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Teddy bears, toys are specialty of Circle K

By LORI CARTER
Staff Writer

Do you have one day a month to spare? The Circle K club, which is affiliated with the Kiwians club, puts its time and energy into helping others who are less fortunate.

"I wanted to get involved with a volunteer organization," said Bel Baca, vice president. "I received a lot of scholarships, and I want to help people because they helped me."

According to Baca, one of the biggest projects completed was the teddy bear drive for underprivileged children during the Christmas season.

The group spoke to several professors who in return spread the word throughout their classes.

Mary Ann Wigmore, school of accounting, gathered 70 bears and Dr. Michael Luckett, school of marketing, gathered 650, according to Baca. Dr. Maria Carter

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Kiss the camel

By NATHALIE NATALE
Staff Writer

Lambda Chi Alpha's serenade to Kris Kross's "Jump! Jump!" kicked off its spring philanthropy project, Moon Bounce, on Feb. 17 in front of the Student Union.

Participants kicked off their shoes and bounced in the inflated, red and blue trampoline. They tossed beach balls, tumbled and studied inside the Moon Bounce.

The 48-hour bounce-a-thon was broken into one-hour bouncing shifts.

"Whenever a new bounce entered Moon Bounce, we bombarded them with plastic beach balls," said junior Christie Harell.

Harell bounced during the opening shift from noon to 1 p.m. on Feb. 17.

UCF opens a tantalizing 'Whorehouse'

By BETH CONLEY
Staff Writer

After a week of sun-bathing, sleeping, and partying til' you drop, you probably aren't ready to get back into the same old grind of classes. Theatre UCF has a little something to take your mind of all the term papers, midterms, and speeches being dished out by your horrible professors. If you're interested in a little comedy and down-home fun, you must go see "The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas," running from Thursday March 5 until Sunday March 8.

"The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas" will have you rolling in the aisles with laughter. Sheriff Ed Earl, Miss Mona, and the entire Texas Aggie team will dance, sing, and laugh their way right into your hearts. You will travel with Miss Mona and Sheriff Ed Earl through their past together at the Chicken Ranch.

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Mix 105.1, local shriners and their camels, Sir Gus, were on hand for the event.

Members of Lambda Chi Alpha set up couches, TVs, a VCR and DJ equipment for the project. Local businesses donated smoothies, chicken wings, sodas and pizzas.

Lambda Chi Alpha encouraged each of its 110 members to raise at least $25 in support for Moon Bounce through sponsorships.
Wellness Expo to screen students’ mental health

By NICOLE KING
Staff Writer

Students who are concerned about eating and anxiety disorders will have the chance to find out how to help themselves.

On March 4, the Wellness Expo will take place outside of the Student Union from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Eating and anxiety disorder screenings will be offered to students.

Dr. Michael Burgan, associate director of the counseling and testing center, said the expo will give students an opportunity to get information about anxiety concerns and stress.

"They'll find out specific ways of coping with anxiety," Burgan said. "Most of all, we hope that they find out that this is something we can manage and it doesn't have to interfere with a student's goals."

Burgan said students will be given a questionnaire, and a video about anxiety will be shown. The questionnaires will be scored and the results will be reviewed individually.

"That's when you have a strong feeling of nervousness or muscle tension," he said. "You usually have sleep problems, your concentration is poor, you also have trouble with your appetite and relationship difficulties.

"If it doesn't affect you in two or more areas of your life, then it would be more about stress, but when it gets to the point where it's significantly affecting you, that's when you need the professional help like we have here."

Waleska Wilson, psychological specialist at the counseling and testing center, agreed professional help is key to recovery.

Wilson will be administering a questionnaire designed to determine eating disorders.

"I think particularly for eating disorders, there is such shame around it," Wilson said. "It's the dirty little secret they want to hide."

"Coming to counseling at the testing center provides a safe place where they can come and talk about their issues without any judgment from people who are there to help."

Wilson said the most common eating disorders she runs across are bulimia, overexercising and combinations of disorders.

"Not many cases are pure anorexia or pure bulimia," Wilson said. "People will go a couple of weeks and fast and then binge eat and cycle between the two."

Wilson encouraged students to come to the expo.

"If you're not dealing with it, chances are there's a friend, a roommate, a schoolmate who is," she said. "It's good to know what to look for. The biggest thing is education and letting them know about our services."

Cathy Barbano, UCF's dietitian, will also be at the expo.

Barbano said it will give her a chance to talk with students and to encourage them to make an appointment to see her if they have concerns or questions about eating or nutrition.

"Someone diagnosed with an eating disorder will usually work with a counselor, a physician and herself," Barbano said.

She said most of the students she sees are at extremes.

"They are either real restrictive with their eating, eating only healthy foods, or they'll eat fast food every day," Barbano said. "What I help students do is find that middle ground so that they can enjoy some of the things they like to eat but not over do them. I also help get rid of the guilt around eating."

Barbano said she has noticed an epidemic on campus called "disordered eating."

"These are the people who are terrified of fat, Barbano said. They are binging and craving, they are just not vomiting.

"They're not doing the purging yet," Barbano said. "They want to, they've maybe tried it once or twice. They're just not there yet."

Barbano said she hopes the expo will help reach students who do need help or knows someone who does.

"It will make it really convenient for those who are on the verge of wanting to get help to do it anonymously and get the treatment they need," Barbano said. "I think it will let students know about the resources on campus to help them, even if they don't have an eating disorder."

The Wellness Expo is an annual event hosted by the Student Wellness Advocate Team.

The anxiety questionnaire will be administered at the Wellness Expo.

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Students’ driving skills to be put to the test

By GWEN R. RHODES
Staff Writer

March 4, 1998

Students’ driving skills to be put to the test

The University of Central Florida (UCF) will hold an Autocross event on March 18th. The Autocross is a timed race through a迷你型赛道 course, consisting of navigating curves and straightaways.

The event will take place at the Education Building parking lot. It is open to students, faculty, and staff. Any type of vehicle can participate.

A mandatory safety inspection will be performed prior to the event. The inspection includes ensuring seat belts work and batteries are secured. In addition, the car must have working brakes, a good return spring on the throttle linkage, tight lug nuts and an interior free of loose articles. It is recommended that the car be cleaned out of all unnecessary items before they leave home.

Tires should be in good shape with no tire chord showing and have at least 42 pounds per square inch of pressure to help during cornering on the race course. Also, a Snell certified helmet must be worn. The club will provide helmets for those who do not have their own.

Registration and technical inspections will begin at 8:30 a.m. and racing is scheduled to start at 10 a.m. Early registration will be held on Feb. 19 from 9:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. at the Student Union.

The Autocross is open to UCF students, faculty, and staff. Entry fees are $10 per driver or $15 per driver the day of the race. Vehicle classes will include four, six, and eight cylinder stock and modified, rotaries and trucks.

