Winning streak is making me believe in Speraw

By DEREK GONSOULIN
Sports editor

One of the tougher parts of college sports is the extreme struggle.

Gonzaga's Greg White placed on winning.

In men's basketball coach Kirk Speraw's past four seasons at UCF, the losses have outweighed the wins. The team comes off a three-game home losing streak and about to go drop to 9-10 after game at Florida International a few days later, the calls for Speraw's head came.

One alumni walked up to me after the 66-64 loss to Campbell on Jan. 24, that third-straight loss at home, and was about as blunt as a Davin Granberry dunk: "Let the coach know the alumni are not pleased. Crude, but at the time I shared my view.

Since the 1993-94 team's 21-9 run and nine conference championship in his first season, Speraw's clubs have been a less than inspiring 29-54 leading up to this year. Even the 1996-97 conference championship came off an 8-18 regular season and with the No. 1 seeded team, Florida International, being the other team (Florida Atlantic, which the Knights beat in the conference championship). The top team that season didn't even play in the tournament in College of Charleston (which made the NCAA tournament as an at large team that year) because they hadn't been in the league long enough to be eligible for the conference tournament.

Last year's 7-19 record was the...