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Deal's achievements deserving of an alumnus award

By GWEN R. RHODES
Staff Writer

UCF’s College of Health and Public Affairs chose seven distinguished alumni from its schools and departments as recipients of the achievement awards. Each school and department selected a winner based on the individual’s career achievements, leadership qualities and contributions to their community.

Deal is the vice president of underwriting and agency operations for First American Title Insurance Company of Winter Park. A part-owner in the company, he has held the position for 13 years, and Deal has been in the title industry for 24 years.

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Senators oppose lodge

By DAN McMULLAN
Staff Writer

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Trapped bicycle only clue to break in at boat compound

By ANNE MARIE MONTALI
Staff Writer

Police responded to an intrusion alarm at the Lake Claire boat compound at 5:05 a.m. on April 10. After arriving at the scene, police observed the front gate to be open and the fence in the back of the compound was pulled up about two feet from the ground.

A bicycle was found trapped under the fence. Believing the suspect was still in the area, police called the Orange County K-9 unit and secured the area until they arrived. The K-9 unit tracked the entire area and found no trace of an intruder.

In other reports from the UCFPD:
- An advertising banner was taken from outside the Knights Pantry, which is located at the student center. Ron Simko, 46, of the Merriot Corp., reported that sometime between 3 p.m. on April 8 and 7:30 a.m. the next morning, somebody removed the banner. It was valued at $150. The Merriot Corp. is willing to prosecute.
- Marita Ubillus, 19, reported a theft on April 6. Ubillus was in the UCF library when she left her book bag unattended while she went to the restroom.

When she returned a few minutes later, her wallet had been removed from the bag. The wallet contained several miscellaneous items including $20 in cash and her driver’s license.

There are no suspects or witnesses at this time. Ubillus is willing to prosecute.

Students need to learn how not to forget

By LINDA RAMOS
Staff Writer

Forgotten is a student’s enemy. The last thing a student needs is to be attacked by a bout of forgetting in the middle of an important exam.

Most students study to enhance their forgetting skills rather than their memory skills. In short, students study to forget.

This occurs when a student combines passive study activity with inactive study activity.

For example, a student asks another student to let him/her copy class notes. Copying class notes without much thought to them is a passive study activity.

Combine that with not reviewing the notes after they have been copied is an inactive study activity. This student has studied the notes to be forgotten.

According to Carol Kazor, the Confident Student, the basics of remembering consists of a three-step memory process.

First, information needs to be received. Use your learning style (visual, auditory, kinesthetic) to receive information.

Second, information is retained when a student makes a conscious effort to remember. Information that is motivating or interesting is more likely to be retained.

To increase the power of retention find a reason either through personal/professional relevance to be excited about the class materials, and then make a conscious effort to remember.

Third, information is useless if it is not recollected. Class material can be remembered easier if it is recollected in the same manner it was received and retained.

If your learning style is visual, then setting keywords on the test may act as cues to recollect the information.

In addition to the three-step process, memory can either be short term or long term.

Kevin Paul of Study Smarter, Not Harder defines short-term memory as immediate access to information that is retained superficially, while long-term memory is retaining the information through extended use for a longer period of time.

Unfortunately, some students just use their short-term memory hoping to remember long enough to pass a test.

Marvin and Peter Lunenfeld of College Basics provide some pointers on enhancing memory.

- Try to review notes you have taken as soon as the class ends. Reviewing notes repeatedly encourages short-term memory to become long-term memory.
- Flashcards are invaluable tools. Use them for vocabulary, possible test questions, names, dates and formulas. Create the flashcard deck for the class and review it in short, interval study sessions one to two weeks before an exam.

- Avoid studying similar class subjects in one study session. You might get confused studying similar information making remembering more difficult. Organize notes into categories, charts or diagrams to separate similar/conflicting concepts.

Remembering class material becomes easier the more times the information is reviewed. Use as many skills while studying as possible. Study to remember.

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Sorority spikes volleyballs for cancer research

By DAWN MYERS
Staff Writer

Zeta Tau Alpha hosted its annual philanthropy Crown Classic on April 18. The sorority invited teams to enter a sand volleyball competition to raise money for its national philanthropy.

In other Greek News:

The Panhellenic Association is hosting its annual Greek Softball Game. Fraternities and sororities have been invited to nominate two players to compete in this co-ed game on April 25. Music and food will be provided. The game begins at 2 p.m.
Law school administrations object!

By CHRISTINE TATUM
College Press Service

U.S. News & World Report's annual ranking of the nation's law schools has deans around the country crying, "Objection!"

They aren't the only academics tired of seeing their graduate schools' reputations bounce up and down with each poll, but this year, they're the loudest ones protesting the practice.

Deans from most of the nation's 179 law schools have denounced the rankings, directly appealing to their prospective clients — 93,000 applicants — with a scathing letter titled "Law School Rankings May Be Hazardous to Your Health!" The heads of 164 schools endorsed the message — including the dean of Yale University's law school, which holds this year's coveted No. 1 spot.

It was once considered a faux pas for those in academia to even let on that they read surveys. But at a press conference in New York earlier this week, several law school deans angrily broke from the conventional silence.

"The rankings clearly matter," said Pamela Gunn, dean of Duke University's law school, which slipped from 10th place to 11th this year. "They are widely read and widely relied upon."

In the eyes of many news gatherers, prospective students and alumni, that's not necessarily a bad thing. Especially if the information is coming from U.S. News, which is perhaps the most popular and well respected of a growing field of academic surveys.

"I'm still carrying last year's issue around," said 23-year-old Linda McCoy of Chicago, who's in the process of applying to law school. "I can hardly wait to see what this year's has to say."

That's the type of devotion that sends shivers up the spines of many school officials who aren't convinced prospective students are buying their decisions on sound data. The Association of American Law Schools released a report challenging the validity of the magazine's survey, declaring that most of the year-to-year differences in overall rankings can be explained by only two of the 12 factors U.S. News says it considers: reputation and student selectivity. The association's study found that 70 percent of the student selectivity rating is based on each school's median Law School Admissions Test score. Deans, fearing that human nature could get the better of those who are sensitive to the rankings, say admissions officers may be more inclined to look at test scores than other important factors — such as a candidate's practical experience or dedication to the profession.

