Hungry to make some money?

Selling real estate has the potential to earn a person more than $100,000 a year.

By BRIAN SMITH
News Editor

The UCF South Campus will begin a course for people who are interested in becoming certified to sell real estate in Florida. Lou Prince, who has specialized in real estate sales for 30 years, will teach the course.

"There are two types of salespeople," Prince said. "Those who are hungry to make big dollars and someone who isn't." The course is intended for people who are looking for additional full-time or part-time work.

Students are encouraged to work for home builders, Prince said. Graduates receive money from the sale of a house right away and they have a steady paycheck every week, and it averages about $350 to $500. Graduates can earn a minimum of $55,000 and average $100,000 a year, he said.

People from other professions are starting to sell real estate. "More physicians are getting out of their profession to make what they're worth," Prince said. "Physicians have things such as overheads and taxes that take away from their incomes, but those who work in real estate don't have as many income reducing variables."

Robert Brown, an X1 homes, was a law student before enrolling in Prince's course. "I was drowning in debt when Lou said to me 'when you're ready to make money come see me.'" Brown said. "I went through the training program and learned different techniques in selling."

In the future, real estate courses could be expanded at the university. "We're waiting for the final See ANYBODY, Page 4

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 Kiwanis 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 See ORGANIZATIONS, Page 6

Kiss the camel

Student Lauren Agnino gets a special smooth by "Sir Gus," the Shriners' mascot, who made an appearance at Moon Bounce on Feb. 17.

By NATALE NATALE
Staff Writer

Lambda Chi Alpha and Alpha Delta Pi bounced for two days to raise money for the Shriners Hospitals.

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 sunbathing, 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 See SHOW, Page 12

Testing your patience

The CLAST is a waste of time and money.

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Don Pablo's

Mexican restaurant offers a variety of spicy dishes.

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Women prepare for tourney

UCF will be a No. 2 seed in the conference tournament.

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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 how to help themselves,” said Burgan. “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 with 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 she hopes the expo will help reach students who do need help or knows someone who does.

“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 Advocates Team.

The anxiety questionnaire will be administered in the Student Union’s Egmont Key Room and the eating disorders questionnaire in the Garden Key Room.

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Tell mom most of what you’re up to.

1-800-COLLECT
Students’ driving skills to be put to the test

By GWEN R. RHODES
Staff Writer

Test your driving skills during the 1998 Autocross UCF, which will be held on March 15. The event will take place at the Education Building parking lot.

An Autocross is a timed, low to medium speed auto race where contestants drive their vehicles through a miniature road course navigating curves and straightaways. An Autocross is usually held in large parking lots and unused air runways. The course is laid out with orange traffic cones and each driver completes one at a time.

The Autocross is intended to test driving skills and not speed. 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 recommend that cars 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. It is a UCF student association dedicated to helping students pursue their interests as car and truck enthusiasts.

Originally established as a car club for classic muscle-car enthusiasts and named in honor of UCF’s mascot, the association has grown to include several divisions. The most popular one is based on Knight Rider, a former television series. Some club activities include: helping students to find a new car, assisting owners of classic cars with restorations and participating in KnightCon ’98, which is a convention held for fans of Knight Rider.
Anybody can be a success

From PAGE 1

approval for teaching real estate in all the foreign lan-
guages,” Princepito said. “We’re working to develop a master’s
degree in real estate. It’s a won-
derful, highly specialized field.”

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

The course offers job place-
ment, free session in the prin-
ciple of selling and non-verbal
communication and advice on
career planning.

Graduates of the course cred-
itate their success for selling real
estate to Princepito’s teaching
philosophy.

“We started (Masterpiece
Homes) and we brought Lou in
because we were a fast grow-
ing company but we wanted to
work with the client instead of simply showing the
house or demonstrating a prod-
uct.”

“It’s a better technique in sell-
ing with people to build confi-
dence and loyalty,” Davis said.
“We’re becoming a housing
doctor by prescribing a pre-
scription. We know what’s ailing
them.”