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approval for teaching real estate in all the foreign languages," Princep said. "We’re working to develop a master’s degree in real estate. It’s a wonderful, highly specialized field."

There are 120,000 licensed real estate agents in Florida. Princep said. Since only 50 percent are active, he said he offers assistance to graduates to increase the number of active agents.

The course offers job placement, free session in the principle of selling and non-verbal communication and advice on career planning.

Graduates of the course credit their success for selling real estate to Princep’s teaching philosophy.

"We started (Masterpiece Homes) and we brought Lou in because we were a fast growing company but we wanted to do more," said graduate Jerry Davis. "We needed to do something different and be taught us how to get better results.

"We have increased the number of homes we have sold due to his techniques. We have all generating leads due to his coaching."

"Princep has taught us how to listen, watching for things they are not saying and reading body language," Davis said. "He also has taught us that selling should be a relationship building process between people. People buy people other than homes and it is important to build a trust with the client instead of simply showing the house or demonstrating a product.

"It’s a better technique in selling with people to build confidence and loyalty." Davis said. "We’re becoming a housing doctor by prescribing a prescription. We know what’sailing them."

Brown said anybody can be a success after taking the course.

"I was green when I entered the business," he said. "I had no experience except for the training theses he taught. I wrote a contract for a house I sold on my first day. Last year, I was the top salesman and I made more than $100,000.

"If someone goes into it with an open mind and does everything they say, you can’t fail. You’re going to be a success."

The course will run Tuesday through Thursday between 6 p.m. and 10 p.m. The $299 course fee includes books, fingerprinting, photo, class exam, review for state exam and vet-

Organizations with little money receive gifts

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Cristina Santana, school of communication, heard the project and helped gather toys also.

The teddy bears and toys went to various organizations: The UCF Creative School, Boys Town, Seminole Children’s Village, Great Oaks Village, The Grove, Red Cross, First Baptist Church of Oviedo, Salvation Army and Florida United Methodist Children’s Home (FUMCH).

The teddy bears are given to kids for Christmas, birthdays, special occasions and to new residents, said Stephen Hartsfield, director of public relations at FUMCH.

"We rely on people like Circle K to do things like this," Hartsfield said. "It was a very nice gift from Circle K."

Hartsfield said about 90 children are housed there at any one time and about 100 to 150 children are likely to reside there in a year. There is very little money for extras.

Baca said completed projects include: cleaned-up area in the residence halls, boxed and sorted food for Second Harvest Food Bank; Special Olympics and Valentine Day cards for the elderly.

Dr. Guth Jenkins, associate dean of students, said the club has about 20 to 25 members and has been going strong since receiving its charter last year.

"It [the club] is very important for those who are interested in community service," Jenkins said. "Joining a club promotes leadership and social awareness."

According to Baca, the club has scheduled numerous projects in the future: Special Olympics at University High School, a softball tournament with Florida Easter Seal, a car wash with House of Hope and a dance marathon for the Children’s Miracle Network.

"I think everyone should do volunteer work once a month because if everyone does it, then it adds up," Baca said.

The club meets Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. at the Student Union in the Peninsula Room.

For those interested in joining contact Jenkins in the Administrative Building or email gjenkins@mail.ucf.edu

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Award-winning author will discuss ‘The Art of Memory’

Tobias Wolff, author of “This Boy’s Life,” is coming to UCF on March 19. Wolff will speak on “The Art of Memory” at 8 p.m. in the Visual Arts Auditorium, a lecture that is free and open to the public.

“This Boy’s Life” was the subject of a major feature film starring Robert DeNiro and Ellen Barkin, and won the Los Angeles Times Book Award. “In Pharaoh’s Army,” an account of Wolff’s service in the Vietnam war, was a finalist for the National Book Award. His short novel, “The Barracks Thief,” was the PEN/Faulkner Award. Wolff is widely acclaimed by critics as one of America’s foremost writers of short fiction. In addition to his novels, he has had his work published in many periodicals, including The New Yorker, TriQuarterly, and Esquire.

A reception will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the Art Gallery. Tickets are $5 for adults, $3 for students and include a reserved seat at the lecture.

In other news:

- It’s not too late to cast your vote for the next Student Government president and vice president. SG runoff elections are being held on March 4 and polling stations are open until 7 p.m. The remaining candidates are Jason Murphy/Richard Rodriguez and Robb Ehlers. For more information, contact Jason Murphy at 974-6660 or Cathy Droke at 671-9999.

- The Sixth Annual Educational Showcase is an excellent opportunity to learn more about community organizations, public school systems, and the College of Education. It will be held on March 18, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Education gymnasium. Clubs from the college, the Central Florida Holocaust Museum, Junior Achievement and the Orlando Science Center are expected to attend.

- The faculty and staff of the School of Communication and the film and animation department moved into their new home over spring break.

- UCF students will dance to benefit children’s hospitals on March 28 to 29. The Second Annual Dance Marathon, a 24-hour student run event, benefits Shands Children’s Hospital at the University of Florida and Arnold Palmer Hospital for Children and Women in Orlando through Children’s Miracle Network. Dancers are required to remain on their feet at all times. To make it a little easier, activities are scheduled every hour, such as line dances, games and contests. Scheduled breaks, regular meals and first aid will be on site to ensure safety.

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Fraternity ready to write its chapter at UCF

By DAWN MYERS
Staff Writer

Phi Sigma Pi's Gamma Chi chapter was chartered on Feb. 1 at UCF. The chapter initiated more than 200 students who will be installed on April 15.

The fraternity was founded on the principles of scholarship, leadership and fellowship. It accomplishes its goals through dedication to scholastics, service projects and socials.

The national fraternity was founded in 1916 as a traditionally male charter. However, it has evolved into a coed fraternity comprised of more than 100 chapters.

Phi Sigma Pi does not seek out only the brightest students. The ideal candidate is a well-rounded individual, someone who can balance good grades, display effective leadership in the community and maintain good social standing with other members in the community.

"We seek the brightest, most motivated, most fun to be around students on campus," said Chapter Rush Advisor Beau Ratliff.

If you are interested in joining Phi Sigma Pi, you must have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0. Informational nights will be held at the end of the spring semester as well as the beginning of the fall 1998 semester.

Funds to aid Shriners hospitals

The sisters of Alpha Delta Pi elected Tena Perrone and Tiffany Russo to Moon-Bounce chairs.

Communication, collaboration and organization were key ingredients to the success of Moon Bounce.

"Getting an early start on Moon Bounce moved the fraternity into a prime position for raising funds," said Jacobson. Lambda Chi Alpha has had success in past civic-oriented events. It has raised more than 40,000 pounds of food for Second Harvest Food Bank, more than $2,300 for the Heart and Lung Association and more than $2,600 for the ESTEEM program of Winter Park.

