Future ministers can earn master's degree at UCF

By JAMES COMBS
Staff Writer

UCF and the Reformed Theological Seminary have agreed on a joint-graduate program involving UCF's master of arts in teaching English to speakers of other languages and the seminary's master of arts in theological studies.

Kathryn Seidel, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, said the program will begin next fall when the seminary, which is located in Maitland, expands to Oviedo.

The program will allow UCF students to take courses at the seminary. It is an accredited, non-denominational, Protestant seminary that teaches graduate level instruction for people who want to become ministers.

It will also allow students of the seminary to earn a master of arts in teaching English to speakers of other languages at UCF.

The idea for this program began when Seidel and Al Mawhinney, dean of the seminary, met after they were called for jury duty.

They began discussing the possibility of forming a relationship between their respective programs.

"I was very interested because we don't have a master's degree in religion at this time," Seidel said. "With an institution like that so close, I thought some of our students would be interested in taking some courses in religion."

Mawhinney told Seidel he

Greeks left homeless due to Sierrita Club

By BRIAN SMITH
News Editor

Do not expect any expansion of Greek housing in the near future.

In February, the Board of Regents urged UCF not to proceed with the plans to expand Greek housing on 14 acres that is located between Alafaya Trail and Lake Claire due to opposition from an environmental group.

The Sierra Club became involved after reviewing the proposed master plan amendment from UCF to change the land-use designation of 14 acres of the existing 24.08 acre preserve in the northwest quadrant for a seven-house expansion of Greek housing.

Judith Hancock, chairperson of public lands for the Sierra Club, voiced her objections to the expansion in a letter to the Board of Regents.

We are shocked by this proposal," Hancock wrote. "It has been our belief that the master plan, which was approved by the Board of Regents in 1994, signifies a meaningful level of commitment by the university to protect the unique natural communities which exist in the dedicated conservation areas."

The 1994 master plan designates the 24.08 acres as a preserve and a relocation site for gopher tortoises and Florida mice. The tortoises are listed by the federal government as "a species of special concern" due to their decreasing population.

Hancock said the expansion will also destroy a valuable education resource.

Friends remember one of UCF's first librarians

By OLIVIA K. CURNOW
Managing Editor

A mentor, A role model... A friend. These are the words colleagues used to describe former UCF librarian June Stillman, 68, who was murdered by her 14-year-old neighbor in her Oviedo home March 10.

June worked at the UCF library the day it opened in 1968 until her retirement in December 1996. At her retirement dinner, a microphone was passed around and everyone had a story to tell about June. She was the head reference librarian for most of her career and was responsible for implementing the telephone reference service.

In 1986, she earned a master's degree in English, proving how important pursuing an education was to her. She tried to instill this into those
Seminary to fill need for ministers with advanced education

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would be interested in some of his students taking the English courses at UCF.

"The reason is that there are many ministries that send people to other countries and not only do religious work, but they also teach classes in English as a second language," Seidel said.

After that, various people from UCF's foreign language department met with faculty of the seminary. Once they mutually agreed on the program, UCF decided the seminary could include the dual enrollment in its catalog.

Seidel said about 10 students from each institution may participate in the program during the fall 1998 semester. They will be able to complete their studies in a shorter time because both institutions will accept nine credit hours from each other.

Seidel said it will take seminary students two or three years to graduate with their degrees at UCF.

Students who take courses in the seminary will learn about the Hebrew Bible, the New Testament, study of the Gospels, study of ethical and moral behavior from a Christian perspective and study the recent writers on religion. They will also learn the business aspects of being a minister.

Seidel said both UCF and seminary students will benefit from the program.

"I think the seminary students will get a wonderful idea of cross-culturalism," Seidel said. "One of the things that our program does is talks about the cultural differences that occur when you try to teach English to a non-American.

"You're not only teaching a language, but you are a representative of a completely different culture. I think they will get a lot of good information about how to make that a very smooth transition."

"I think UCF students who might have an interest in the ministry would get a good idea if that is what they want to do if they attend the seminary."

The seminary was established seven years ago and now has more than 600 students. Seidel expects the program to grow.

"There is quite a demand for ministers who have an advanced education, and I think that will bring their students to our campus," Seidel said.
Professor gives students an education for the future

By NATALIE NATALE
Staff Writer

Despite his busy teaching schedule, marketing professor Dr. Ronald Rubin still has time to devote to his students and family.

Rubin began teaching at UCF in 1972 when only 5,000 students attended the university. Rubin teaches more than 10 undergraduates and six graduate courses in marketing.

Rubin earned a bachelor's degree in economics from Queens College of the City University of New York, a master's degree in international business from Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania and a doctorate in business administration and marketing from the University of Massachusetts.

In 1972, Rubin left Western New England College to become an assistant professor at UCF. Rubin has been involved with more than 75 UCF activities and committees during his 26-year teaching career. He is serving as coordinator for the Kappa Tau, the Marketing National Honorary Society, for the sixth consecutive year.


Rubin requires his students to engage in various forms of field research, geographic information systems and spreadsheet analysis. His marketing intelligence classes are teaching up with the hospitality management department to conduct field research at Epcot Center during the spring semester.

Students will participate in a two-hour training session, receive a complimentary lunch and become "secret shoppers" at designated locations throughout the theme park. Students will monitor anything from wait-line pace, overall cleanliness to employee attitudes.

Marketing students say Rubin lives up to the reputation of being a tough professor.

"I demand a great deal from my students," Rubin said. "Only to be certain that they are prepared to enter the competitive world of business that is waiting for them after graduation."

Senior marketing majors Dan Pettit and Alex Earnhardt said Rubin's classes have taught them practical and effective skills they will use in the future.

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FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT Kappa Delta.

IN OTHER GREEK NEWS:

- Lambda Theta Phi will hold Lambda Hoop Jam on April 4. This is a three-on-three basketball tournament and it will be held at University High School.

People wishing to enter may sign up by March 26. The cost is $10 per player and all proceeds benefit Spouse and Abuse, Inc.

- March 11 was "One Magic Night" for Alpha Xi Delta and Lambda Chi Alpha.

IN REGARDS TO LAST WEEK'S COLUMN:

The article in the March 11 edition of The Central Florida Future was incorrectly reported. The contact number for Pi Kappa Phi is 275-1579. The fraternity is still conducting meetings and interviews for anyone who is interested in learning more about this colony.
UCF needs governor’s approval to use land

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"The preserve and long-time teaching area cannot be replicat­
"ed," said Nave. "If destroyed, the university will have allowed the loss of a unique and biologi­

cally diverse part of the campus that has enriched the lives of numerous students, and which we believed would continue to do so into the future."