Brown said anybody can be a
success after taking the course.
“| was good when I entered
the business,” he said. “I had
no experience except for the
training theories he taught. I
wrote a contract for a house I
sold on my first day. Last year,
it was the top salesman and I
made more than $100,000.”

“If someone goes into it with
an open mind and does every-
thing they say, you can’t fail.
You’re going to be a success.”

The course is free to those who
have passed the state ex-
amination for state exam and vet-
to listen, watching for things
they are not saying and reading
body language.” Davis said.
“He also has taught us that sell-
ing should be a relationship
building process between peo-
ples. 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 prod-
uct.

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 chil-
dren are housed there at any one
time and about 100 to 150 chil-
dren 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 sort-
ed food for Second Harvest
Food Bank; Special Olympics
and Valentine Day cards for the
elderly.

Organizations with little money receive
gifts

From PAGE 1

Cristina Santana, school of com-
munication, heard of 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).

Students receive special oppor-
tunities to learn about the diff-
erent environments.

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 aware-
ness.”

According to Baca, the club
has scheduled numerous pro-
jects 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
4:30 p.m. at the Student Union
in the Peninsula Room.

For those interested in joining
contact Jenkins in the
Administrative Building or
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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.

“The Boy’s Life” was the subject of a major feature film starring Robert DeNiro, and Ellen Barkin 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,” won 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 his work published in many periodicals, including The New Yorker, TriQuarterly, Esquire.

Chris Gonzalez.

The Communication Building is located behind the Visual Arts Building and adjacent to the Lake Claire Courtyard Apartments. The Communication main office is COM 238 and the film department main office is COM 271. WUCF-FM is expected to move in the coming months.

The UCF Trumpet Ensemble has been invited to perform at the International Trumpet Guild Conference at the University of Kentucky in May. This will be the first time the ensemble has ever auditioned for a national level competition.

The Communication faculty and staff have been selected to play prelude music at one of the major sessions or concerts at the conference. The UCF group will premier two new compositions by Florida composers: “Festal Flourish” by Joseph Keitges, and a work in progress by UCF composer Stella Sung.

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.

For more information, contact Jason Murphy at 974-6660 or Cathy Droke at 671-9999.

April 9, 1998

Choosing a leader

Rob Rodriguez casts his vote for Student Government president and vice president on Feb. 17. Runoff elections are on March 4.

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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 smartest 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.

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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 hiatus because she wanted to finish college before her daughter even had time for the children that I wanted. When my daughter was born, I got involved in activities for her and I never even thought about school.

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.

"These days you need more than a 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 along 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 a [college] degree," she said. "It's been an uphill battle sometimes."

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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 Kanau 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 sure to read the texts paying close attention to figures/illustrations and regroup class notes as visual stimuli. Diagrams, timelines 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 Jeanne 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 participatory student-centered classes 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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Mike Tyson: In West Monroe, La.,
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Weird Science

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fencing.” In the presence of a

ater a worm cafes out with its penis

to attempt to ingest sperm, but the

potential mate might have similar

early sense itself, and in hours that last

up to an hour, each attempts to

incriminate the other. Often both

worms are left severely penetrated.

University of Texas sociologist

David Bass told reporters in

September that his interviews of 107

couple revealed that certain

behave are highly correlated with

a tendency toward infidelity.

Among them: arriving late for din­

ner or meetings, spending much
time looking in the mirror, forget­
ing to thank friends for favors,

laughing at injured animals, run­

ning up debts, and walking out of a

room without turning off the light.

A British research team, writing in

the December issue of Nature

Genetics, identified a gene disor­
der that makes some people smell

like rotting fish, almost without

regard to their eating or hygiene

habits. Most people produce a cer­

tain enzyme to absorb a particular­ly stinky protein made by bacteria

in the stomach, but those who
can’t produce the enzyme see the

protein seep out through their

breath or perspiration. Said a

researcher on a Canadian team
also studying the problem, “These

are severely isolated, depressed

and lonely people.”

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March 1998

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March 2nd – 6th
CLAST tests nerves as well as skills

By JASON HEIRONIMUS
Opinion Editor

Welcome back! Aren't you glad to finally be back in school? Nine days was way too long. Someone should do something about that, like make spring break two days or something, or, even better, make spring break a week after school starts so that we have as little time away from school as possible!