"I don't object to the notion that folks might try to rank law schools because I think it could be a valuable piece of consumer information," said Howard O. Hunter, dean of Emory University's law school, which, this year, shares 25th place with four other schools. "But the methodology being used is seriously flawed. For starters, it fails to differentiate between the varying missions schools have. We're not all trying to accomplish the same, exact thing, much less send students down the same, exact career path."

Law school administrators say it's also tough for them to take the rankings seriously when they can't explain why their school scores higher or lower from year to year.

Officials at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill said they're still bewildered about how their school climbed 10 spots to share the No. 25 ranking this year.

"We've not done one thing differently, which we think says something about the arbitrary nature of these rankings," said Audrey Ward, director of the school's communications. "It's nice to have public recognition for a quality program, but it's the same quality we've offered for the last 152 years.

In a statement released a day before the rankings, U.S. News editor stood by their research and said the association has misunderstood the methodology used.

"U.S. News agrees that rankings should not be an applicant's main source of information," the statement read. "The magazine also believes that any debate about rankings should be based on an accurate description of how they are compiled."

To compile the information, the magazine uses a complex formula that weighs several important factors, including LSAT scores, incoming grade-point averages, job placement percentages and starting salaries. The poll's results also hinge on two surveys designed to gauge the schools' reputations — one given to attorneys and judges, and the other compiled by the very deans who complain about the rankings each year.

Why isn't law school dean more like most of the nation's 54 members of the American Association of Dental Schools, who simply refuse to respond to the magazine's questionnaires?

"We're caught in a hopeless bind," said H. Reece Hansen, dean of Brigham Young University's Law School, which also shares this year's 25th spot. "U.S. News & World Report has made it abundantly clear that it will continue with or without us. We might as well make sure it has the correct information. If we didn't participate, the results would be reduced by 179 votes — the most informed and accurate ones in the whole group.

To make matters worse, Hansen said, important people — money-giving alumni, university trustees, top-notch students and big-name firms — seem to like the rankings.

"If there's going to be a party, you want to be invited," he said. "And if there is going to be a ranking, you want to look as good as you think you are."

And where does Hansen think his school should place next year?

"We want to be No. 1, of course," he said.

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student dean's advisory council, said the purpose for the reception was to "get the dean informed about and involved with what's going on with undergraduate and graduate students.

Robinson joined UCF in July 1997 from the University of South Carolina, where she served as the interim dean. She said the reason UCF was having this reception in the spring was because during the fall semester she did not know SGA receptions. "Many of us were new and we didn't know about the SGA," Robinson said. "This will also benefit diversity on Greek Row." McFall said he considered this as a "rather critical factor to provide those Greek organizations that don't have the means for a house on campus, a place to meet. This will also benefit diversity on Greek Row." "I am not opposed to a Greek Lodge being built on this campus," Lee said. "I must reiterate that funds like CITF should be allocated to benefit all students in projects such as recreational services or the expansion of the arena, which needs more monies to be completed. CITF should not be used to benefit a select few." Sen. Chris Day voted for the resolution. "My chapter has been ready for a long time with all the private monies necessary to build a house on campus." Day said. "We were told by administration that we could not build on the land next to the Pi Kappa Alpha house because of piping underground, and that a house there would take away from the aesthetic beauty of the Visual Arts Building."

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SGA sponsors meet and greet

Preservation is a focus of Blowout

Award-winner holds position on numerous boards

By JOHN TURNER

On April 17 the Senate passed a resolution opposing the Capital Improvement trust fund (CITF) allocation for a Greek Lodge. Sen. Charlie Lee and Sen. Jamie Halscott authored the resolution.

The senators were debating whether CITF monies should be spent for a $1.2 million Greek Lodge that will benefit a small percentage of Greeks on campus. "Greek Lodge would benefit exclusively several fraternity organizations that have discriminating membership requirements and are inaccessible to the majority of UCF students," Lee said.

Greg Mason, Greek Affairs, said he was surprised by the resolution and was unsure the Senate was debating this issue. "These students have not done their homework on the issue," Mason said. "Not a single senator has come to see me on this issue."

The situation was inflamed when Mason announced during an inter-fraternity council meeting that one of the sites for the Greek Lodge would be the land next to the Pi Kappa Alpha house.

"The master planning committee did recommend the site next to the Pi Kappa Alpha house for a Greek Lodge, but no decision has been made and is currently on a holding pattern," said Dean McFall, vice president of UCF public relations.

Several of the small fraternities and sororities and other Greek organizations would consider the Greek Lodge as home.

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raw materials and technology for all to enjoy at a high quality," said John McConnell, founder of Earth Day. "Individuals and institutions can now be trustees of the Earth, seeking in ecology, economics and ethics, policies and decisions that will benefit people and planet.

Politics and money aside, preservation of the Earth's resources still remains the focus of UCF Earth Day Blowout.

"This will be a great opportunity to educate and promote a better understanding of the environment for our scholastic friends at UCF," said Dean Ahrens, president of the UCF Environmental Society.

Reggie McGill, representing U.S. Rep. Corrine Brown, was present and the congresswoman's regards.

"Ever the educator, [Robinson] immediately corrected the mistake.

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Deal is designated as a certified land buyer by the Florida Land Title Association (FLTA). He serves on the board of the American Heart Association, the UCF Booster Board and on several committees for the FLTA. First American Title is one of America's oldest real estate financial service companies with a presence in Central Florida since 1976.

In 1994, First American acquired Fidelity Title and Guaranty Company of Orlando. Fidelity Title, founded in 1883, is one of Orlando's oldest active business.

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Campus life still important to 32-year-old college student

By VICKI DESORMIER
Staff Writer

Danielle Garvin says she's had no trouble fitting back in since she returned to college a dozen years after she left.