Hancock is also concerned about a southern expansion plan by the north entrance to UCF along Alafia Trail. This area is a combination of scrub and xeric oak vegetation communities, Hancock said. It should be recognized that the proposed area is not large enough and too narrow to pro­

vide a meaningful habitat for those species.

"The present and future pro­

posed roadways will likely result in mortality to the species," Hancock said, referring to the tortoises.

Robert G. Nave, office of University Support Services, explained in a letter to Pete Newman, director of facilities planning, the Board of Regents’ decision to not proceed with the expansion.

"Since the Sierra Club has ex­

pressed an unwillingness to compromise on this matter, I think it is safe to assume that any proposed amendment to the UCF campus master plan which has the effect of authorizing the con­

struction of Greek housing in that portion of the northwest campus presently designated as preservation lands will be decid­

ed before the governor and cabi­

net," Nave said.

UCF cannot build on the land without the approval of the gov­

ernor and his cabinet. Their approval is necessary for chang­

ing the master plan.

"I cannot tell you not to pro­

ceed, but I can tell you that I think the governor and cabinet would rule against UCF and in favor of the Sierra Club," Nave wrote to Newman. "I just think the deck is stacked against you on this matter."

The efforts by the Sierra Club has left Lambda Chi Alpha and Alpha Xi Delta without a site for their houses. Also, plans to build a 100-bed Greek lodge that would house small fraternal organizations has been put on hold.

Leaders of the Greek commu­

nity are disappointed about the situation.

"It’s frustrating because it puts a hold on the growth of the Greek community," said Beth Eschhoemberg of Alpha Xi Delta. "Our organization has not held out any other plans to build else­

where, but we do have faith in our Greek leaders, Eschhoemberg said.

"Our chapter is strong enough, we’ll work something out," Eschhoemberg said.

John Carroll, Lambda Chi Alpha, echoed Eschhoemberg’s frustration.

"With all the construction on campus, it’s unfortunate they are hindering our progress," Carroll said. "I thought that they had done a survey and found that the tortoises were not a factor. It’s unfair but that’s the way it goes."

"Look at the construction going on around the campus. They’re hacking down trees like crazy," Carroll said.

Eschhoemberg said she under­

stands the decision by the Board of Regents.

"I think the respect for the Sierra Club is understood," she said.

Center provides supportive, non-judgmental environment

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"Just a change in atti­

dude," he said. "Just a change in attitude can reduce a lot of anx­

iety."

Burgan’s co-leader of the group, Laura Peddie-Bravo, said students will learn relaxation techniques, self-hypnosis, breathing techniques, visualization and progressive relaxation. Peddie-Bravo said the tech­
niques can apply to every situa­
tion.

"Learning ways to cope with stress and anxiety can be helpful in many ways," she said. "Whenever you feel stress, either taking a test, waiting in traffic or at a family function."

Burgan said students should take advantage of the group because not only will profession­
al be working with the group, but other group members will also share their experiences and offer advice.

"Just knowing that you’re not alone at a lot of times makes a big difference," Burgan said.

Peddie-Bravo explained how stress affects people in different ways. Oftentimes, students do poorly on exams and they don’t know why or they feel tense all the time and are unable to relax.

Peddie-Bravo said she often hears students complain about feeling rushed or even having physical symptoms like headaches, insomnia, poor eat­
ing, tension in their muscles or having trouble breathing.

She said students often wait too long before coming in for help. When it starts affecting their grades they come in," Peddie-Bravo said. They should come in when they start feeling over­
whelmed. People don’t have to come to the group only when they are really bad off. They can come just for personal growth or to learn how to cope.

Burgan said students should visit the center to learn about themselves.

"Students will understand more about themselves and gain self knowledge," Burgan said. "Gaining self knowledge is the first step in establishing a strong identity, that is knowing who you are and knowing what you believe. When you have a strong identity, you can stand stress a lot better."

The success of how well the techniques work for students depends on whether or not the student wants to change and if they put the time and energy into using the techniques, Peddie-Bravo said.

"When students sincerely want to cope, I’ve never seen the tech­
niques not decrease stress or anxiety," Peddie-Bravo said. "We can show students that they are not alone and that there are other people who are struggling with similar issues. It’s a sup­
portive and non-judgmental environment for the students."

"Stress is a major component of a college student’s life and there is a lot of different sources of stress," Burgan said. "Of the many things we work with, stress is one there are a lot of good tools to manage it effectively."

Burgan added this is a great time in student’s lives to improve their stress management skills and their communication skills.

"This service is free of charge and provided by highly trained professional," Burgan said. "This is an opportunity to make some great improvements in their lives."

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Former librarian was an inspiration to students

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around her: family, friends, co-workers and students.

"She inspired and nurtured the students," said Meg Scharf, head reference librarian who worked in the same department as June. "One thing that sticks out is how she was able to convey how important learning was."

June was well-known to everyone working at UCF. Former and current administrators and faculty attended the funeral held Monday to pay their respects and offer condolences. St. Matthew’s Episcopal Church was packed with people who shared fond memories of June.

"She had a beautiful garden," said Cynthia Kisby, online search coordinator at the library. "Most people don’t make so much beauty out of dirt and grass. It was really an art. It was like a painting."

Meredith Semones described June as a friend. "She encouraged them to do anything."

Matthew's Episcopal Church was packed with many lives.

"She was a role model in the many years she had seen," said Dean McFall, university spokesperson.

"She was a real Southern lady," Scharf said. "She had such dignity and grace. She touched so many lives.

This poem once hung above June Stillman’s desk, reminding everyone the importance of their jobs:

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SG Productions throws Spring Fling with concerts

By JOHN TURNER
Staff Writer

On April 3, Student Government Productions will feature concerts with groups such as Sister Hazel and House of Dreams. Other groups will play as well including Average Joe, Deja, Gumwrapper Cub and Still Life. At the event, there will be food, games and prizes.

The concert will be located at the Intramural Softball Field and will be free for UCF students.

The senate also passed bill 30-36, which is an addendum budget of $919,228.50 that is a replacement from the original 1997-1998 annual budget.

This is the second attempt to pass an addendum budget because the first faced a possible veto by the student body president, Keith McDonald.

The senate will give the senate $160,000. The senate has spent the current fiscal year's allocation and has $48,000 worth of bills passed, which will come out of the additional allocation.

The senate also added in the addendum budget money to expand the weight room's operating hours and to add new weight room equipment.

Most of the money in the addendum budget will go to the executive branch, which will receive more than $700,000 to pay for utilities, auxiliary overhead, capital outlay, an SGA UCF entrance sign, as well as the Reflecting Pond and Fountain Expansion Project.

Sen. David Siegel authored the addendum.