Jacobson reported Moon Bounce raised between $3,500 and $4,000 for Shriners' Hospitals.
It’s never too late to learn

By VICKI DeSORMIER
Staff Writer

Janet Reiley said she went back to school after a nearly 30-year hiatus because she wanted to finish college before her daughter did.

“It was a matter of pride, I guess,” the 49-year-old mother of an FSU freshman said. “I have another year and a half to go and I don’t want my daughter to finish before me. I’ve had too much of a head start to let her pass me by.”

Reiley said her husband and daughter support her in her quest to earn her degree. “These days you need more than that high school diploma to get ahead in this world,” she said. “Even auto mechanics need to have some sort of post-secondary education. I made sure my daughter learned that.”

Reiley said she has struggled in work, gaining a lot of on-the-job training to push herself ahead in the retail industry where she has attained a managerial position in a regional store. “But I’ve had to work twice as hard and I don’t make anywhere near the money I could have with an [college] degree,” she said. “It’s been an uphill battle sometimes.”

Reiley is set to graduate in 2000. “I don’t really foresee a change in her employment status if it takes three years,” she said. “Even if it takes three decades, get that degree.”

Education was important to her and she always made sure her daughter studied hard and had the goal of attending college. She said she wasn’t about to let her daughter get away with only a high school diploma.

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If you’re going to learn, do it with style

By LINDA RAMOS
Staff Writer

The most comfortable way you learn information is called your learning style (LS) as explained by Carol Kauan in “The Confident Student.”

Some learning difficulties may be overcome by simply identifying and using your appropriate LS. In short, your LS is your greatest studying ally.

In Kevin Paul’s book, “Study Smarter, Not Harder,” three basic LS are described: visual, auditory, and kinesthetic.

The visual student learns by reading and observing visual depictions of information from videotapes, graphs and tables. To maximize this style make your notes visual stimuli. Diagrams, time lines and charts serve as visual stimuli. If you have an auditory LS, hearing is the educational mode you should emphasize.

The auditory learner may benefit more from hearing a well-structured lecture than by viewing an educational film. For studying purposes, these learners should orally recite their class notes, tape their recitations and periodically listen to those tapes. If allowed by the professor, tape class lectures and hear them repeatedly.

The third LS is the kinesthetic, which requires hands-on learning experience. Students with this style may not benefit from hearing or observing a lecture but would magnify the retention of information by performing in a lab or field project. Most students have one preferred learning style and that’s the style you need to accentuate.

To assess your style ask yourself the following:

- Do I easily learn information by observing others? (yes, visual LS)
- Do I naturally follow directions better when someone reads me instructions? (yes, auditory LS)
- Do I prefer to work with equipment or conduct a project? (yes, kinesthetic LS)
- Take advantage of your dominant LS.
- The lesser dominant styles are not your weaknesses but challenges as pointed out by Jeanno Shay Schumm and Shawn A. Post, co-authors of “Executive Learning: Successful Strategies for College Reading and Studying.” Incorporate these challenges into the learning process because the more ways you learn something, the better your chances of retaining and recalling the information at a later date.

Next, determine the best time to use your LS.

The Early-Bird Student thrives at 5 a.m.; the Night Owl Student excels at 11 p.m. Besides the time of day, the environment in which you learn should be comfortable.

Do you prefer the traditional teacher-centered classroom where the teacher formally lectures? Or do you prefer the participating student-centered class where class discussions are the focus? You may not be able to control when your classes are offered or which learning environment your professor chooses to foster, but you can control your motivation.

Your motivation to attend class, participate, study and learn will be related to the use and understanding of your LS.

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**LEAD STORIES**

- The Lingering Influence of Mike Tyson: In West Monroe, La., in February, a 35-year-old mother allegedly bit a teacher, a teacher's aide and the principal during a parent-teacher conference. And in January, a couple filed assault charges on behalf of their son against his Clay County (Ky.) High School basketball coach, Bobby Keith, for allegedly biting the kid during a game. And in January against his Clay County (Ky.) High School basketball coach, Bobby Keith, for allegedly biting a kid during a game.

- The Kidnapping of Karen Seaton, who specializes in helping people who are obsessed with their work, and will have to travel to India for “purification.”

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CLAST tests nerves as well as skills

By JASON HEIRONIMUS
Opinion Editor

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March movies: Psycho moms, wild girls, a giant

By STACEY COPELAND
Staff Writer

Okay, I know all you people like to talk during the previews for upcoming movies when you're in the theater. So, here's a some info on a few movies set for release during late February and March. Enjoy!

- Dangerous Beauty (Feb. 20) - Catherine McCormack stars in this tale about a 16th-century Venetian post-prostitute. This looks like a nice romantic chick flick. There's only one problem, I've yet to come across a theater where it's actually playing!

- U.S. Marshals (March 6) - Tommy Lee Jones, Wesley Snipes and Robert Downey, Jr. star in what is being hailed as a spin-off of the 1993 blockbuster The Fugitive. Jones returns as deputy Samuel Gerard with yet another criminal to catch. I'm not so sure about this one. The plots of The Fugitive and it's spin-off just seem a little too similar.

- Showgirl (March 6) - This movie, originally scheduled for release a year ago, has weathered title changes, script changes, and bad test screenings. The film features Jessica Lange as a mother who's a little bit too attached to her son. She's not at all happy when her son brings home a new wife (Gwyneth Paltrow) and apparently decides to 'fix' the situation. When the film played to test audiences in 1996 it became clear that a new ending was needed. It looks like whatever they did may have worked. They certainly have my attention.

- The Man in the Iron Mask (March 13) - Yes, ladies, it's the highly anticipated new movie starring Titanic heart throb Leonardo DiCaprio as both King Louis XIV of France and his twin brother, John Malkovich. Gerard Depardieu and Gabriel Byrne also star as the swashbuckling musketeers. I'm pretty sure this movie is a guaranteed box office success. As one eloquent writer in "Entertainment Weekly" stated, "After Titanic, DiCaprio could probably sell tickets to a documentary about belly-button lint." How true, how true.

- Wild Things (March 20) - This thriller set in a seedy Florida town promises to be full of surprises. The murder mystery stars Matt Dillon as a high school guidance counselor accused of conducting 'extracurricular activities' with some of his students. The students, Neve Campbell and Denise Richards, appear to be the 'wild things' in question. Kevin Bacon also stars as a cop who gets tangled up in the case. This reportedly 'reveling' film is sure to get great word-of-mouth as the release date draws near.

- Primary Colors (March 20) - This is the screen adaptation of Joe Klein's novel about a Chilton-esque presidential candidate (John Travolta) who gets into hot water during his campaign after being accused of sexual misconduct. The cast also includes Emma Thompson as the First-Lady in waiting, Kathy Bates, Billy Bob Thornton, and Adrian Lester. Pretty good timing with the Lewinsky scandal, huh? This one looks like a winner.