"I quit school in my sophomore year because I thought I knew it all," she said. "Who needed a college degree? I had a pretty decent job and I didn't need to finish school." But who has the time? Besides, you don't need a degree to be a kid again," she said, just trying to do something on campus once a week," she said. "I want to just sort of hang out and see what everyone else is doing." She said she doesn't want "to be a kid again" so she isn't joining a sorority or trying out for cheerleading, but she said she attends some functions just to feel a part of the UCF community. "It makes college a lot more fun to me," she said. "I think I'd only be getting half of the experience if I just came to class and went home every day." Now you can work with AAA online at www.aaa.com and get the same sort of help.

AAA site allows you to plan about traveling

By VICKI DESORMIER
Staff Writer

The school year is just about over. You've worked hard all semester and you're ready for a break. But where are you going to go and what are you going to do?

The American Automobile Association has always been a good resource for travel tips and guidebooks, but pesky travel agent breathing down your neck. The AAA site allows you to plan about traveling. You can get your hands on one of its patented Trip Tiks to take you where you want to go, it's pretty hard to get lost in this site. The pictures are great and there's some easy-to-read descriptions. Come on in and look around. If you decide you want to join AAA, you can do that from the site, too. It's a great way to plan a post-school trip...or to fantasize about the one you won't be able to take.

Best Sellers

Brian Thomson, Tony Mondor and Dierk Hays (from left to right) were the top three scholarship winners Northwestern Mutual Sales competition. Mondor's video tape presentation will be advanced to a national competition.

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UCF receives top honors from magazine

Florida Leader magazine, a 15-year-old publication which covers colleges and universities, awarded UCF with Best Student Government, Most Punctual Pupils, Fastest Master's Degree and honorable mention for Best Student Newspaper (Central Florida Future). Florida Leader recognized SG for its efforts to increase school spirit, provide more student services and enhance SG-student relationships. UCF administration were quoted saying Keith McDonald, SG president, is a person with integrity and fairness.

UCF has the most punctual pupils because of the layout of the campus. It was designed in concentric circles, making buildings more accessible and students are able to get anywhere on campus in 15 minutes or less.

The "fastest" master's degree would be the two-year course in precision engineering with a specialization in high performance engine optimization. The nation's only master's degree in race car engines involves extensive lab work and a one-semester internship with a racing team or engine manufacturer.

The Future was recognized for news reporting and positive progress in the past year. Butch Orendine, publisher of Florida Leader, said The Future stands out among other university newspapers such as USF's Th' Oracle, UF's Independent Florida Alligator, and FIU's The Beacon.

"UCF isn't the technical school it was a few years ago," Orendine said. "It's moving up the ladder. I see more student activities in the long run, more campus involvement in activities, Student Government and greek life. It's moving toward a more liberal arts, resident based school like UF and FSU."

In other news:

• The Florida Board of Regents announced April 10 that professors at state universities are among the least paid in the nation.

According to a study at Oklahoma State University, professors of all ranks have average salaries 20 percent below the national average. The average salary of a full professor is 16.5 percent below the national average.

BOV is hoping to increase faculty salaries for next year. They are requesting that the State University System double the 1998-99 funding to $10 million, giving faculty a 1 percent increase.

• UCF's Brevard campus' College of Education is sponsoring a Cosmetology Day in conjunction with Brevard Community College's Cosmetology Department.

On April 23, sixth, seventh and eighth graders from Normandy School will attend lectures on personal hygiene and appointments for hair styling, manicures and pedicures.

The event is funded by a grant from the cosmetology department. For more information, contact director Anthony Musco at 632-1111.

--- CFF staff report.

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Oviedo Marketplace

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Corporations and colleges: too close for comfort?

By PETER LEVINE
College Press Service

You can always spot an athlete at the University of Wisconsin. If like the students wearing school apparel, they sport the Reebok symbol on their clothes like a battle patch. Whether it’s those thick December snow, or mesh shorts burning through the thick December snow, or mesh shorts burning the track, it looks as if their entire wardrobe has been provided courtesy of their athletic sponsor.

Growing corporate involvement in university life is raising some serious questions. Schools across the country, faced with shrinking state and federal funding, are turning to big business for financial support. But the money often has strings attached. And many students and faculty members are worried it will compromise scholarly integrity, jeopardize their intellectual freedom, commercialize their institutions and force them to associate with businesses whose practices they find offensive.

Their fears aren’t unwarranted. A report released April 1 by researchers at the Health Policy Research and Development Unit at Massachusetts General Hospital and the University of Minnesota found that scientists at 43 percent of universities nationwide have accepted research-related gifts from corporations. Many of those companies, the report states, also placed restrictions on the research that could have created ethical dilemmas for many researchers. For example, 32 percent of the 2,167 scientists surveyed said a donor had wanted to review articles and reports resulting from a gift prior to publication.

"Are corporations really concerned about students, faculty and education, or do they want to use us all to make money?" asked Ben Manski, a member of the Democracy Teach-In Council, an international coalition of student groups based at the University of Wisconsin that is tired of the growing influence big business has on campus.

The group was among those that leveled criticism against UW when it signed a $7.9 million deal with Reebok in 1996 that many people said violated school officials' First Amendment rights. The sports apparel company agreed to outfit 22 men's and women's teams, give cash payments and scholarships to athletes, and therefore sets the agenda.

Wisconsin is far from being the only school to raise such concerns. At Penn State University, students have questioned deals to provide Pepsi primary scoreboard advertising rights and to allow AT&T to test new technology on campus. At the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, students objected to the alleged unfair labor practices of their school's athletic provider, Nike.

"This isn't so much of an issue of unethical individuals as a systemic problem of who holds the purse strings, and therefore sets the agenda." says Manski.

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Corporations and colleges: too close for comfort? (continued)

The clause was eventually dropped from the contract, but other questions surrounding corporate donations soon surfaced.

Earlier this year, students said UW business school professor Kerry Vandell had compromised his research when he accepted $40,000 from Exxon to determine whether its petrochemical plant in Baton Rouge, La., had "disproportionate impacts on low-income, minority neighborhoods." Vandell not only concluded it didn't, but also reported that "the presence of the petrochemical industry is definitely a benefit to the community."

Researchers at the Institute for Environmental Studies at Louisiana State University criticized Vandell's analysis for being too narrow and failing to take into account all necessary factors required to produce accurate results.