"The senate focused the addendum budget on providing benefit directly back to individual students," Siegel said. "It also represents student government's desire to partner with the UCF administration on beautifying the University of Central Florida campus."

The bill passed by acclamation from the senate and is awaiting McDonald's signature.

It was also announced that the activity and service fee committee would hold two more meetings before dissolving for the year.

The recommendations for the fiscal year's annual budget are expected to arrive to the organization, appropriation and finance (OAF) committee between March 16 and 20 for possible changes and additions.

"Once again the Student Union did not submit a budget to the committee as requested," Siegel said. "The last time they submitted a budget for review was in fiscal year's 1995-1996 annual budget.

Sen. James Halstead is concerned that the delay by the Student Union in submitting its budget can cause problems for the senate.

"This most certainly can agitate things once this budget hits the senate floor," Halstead said. "Every agency of student government submitted a budget to the committee, we are puzzled why the Student Union did not do the same."

Once the budget arrives to the OAF committee, it will be assigned a bill number and will be debated on the senate floor before passing.

IN REGARDS TO LAST WEEK'S SENATE COLUMN:

According to UCF spokesperson Dean McFall, there is no question of where the $189 million from the Capital Improvement Trust Fund will go. The funds will go to a new recreational services building.

We regret the error.
Muslims hope to end ignorance through education

BY LORI CARTER
Staff Writer

The UCF Muslim Association has two main objectives: to give forth the message of Islam in the universities/communities throughout the country and to keep peace within the Muslims and non-Muslims by providing true and correct knowledge of the Muslim culture.

Taimour Raja, vice president of the Muslim Association, said in the past the organization has had focus lectures, which have to do with the religion and race in America. One of the lectures focuses on the differences between the Muslim religion and the Christian religion.

“We are trying to educate people in general about the Muslims. Education does solve the ignorance through lectures.”

— Taimour Raja
Vice president of the Muslim Association

According to Raja, the biggest misconception of the non-Muslim ethic groups is the women are mistreated because of the clothes they wear and the covering of their hair.

“The main difference is Jesus was born miraculously and is one of the mighty messengers of God,” Musri said. “He delivered the message to his people.”

Musri said other differences include: God is not in the shape of a human being, nor does he have a family; Muslims do not believe in the Trinity, which is God-creator, Jesus-messenger and The Holy Spirit, which is stated in the Old and New Testaments; and the Muslims believe the crucifixion never happened.

“God will decide on Judgement Day,” Musri said. “If we are evil in the world, we risk being punished in the fire of hell.”

According to Musri, the media have misunderstood women to be modest and not to show off their bodies. They wear Islamic type clothing. They cover their hair and body too.

“IUCF student Belinda Long admires the Muslim faith.”

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Program to help students fight their addiction to nicotine

By JENNIFER GASH
Staff Writer

According to the American Cancer Society, 1,200 people die every year from smoking. The UCF Wellness Center in conjunction with the Winter Park Health Foundation is working to decrease this statistic. They plan to offer a smoking cessation program for students during the summer semester at UCF.

The cessation group will be run by Barbara DeVane, a mental health counselor for the Winter Park Health Foundation.

During the meetings, students will work on quitting smoking as well as recognizing the reasons why they smoke.

"Everyone who smokes needs to realize they are really addicted to nicotine," DeVane said. "But there are other reasons why people smoke. There are other habits that they have."

Thad Tran, a senior in the College of Engineering, is aware of some of the other habits associated with smoking.

"I usually smoke after I eat or when I am stuck on a really hard homework problem," Tran said.

"I feel like smoking helps me to think better." DeVane said the cessation program brings a group of smokers together who are trying to quit.

"Group attempts to stop smoking are more successful than individual attempts," DeVane said. "It helps to see other members in the group going through the same thing that you are going through.

"Approximately 75 percent of the group members quit smoking before the nine weeks is up."

DeVane said she admits the percentage is a little misleading. "If we went back and talked to the students a year after they attended a cessation group, some might be smoking again," DeVane said. "The success rate is probably less than 75 percent, but we realize how hard it is to quit smoking and we can help you if you want to stop."

Although the program consists of group meetings, DeVane works with each individual smoker to determine the best way for them to quit.

"Some people find it easier to quit cold turkey, while others gradually taper off the cigarettes," DeVane said. "It can be scary for someone who has smoked for years to just quit smoking overnight."

The program will be held one day a week in the late afternoon. It will be conducted for eight to nine weeks in the Wellness Center, Trailer 617.

If you would like to sign up for the cessation program, call the Wellness Center at 823-5841.

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• Gomez punched one man in the face, and the skinheads left. Three days later, a larger group of skinheads walked into Stenfont Gomez and his entourage in front of their hotel and resumed the insults. Again, Gomez punched one of them in the face, and the skinheads left.

• The Denver Post reported in September that Jenny Roger earlier in the year was ordered to pay her estranged husband $4,000 under Colorado's no-fault divorce law, despite the fact that he was at the time awaiting trial for someone to kill her (and for which he was later convicted and sentenced to 12 years in prison). Under Colorado law, marital misconduct is irrelevant in a divorce, and in this case Jenny happened to be earning more than her husband.

In September, four special education students in Howe, Okla., filed a lawsuit against the school system, their principal and a teacher for a creative history lesson that turned bad. According to the lawsuit, the kids were forced to portray slaves on a ship, under disgusting circumstances, by being Shackled with masking tape, being padded, and being imprisoned in a feces-smelled shower stall (with dirty diapers waved in their faces) to simulate slave-ship stench.

• In November, Leneria, Kan., police chief Ellen Hanson purchased an airline ticket in her name to go to a police conference in November asking the court to reconsider its decision but referring to the justices as “the nine nutty professors” and saying they constituted the fourth horseman of the apocalypse (along with Pestilence, Death and Famine). The motion was denied.

UPDATE ON NEWS OF THE WEIRD CHARACTERS:

Oddit Shepard (News of the Weird, 1997) was jailed in Chicago in 1987 at age 40 for contempt of court for failing to give the whereabouts of his daughter; Deborah then 2, in a child-custody dispute (though he has always claimed he knew nothing). He was finally released Jan. 28, 1998, after Deborah’s mother passed away, ending the dispute. And a Norwegian astrophysics student, 39 (News of the Weird, 1993), who was first barred from U.C. Berkeley at age 22 because he refused to bathe (contending that living a soapless life gave him a deeper understanding of astrology), and who lost several court cases for readmission against the school, filed a lawsuit in January against the Norwegian government in order to place the matter before the European Court of Human Rights.