No, I haven't gone crazy, I'm just struggling with a little-known disease called Post-Traumatic CLAST syndrome, or, PTCLAST. I recently had the pleasure of taking the CLAST, and let me tell you, it was well worth it. Luckily I only had to take the math portion of the test so the experience was only 1/4 as bad as it could have been, the aforementioned statement being a possible test question by the way.

When I first transferred to UCF I was privy to a little known fact: that the CLAST was going to be phased out in

the very near future, and that there was no need for me to take it. Well, after nearly a year and a half, this annoying "skills test" is still forcing students to wake up at the crack of dawn on a Saturday and be expected to perform to someone else's expectations. Sometimes they even make students take these tests on the first day of spring break. Someone out there in academia has an outrageous sense of humor and over and over again the joke seems to be on me.

If you are unfamiliar with this test of tests, let me fill you in. It is supposed to measure the average skills that every college student should know before they move on to higher education. CLAST simply is an acronym for College Level Academic Skills Test, another possible test question. This test is filled with information that one should know in order to appropriately survive in the real world like: what is the degree of an angle of a right sided rhombus perched on an oak tree with a small boy named Simon playing cops and robbers next to it?

These are questions where if one of the answers was "the question is too ridiculous for me to dignify it with an answer" you would mark that one down every time. What exactly is the point here? When I graduated from high school, I had hoped to be rid of all the ridiculous filler that they taught in order to fill state requirements. It is an interesting transition when one goes from deciphering Joyce to figuring out which car makes it to Albuquerque quicker if one is using diesel and the other premium. Is this stuff that we need to know? Somebody please tell me because if so I have completely misunderstood the entire educational system.

The CLAST, however, is not unlike any of the other bubble tests you have taken in your life. You still have to get up early to take the damn thing. It is as if we are doing them a favor. "Excuse me sir, would you mind if I wasted time out of my schedule to take your ridiculously pointless test, and if so, please make it as early as possible so I can make sure that I'm as tired and foggy-headed as I can possibly be, thank you." Though it is nice to get the thing out of the way, how can we expect them to perform up to their standards when the game must be played by their rules? I wonder if those that are in charge of the CLAST ever had to take the test themselves, and if so, under what conditions.

The irony of all of this is that there is a distinct possibility that I may have to re-take the test again. I remember taking the test and thinking that I had reverted back to high school, and was suddenly afraid that one of the proctors would discover that I had chewing gum in my mouth. But if I discover that I did not pass the CLAST, I'm on my first try what does that mean? Does it mean that I am a whole lot more dumb than I had at first thought I was because I couldn't dredge up silly math problems that I learned six years ago? Is everything that I had learned in college completely null and void because I was too careless to waste time on that problem with the dog, the train and the vacuum cleaner? Or does it just mean that I wouldn't be able to survive in the real world without the knowledge that the CLAST tried to provide for me?

I believe that if anything my experience with the CLAST netted helped nor hurt me. I believe politicians just use the test so that they can measure test scores from state to state, and say, "Hey look, Florida dropped another 2.5% in math, but increased 1.8% in English, ooh that's good, that will positively reflect upon me, yippee!!! The CLAST is a waste of everyone's time and money." This test is finishing what it should turn into action, especially before it's time for me to take it again.
March movies: Psycho moms, wild girls, a giant

By STACEY COPELAND
Stafl 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 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 17th-century Venetian poet/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 box-office buster The Fugitive. Jones returns as deputy Samuel Gerard with yet another crime-solving adventure. This is defini­tely a must see!

• Primary Colors (March 20) - The screen adaptation of Joe Klein's novel about a Chiron-esque presidential candidate (John Travolta) who becomes the First-Lady in waiting, as well as the Father of the House (Tommy Lee Jones). Kathy Bates, Billy Bob Thornton, and Adrian Lester. 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 documentury 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 'reveal­ing' film is sure to get great word-of-mouth as the release date draws near.

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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Wherehouse in Texas" is defini­tely a must see!