"Would a professor who had been less kind to the industry get the same access to their research dollars?" asked Dan Rodman, a UW graduate student also affiliated with the Teach-In Council.
MARRAKECH, MOROCCO — Moroccan carpet salesmen can use the dramatic pause better than the Dalai Lama. They have better maneuvering skills than a Steve Girls manager. They’re smoother than a handgun lobbyist. And they can be more endearing than your own grandmother.

Ahmed, who didn’t look like he possessed any of these qualities, sat across from me in the remarkably slow Marrakech Express for five hours without uttering a word, although I could see he was reading an English magazine through his Ray-Bans. When I asked if he spoke English, he replied, “Of course, but I figured you knew that Moroccans who initiate conversation in English are usually just trying to sell you something.”

I liked him immediately.

Arriving in Marrakech, I agreed to join Ahmed for (ital) cha (end ital) in his brother’s carpet shop, the biggest in town.

That was when Ahmed baited me. He simply told me how much money he and his brother, Mostefa, Moroccans who initiate conversation to sell you something. Although I could see he was maneuvering skills than a Hulk Hogan and Andre the Giant attempt a team slam from third rope. Mostefa, who speaks seven languages flawlessly, invited Steven and Rachel to join him for (ital) cha (end ital) while he listened to their impressions of Marrakech, found their (occupations i.e. their credit card limits) and offered some interesting Moroccan insights. They discussed the weather, passport stamps, new diet pills in Afghanistan, just about everything but carpets.

“Would you like to see a few of the special carpets we don’t display in the store?” Mostefa asked. How could Steve and Rachel refuse? After all, they were practically best friends by this point. Mostefa had noticed which style of carpet they preferred and, with the most subtle gestures, signaled them to assistants to bring them in. Carpets of various colors and sizes were hung out one top of the others. When selecting Steven and Rachel, only five seconds to peek at each before the next one landed on top of it. Within five minutes, the pile was nearly three feet thick. When the last rug was displayed, Mostefa confessed, “Hard to take it all in, isn’t it?” My mother used to make Indian sweaters, I could never choose. What kind of sweaters do you have in England?”

Mostefa knew the pair was dying to have a second look at some of the carpets but he just made idle chatter until Rachel brought up the subject. Then, feigning reluctance, he swung back into action.

“Do you like this one?” he asked, gesturing to the top carpet. “That’s nice,” Rachel countered, and the assistants moved it off to the side.

“How about this one?”

“Well, not quite as much.” The helpers rolled it up and carried it away. They went through the whole pile that way, leaving Steven and Rachel with four carpets. Now Mostefa knew he could relax and walk back. The couple went up for a closer look at the carpets they’d chosen and began discussing which would go where in their house.

“How much is this one?” Steven asked.

“Don’t worry about the price now,” Mostefa told him. “First, decide which ones you want.” They decided on two carpets.

“You have developed a fine eye for carpets in such a short time,” Mostefa complimented the couple. Now it was time to bargain. “How much would you be able to give me for these carpets?” The couple had no idea where to start the bidding.

“What would be a fair price?” Steven asked.

“Well,” hesitated Mostefa, as if he’d never sold a carpet quite like this before, “that carpet hanging on the wall is twice the size of yours and I sold that to a local man for $4,000 last week. I would certainly be willing to give that special, local rate to you — $3,500. And it would pain me to see you choose, so I’ll give you both for $3,800 — a price you can’t refuse!”

I could hear Steven and Rachel swallow hard. Mostefa managed to maintain his stiff, bleached upper lip, but Steven suddenly developed a eye twitch.

The problem, of course, was that they were already in love with both carpets and didn’t want to offend their newfound Moroccan soul mate.

“How about $3,000?” Steven countered with the conviction of Kato Kaelin. Mostefa turned immediately serious, inhaled.

“You’re in luck, my friends,” said Mostefa with a big smile at he walked back, “My supervisor told me I could come down to $3,500.”

The performance was brilliant. He had bargained on the couple’s behalf. They accepted with pleasure, probably wondering if the sale of their first-born child would cover the purchase.

They shook hands with Mostefa, handed over their credit card and Mohammed and I escorted them back to the market square, where I spotted an affable group of Germans who probably didn’t realize they would soon be the owners of several fine Moroccan carpets.
LEAD STORIES
• In March, two Missouri legislators proposed a law to have the same give $1,000 to any married couple over age 21 who do not have sexually transmitted diseases, who have no children prior to the marriage, who have not abort ed a fetus, and who were not previously married. The law would establish official Missouri policies of chastity and faithfulness.
• In March, Rogers, Ark., soft ware developer Bob Bray introduced his TVGuardian sound monitor, which silences offensive words in television dialogue and prints tamer substitutes as captions on the screen. Bray expanded George Carlin's "seven words you can't say" to about 100, and says his device can analyze surrounding dialogue so that, for example, "God" will be muted only when used irreverently. (An earlier version of the software captured "death of Van Dyke" as "jerk Van guy.")
• Serious Grudges: In Sissonville, W.Va., in March, Darrell Carpenter drove a front end loader to his two-story house, flattening it, rather than surrender it. Carpenter was arrested for rape, and Salgado on top of her, and he
• In March, three men in Ogden, Utah, were arrested for rape, and according to police, two admitted their roles in the crime. However, the police said that while the defendant had achieved success in a famous case in Canada 10 years ago, Phoenix investor Scott Louis Falater said he was sound asleep during the time he stabbed his wife 44 times and during the time neighbors watched him hold her head underwater in a backyard swimming pool. Just as the Canadian defendant had supposedly driven 14 miles to his mother-in law's home while asleep and beat her with a tire iron, Falater managed to put on gloves, kill the woman, bandage a cut, and dispose of his bloody clothes, all while asleep. Not impossible, said an expert on sleep disorders.