( Send your Weird News to Chuck Shepherd, P.O. Box 3806, St. Petersburg, Fla. 33738, or Weird@compuserve.com. Chuck Shepherd's latest paperback, "The Concrete Enema and Other News of the Weird Classics," is now available at bookstores everywhere. To order it direct, call 1-800-642-6480 and mention this newspaper. The price is $6.95 plus $2 shipping.)
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Never know when they might change their minds

BY JASON HEIRONIMUS
Opinion Editor

These days driving around campus seems to be just as dangerous as walking through a minefield. If you have driven through Greek Park lately you know what I mean. Police have decided to take it upon themselves to strictly enforce the speed limit. The speed limit is 25 miles per hour, you go 26 and you just may enjoy a nice little visit from the cops. It seems as though this enforcement is getting a little out of hand. Is it the usual argument: don’t they have anything better to do? I believe that they do but it is just so much easier to park in a lot and wait for an unsuspecting student to come to a rolling stop at a stop sign. It’s just too easy.

For an unsuspecting student to come to a rolling stop at a stop sign is awfully easy for them. The thought processes of the students that all too often imagine they are struggle to get through the word that I am unsure of its meaning but sure that it fits in with the rest of the story. They escape the bonds of class privilege once again, a little visit from the cops. It seems to me that this is like real life Florida.

By the way, I have never seen any cop cars waiting like hunters on any car that looks suspicious. If these students had not been pulled over for drunk driving then they should have been pulled over for stupidity. Stupidity can be just as dangerous as alcohol when you’re on the road, but combine the two and you’ve got an incredibly dangerous driver, or, in layman’s terms, an idiot.

Sober driving on campus is getting pretty exciting itself. While campus growth is a good thing, growing pains are not. Every time another construction site breaks ground, the ability to drive safely around it seems to decline with every passing day. Why is it that UCF in its infinite wisdom has decided to start the Great Construction Race of 1998? Once again, I am happy to see UCF growing as a university, but it seems a bit ridiculous to do all this construction at the same time. The students that all this growth is supposed to provide for are struggling to get from point A to point B. It is a miracle that no one has been run over or hit yet.

Speaking of pedestrian collisions, I don’t think there is a safe walker on campus. Crosswalks are meant for people to safely get from one side of the street to another. When a driver sees a pedestrian on the crosswalk that driver is expected to yield to the pedestrian. If you don’t know what yield means, and it seems that many UCF students don’t, it means to give the right of way to the opposing object, whether it is a person, a car, or a chicken.

One of my cohorts, another word that I am unsure of its meaning but sure that it fits in with the sentence, recently described her story of great adventure trying to cross the road (be sure to insert any jokes about roads and chickens anywhere in this column). She described to me her harrowing experience of correctly trying to use a crosswalk, to walk across the street mind you, maybe even with cash, you never know when they might change their mind.

Whether it is driving drunk through Greek Park, driving around campus, or trying to cross the street mind you, having been driving drunk has become much more difficult than our UCF forefathers could have ever imagined. All I ask is that people turn off the stupid switch and turn on the smart one so that less students will get DUIs on campus and less people will be afraid to cross the street without iron armor draped around their body.
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— Adam Szegut, Senior, Communication, Sarasota

Provide more parking spots, that are a bit closer to the buildings. Most of the present parking spaces are just too far to walk and from each day. And also provide more permanent parking spaces, instead of those "beautiful mud and grass" parking areas.
— Andrea Almeida, Senior, Business, Sao Paulo, Brazil

Have less parking for the faculty, staff and much more for students. And also give some of the closer spaces to students. A final suggestion would be having a tram go to and from the farthest parking spaces. If a church can have a tram, then why not UCF?
— Sarah Cole, Senior, Communication, Orlando

All of the spaces that have sand or mud need to be filled in with either cement or blacktop. Nobody really likes walking in mud. My main suggestion would be, to have more parking spaces made available.
— Leigh K. Roberts, Senior, Org. Communication, Harriman, TN

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The good, the bad, and the **Wild**

By FOREST CRUMPLER  
Staff Writer

Last Tuesday, CAB, along with the Network Entertainment Theater (NET), drove UCF students "wild" with a special sneak preview of the new Paramount production "Wild Things." This new program is hopefully going to be a monthly tradition and, except for a few wonderfully timed sound problems and a little bit of bad focusing, the event went off very well. The movie, however, is a completely different story.

"Wild Things" stars Matt Dillon ("Singles"), Neve Campbell ("Scream"), Kevin Bacon ("Sleepers"), and Denise Richards ("Starship Troopers"), and is set in the ultra-rich community of Blue Bay, Florida. As the story begins, we are shown quite bluntly that Blue Bay High School student Kelly Van Ryan (Richards) wants more than just scheduling help from the school's young and handsome guidance counselor, Sam Lombardo (Dillon). After about 15 minutes of pretty boring set-up footage, the plot finally shapes to show us that Sam's life is abruptly turned upside-down when he is accused of raping, not only Kelly, but another girl, Suzie Toller (Campbell), as well. When this happens, Sam is forced to go to sleaze-ball lawyer Ken Bowden, who is played by Bill Murray, for help in cleaning his name.

During the trial (which happens to be the funniest scenes in the movie, and that's not saying much) the two girls are exposed as liars, and Sam is set free. The Van Ryans settle for a sum of $8 million to keep the civil suit out of court and Sam is set for life. This is when the movie becomes like a bad card trick, you are amused for a while but eventually you figure out what is coming next. Bacon comes into the scene as suspicious police officer Ray Duquette, who is hell bent on finding out what Lombardo is up to. With his inquiries, the audience is led on a seemingly never-ending road of plot twists where deceit and murder are at every stop.

This movie seemed to find every angle that could possibly be put into a movie and just throw it in at some point, and it just became too much. I suppose it wasn't a terrible movie, with a few good plot twists, some original ideas, and some really steamy sex scenes involving multiple cast members. It had a weak beginning, a great middle that kept you thinking too hard to be bored, and an ok ending. I would suggest that, if you are going to go see it, you should come about 20 minutes late and then enjoy from there.

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There’s plenty brewing at Hops

By HENRY SPRINGS  
Staff Writer

Though the concept of the original microbrewery was founded in Europe, it’s now possible to sample an import-ed version in most major cities in America. In Orlando our options are far from limited. A fourth Hops restaurant, bar, and brewery, "America’s Original Microbrewery Restaurant," just opened at 11448 University Boulevard.

The restaurant has a cozy pub atmosphere. Beer barrels hang over the wet bar. The oak wood floor and chairs are accented by the warm hanging lights. There’s an infectious chatter that seems to reflect the pace of the wait staff. Cigarette smoke slowly rises from the wet bar. It seems to be uniquely ventilated, there’s no prevailing smell of smoke where I sit. The robust smell of steak, chicken, and perhaps shrimp fills the air.