- The Object of My Affection (March 27) - Jennifer Aniston stars in this romantic comedy about a woman who finds herself pregnant and leans on her gay male best friend (Paul Rudd) for support. Aniston is then thrown for a loop when she finds herself falling for him. This movie definitely looks promising. Let's all just cross our fingers and hope for a good ending!

- Miss Congeniality (March 27) - Gèrorge Clooney stars as a 7-foot-7 giant who is shoved into Hollywood life by a two-bit talent agent (Billy Crystal). Hub!!! I'm bored already. No thanks.

Also watch for the re-release of "Grease" on March 27, "Mr. Nice Guy" starring Jackie Chan (also March 27), and "Chairmen of the Board" starring Central Florida's own Carrot Top.

Show offers many emotions

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(also known as the Whorehouse) and you even meet all of the 'girls' at Miss Mona's fine, clean establishment. You will become wrapped up in the plot will you become that you may actually feel a tear or two trickle down your cheek at the end of the play. This show offers a variety of emotions: happiness, sadness, pity, and hopefulness. If you do not go see this play you are missing the best play of the entire season at Theatre UCF. "The Best Little

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Music from the motion picture
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This R&B collection is not only in sync with the down home theme of this movie, but also with the current demand of pop charts. With artists like Boys II Men, Milestone, Dru Hill, Tony, Tony, Tone, and En Vogue, there really is no need to promote this album more because it simply does it all on its own. This cd includes one of my personal favorites that is already skyrocketing to No. 1 on the charts. Dru Hill’s sad tale of a falling out of love with “We’re Not Making Love No More.” Without a doubt, “Soul Food” definitely houses a stylish variety of songs with easy-flow rhythms, sad lyrics that need to be hummed, and attitude. There’s even a flashback track from Earth, Wind, and Fire that fits in perfectly with the atmosphere and sets the tone for an upbeat tempo throughout the album. Out of all the artists that came together to accomplish this soundtrack, think for a minute who could have composed them into an epic collection like this? Of course, with a classically smooth producer like Babyface, this soundtrack is nothing short of a great mix of songs from the soul, that satisfies any hunger for a great album. Need I say more?

Great Expectations
Music from the motion picture
(Atlantic)

Tori Amos sets the stage for this interesting and unique soundtrack that is to say the least, fluffy. The very first track, “Pinn,” features Tori’s high pitched moans in an instrumental orgasmic state that is amusing. Despite her attempts at turning listeners on, I enjoyed her second song, “Siren,” a little bit more, mostly because I could follow it. Don’t get me wrong, I am a big Tori fan, however, the intro is just a little too out there all alone. All of these original tracks have an alternative feel to them and there is a variety of exceptional artists that contribute to this soundtrack. Songs such as “Wishful Thinking” by Duncan Sheik, “Today” by Poe, and “Walk This Earth Alone” by Lauren Christy are a mixture of dizzy guitar beats and deep lyrics that are truly mesmerizing. Although I didn’t see the movie, the soundtrack certainly speaks for itself. With the delicate, yet strong themes accompanying the women’s voices, I felt liberated and motivated and the remaining tracks by the men were soothing. While all of the songs did make me curious to see “Great Expectations,” I’ve heard mixed reviews about the flick. Regardless, this soundtrack is definitely a love it or leave it type of collection, I chose, of course, to like it.

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By VICKI DeSORMIER
Staff Writer

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Sewell, the hardest working Brit in the business

By IAN SPELLING
College Press Service

Rufus Sewell isn't the busiest British actor working these days. It just seems that way.

The handsome young actor, who scored big on the art house circuit with "Cold Comfort Farm" and "Carrington," has four films either in theaters now or headed to theaters over the next few months.

First up is "Dangerous Beauty," a drama set in 16th century Venice which casts the actor as "The Courtesan," an educated, fun-loving courtesan, an aristocrat who can't be with the great love of his life, Veronica (Catherine McCormack). She's of a lower class then he and less wealthy.

Heartbroken, she becomes a courtesan, an educated, fun-loving, classy, prostitute.

Sewell likes the film, now playing at a theater near you, just fine. But he hates that title, "The Courtesan." "It's not the movie. It's the title," he says during a conversation at a Manhattan hotel.

"I'm glad it worked out. He trusted me and liked him. What happened is the reasoning behind it, and it's not my business to understand these things. But I just think that if people don't know what a courtesan is, they'll get confused. As he tries to determine his identity and figure out what's going on, he encounters a number of people, among them Dr. Sherer (Kiefer Sutherland), a strange scientist; Inspector Burnstead (William Hurt), a cop on his trail, Emma (Jennifer Connelly), his estranged wife; and The Strangers, bizarre aliens who have the ability to stop time and change people's experiences, and who oh-so desperately want to catch Murdoch, for he possesses powers dangerously close to their own.

"Danger City" is not a film that can be reduced to one sentence, Sewell says. "If you can do that, write a sentence. Don't make a film. It doesn't give easy answers. It asks interesting questions. It will make you wonder about what you've seen as you walk out of the theater, and that's enough. If you come out wondering about the nature of the soul, wondering if we're the sum of our experiences, I'll be even more pleased.

"Alex had this movie in his head for a very long time and I'm glad it worked out. He trusted me to answer my own questions to my own satisfaction and I trusted him and liked him. "Dark City" is truly his vision. He was honest with me, and that's all I needed, because his eye is good and his taste is good."

Still, "Dark City" is true-blue sci-fi, and that may scare people off. Sewell knows that, but seems none too concerned.

"I really like it," he says. "It's dark and it's weird. Some people won't like it and some people will, and that's fine. That's the way it should be. I'm not worried about everybody liking it. Interestingly enough, in test screenings certain people didn't understand it, so they went and changed things. The result was that people who didn't understand it still didn't understand it, and the people who used to like it didn't like it as much. So they changed it back. I thought that was interesting."

After wrapping "Danger City," Sewell, who's single and lives in London, moved onto two other films, "Illuminata," directed by John Turturro, and "Martha Meets Frank, David and Lawrence." Both are to be released later this year.

"I'm very excited about "Illuminata," Sewell says. "It was a pleasure to work with John, who's someone I've really admired. Susan Sarandan and Christopher Walken are in it, too. I don't know what the finished film will be like, but I had such a good time doing it. And I just loved my character in "Martha Meets Frank, David and Lawrence." He's a man who's just so bitter and twisted. It was very fun."

So, what's with the sudden Rufus Sewell film festival?

"It seems like I've just been doing back-to-back-to-back films, and I've not," says Sewell, who's currently shooting the drama "At Satchem Farm" with Minnie Driver. "What you're seeing is three or four years of work. What happened is the films' releases were just delayed, for whatever reason. I've had to endure people coming up to me, even other actors, going, 'Didn't you used to do a bit of work at one point? People truly suspected that I wasn't working or wasn't going off to Australia to work on 'Dark City,' but that perhaps I was just going off to hide in my house."