GOVERNMENT IN ACTION
• In February, Houston City Councilman Rob Todd sent the vice squad to investigate Myrtle Freeman's Condoms & More shop, but they turned up no viola tions. Prostrated, Todd, noting that the novelty inventory included chocolate lollipops shaped like breasts and items like "obitable panties," then sent the health department in to close the store for not having a license to serve pre packaged food. To avoid closing, the condom store chose to downsize its grocery section.
• In October, the town of Morris, Al a., came within a few days of having the IRS commandeered its assets to satisfy a $60,000 back-tax bill, but it came up with the money by mortgaging City Hall. To solve a similar problem, Mayor Zenon Chica of El Palme, Peru, proposed in March to auction off City Hall altogether and had lined up four bidders willing to start at about $75,000.
• In November, Oregon State University physics professor John Gardner had a federal grant application rejected, apparently solely because it was not typed double spaced. (Gardner, himself, is blind; he was applying to work on technology for the disabled.) And in December, the Georgia Court of Appeals turned down, irrevocably, an appeal by the state in a $2.7 million personal-injury case because the state's paperwork was submitted in New Times Roman typeface instead of the required Courier.

THE HORROR OF BARKING FISH: The new pet nuisance code adopt ed in January by the city council of Palm Beach Gardens permits a maximum of four pets, except that five is permissible if none weighs more than 10 pounds, and 10 is permissible if none weighs more than one pound, and 25 is permissible (no more) if they are all fish.
• Pirates of the Caribbean
• In Portland, Maine; 41, with a blood alcohol reading more than three times the legal limit, fell off his bike, knocking himself out, and was charged with DUI after a 1993 ruling that makes a bicycle a "vehicle." However, the statute permits first offenders to avoid a conviction if they get counseling and agree to a 30-day driver's license suspension. Glancy had no driver's license so the judge told him to apply for one, then allow it to be suspended for 30 days so he could get the conviction erased.

RECURRING THEMES
• The Beat Goes On in Texas: Donald Wayne Martin killed his wife, two stepchildren and himself in January. Michael Wayne Hall and another white supremacist were arrested in February in the killing of a woman. And faring better was Wesley Wayne Miller, who was finally approved for imminent parole after serving 16 years for the murder of a woman.
• The latest man to shock mourn ers by walking in to his own funeral, according to a March Reuters report from Bahia Blanca, Argentina, was Robinson Gonzalez, 21. His mother had mistakenly identified a shooting victim as her son. Unlike in at least one of the previous instances, in which the mother of the "deceased" died of shock upon learning that her offspring was still alive, Mrs. Gonzalez merely suf fered an anxiety attack.

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BY PETER KUNDIS

How far in advance do you usually begin studying (cramming) for your final exams?

Depending mainly upon the degree of "social excursions," anywhere from one week in advance to (usually) twelve hours before the exam.

— Danny Barnett, Sophomore, Computer Science, Tampa.

I usually start studying for cumulative finals about two weeks before. But if it's just a regular test, during finals week, I start about one to two days before.

— Gini DeLuca, Junior, Sociology, Altamonte Springs.

The weekend before the exam, depending primarily upon the difficulty of the material.

— Raquel Filipuk, Senior, Interpersonal Communication, San Juan, Puerto Rico.

A week in advance.

— Amanda Ogondo, Senior, Engineering Tech, San Juan, Puerto Rico.

I usually study about four to five days before the actual exam, and think about an A+ on it.

— Ronit Taizan, Senior, Psychology, Tel-Aviv, Israel.
Can you resist the sounds of ‘The Phantom’?

By CORBETT TRUBKEY
Entertainment Editor

“Christine...Christine...” echoes an eerie voice somewhere from below. In the blink of an eye, a strange figure appears in the reflection of a mirror, and our heroine, the gifted soprano Christine, is whisked away to this masked man’s hideaway. And thus begins an amazing spectacle of powerful music, special effects, and emotional performances that make up one of the most original musicals of all time, “The Phantom Of The Opera.”

This juicy slab of Broadway theater has been packing people in the Carr Performing Arts Centre since it’s opening, and it shouldn’t be a surprise to anyone. It’s been called the most successful stage musical of all time, with worldwide ticket sales exceeding $2.6 billion. It has won seven Tony awards including Best Musical, and is Broadway’s fifth longest-running show of all time. The soundtrack has even gone platinum!

How does a stage musical reach this point? You can only say so much without giving the show away, but suffice to say, it is one of the most haunting and touching stories you’ll ever see. Based on the classic novel “The Phantom Of the Opera” by Gaston Leroux, “The Phantom Of The Opera” tells the story of a masked figure who lurks beneath the city and devotes himself to creating a new star by nurturing her extraordinary talents and by employing all of the devious methods at his command. The plot is played out in grand fashion with scenes and costumes that will make your jaw drop to the floor. From the towering chandelier to the glittering dresses, and even to the mass of candles that magically appear, “The Phantom Of The Opera” is visually astounding. Its dark and gothic look contrasts with the tender and moving love story taking place within it.

This year’s cast includes Brad Little as The Phantom and Amy Jo Arrington as Christine, both of whom deliver knock-out performances, not for just their acting abilities but for their voices as well. Also impressive is Julie Schmidt as competing soprano Carlotta Giudicelli, who mixes her glass-breaking vocals with plenty of comedy relief.

If you’re ready to feel the sadness, passion and intensity that makes up “The Phantom Of The Opera,” then dig up that suit/dress from the back of your closet and bust a move, because performances are only running until May 2nd. A show that will keep you hypnotized from start to finish, “The Phantom...” will probably be the best show to come through Orlando this year.

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BY SHANNON WRAY

Fastball
All the Pain Money Can Buy (Hollywood Records)

You know, just the other day I was watching MTV and I experienced Fastball's debut song "The Way" on video. I liked the video; cute guys flying off the top of tall buildings and unique adventures kept me interested. Then, I flipped to VH-1 and found it again. It looks like Fastball's popularity is growing by leaps and bounds. Literally. "The Way" has now entered Billboard's top 200 and is #1 on Billboard's Modern Rock Chart. I can certainly see why. This Austin trio is more like a classic rock 'n roll band that picked up a little bit of punk along "The Way." Cuts like "Fine Escape" and "Which Way To The Top" follow along the same lines as "The Way" - spunky bears, easy rhythms, and interesting lyrics that pick up with sharp hooks. Fastball has experienced Fastball's debut song 'The Way' and found it again. It looks like Fastball's popularity is growing by leaps and bounds. Literally. "The Way" has now entered Billboard's top 200 and is #1 on Billboard's Modern Rock Chart. I can certainly see why. This Austin trio is more like a classic rock 'n roll band that picked up a little bit of punk along "The Way." Cuts like "Fine Escape" and "Which Way To The Top" follow along the same lines as "The Way" - spunky bears, easy rhythms, and interesting lyrics that pick up with sharp hooks. Fastball has experienced Fastball's debut song 'The Way' and found it again.