If you’ve already decided on one of the four types of home brewed beers to go with, then choosing your meal should be no problem. They include Clearwater Light, a low-cal beer; Lightning Bolt Gold, an American lager; Hammerhead, no prevailing smell of smoke beer; and Brewmaster Special Ale, an import.

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All Saints

These spunky Spice Girl-like newcomers are climbing the charts with their debut song, "I Know Where It's At," from their first self-titled album. Yes, they do bear a slight resemblance to the Spice Girls in more ways than one. Shaznay, a combination of Jamaican and Barbados backgrounds, Melanie— the English/French girl, and Nicky and Natalie— the Canadians that grew up in New York and London, each bring a different culture twist to their music. Because of this cultural diversity, these ladies not only sound splendid together, but they look well-rounded as well. Their lyrics have a certain cocky pizzazz to them that invites you to listen to their single voice rhyming a sad little tale, then erupts into some crazy— like Spice Girl-like newcomers are...
Buttlicker label not a defamation of character

COLLEGE PRESS SERVICE

Virginia’s Supreme Court ruled Friday that Virginia Tech’s student newspaper didn’t defame school administrator Sharon Yeagle when it referred to her in print as the “Director of Butt Licking.”

Student journalists at the “Collegiate Times” are breathing a little easier because of the court’s 7-2 decision, but the dispute has reiterated the importance of proof-reading before going to press.

“Let’s just say they have made some changes so the chances of this happening again aren’t so great,” said James R. Creekmore, attorney for the student paper.

Students said dummy type accidentally made it into print, but Yeagle, assistant to the university’s vice president, didn’t buy their explanation. Believing she was the target of a cruel joke, she filed suit against the newspaper for printing the 1996 article. Use of the phrase, she claimed, branded her with a “criminal offense involving moral turpi­

date under the state’s sodomy statute.” Her attorney, Lisa Cuffeone, also argued that the crude phrase essentially called Yeagle “a brown-noser, an apple polisher and a kiss-ass who shamelessly curries favor for personal and professional gain.” To make up for damages done to her professional reputa­tion, Yeagle asked for at least $50,000.

Justices didn’t exactly buy Yeagle’s story either. They decided the phrase could not injure her profession­ally or socially, that it was harmless and could not injure her in any manner.

In this case, “Director of Butt Licking” is no more than rhetorical hyperbole,” Justice John E. Dellinger wrote for the majority. “(Yeagle) has to move on from and become a little more thick­

skinned about.”

The newspaper’s insurance covered most of its legal bills, but it did have to pay a $5,000 deductible, Creekmore said.

Freshmen expelled after hanging black mannequin from tree

Administrators at Antioch College in Ohio have expelled four first-year students who admitted to hanging a black mannequin by the neck from a tree on the school’s campus.

Students and school officials discussed the Feb. 23 “lynch­

ing” this week during a regu­larly scheduled community meeting designed to improve communications on campus. At the gathering, four male stu­dents were admitted responsible for the incident.

One of those students, a 21-year-old quadriplegic named Dawson, a student at Oak­land University, was studying to be a doctor when a viral infection known as transverse myelitis attacked his spinal cord 13 months ago. Doctors said Dawson’s condition was likely irreversible. The prog­nosis prompted Dawson to pursue Kevo­rkan’s help, but he said he was unable to lead the life he once had.

Fieger told the Associated Press that Dawson opted to die with Kevorkian’s help rather than have the hospital remove life support systems, which would have caused death by suffocation.

Dawson is believed to be the youngest person to die with Kevorkian’s services. He was 27-year-old Heidi Aseltine, an AIDS patient whose body was found in a motel outside of Detroit last April.

Students arrested in drug probe

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. — A six-week, undercover investiga­tion into drug dealing at the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville ended the week of Feb. 22 with the arrests of 14 people, 11 of them students.

Undercover officers with the state’s drug task force posed as students and moved into dormi­tories after campus police officers reported that drug dealing increased in three resi­dence halls last semester. The university’s chancellor, John White, approved the investiga­tion, a university spokes­woman said.

Seven of the students arrest­ed live off campus. All of those arrested were cited with university sanctions, the spokeswoman said.

Charges against the students included delivery, manufactur­ing and possession of mariju­ana and psilocybin mushrooms, according to police reports. Five students also were arrest­ed on suspicion of possessing firearms.

During the raid, police seized six marijuana plants, six ounces of marijuana, a quarter of an ounce of mushrooms, $1,903 in cash and two jeep Cherokee recreational vehicles.

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By VICKI DESORMIER
Staff Writer

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Older and Wiser

State University found they were taking the same class this semester. While the text is different and the day-to-day assignments are not the same, they have shared information for the research paper each has to write for the end of the semester.

"We e-mail back and forth with online sites that we think might be useful," Kensington said. "We have built a shared bibliography and stuff like that."

Kensington said she still writes her own paper and doesn't rely on other people to do the research. It is more of a "community of support" she has found online with other people who don't have the time or the inclination to go to the library.

"I guess if I was 17, I wouldn't mind going to the library so much," she said. "But if I can do my work in my bathrobe and ugly slippers with a Coke and a box of cookies at 3 o'clock in the morning, I can do it that way. And if I want a cigarette while I'm browsing through the stacks, there isn't someone yelling at me to put it out in a public building."

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Graduating seniors limited on commencement guests

The growing numbers of UCF's graduating class will limit the amount of family and friends who may attend the May commencement ceremony.

For the first time since UCF has held its graduations in the UCF Arena, tickets will be issued to keep crowds within fire code requirements. More than 3,000 students will graduate in four separate ceremonies on May 9 in the 5,000-seat arena.

"Between 500 and 800 graduates will participate in the ceremonies, which means there will be 4,200 to 4,500 guest seats available," said Terry Greene, director of arena operations. "We will issue each participating graduate the maximum number of tickets consistent with available guest seating."

Students graduating from the colleges of Arts and Sciences and Health and Public Affairs will receive five tickets each. Business Administration and Engineering graduates will receive six tickets and graduates from the College of Education will receive eight.

"This situation demonstrates the need for a larger arena-type facility on the UCF campus," said UCF spokesperson Dean McFall. "Our graduation classes will not shrink as the university continues to grow and we surely will need a larger facility if we are to become affiliated with a larger intercollegiate athletic conference."

Tickets will be distributed through the UCF Bookstore at the same time as caps and gowns. Commencement officials said unclaimed tickets (not picked up by May 4) will be available during an "Additional Ticket Pick-Up" period for graduates who need more than their regular allocation.