Sewell laughs.

All of these films coming out now at least proves that I have been working."

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A taste of Mexico - travelling not required

By HENRY SPRINGS

The golden sunset fades into the distance. The traffic is at a brisk pace and the air is filled with exhaust. The traffic slowly treads on. Just beyond University Boulevard's view there's a scene of an open range where the cowboys and ranchers are riding off into the sunset. It's the end of the day. They should be following their nostrils filled with the spicy aromas of garlic, onions, chiles, herbs, and spices but they're not. These are the beginnings of burritos, enchiladas, tacos, chicken flautas, or beef fajitas. A few of the staples of any Tex-Mex inn

Don Pablo's isn't housed in a ranch but with all the atmosphere it offers you'll hardly know the difference. There are pictures of real, pint sized, and Mexican cowboys that dot the walls, origi­nally taken in Alice, Texas.

While waiting for the food to arrive I had the opportunity to sample an original Don Pablo's concoction, 'The Real Margarita'. Although I'm not big on alcohol I enjoyed the mixture of lime juice, tequila, powdered sugar, and another liquor, Cointreau. It was refreshing. A rather generous portion in a large glass ($5.95). Needless to say I didn't drink the whole glass, for purely personal reasons. It had nothing to do with the taste.

"100 percent cust­omer service with authentic Mexican food," is what the General Manager, John Stewart says is the philosophy that Don Pablo's tries to live by. From the general public response in the 12 days it's been open, I wouldn't be the only one to say that Don's doesn't pretend to be an experience in fine dining it's much more than just a fun atmosphere. It takes its food and customers seriously.

Minutes after making a selection my dinner was served. I was surprised by the warmth of the food and the eye catching presentation. I tried a special called The Matador. It included two crispy chicken flautas, a cheese enchilada with red sauce, a beef taco, and a chicken enchilada with sour cream sauce ($8.95). The chicken enchilada also tasted wonderful. It's seasoned with peppers and onions topped off with sour cream sauce. The ground beef taco was exception­al too. Despite the similarly sauteed ground beef along with fresh tomatoes, lettuce, sharp cheddar, and the shell Don's version transcended what I was used to. The shell was crisp but not hard. It didn't break into pieces like an egg shell. The refried bean sauce, or refritos, covered with melted cheese also added unique spicy sensations to a menu that lacked immediate familiarity. Chicken Fajitas was asked myself the same question before lifting one to taste. I immediately fell in love. The flautas, rolled tortillas, are made from a delicate corn meal batter that's deep fried with chicken and topped with guacamole and sour cream. It'll introduce you to a whole new world of the Tex-Mexican tradition.

"The ingredients are made fresh," says Kelly, a bar­tender. You can taste the difference from your first chip with salsa to your last forkful of chicken enchilada. The fresh fla­vor of the tomatoes and the pun­gent spices really make a difference. But you'll notice that way before you taste the food. Perhaps in the aroma hot off the griddle, or the traditional mesquite logs as they smolder. Don Pablo's proved to be a sizzling skillet full of surprises. They offer nine types of dinners and combos. Everything from chicken and cheese enchiladas with red chili sauce or sour cream to chicken or beef tacos with bean, red, or chile sauce. The combos also include stuffed peppers and shredded pork tamales along with garnishing and more side salladings than I can mention. With names like El Matador, El Presidente, Enchilada Holy Grail, or the Mexican or san Angelo Dinner, the sky is the limit (56 - $9.5). A Mexican restaurant wouldn't be a Mexican restaurant without soft and crisp tacos, barbecued chicken, and chicken breasts which come with chicken, shrimp, beef and chicken, and its various accompaniments of onions, Mexican rice, refritos, and fresh vegetables. Don Pablo's has that and then some. Four kinds of enchiladas cheese, chicken, beef, and moma's skirt­ty with a variety of accompaniments. If that's all you expected to find there's lots more to temp your taste buds ($6 - $8.99).

Nachos and quesadillas have quickly become a household word in many American vocabu­laries. But Don Pablo's can add to that understanding within the first few bites of it's Acupolco or Fajita Nachos. Not all smothered with cheese but your choice of ground beef, guacamole, cheese, chopped tomatoes, jalapeno, sour cream, or chicken fajita meat. The quesadillas, Mexican pizzas, are grilled flour tortillas topped with peppers, tomatoes, cheese, or chicken, squash, bell peppers, and onions, depending if you'd like them with or without meat. The selection is limited but a dessert at Don's could prove to be an experience to end the perfect adventure. There are Ice Cream Nachos, consisting of a vanilla bean ice cream topped with brandy butter sauce, strau­berries and honey roasted pecans surrounded by wads of cinnamon to­mato crisps. Iron skillel apple pie is a variation on the American standard complete with Mexican brandy butter sauce and vanilla ice cream. The selection ends with a sopapilla, a Mexican fried puff pastry with honey butter sauce ($2 - 3.69). Don Pablo's maybe a little more expensive than going to Chi Chi's or Taco Bell but the food is definitely more flavorful. The staff is much more attentive and amiable and you'll probably come away having eaten more and feeling less guilty.
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Do you feel that the university should recognize proficiency in Sign Language as fulfillment of the foreign language requirement?

UCF should definitely add sign language as a choice for the foreign language requirement. Sign language is a language per se, and a very important one. Also, people should be able to have a working knowledge of Sign Language, just in case they might need to use it in the near future.

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— Caroline Michaux, Junior, Psychology, Orlando.
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Kent State votes to open hearings

The university's board of trustees voted Feb. 3 to open such hearings to the public unless a victim or alleged violator wants them closed. Hearing officers also may choose to open proceedings if information being discussed could harm a victim or witness.

Though a few public universities have opened their hearings under order from the courts, it is unusual for one to do so voluntarily.

"People don't trust colleges and universities," R.P. Flynn, the university's coordinator of judicial affairs told the Chronicle of Higher Education. "They don't believe that we act in the best interest of the students and taxpayers and various other constituents. I tell you that we do. But as telling you that isn't good enough. People need to see what we do for themselves."

Two other public universities in Ohio are caught in litigation over whether students' disciplinary records are public information. Last month, the U.S. Department of Education filed suit against Ohio State and Miami universities, claiming the schools are violating the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, also known as the Buckley Amendment, when they release disciplinary records with students' names attached. The amendment prohibits colleges and universities from releasing education records containing "personally identifiable information" without a student's permission. At issue is whether disciplinary records can be considered education records.

Flynn said he doesn't think Kent's new policy violates the amendment because students must give permission for their disciplinary hearings to be open.

And the band played on.

CHAMPAIGN-URBANA, Ill. — It was a song that normally makes its playback, but many students at the University of Illinois said their pop band should have dropped when President Bill Clinton spoke on campus Jan. 28.