Harvey Danger
Where Have All The Mertymakers Gone? (Polygram Records)

The modest tale of Harvey Danger began in 1992, when all four members were students at the University of Washington. One day Jeff Lin felt compelled to pick up the guitar. Soon, he and Aaron Huffman (bass) joined forces. "Our original intent was to play Mudhoney and Nirvana covers at parties, and we grew from there," Huffman admits. Apparently Harvey Danger has "spread the wealth" with their creativity in various unique expressions of punk. The intent of their off-the-wall lyrics, not to mention song titles like, "Carlotta Valdez," "Terminal Alaska," and "Woody Muffler," was that those will attract a certain segment of sophisticated listeners, predicts Lin. Well, I don't know what kind of following they wish to receive with their music, but I personally won't be one of the sweaty moshers screaming their lyrics. Elvis Costello once referred to this bouncy beat and loud guitar as "cheap thrills," and I think it is quite appropriate. Let's just say my favorites were the more somber songs, like "Wrecking Ball" and "Radio Silence." Harvey Danger's sound isn't that much different from all of the rest of the new age punk band's that I've heard. Sean Nelson (vocals) has a rather distinguishing voice that kind of whips through the chords and slides in your ears, like "Flippin' Slitta," which is the epitome of "cheap thrills." Harvey Danger has some catchy tunes, but I guess I'm just not "sophisticated" enough to recognize or appreciate their worth.
UCF Theater goes to provocative extremes

Opening this Thursday, April 16, UCF’s Theatre Department presents the William Mastrosimone drama “Extremities.” Running until the 26th, the thriller stretches the envelope for university theatre fare, both in daring content and technical difficulty.

Warning: “Extremities” presents scenes containing adult situations, foul language, and graphic depictions of violence that may offend some audience members. Even those who have worked on this production for months are still shocked, shocked, and disgusted by the attack and its aftermath. That’s the thrust of the play.

Months later, the trial began. Mary was made to retell the rape before her peers, the public, the press. The rapist sat quietly in a three-piece suit, white shirt and tie. He looked like the son of a minister. When ... cross-examined, he made amusing remarks. The jury laughed. There was evidence of rape, but no evidence that he was the rapist.

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Counselors from UCF’s Victim Services department have agreed to be present at each performance for anyone who wishes to seek assistance.

Victim Services was instrumental in helping us research and understand the reactions of the characters to the violence of the play,” says Jim Howard, back to direct his second production for the university. “Having the resources of a sizable educational institution are a real treat — often shows in the ‘real world’ setting are operating under a completely different set of constraints. The sheer luxury of a 6 week rehearsal period, for instance.” Howard first directed for UCF in the Summer Season’s production of “Broadway Bound” — “the growth in the department since then (2 years ago) has been tremendous.”

Appearing as Marjorie and her attacker are UCF seniors Meghan Drewett and Jorge Cordova, both of whom are familiar to area audiences — Ms. Drewett most recently as Brooke in “Noises Off,” Ms. Cordova as Norman in “Norman Conquests.” Rounding out the cast are UCF veterans Leslie Seidel and Mindy Shepherd.

“Though the play is a short one, each actor will find a challenge in bringing it to the stage,” says director Howard. “The audience is challenged as well, by difficult and emotional themes.”

Extremities runs April 22-26. Check with the box office at 835-1500 for show times.

— CFF staff report
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need to stick back to your eventuelly chased them from the dent students claimed Beverly Hybl were hoping to rent it. The stu­ ed that she bad sold the rental house, also have agreed to receive training in fair Beverly Hybl, who have since approved the settlement, one of gations of housing discrimina­ tion.
The students alleged that Beverly Hybl took them on a tour of the house, and comment­ tion. Property owners Jack and Beverly Hybl, who have since sold the rental house, also have agreed to receive training in fair housing laws.
The students alleged that Beverly Hybl apologized that she had subjacted her to the heated exchange but also added: "They're ruining our country," The students, who found out about the Hybls' property from the university's Community Housing Office, pushed school officials to drop the family's properties from school listings. Six months after the 1996 inci­ dent, the university did just that.

Proposal to lower drinking age denied
FT. COLLINS, Colo. — So close, and yet so far away. Eighteen-year-olds in Colorado hoping to drink beer legally will have to wait a while longer. By a tight vote of 5-7, the State Veterans and Military Affairs Committee on Feb. 5 pushed a proposed bill that would have lowered the drinking age for 3.2 beer from 21 to 18. If the bill had been approved, the state would have forfeited $20 million in fed­ eral highway funding.
To offset the loss, the bill's sponsor, state Rep. Ron Tupa, proposed that 18- to 21-year-olds be required to purchase an annu­ al drinking permit for $100. State employment, residency or enrollment in a state school also would have been required for people to be eligible for the per­ mit.
"Personally, I feel that when you are 18, you are a legal adult and should be able to do whatever you want," Tupa told the "Rocky Mountain Collegian" of Colorado State University.

Student convicted of sending threatening e-mail
SANTA ANA, Calif. — A fed­ eral jury convicted a former University of California at Irvine student of a civil-rights violation for sending threatening e-mail to 59 Asian students. The Feb. 10 conviction is the first for hate­ mail in 1996 as a joke and never meant to hurt anyone. However, he admitted under cross-exami­ nation that he blamed his own poor grades on Asian students, who he said had raised the grad­ ing curve. Machado is scheduled for sentencing in coming weeks.