Tickets will be color-coded by commencement to reduce the chances of a graduate ending up with ones for the wrong graduation. All tickets will be for general admission, so the first to arrive will have the best choice of seats.

In other news:

- The UCF Career Day panelists will host a Math Career Day on April 3. The purpose of it is to inform students of the career opportunities available with a mathematics degree.

- Career Day panelists include Yvette Gordon of See Change International, Candace Hilton, manager of Lockheed Martin, Dr. Bruce Whisler, associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, Dr. Cynthia Young, assistant professor of mathematics and research scientist at the Florida Space Institute, and Alvin Aki, senior consultant of Leer and Associates.

- The event will begin with lunch in Phillips Hall, Room 409, at noon. Then, it will be moved to the Education Building, Room 174-A. The panelists will each have a presentation. UCF students, along with high school students from 20 schools in Orange and Seminole counties, are invited to attend.

- Student Government is offering Leadership Scholarships for the 1998-99 academic year. The scholarships are $250 per semester and the deadline to apply is March 20. Students can pick up applications in the Student Affairs office, located in the Administration building, room 282, or in the Student Government office, room 214 in the Student Union.

- UCF will be sponsoring a Health Fair at the UCF Community Nursing Center on March 21 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Students from the nursing programs will be sponsoring activities such as children height and weight checks, hearing tests, eye exams, free blood pressure tests, blood glucose monitoring and fingerprinting by the Cocoa Police Department.

- Information regarding cancer, breast self-exam, dental care, heart disease, sexually transmitted diseases, child safety, March of Dimes and family planning will also be available.

- The Nursing Center is located on 928 Mandarin Road in Cocoa, two blocks south of State Road 520 on Fiske Boulevard. For more information, contact them at 650-3915.

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Healthy ideas site brings good living into focus

BY VICKI DESORMIER
Staff Writer

Most college students have a reputation of not caring much about the useful stuff we put into our bodies, but studies have shown we are not all health nightmares.

For those who are interested in living a consistently healthy lifestyle, Prevention magazine's Healthy Ideas website (http://www.healthyideas.com) is a great find.

From recipes to chat rooms to easy-to-read articles that don't use a lot of Latin words pulled out of medical texts, the site is very user friendly.

The site doesn't just rebash the popular magazine, it is frequently updated and responds to the questions and comments submitted by those who visit the site.

If you like to cook, there are more than 300 low-fat recipes in the current file. The offerings change often so be sure to save the ones you want. It could be gone next week. Most of the recipes are easy to make and inexpensive.

While some of the articles will be of little or no interest to many young adults (like the discussion on when thumb-sucking should stop) there's plenty to keep you interested if you're interested in things like weight loss (as most of us are) or exercise (as most of us like to pretend we are).

There's currently an article about how healthy the prepared food you can pick up at the deli in your local supermarket is ... or isn't. It'll make you think twice before you let someone else prepare that potato salad.

One really cool feature for those of us who like to plan ahead is the menu planner. Just plug in your weight, your desired weight, your activity level and your gender and (nearly) instantly you have a daily menu planner suggested for you. There are a dozen or more choices for breakfast, lunch, dinner and snacks with calorie amounts in parentheses. Just add up the calories and make sure you don't go over your limit (they tell you what your limit should be).

There's also a food scanner that will analyze all the food you eat. You may not want to know that the large cheeseburger you had for dinner has 649 calories, 35.3 grams of fat (12.8 grams of saturated fat), 94 milligrams of cholesterol and 920 milligrams of sodium (and much more), but at least it lets you get a picture of what you're eating. You can analyze your whole day (in terms of food) or just one item.

Check out the site, there are some fun things to play with that can offer you an enlightening view on what you put into your body and some interesting articles on how to get them out and get into your best shape ever.

Have fun with it. Just for the health of it.

If you have seen any cool sites as you've been surfing on the web, please let me know about them. E-mail me at wordgal@rocketmail.com and I might review that site in a Future article.
You only get one chance to make a first impression

By KATHERINE MARTIN
Staff Writer

A first impression lasts seven seconds. So, unless you can showcase your diploma and job experience in those seven seconds, you need to make your image speak for you.

Gayle Beatty, an image consultant certified through the Association of Image Consultants International, addressed a crowd of 50 students about business etiquette and professional image for ladies.

"Most women have no idea what's successful, in either clothes or appearance," Beatty said. "All of us are in sales. We have to sell ourselves."

Beatty covered topics from hairstyles to handshakes and also explained how a person can appear confident.

"The key to making an entrance is to act as if you belong there," she said. "Fake it until you make it."

According to Beatty, many women need to work on their handshakes.

"(A handshake) is part of your symbol," Beatty said. "When you shake hands, join your hand with theirs with both hands and grasp firmly but not too hard and give about two or three pumps up and down."

Vertical lines lengthen the face, and horizontal lines look as wide as a horizon, she said.

"Never start or stop a horizontal line at a figure challenge," Beatty said. "If your hips are the widest area of your body and your jacket stops at your hips, guess what looks really big?"

Make sure you can wear an outfit three different ways. Beatty said. This will maximize your wardrobe.

Use the cost-per-wearing formula when buying clothes.

"You divide the cost of the outfit by how often you think you will wear it," Beatty said. "So if you buy an outfit for $100 and you wear it four times, you just spent $25 per wearing."

"Sleeveless in the workplace never cuts. It's not formal. Males don't wear sleeveless clothes to work."

Causal Fridays should never be overdone. Beatty said, to try to keep it to blush and lip color only.

Larush Lobbins, a senior marketing major, said it is important to present a professional appearance.

"This was helpful not just how to look professional, but also how to present yourself in a professional way," she said.

Senior Lutz Hoffeber said he gained a female perspective on how to have a professional appearance.

"The presentation was very informative especially for me as a male," Hoffeber said. "I got a different point of view.

Sleep deprivation, a problem for many students

By ANNE FAWCETT
College Press Service

The people who doze off every day in your 2 p.m. class may not be suffering from boredom-professoritis. They may actually be sleep-deprived. New research shows that college students largely make up the sleepiest group in a deep sleep nation, risking dangerous academic and social consequences.

Many instructors say symptoms of sleep deprivation — the nodding heads and droopy eyes — typically kick in during afternoo classes. While many professors blame through their lessons as planned, some refuse to teach during high-dozed times.

"What's the use of teaching in a bedroom?" asked James Maas, a psychology professor at Cornell University.

Maas' research on sleep deprivation has found that college students average 6.1 hours of sleep each night — three times less shut-eye than they need and less than the national average of seven hours.

"I describe college students as a group of walking zombies," he said.