"What are they thinking?" one young man yelled to reporters who flanked him as the band belted out Kansas' 1970s hit "Carry On Wayward Son." Still reeling from the wake of an alleged sex scandal involving former White House intern Monica Lewinsky, Clinton walked on stage to a standing ovation. However, the irony of the music that preceded him wasn't lost on many students sitting in the audience.

The song's first verse: "Carry on my wayward son. There will be peace when you are done. Lay your weary heart to rest. Don't you cry no more." As Clinton departed, the band played the theme song from "Rocky."

AIDS Deaths Decline In U.S.

CHICAGO — A 44 percent drop in the number of AIDS deaths across the United States during the first half of last year indicates the success of new treatments to control the disease, say officials of the National Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Deaths from AIDS peaked in 1994 and 1995 but fell in 1996. The downward spiral continued at an even faster rate last year, the CDC reported. According to the CDC, 12,040 Americans died of AIDS during the first six months of last year, compared to 21,460 who died during the first half of 1996.

Experts say the encouraging figures are the result of better treatments, not improvements in disease prevention efforts. "Cocktails" — a three-drug mixture made up of two older AIDS drugs and more recently developed protease inhibitors — have dramatically changed AIDS care and are giving many sufferers longer life expectancies.

With fewer people dying, the number of Americans living with AIDS is up 13 percent to 259,000. While the CDC cannot say precisely how many Americans are infected with HIV, it estimates between 400,000 and 650,000 people.

Students Bulk At Suiting Up With Nike

TUSCON, Ariz. — Many students and faculty at the University of Arizona question whether the school's team uniforms and sporting equipment should carry Nike's familiar swoosh logo.

They've asked university officials to block a deal that would save the school $2 million a year on the purchase of athletic clothes, equipment, and shoes. The school's senate has agreed to discuss the proposal, as well as how advertisements, announcements and other forms of commercialism should be a part of student athletics.

Accepting goods from Nike amounts to little more than endorsing its products and saying "that we will do anything for money," physics Professor J.D. Garcia told Scripps-McClatchy Western Service. "The fact that other universities do silly things doesn't mean that we should."

Students who are challenging the proposed deal — which university Athletic Director Jim Livengood said is within a few months of completion — are focusing on allegations that Nike runs sweatshops overseas.

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“Coming of Age in Babylon, Finding Your Reality,” is a col­
orful assortment of essays, con­
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dents. I would first like to start by saying that I definitely en­
joyed this book (two thumbs up). This is the Doug De Bias’ first book, and I have to say his first shot was a good one. De Bias uses wit, compassion, insight, and honestly to attack those hard to discuss issues that are extremely important to all of us: drugs, religion, politics, sex, parents, and partners.

Coming of Age in Babylon is a book all 18-25 year olds must read. For those of you who are 18-20 and have proba­
bly just moved away from home and are just starting to spread your wings, or possibly some of you are still spreading their wings, this book is a great guide to life. Those of us who are 21-25 know how it works, but the majority of us need a refresher (I know I did). And even for people 25 and older, because all of the issues De Bias mentions, effect all age groups. I enjoyed all the short essays, especially the section on homosexuality which was so perfectly worded: “It is our society that is dis-eased by homosexuality, not homosex­
uality that is a disease.”

The section on contrasts and comparisons, the idea that we are all different in each and every aspect, intrigued me, even though it was so simple. That’s obvious and simple to accept, but for some reason we still get caught up in this ‘who’s who, wearing what, better/worse, black/white.’ It’s garbage and all pointless in the grand scheme of life.

My only complaint about the book was the part on The Clone. The way the word ‘clone’ was being referred to (good clone, bad clone), I wanted to see the word karma. I really got caught up on the way the word was being used. My definition of a clone was differ­
ent than the way he was refer­
ing it to. De Bias sympatheti­
cally agreed with me, and explained that in a sense I was trying to give a little something to some people who were very good friends of mine. This just reassures me what I’ve learned in Dr. Butler’s ‘Communication and Human Relations’ class that “words are symbols, lan­
guage is symbol, and its inter­pre­tation lies in the eye of the beholder.” So true, don’t you think?

“Finding Your Own Reality” is published by New Spring Publications, which is run by his wife and himself. De Bias has two daughters around our age group, and when they were about ten, De Bias started thinking that their (our) genera­
tion would be a new improved version of the late 60’s, as do I. His daughter Catalina is a sopho­more at the University of North Carolina at Asheville. She is the talented artist whose charming and creative drawings add that extra touch to the book. Doug says that he essen­
tially wrote the book because, “This is the book that I wish I had when I was 20 or so.” And I’m just glad I got the opportu­nity to read it at age 21.

If you’re wondering where you can purchase this excellent book, right now the book can’t be purchased any­where. Fortunately, it is listed on Amazon.com, and can be ordered there, or through their e-mail: nwspring@bellat­
lantic.net, or you can call #1- 800-883-7407. De Bias was going to call our bookstore, so you can probably just purchase it on campus, but no where else for a little while. The book is $12.00 a copy, plus $2.00 ship­
ping for the first book and $1.00 for each additional book. I definitely recommend purchas­ing the book, or even get­
ing 2 or 3 people together and splitting the cost and taking turns reading it. For this reader, “Coming of Age in Babylon, Finding Your Own Reality,” awakened more of my own inner reality and brought me several steps closer to finding out the whole reality.
UCF looking for revenge against Mercer

From PAGE 28

home court.

Awaiting UCF will be the winner of the Georgia State and Troy State game. Georgia State enters the tournament with the No. 3 seed after finishing the season winning six of their last eight games. UCF defeated GSU, 75-69, in their only meeting on Feb. 14. UCF defeated TSU, the sixth seed, handily in both of their meetings this season, winning at home, 86-61, and at TSU, 101-70.

Sitting in the top bracket is the tournament favorite, Florida International, and the only team to defeat FIU this season, Campbell University. FIU finished the season 15-1 (888) 73-69, in their only meeting this season, winning six of their last seven games.

That is why you play the games in three days to win the tournament, which requires extreme endurance and depth. Bria believes that could play to her team’s favor.

“We have to not play so well and somebody else is going to have to play real well,” Bria said.

“Then we can play a great game,” Davis said. “You can’t commit turnovers. If they go up by five or six points, you have got to keep your composure.”

A possible matchup for the Panthers in the second round will be No. 4 seed Campbell. Campbell remains the only team to upset FIU (25-1, 15-1) this season. The Camels defeated the Panthers, 69-62, in Buies Creek, N.C. and will hope to do the same at Miami.

Regardless of who it plays, UCF will have to win three games in three days to do the same in Miami. Everyone is pumped. We are ready to play the TAAC.”

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Frontcourt to have plenty of depth next season

Knights' season, as the UCF proceeded to win its next eight games, including a dramatic 86-83 win in its home finale at the University of Florida.