University's admissions guidelines spark debate
ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Being an athlete or member of an underrepresented minority group could get students into the University of Michigan faster than if they made a perfect score on the SAT.
The school's recently revised evalua­tions of prospective stu­ dents come at a time when it's faced with two lawsuits chal­ lenging its use of race in the admissions process. University officials say the changes are "simpler, less complex" versions of old guidelines, but critics say they're more proof that race is still a very large factor in the uni­ versity's admissions.
"It's important for everyone to realize that no one is guaranteed admission because of a particular factor," said university spokes­ woman Lisa Baker. "While test scores tell us something about an applicant, they don't present a complete picture. The (grade­ point average) is truly the most important factor."
Students are admitted on a point system and can get as many as 110 points for academic factors. — for example, a perfect 4.0 GPA is worth 80 points — and 40 points for non-academic ones. Non-academic factors increase a student's chance of admission. Students who earn perfect scores on the SAT or ACT would get 12 points, but athletes or minorities get 20 points.
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Culpepper to make 1999 draft special for UCF

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its share of bodies selected. UCF's body count: Zero.
No players selected in any round in either the 1997 or 1998 drafts.
What happened to the talent that led the team to near upsets of so many SEC schools? A team that went to Lincoln, Neb., and came
within a touchdown in the fourth quarter of the eventual co-national champions should have at least a mid-round draft choice, right?

Why didn't anyone get selected?
Here's the roll call of UCF players with a reasonable shot at making an NFL roster: defensive end Jermaine Benoist, safety Donnell Washington and line­backer Emory Green. All three are athletic, but they had ques­tions of size entering the draft.
Washington and Green are under the vertically challenged 6-foot-2 height so beloved by pro scouts and Benefit weights under 260 pounds.
But in a draft featuring the catch word "character" with troubled Marshall receiver Randy Moss and Oklahoma State tight end Aaron Mayes, this trio had enough character for an entire first round if you ask any UCF player or coach. Former coach Gene McDowell spoke volumes to about three players' personal­ities and leadership skills, leaving hope that they can be signed as rookie free agents, possibly making it as developmental squad players.
But I'm leaving someone out.
receiver Todd Cleveland. Cleveland had the most raw talent of any of the
Knight possibles in the draft. Cleveland's stock fell well off the
map after he ran 40-yard dash times in the high 4.6's in at least one pro
workout for the Miami Dolphins and New York Giants scouts and
suffered through an injury-plagued 1997 season.
Mel Kiper Jr., the right-to-no-life guru of the NFL Draft, had Cleveland as the No. 19 receiver prospect entering the 1997 season. Thirty catches, no touchdowns and a bad hip floor later and he's considered a free agent pickup. Miami could still sign Cleveland, but UCF coach Mike Kruczek thinks the receiver could have done much better.
"I know he worked very hard to rehab the injury, but it's just not there," said Kruczek, who added that
Cleveland signing with a team will be a no-brainer. "His speed dropped down and so obviously his stock with NFL scouts dropped as well."
UCF has had its share of NFL players in years past. Center Mark Grattan, defensive end Greg Jefferson and wide receiver Shawn Jefferson are regular starters in the
NFL. The Knights had two players free agent deals last season and including former linebacker Nickia Roddick, who is trying to make the
Indianapolis Colts' roster as a safety.
This still leaves the question of why more Knights were not drafted. Kruczek said it comes down to if the players are willing to work with bor­derline talent.
"I know when I went to school, I worked hard to improve on what I
already had and not wait until my final year to try and game changing accomplished," Kruczek said. "We try to teach these guys to maximize
each day, physically and mentally, to be into the game, they can get the
most out of themselves and play on the
next level, but they don't always listen."

A Bright Future
If the Knights had so few pro level players leave from this year's team, they
only imagine what is to come.

If anything, next year's NFL Draft should be the most watched UCF
event in school history when fans wait to see if quarterback Daunte
Culpepper is the first pick overall.
"Culpepper just continues to
heighten the visibility of the pro gram," Kruczek said. "It started with signing him and it has continued throughout his career."
If Culpepper is taken early in the
1999 draft or does well in the NFL, it will fulfill a prophecy Kruczek had for the standout quarterback when he arrived at UCF in 1995.
"I keep telling him that God created him to play in the National Football League," Kruczek said. "He's going to bring national recog­nition to a program that definitely needs it."
And that hype (and Culpepper's
arm) should give current Knight
standouts like receivers Siaha Burley and Mark Nonsant all the televised­highlight film material they need to catch the eyes of pro scouts. Senior offensive lineman Bill Dayton, Ryan
Griffis and Cornell Green will also benefit from being key parts of the
best ensemble firepower in school history.
Kruczek said starting with next
season, the program will start build to the reputation of Division I depth and skill pro scouts look for. A strong reputation could also give the
Fred Harleys and Charles Lees a boost at 2001, about the time Culpepper should be coming the full­time starting job with some NFL
teams.
"We have moved along fairly quickly with players whose talent
that isn't comparable around the nation," he said. "You can say what you want about recruiting and not signing NFL talent out of high
school, which you have to under­stand what you have to work with at this university budget-wise and utili­ty-wise, but what is new change with
time and then we can get a consist­ent flow of NFL talent to come here."
I'll be waiting to brag, coach.
allow 11 earned runs, 13 hits while striking out only two in 7.2 innings.

Kevin Gordon earned the win in the early game on April 18 after relieving senior pitcher/outfielder Todd Bellhorn. Bellhorn gave up all seven 2.1 innings. Gordon, pitching 2.1 innings, kept the Panthers scoreless, allowing only one hit and two walks.

Bergman said his team’s recent inconsistency has him searching for answers.

“We did not compete as well as I thought we could,” Bergman said. “It concerns me as much as it would any coach, but there isn’t much you can say about it.

“I wish there was something I could do and if I knew what that was then I would do it. I think that the team, with respect to the schedule and where we are right now, is playing hard.”

Bellhorn said the team played against FIU, but it must work harder to be a contender for the conference champion for the fifth time in six years.

“The mental and physical errors went away and we really didn’t beat ourselves,” Bellhorn said. “It’s weird. We hear so much about what the potential of this team is and what it can do, and sometimes, maybe we rely on that a little too much. It’s good to have confidence, but you can’t sit there on your rear end and expect the cards to fall in your hand.”