While many students behave as if immune to sleep, Maas said they actually need to snooze more than other adults to reach optimum performance. Students should sleep nine hours each day, compared to the eight hours everyone else needs, he said.

"People need more sleep between puberty and age 25 than any other stage of life, except infancy," he added.

"College students fit right in them."

Maas and a team of researchers from Stanford University found that only 1 percent of students at Cornell and Stanford said they were fully awake all day, while 25 percent reported that they took daily naps.

Then there are people like Namita Bhattachar, a doctorate student in marketing at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, who said she doesn't have a set sleep pattern at all.

"Whenever I feel most unproductive, I usually sleep three or four hours and then get up," she said.

People living in stressed environments who also deprive themselves of sleep — namely college students — risk a wide range of negative side effects.

Maas said. Sickness and exaggerated effects from alcohol consumption are among his chief concerns. Research shows the effect one alcoholic drink has on someone who is getting between five and six hours of sleep each night is the equivalent of six drinks consumed by someone who is getting the proper amount of shut-eye.

Maas advises students to establish regular sleeping patterns. If they do, he said they'll likely see their efficiency and grades improve. And they'll feel better, too, he said.

"Everybody can get by for a while, (but) then they get sick," Maas said. "Listen in an auditorium during exams — everyone is coughing."

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Motivation is a powerful tool in writing a research paper

By LINDA RAMOS
Staff Writer

Writing can be simply defined as a means to communicate opinions, knowledge and emotions. Writing is truly one of the most important tools in the student's arsenal of skills.

In order to write an effective essay or term research paper, you need to know the writing assignment's purpose, plan enough writing time and use a writing method to help start and complete the project.

To assess your writing's purpose, review the instructor's requirements.

Essays and papers are assigned by instructors to evaluate a student's organization and analytical thinking. Ultimately, the writing assignment is an expression of the student.

The instructor generally provides guidelines to determine the purpose of the paper.

For example, will the paper be informational, research-based, persuasive, narrative or a critique? In order to be motivated to write, select a topic that interests you.

Find out how many references are needed, word count and the maximum/minimum length of pages.

Keep Paul of Study Smarter. Not Harder suggests that the point of identifying a writing assignment's purpose is to boost your motivation enough writing time and use a writing method to help start and complete the project.

The earlier in the assignment you begin the process, the more time you have to research the topic and fully develop a thesis.

Marvin and Peter Lenzfen, co-authors of College Basics: How to Start Right and Finish Strong, devised a six-week timeframe to complete a writing assignment.

The first two weeks should be scheduled for research. If for some reason your paper does not need extensive research, take these first two weeks to plan the paper's outline.

The third week should be dedicated to writing a first draft. Take a break from the writing project during the fourth week.

After the break, your mind will be refreshed and more objective to start the revision process during the fifth week. Polish the final copy during the sixth week.

The process of actually starting to write can be intimidating, and Carol C. Kumar, The Confident Student, describes steps to make writing more manageable.

First, brainstorm everything you know about the topic by listing what you know and don't know about it. Spend additional time researching the unclear areas.

Determine who is your writing audience, students or the instructor? Ask yourself, who does this audience want to know about the topic?

Second, draft an outline.

Third, develop a thesis (the assignment's main idea reflected throughout the entire writing project).

Write a brief introductory paragraph based on the thesis. After developing the rest of the paper, you will be able to write a more encompassing introduction.

Using your research, develop the body of the paper with supporting paragraphs and end it with a conclusion. Fourth, evaluate the paper for style, purpose and structure. Review and edit as appropriate.

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UCF hopes to fill holes on defense

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will give us our best offensive line [in years]. We should be able to run behind a line like that, but when you have a quar­terback like Daunte Culpepper, you want to put the ball in his hands.”

One of the bigger questions heading into camp has been who would replace the depart­ed Brian VanGorder as de­fensive coordinator. Kruczek has recommended administration hire Gene Chizik, who held the same position at Stephen F. Austin the past two years, as the new coordinator.

“Besides his knowledge of Xs and Os and technique, he has a history in Florida,” Kruczek said. “He grew up in Clearwater. He went to the University of Florida. He has a long history in the state. He graduated from Clearwater. He went to the University of Florida. He has a history in Florida.”

Senior defensive lineman Tito Palmer, who played both linebacker and safety last year, should replace Donnell Washington and cornerback Darryl Latimore.

“Those guys left pretty big shoes to fill, but we have the talent to meet those expectations the coaches expected from us,” Richardson said. “The spring is going to be a battle. I can assure you whoever starts at defensive end will make the position solid.”

The other position hurt by graduation is the secondary. The Knights return only senior cornerback Reginald Doster after the loss of safeties Kenton Richardson, Donnell Washington and cornerback Darryl Latimore.

“Those players are not question marks,” Gooch said. “Those players can play when healthy, so this is an advantage from a standpoint that guys like Mike Spencer, Tito Rodriguez and Tony Hardman that are going to get a lot of time at

Wide receiver Siaha Burley led UCF with 77 catches for 1,106 yards and seven touchdowns in 1997.
Impressive victory ends perfect week for UCF tennis

By TONY MEJIA
Staff Writer

The men's and women's tennis teams continued winning streaks by defeating TAAC rival Mercer on March 15.

The men 9-5, 1-2 in the TAAC capped their solid play last week with a 6-1 victory, the team's fourth in a row, over the Bears. UCF overwhelmed the Bears in singles play, winning five out of six games and won all three doubles matches.

No. 1 singles player David Winberg improved his record to 13-1 with a 7-5, 2-6 victory over Rafael Comto. Todd Tandjung, Pelle Brunskog, and Pedro Pacheco all earned straight-set wins.

"I think we're doing a good job playing tough matches and practicing hard," Winberg said.

"We needed to get our confidence back if we're going to play other teams well. We need to play strong in preparation for the tough matches because we know they are coming up."

The men also defeated Bowling Green, 5-2, on March 12 thanks to singles victories from Tandjung, Brunskog, Pacheco and Winberg. Brunskog said the team is performing better after a rocky start.

"Some of us are playing really well, and some of us aren't playing well at all," Brunskog said. "A few weeks ago I lost a couple of matches in a row, but lately I've been playing better. It's the middle of the season, so hopefully by the time post-season comes around everyone will be playing well."

The women (11-2, 3-0) cruised to a 9-0 victory over Mercer (1-9), the team's seventh-consecutive win. Sophomore Maria Widyadharma (15-5) had the toughest game of the day, outlasting Lisa English in a number one singles match, 6-2, 6-2. Svantesson, Jeanine Christian, Sonja Prokope, and Daniela Okal all topped their opponents 6-1, 6-0. Joel Soto-Rosa also prevailed for UCF, beating Melissa Pauer 6-0, 6-1.