The Knights also upset the TAAC's top team, the College of Charleston, on the road to end the regular season. UCF played well in the TAAC tournament, topping the same Samford team that beat them 78-66 at home in mid-January. The Knights shot over 70 percent from the field in eliminating the Bulldogs, 94-83.

We underestimated them the first time we played them. We really didn’t think they would have much for us,” said sophomore center Davis Granberry, who hit 12 of 13 field goals in the regular season.

Junior forward Brad Traina, who averaged 10.2 points per game, and a experienced frontcourt featuring Bucky Lovett, Beronti Simms, and Scott White. Returning after redshirt seasons will be sophomore Ikechi Nnakwe, who signed with the Knights in the early signing period, and Seton Hall transfer Roy Leath, who Speraw says can play anywhere in the frontcourt.

UCF had its share of superb individual performances this season. Jones won TAAC co-player of the year of honors as well as the newcomer of the year award.

Jones also set UCF Division I records for most points in a game (42), in a season (583) and he finished among the top 30 in the nation in scoring (20.8) and led the Knights in rebounding (7.4 a game).

Junior forward Brad Traina, was named to the All-TAAC second team after finishing seventh in the conference in scoring. Trains scored a career-high 37 points at Seton and also led UCF in three-pointers made.

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Women's track vs. Wake Forest, UCF Arena Track.

Baseball vs. Seton Hall, varsity tennis courts, noon. Women's tennis vs. Central Florida Future 25

Baseball vs. Centenary College, UCF baseball complex, 7 p.m. Women's tennis vs. Maryland (Ohio), varsity tennis courts, 2 p.m. Baseball vs. Centenary College, UCF baseball complex, 1 p.m.


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Friday
Men's tennis vs. UNC Charlotte, varsity tennis courts, 2 p.m.

Saturday
Baseball vs. Centenary College, UCF baseball complex, 7 p.m. Women's basketball, TAAC tournament championship in Miami, 7:30 p.m. Women's tennis vs. Seton Hall, varsity tennis courts, noon. Women's men's tennis vs. July 10
Ely brings more to Knights than three-point shooting

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between a pool or a basketball court, but I had my back, so of course we wanted the basketball court.

Playing against her brother and practicing with her father everyday, Ely began to get much better than most of her peers.

"Jeremiah's a really good player. My mother thinks he's the while Greg Graham [the former Indiana Hoosier star]."

Michael Smith at Ely.

"He can do anything. I wouldn't play against me in the backyard and show me his movies because he knew in the long run that would make us a better player."

Jeremiah invited her to play with his friends at Perry Meridian Middle School, where their father worked as a coach and would open the gym and let them play. Howard, Ely said she was timid at first, but after a few sessions she began to play more aggressively and looked less intimidated of the boys she played against.

"I never mess it easy on her," Jeremiah Ely said. "I never wanted to lose to her. She always played me tough and tried to win. I think it made her a better player and I feel good because I helped her get to where she's at."

With days beginning to respect her abilities, Ely decided to bring some of her friends to join in the experience.

"She invited some her high school teammates to come and play and they would never come back again," Howard Ely said. "They just couldn't take the rough play."

While her teammates couldn't handle playing against the boys, that same group became Ely's personal cheering section at every one of her home games, she said.

Ely graduated from Southport in just the second girl to earn 12 varsity letters (four years in volleyball, track and basketball) while making the honor roll all four years. Her senior year she averaged 21.8 points and 5.1 rebounds and signed with the Knights.

"I wasn't sure what it would be like to play in Florida," Ely said. "I had played in AAU tournaments and nationals and knew basketball was the same everywhere. I knew I could be contributing to the team as a shooter."

Bria said Ely hasn't just helped UCF with her three-pointers, but as an example to other young players.

"Kelli Ely is one of the most competitive people I have ever known," Bria said. "Kelli Ely wants to win. She wants to be the best. She told me at the beginning of the season one of her goals was to start. I thought, maybe. But she's so competitive. She has a fire in her that coaches can't give and that's what I love about her the most."

While an example on the court, Ely's, teammates easy acceptance of her made the transition from Indiana much smoother.

"The girls on the team are fantastic," Cindy Ely, who added that she has written several thank you letters to Ely's roommates, freshmen Camille Howard and White.

"When Kelli was in high school, the teams hardly did anything off the court. These girls, all of them, do things on the court and off the court. They invite each other to their homes. They just welcomed Kelli with open arms. And it's not just the coach who invites the players over, but the whole team and I love them all for that."

Ely said the team's unity has helped the young Knights surpass Bria's goals.

"I don't think she expected too much out of us with each of us being so young coming in, but we've gelled together as a team," Ely said. "I think our expectations at the start of the season were higher than our individual ones. Our goals were to break last season's record and to be first in the TAAC conference and I think that really helped us to play better."

With the conference tournament starting on March 5, Ely said listening to veteran players like Stacey DeVeaux and Chariya Davis will be key.

"They are our leaders," she said. "They tell us what needs to be done. They know where we need to improve to be done. They know all the game plans on the court. But they also have the knowledge we need. We don't even talk back to

Women's tennis on 2-game winning streak

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The football team signed three players to letters-of-intent on Feb. 17. Defensive end Darryn Smith of Vicksburg, Miss., and Thomas Andrews of Hineville, Ky., along with tailback Mario Lovett, Tony Marlow, Ashar and Isil Cayirli defeated the only double s match, Rachna of the Year in the conference with six honors.

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Men's basketball tops TAAC in academic honorees

The UCF men's basketball team placed a conference-high nine players on the 1998 Men's Basketball All-Academic Honor Roll. To earn TAAC All-Academic honors a student-athlete must be listed on the team's final squad list and earn at least a 3.0 grade-point-average on a 4.0 scale in the semester during his competitive season. The players to make the honor roll were Jofo Yue, Bucky Hodges, Mark Jones, Mario Lovett, Tony Marlow, Chad Steckline, Jason Thornton, Brad Traina and Scott White.

The Knights are now among the conference with six honorees.

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Home again, UCF looks to revive its offense

By JEFF CASE
Staff Writer

After spending 17 of its first 18 games on the road, the baseball team will return home March 6 looking to improve its struggling offense.

UCF (8-9) has lost its share of close games, with five of its nine road losses coming by three runs or less. The Knights have had little problem getting hits on the road, averaging 7.6 a game, but their opponents hit .234 as a team, and their opponents' batting average (4.3) is out with a groin injury. Cloud did not play in UCF's two games against Sam Houston State Feb. 27-28.

The team split the two-game series against SHS, losing the first game 3-2 and winning the second 5-2. Bergman said he is unsure if Cloud will be available for this weekend's three-game series against Centenary College, the TAAC opener for both schools.