UCF, which has had the same record through 48 games for three consecutive years, needs only one more conference win to improve on last seasons’ 7-10 TAAC record.

Despite the slow start, Bergman said his team should be able to win its remaining games and earn a high seed in the TAAC Tournament May 8-16.

He added his team, which posted a 1-5 record against FIU in the 1997 regular season, beat the Panthers 8-4 in the semifinals of last year’s TAAC Tournament before winning its title last year.

Looking ahead: UCF will face host doubleheaders against Florida Atlantic (April 25-26) and travel to Stetson (May 2-3) after relieving senior coach Craig Cozart. Bergman briefly relinquished his third base coaching duties against Bethune-Cookman College on April 15 to assist coach Craig Cozart. Bergman, who went to the bench when UCF led 8-0 against BCC, said the change wasn’t permanent and he made the move to give Cozart some experience coaching third base. Matt Lubozynski on Todd Bellhorn’s son pitching record:

“When you don’t pitch, it does, but I put it all in the Lord’s hands.”

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UCF women return to NCAAs

By TONY MEJIA
Staff Writer

The top-seeded UCF women’s tennis team held serve at the TAAC championships this weekend, capturing its second-consecutive conference crown to earn a berth in the NCAA tournament.

Rain postponed the regularly scheduled final, forcing UCF to spend an extra day in Macom, GA, where they finally toppled second-seed Georgia State on April 20. Top players Maria Widyadharina and Ann Svantesson won all of their tournament matches. In fact, UCF won all matches, 5-0, over Sanford and the College of Charleston on Saturday and GSU on Monday morning.

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**FLU dims Knights' hopes for an at-large bid**

By JEFF CASE  
Staff Writer

The baseball team (31-17, 7-5 in the Trans America Athletic Conference) has its fate in its own hands as it begins the final two weeks of the regular season.

"I think our chances for an at-large bid [in the NCAA tournament] are very minimal unless we can run the table with the end of our schedule," Coach Jay Bergman said.

The team hurt its chances for an at-large bid after losing the its series with Florida International April 17-18. Entering the game with identical 6-1 TAAC records, the Panthers (8-4, TAAC) now lead the TAAC's Southern Division and have the tie-breaker edge with the Knights after winning the season series, 4-2. Bergman said he is not worried about facing the Panthers in the TAAC tournament.

"It seems like they just pick it up when they play us," Bergman said. "We've got to give them credit, they went out there and shut us down."

UCF lost the April 17 game, 6-1, but rebounded to win the early game of the April 18 doubleheader, 6-5, before falling in the finale, 10-1. The Knights' losses dropped them to 6-6 in April after a 17-5 record in March.

In the series, the teams combined for 48 hits, but only 19 of those were UCF's. The Knights losing pitchers, starters Travis Held and Matt Lubosynski, combined to throw a total of 11 innings without recording an out. UCF was out-hit, 33-19, in the series.

"It was interesting, there was a little bit of pressure," Metzcus said. "The team kept on thinking 'I want a drink of water. To look next to you and her not be there was strange.'"

The 15-2, 15-0, 15-7 victory against the Rattlers gave Metzcus her first career win, and after this fall, she hopes to have more.

Metzcus, who was named interim coach of the Knights after Smith's resignation in January, could experience her first full season of coaching this fall.

But who coaches this upcoming season is a question yet to be answered. Golden Knight Athletic Director Steve Sloan is accepting applications and resumes for the position and wants to have a head coach in by June or July.

"It is strictly up to her if she wants to be a candidate for the job or not," Sloan said. "Miriam has done a good job during the interim time, she's a good, hard worker and she's got good creative ideas."

We're beginning the process of interviewing coaches in the next week or so. We have to take applications for a period of time, three weeks to a month, and then we get them down here and have the interviews. Associate Athletic Director Mary Kaufman said.

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**Track squad repeats as TAAC's best**

The women's track and field team won its second-consecutive TAAC title at the Trans America Athletic Conference Championships, hosted by Florida International's Community Stadium, April 17-18.

"Last year we thought it was a competitive year, but with Florida International having more depth and the addition of Troy State, it was tough," coach Mario Mansur Wentworth said.

"We performed above and beyond what I expected," Wentworth said.

UCF won with 186 points and seven Knights took first-place finishes. Five of those first place marks came in the field events. FIU was second in the meet with 161 points and Troy State was third (113 points). Twenty-one new meet records were set at the meet.

UCF's Michele Boike won the women's 100-meter hurdles (14.31 seconds) and set a new TAAC and school record in the high jump with a height of 5-feet-6. Additionally, Boike finished third in the 400-meter hurdles (1:06.57) and fourth in the long jump (18-feet, 8-inches).

UCF's Amber Twyner broke her TAAC record in the javelin, setting the new mark at 125-foot, 11-inches. Anne Panaggio won the 5,000-meter run with a time of 18:49. Sophomore Corliss Campbell won the 1,500-meter run with a time of 4:25.57.

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**Surf's up!**

UCF surf team surfed at Typhoon Lagoon in Disney World on April 19. The East Coast Championship was at Sebastian Inlet on April 26.

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**Did you feel the draft?**

UCF didn’t

By DEREK GONSOLIN  
Sports Editor

For college football fans, and I include myself, the NFL Draft is the closest thing to the NCAA basketball tournament as the bowl alliance will ever let us get. There's still no Division I playoff system, but around 15 hours of highlights spread over two days from just about every major and minor college football team imaginable suits me fine.

The finer moments come from following your favorite team's players. The bragging rights of having more draft picks than a hated rival makes for fun sports bar chatter with friends. The state's schools were well represented, with Florida, Florida State, Miami and even Florida A&M and Bethune-Cookman College having several players drafted.

So it seems only natural that the state's up-and-coming Division I teams, having been in the big leagues two seasons, would have had to compete the Drake Relays on April 24-26.  

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**Riggs wins TAAC's weekly award**

Shortstop Eric Riggs was named Trans America Athletic Conference Co-Player of the Week April 15.

Riggs was 11 of 18 (.611), including three triples and a home run, over UCF's four games the week of April 6. He scored seven runs and had a team-high eight RBI to lead UCF to three wins. See RIGGS, Page 23

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