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Listen up! By Shannon Wray

Soul Food
Music from the motion picture (Laface Records)

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, Toni, 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, "Finn," features Tori's high pitched vocals 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 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 beneath the women's voices, I felt liberated and motivated. 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 Beatrice Della Rovere, the wife of the Duke of Florence. He's of a lower class then he and less wealthy. Heartbroken, she becomes a courtesan, an educated, fun-loving, classly, prostitute.

Sewell likes the film, now playing at a theater near you, just fine. But he hates that title, not my business to understand them, teach them a new word.

"Dangerous Beauty" than if people don't know what a courtesan is, I'm sure they're right, that a lot of 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 "Dark 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 Sarandon 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 was 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."
A taste of Mexico - travelling not required

By HENRY SPRINGS

Staff writer

The golden sunset fades into the distance. The traffic is a bit hectic 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 rancheros 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 or the range. But we aren’t talking about any made to order taste of the Southwestern tradition such as Chi Chi’s or Taco Bell. We’re talking about one of Orlando’s newest Mexican imports, Don Pablo’s at 11400 University Blvd., The Real Enchilada’s. A taste of Tex-Mex cuisine worth sampling.

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 one of Don Pablo’s concoctions, 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 isn’t doing more than meeting its expectations. Although 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 exception- al too. Despite the similarly seasoned 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, which came with the same menu of the sauce but that’s deep fried with chicken cream butter that’s deep fried with chicken or beef and topped with guacamole and sour cream. It’ll introduce you to a whole new world of the Tex-Mex 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 surprising skillful full of surprises. They offer nine types of dinners and combos. Everything from chicken and cheese enchiladas with red chile 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 salsas than I can mention. With names like El Matador, El Presidente, Enchilada Taco Combo, or the Mexican or San Angelo Dinner, the sky is the limit (56 - 8.95).

A Mexican restaurant wouldn’t be a Mexican restaurant with out soft and crisp tacos, barbecue chicken and chicken breast, or fajitas 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 mom’s skillet with a variety of accompaniments. If that’s all you expected to find there’s lots more to temp you (56 - 8.95).

Nachos and quesadillas have quickly become a household word in many American vocabularies. But Don Pablo’s can add that to understanding within the first few bites of it’s Acapulco or Fajita Nachos. Not all smothered with cheese but your choice of ground beef, guacamole, cheese, chopped tomatoes, jalapenos, sour cream, or chicken fajita meat. The quesadillas, Mexican pizzas, are grilled flour tortillas topped with peppers, tomatoes, beans, or cheese, 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, strawberries and honey roasted pecans surrounded by wedges of cinnamon tortilla crisps. Iron skillet 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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BY PETER KUNDIS

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.

— Karen Rodriguez, Senior, Marketing, Oviedo.

Yes, if Sign Language isn’t a foreign language, then just what is it? The world of the hearing impaired individuals is a culture unto its own. Why should we heavily promote the other languages, when we can’t even communicate with many of our own fellow Americans? Not recognizing Sign Language proficiency as fulfillment of the foreign language requirement, is a major insult to the hearing impaired population.

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Kent State votes to open hearings

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KENT, Ohio — Students who get into trouble at Kent State University will have to face more than the judicial court when their disciplinary hearings roll around.

The university's board of trustees voted Feb. 9 to open such hearings to the public unless a victim or alleged violator wants them closed. Hearing officers also may close a proceeding 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.F. Flynn, the university's coordinator of judicial affairs, told The Chronicle of Higher Education. "They don't believe that we act in the interest of the students and taxpayers and various other constituencies. I tell you that we do. But us 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 their playlists, but many students at the University of Illinois said their pep band should have dropped when President Bill Clinton spoke on campus Jan. 28.

"What are they thinking?" one young man yelled to reporters who snickered 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 head 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 $82 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-McClellan 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.

Under the proposed deal, the shoe and clothing manufacturer would give the university its 18 athletic teams' shoes, workout clothes, uniforms and sporting equipment. In return, athletics would be expected to wear and use Nike products during games and practices.