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Senior turned down $40,000 signing bonus

Division I team and Todd saw it as an opportunity to lift a team to that next level. Bellhorn’s chance to help the team would be years away, however. After garnering all-conference and co-player of the year honors as a senior at OHS, Bellhorn found himself on the bench most of his first season as a Knight.

Bellhorn appeared in 33 of 62 games in 1995, starting four times. He had only five hits and one RBI in 37 at-bats. Bellhorn’s 3.38 ERA showed promise, but he didn’t record a win or a loss.

With increased playing time in 1996, Bellhorn improved in every category. Bellhorn posted a 2.69 batting average while starting 64 of 65 games. He had 57 hits in 197 plate appearances, along with 12 doubles and 13 RBIs. As a pitcher, Bellhorn went 2-1 with a 4.58 ERA and had two saves.

Bellhorn’s improvement continued in 1997, as he placed among the team’s top five in batting average (.329, fourth), RBI (58, second) and home runs (six, tied for third). He went 4-4 with a 4.15 ERA in 16 appearances. Bellhorn struck out 84 while throwing 90.1 innings. His performance earned him a spot on the all-TAAC third team.

His standout play caught the eye of major league scouts, particularly the San Francisco Giants. In the summer of 1997, San Francisco drafted Bellhorn in the ninth round. When the call came from the Giants, however, Bellhorn didn’t answer the phone.

“My mom was the one who called him and told him he was drafted,” said Marilyn Bellhorn, Bellhorn’s mother.

Bellhorn played for Athletes in Action’s Baseball Ministry for part of the summer of 1997. Marilyn Bellhorn said the Baseball Ministry uses baseball as a way to lead people to Christianity, she said.

The MLB draft almost prevented Bellhorn from playing over the summer.

Todd told the guys at Athletes in Action that he thought he might get drafted,” Marilyn Bellhorn said. “He didn’t know whether to stay or go, but they eventually influenced him to go.”

After his trip, Bellhorn had to choose whether to forgo his senior season or return to UCF. It was a choice Bellhorn had to make on his own.

“He had to make the decision, but we supported him either way he would have went with it,” said Ted Bellhorn, Bellhorn’s father.

“After being through it once before with Mark (who plays for the Oakland As), it was a little different,” he said. “I told Todd since he was young that if he was good enough to play there, whether it was Little League, high school, college or the next step, that he would go.”

So why did Bellhorn spurn a $40,000 signing bonus and return to UCF?

“I love to play the game and also the opportunity to be an [Christian] example to my teammates,” said Bellhorn, a born-again Christian who is the president of Campus Crusade for Christ at UCF.

“I’m financially secure as it is and I wasn’t in a situation where I needed the money. It’s a lot of money up front, but it won’t make you happy and it won’t take you real far.”

By deciding to return, the Giants no longer own Bellhorn’s draft rights and he can be drafted again this year.

With a .099 ERA and a 6-0 record this season, Bellhorn has caught the eye of scouts from the Boston Red Sox, San Diego Padres, Milwaukee Brewers and New York Mets.

“He’s a lefty and he has a good arm, and that’s some of the things we look for at the next level,” said Jim Gabella, a scout for the Cleveland Indians.

“He was drafted last year and he’ll be somewhere next year, too. When you come from a quality program like UCF, you’ve got a good chance.”

Looking back, Bellhorn said he does not regret staying.

“It’s so content with my decision. I’m so glad I came back,” he said. “I’m looking forward to this year and if I get another opportunity to sign [with a team], I’ll probably take it. I’m more prepared physically and mentally for the pro level, both on and off the field.”

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Senior pitcher/outfielder Todd Bellhorn leads the team with six wins and five home runs.
Bellhorn reaping the benefits from decision to stay at UCF

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Spring football practice gives younger players a chance to establish themselves months before the season begins. The same can be said for first-time head coaches. "I'm looking forward to it," said interim coach Mike Kruezek, who spent 13 years as UCF's offensive coordinator before Gene McDowell's resignation on Jan. 20. "It's been two months since [I became head coach] and I'm looking forward to getting back on the field, putting the shots and baseball bat back on and start coaching again." Kruezek said because of his many years on the coaching staff his transition to his new position should be smooth. His main worry is how the players will react to his more enthusiastic coaching style compared to McDowell's. "Gene and I are different, considerably," Kruezek said. "It's not that I'm trying to be different. It's just the way I am. I'm a very positive, enthusiastic guy. That's not to say Gene wasn't all the time, it's we just have a different slant on things. The football team enters spring practice March 18 with many questions the coaching staff hopes to solve by the finale, the Black and Gold game on April 11. Officially, that gives Kruezek 15 days of practice to figure out what his team will look like. The frontier questions heading into spring practice come from the offense. Led by standout quarterback Daunte Culpepper, UCF returns 10 of 11 starters who finished 1997 11th in passing offense and 26th in total. The team's bowl hopes may rest on how many points Culpepper and senior receivers Mark Nonnast and Shaila Burlen can put up. "They should set their goals very lofty as an offense," Kruezek said. "We want to talk about those goals as soon as possible as a unit, so they can think about all offense after spring to prepare for the season. Wide receiver should be the team's deepest position. With Nonnast and Burlen as the starters, sophomore Charles Lee, who led the team in yards per catch (15.9) and scored six touchdowns last season, will be a lock as the third receiver. Seniors Kenny Clark and Eric Leister will have to beat out 6-foot-2 redshirt freshman Tavivris Davis, who looked good enough in practice to play last year. The offensive line, which was forced to start freshman center Chris Lorenzo and tackle Freddie Moore, should be a team strength. The only starter lost was Ray Gould. "We have a very salty offensive line," running back coach Alan Gooch said. "We have Ryan Gillis coming back and a lot of other seniors like Marcus Jenkins and Cornell Green that... See UCF, Page 25

UCF takes advantage of homestand, offense extends winning streak to 8

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The UCF baseball team could be finding its offensive rhythm as it defeated the University of Illinois-Chicago, 20-4, on March 15 for its eighth-consecutive victory. The Knights' offense has been a major factor in the team's last four wins, as UCF outscored its opposition 42-13. "Everyone is starting to come around offensively," said outfielder Will Crow. "The other teams are giving us a lot of good pitches to hit, but we're starting to come around." UCF defeated the University of Miami, Ohio on March 11, 8-2. Junior shortstop Eric Riggs led UCF; going 2-3 with two runs, two RBI, a double and his fifth homerun of the year. Junior catcher Erik Johnson also played well, going 3-4 with two runs, three RBI and his third home-run. Junior shortstop Riggs is tied for the team lead in home runs with five.