Even though the Knights have struggled at the plate, the pitching staff has kept UCF close. Posting a team earned run average of 3.53, the Knights have three pitchers with ERAs under 4.00. The group is led by senior All-America candidate Todd Bellhorn, who is currently 4-0 with a 1.33 ERA. Bellhorn, who splits time between pitching and the outfield, is also leading UCF in plate appearances (66) and is third on the team in runs (11) and doubles (3).

His pitching led UCF to a 6-4 victory over the University of Kansas, the team's only win at home in 2001. The win also snapped a three-game losing streak.

UCF followed the win with a 5-3 loss to then No. 22 Oklahoma, despite outlasting the Sooners 12-6. UCF split their two-game series with host University of Houston, losing their first game 9-4 on Feb. 22 and winning the second, 4-3, on Feb. 24. Battling the flu and taking on their second opponent in two days, UCF found enough energy to rally late and defeat No. 9 Rice University on Feb. 25.

The Owls lead 3-2 heading into the final inning, but UCF scored on an unearned run by Rice's Bubba Crosby in the sixth. Bellhorn delivered again, however, holding the Owls to just two singles and no runs in the final 2 1/3 innings for a 4-3 UCF win.

Bergman said the Owls overzealousness probably cost them the game.

"Rice tried to turn a ball into a double play that wasn't a double play ball," said Bergman. "It was just a ground ball, but that was the essence of it all. They got a force out at second base and the second baseman tried to turn it into a double play, but he overthrew it. The ground ball tied it up but they tried to make something happen that wasn’t there.”

Bergman downplayed the team's first win of the season over a ranked opponent.

"It wasn’t really an upset," he said. "We played hard and probably could have scored a few more runs." UCF's ability to keep games close bodes well for the future, Bergman said.

"All of our losses on the road were close and if we were losing by a lot I would have been worried," Bergman said. "As long as our pitching stays where it is, we are going to hit the ball. It’s just a matter of starting to relax at the plate and [then] good things will happen.”

Junior Erik Johnson and the Knights play their first home game in over month when Centenary College visits March 6-8.
**SPORTS**

**Men's basketball finishes tough season on a high note**

*By TONY MEJIA*

Staff Writer

The 1997-98 men's basketball season started out as one with great promise for UCF. The Knights featured a pair of highly touted transfers from Minnesota (leading scorer and rebounder Mark Jones) and Georgia Tech (junior center Lucky Hodge), as well as many sophomores holders ready to challenge for the TAAC championship.

Strong efforts against Auburn (63-70), Florida (85-100), Toledo (64-69), and South Florida (72-73) demonstrated that the Knights could play at high level, but at the same time there were disappointing performances, like home losses to Campbell and Sanford.

Inconsistency plagued UCF en route to a 9-10 record, as they fell under .500 for the last final time after 95-86 loss to Florida International in Miami. UCF shot 60 percent from the field in the losing effort, proving they could play with the conference's best. That loss to the Panthers may have inspired the turnaround the See FRONTCOURT, Page 25

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**FROM the SPORTS Desk**

Culpepper named Florida's top amateur athlete

UCF quarterback Daunte Culpepper was officially named Friday as the People's Choice Award winner as the state's top amateur male athlete. The award, in its sixth year, is based on athletes," We're the ones who make it possible for me to be successful.

Last season, Culpepper set 15 school records and finished fifth in the nation in total offense. He passed for 2,308 yards, 25 touchdowns while throwing only 10 interceptions. He completed 238 of 381 passes for a 62.5 percentage. He also gained 238 yards rushing and scored five touchdowns.

UCF selects 3 for 1st hall of fame class

UCF began its hall of fame by naming former men's basketball coach Torchy Clark, his son Bo and soccer standout Michelle Akers as the founding class. The trio will be inducted on April 18.

Torchy Clark led the Knights to a 274-85 record in his 14 years with the school, including the first team back in 1969. Bo Clark, who played for his father in the late 1970s, is UCF's all-time leading scorer. Clark led the nation in scoring (31.66) in the 1977-78 season.

Akers was the National Soccer Player of the Year in 1987 and 1988. She helped the 1996 U.S. Olympic Women's Soccer team win Gold in 1996.

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**Women ready to challenge for TAAC championship**

*By BRANT PATRICK PARSONS*

Staff Writer

For three days starting March 5, the top eight women's basketball teams in the Trans America Athletic Conference will gather in Miami to play a little tournament with a big prize: an automatic berth to the NCAA tournament.

UCF (16-10, 11-5) will be attempting to make its second appearance in three years in the conference tournament. The Knights enter the tournament as the No. 2 seed, their highest ever.

The first match-up for UCF is a rematch with Mercer, which on Feb. 16 defeated the Knights, 76-73, in Orlando. Mercer finished the season 7-9 in the conference, winning three of its last four games. Bria said her team learned some important lessons from that loss.

"I think when we played them here, we did not play real hard, we made a lot of errors," said Bria, who has yet to coach UCF to a win over Mercer in her two years as the Knights' coach (0-3). "I think we've got to play harder and we've got to play smarter.

Freshman forward Kelli Ely said the players are excited about the first-round matchup because they want revenge on the Bears.

"Good," Ely said. "We wanted another shot at Mercer because they beat us on our home court."

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**SharpsHoooting freshman finds a home in two places**

*By DEREK GOSSOULIN*

Sports Editor

Women's basketball freshman Kelli Ely keeps a 1979 Susan B. Anthony silver dollar with her on the bench. Hundreds of miles away, back in her hometown of Indianapolis, her father, Howard Ely, wears another 1979 silver dollar on a necklace while he coaches his high school girls basketball team. Howard Ely said he got the coins, dated to Ely's birth year, at the same time as change.

"I wear one on game days to give her luck and she has one of the coaches on the bench hold her coin when she plays to return the favor," Howard Ely said. "That's my connection to her because she's so far away." Ely doesn't regret leaving her hometown to play for UCF but after forming strong, athletic bonds with her father and brother, leaving was still difficult.

Her first three months in college, she ran up almost $600 in phone bills calling her parents every night.

"I don't think she realized how expensive the calls were," Ely's mom, Cindy, said. "We have the dime-a-minute rate so we can talk as long as we like now."

Among six other freshmen in Coach Lynn Bria's first recruiting class, Ely has had the biggest impact. Ely, the Knights' all-time leader in three-pointers made with 57 in just 26 career games, is UCF's third leading scorer with 10.4 points a game.

"Every coach tries to judge how a player will do, but I was sort of surprised by her success and sort of not," Bria said.

"I'm surprised that she has been able to break the three-point record so quickly. What I'm not surprised about is that she's played basketball her whole life. I knew she could come in and contribute because she has too many good qualities about her. She has come in as a freshman and been a factor." Ely said she and her older brother Jeremiah made the choice very early in life to play basketball.

"We both started in a little league when we were really young," Ely said. "I was in first grade and he was in second. My father gave us a choice

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