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Author proves reality doesn’t always bite

By MERCEDES McELMURRY
Staff Writer

“Coming of Age in Babylon, Finding Your Reality,” is a col¬
orful assortment of essays, con¬
structed for young college stu¬
dents. I would first like to start by saying that I definitely
enjoyed 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 honesty 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 21-25, this book is a
must read. For those of you
who are just starting to
spread your wings, or possibly
their Wings, this book is a great

guide to life. Those of us who
are 2-25 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 homosexu¬
ality 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 want¬
ed 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 inter¬
pretation 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
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turns reading it. For this reader,
“Coming of Age in Babylon,
Finding Your Own Reality,”
awakened more of my inner
reality and brought me
several steps closer to finding
out the whole reality.

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UCF looking for revenge against Mercer

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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 State, and the only team to defeat UCF this season, Campbell University.

FIU finished the season 15-1 in the conference and was ranked No.14 in the nation at court."

Regardless of who it plays, UCF will have to win three games in three days to win the tournament, which requires extreme endurance and depth. Bria believes that could play to her team’s favor.

"If we had an opportunity at FIU, I wanted to get them in the third game," Bria said. "I think if we could get them when maybe they are a little bit tired, it is an advantage for us. FIU is a good team, but they are not a deep team."

Bria’s confidence has reached 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 not play so well and have to not play so well and somebody else is going to have to play real well," Bria said. "That can happen, you know. That is why you play the game."

Junior guard Chariya Davis, who leads the Knights in scoring, rebounding, steals and assists, agreed with her coach.

"To beat FIU, you’ve got to 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."

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"The momentum is going to carry over," Davis said. "Everyone is pumped. We are ready to play the TAAC."
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 Friday.

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, dropping the same Samford team that beat them 78-66 at home in mid-January. The Knights shot well in the TAAC tournament, finishing 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, who hit 12 of 13 field goals in the conference in scoring, was named to the All-TAAC second team after finishing seventh in the conference in scoring. Traina scored a career-high 37 points at Stetson and also led UCF in three-pointers made.

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).

UCF lost only one game in February, which will feature point guard Cory Perry, the TAAC's second-leading assist man, D'Querras Stewart, who averaged 10 points per game, and a experienced frontcourt featuring Rocky Hodge, Davis Granberry, Mario Lovett, Beronti Simms, and Scott White. Returning after redshirt seasons will be sophomore Iyoyo Cee and freshman Jason Thornton.

Additions to the UCF program will be incoming freshman Ikechi Nnakwe, who signed with the Knights in the early signing period, and Seton Hall transfer Roy Leath, who Spear says can play anywhere in the frontcourt. Leath and Nnakwe will try to make up for the loss of senior forward Tony Marlow. With the loss of senior guard Chad Stockline, UCF may choose to redshirt Nnakwe and look for immediate help in the backcourt.
Ely brings more to Knights than three-point shooting

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between a pool or a basketball court. I was backyards, 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 white Greg Graham [the former Indiana Hoosier star]," said Jeremiah.

"He can do everything. He would play against me in the backyard and show me his moves because he knew in the long run would make me 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 often to 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 took it easy on her," Jeremiah Ely said. "I never wanted to love 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 is at."

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

She invited some of his 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 as 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 nationally and knew basketball was the same every place I went, so I knew coming in was going to contribute to the team as a shooter."

Bras Ely said 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," Bras Ely 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," said Cindy El, who added that she has written several thank you letters to Ely's roommates, freshmen Camille Howard and DeVeaux Graham.

"When Kelli was in high school, the teams hardly did anything off the court. These girls, all the girls, 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 each of us being so young coming in, but we've gelled together as a team," Bras 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 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 DeVarre and Charla Davis key.

"They are our leaders," she said. "They tell us what needs to be done and they know what we have the knowledge we need. We don't ever talk back to them.

Football signs 3, including all-American

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The football team signed three players to letters-of-intent on Feb. 17: Defensive back Darryn Smith of Vicksburg, Miss., and Thomas Andrews of Hinesville, Ga., along with tailback Omar Howard of Syracuse, N.Y., bringing the number to 13 inked during the signing period.

Smith, 6-5, 240, played last season at Hills Community College in Raymond, Miss., while Andrews, 6-5, 220, comes to UCF from Liberty County High School. Howard, 5-10, 205, comes to UCF from Milford Academy, a prep school in Meriden, Conn.

"These guys add a lot to our signing class in terms of talent and ability," co-recruiting coordinator Alan Goeck said. "They enhance what was already a very strong group."

Howard is one of the most decorated students in the history of the UCF program. A Parade- and Blue-Chip-illrated All-American in 1995, Howard was a teammate at Cocomoro High School of tight end Wanstel Underwood, who entered UCF in January. A two-time all-state performer, Howard was the 1995 Player of the Year in the state of New York. He rushed for more than 3,100 yards and 43 touchdowns his final two seasons at Cocomoro.

Men's basketball tops TAAC in academic honors

The UCF men's basketball team placed a conference-best 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 Joey Cue, Bucky Hodge, Mark Jones, Mario Lovett, Tony Marlow, Chad Steckline, Jason Thomson, Brad Traina and Scott Washington. Each was a member of the conference with six honorees.

Women's tennis on 2-game winning streak

The women's tennis team won a pair of matches over the spring break holiday, beating Memphis and Jacksonville, to improve to 6-2. UCF, which had lost in Tampa to No. 29 Florida on Feb. 20, is on a two-game winning streak heading into its March 7 match with Seton Hall.

Led by Maria Widyadharmo's 6-3, 6-3 victory over Lena Beranova at No.1 singles, UCF defeated Memphis 7-0 in Orlando on Feb. 22. Ann Svantesson defeated Christian Ladayman 6-3, 7-5 in No. 2. In the only doubles match, Rachael Ashar and Jill Cayrell defeated Lori Stevens and Angela Brannon 8-1 to finish off the Tigers 6-2.

"The Knights swept IU (1-4), 9-0, on March 1. Widyadharmo best Alejandra Cornejo at the top singles match, 6-3, 6-4 and teamed with Stephanie Turner to win at No.1 doubles, 8-6, over the Dolphins' Cornejo and Sharon Schmeiser."
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 (8-5) 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, a marginal difference to their opponents' 7.9.

UCF has a higher run per game average (4.6) than its road competition (3.7), but the Knights haven't gotten to the clutch hitting to win the close games. In their 16-game road trip, the Knights were shut out twice; 4-0 against then No. 11 Auburn at the Florida Marlins Classic and 2-0 against Santa Clara at the Florida Marlins Tournament.

UCF coach Jay Bergman says his team's offensive woes are easy to detect.

"Our offense hasn't cranked up yet and that's a concern," Bergman said. "It's only because our guys haven't hit over .300 (bating average) yet and they're struggling to find themselves right now."

The Knights are hitting only .234 as a team, but their opponents are only hitting .254. Things could get worse as Will Croud, UCF's leader in runs (16) and batting average (.356), is out with a groin injury. Croud 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 Croud 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 ERA's 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 Houston. Invitational. The win also snapped a three-game losing streak.

UCF followed the win with a 5-3 loss to then No. 22 Oklahoma, despite outslugging 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 hadn't scored since 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, 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."
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 sophomore holdovers 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 a 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 time after a 24-16 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

FROM the SPORTSdesk

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 athlete. The award, in its sixth year, is based on balloting from fans throughout Florida.

"The People's Choice Awards showcase the cream of the crop among Florida athletes," said Michele Cooper of Dairy Farmers of America, which sponsors the award.

More than 17,000 ballots were cast statewide during January with Culpepper garnering the most support with 7,764 votes to easily defeat Florida State baseball player J.D. Drew (2,308).

"It's an honor for me to even be considered for the award with the type of candidates there was to choose from," Culpepper said. "To win it is truly something special. A lot of the credit really belongs to my teammates and Coach Kouns. They'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 1,764 yards in only 26 games, while throwing only 10 interceptions. He completed 238 of 581 passes for a .418 percentage. He also gained 438 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 in February. See FOOTBALL, Page 26

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." See UCF, Page 24

Sharpshooting freshman finds a home in two places

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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 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."

Amid 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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