Deal's achievements deserving of an alumni 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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Earth Day Blowout to honor Mother Nature

By DAN McMULLAN
Staff Writer

Live music, information displays and activities will educate and inform the UCF community about Earth Day on April 22.

The event will be held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Student Union West Plaza.

Jessica Smith, CAB special event director, said the band Cold Spot 8 will perform. The band played at the UCF Halloween Masquerade Ball in October. Also performing will be Welleville and Umoja. Each band will play hour-long sets.

One of the activities will allow people to plant a flower and take it home. Another activity will demonstrate sand-art and give everyone a chance to create their own masterpiece.

This will be a special event because of the opportunity for the Campus Activities Board to work with other organizations to promote a common cause," Smith said.

The first Earth Day was staged on March 21, 1970, to coincide with the vernal equinox, according to the official Earth Day website.

The Earth will continue to regenerate its life sources only as long as we and all the peoples of the world do our part to conserve its natural resources," said President Gerald Ford. "Through voluntary action, each of us can join in building a productive land in harmony with nature."

The intent of Earth Day is to "bring people together in heart and mind at a special moment and increase determination to pursue peace, justice and the care of Earth."

"The people of Earth have the
By ANNEMARIE MONTALI
Staff Writer

Police responded to an intrusion alarm at the Lake Claire boat compound at 6:05 a.m. on April 18. 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.

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 Lunefeld 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. Make study cards with not only the word you are learning but simple synonyms and antonyms as well.

• Use the flashcard deck for vocabularies, possible test questions, and then make a conscious effort to remember.

• Write out a list of the main points in your class notes. This will help you recollect the information.

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

By LINDA RAMOS
Staff Writer

Forgetting 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 Kanar, 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.

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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; 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 - 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 Gann, 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 basing their decisions on sound data. The Association of American Law Schools released a report challenging the validity of the magazine's surveys, 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 best 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's 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 weights 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 aren't law school deans 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. Reese 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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Preservation is a focus of Blowout

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raw materials and technology for all to enjoy or to use with 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.

Award-winner holds position on numerous boards

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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 various committees for the FLTA.

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It also provides services abroad in the Bahamas Islands, Bermuda, Canada, Guam, Mexico, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, and the United Kingdom.

SGA sponsors meet and greet

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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 hosts meet and greet receptions. "Many of us were new and we didn't know about the Student Government Association doing this," Robinson said. "This is a wonderful idea. It's of, by and for the students."

Michael Hynes, assistant dean for graduate programs, served cookies to guests.

By JOHN TURNER

Staff Writer

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 fraternal 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 fraternal houses and sororities and other Greek organizations would consider the Greek Lodge as home.

McFall said he considered this 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 underneath, and that a house there would take away from the aesthetic beauty of the Visual Arts Building."

"If administration is willing to move those pipes for the Greek Lodge, they could move it for us that are using private monies to build a house."

Leaders of Pi Kappa Alpha are siding with the resolution as passed by the Senate. Halscott echoed Day's statements.

"A Greek Lodge is necessary to assist those social Greek organizations without the means to build a house, to move on campus," Halscott said. "I don't think CITF is the correct route to take on allocating for this project though. It just doesn't seem to be a good business decision to use $1.2 million of monies that will only benefit a select fraction on our campus."

"We need to explore other avenues of funding through the housing office, which is a department of student affairs. I just don't think enough thought has been given on the issue, and I take exception with those administrators who say that we don't understand what the situation is all about."

The Senate passed the resolution.
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.

Older and Wiser

At 32, she's a lot older than many of her classmates and, she says, younger than some. But she says she takes part in many campus activities and that has helped her feel a part of college again.

"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." The job was good while it lasted, she said, but "I just came to class and went home every day." She realized a degree would be necessary to advance, now you can work with AAA online at www.aaa.com and get the same sort of help.

You still need to be a member to take advantage of some of its services and discounts, but you don't have to join to look around. The site is bright and full of pictures for your wishful thinking pleasure or that final decision-making push. And, just like when you use 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.

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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-sessions internship with a racing team or engine manufacturer.

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

"UCF isn't the technical school it was a few years ago," Oxendine 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 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.

BOR 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 21, 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 Misso at 632-1111.

The Brevard campus Student Council for Exceptional Children (SCSC) is launching a joint prevention and education program with The Yellow Umbrella/Exchange Club Center to teach adolescents the consequences of Shaken Baby Syndrome.

The presentation includes a doll and a skit involving an actual intervention. The goal of Yellow Umbrella is to stop this preventable condition through outreach and education to the community by increasing awareness, offering resources and providing alternative ways of dealing with one's emotions and behaviors.

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— CFF staff report.

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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 half a dozen students wearing school apparel, they sport the Reebok symbol on their clothes like a battle patch. Whether it’s those red puffy winter jackets floating through the thick December snow, or mesh shorts burning across 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 what work scientists would be able to perform. University pressure could create 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 trying to force big business on campus.

The group was among those that levied 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 the university’s athletic department, and sponsor various recreational and academic programs. In return, the company expected to become the university’s sole provider of athletic apparel and shoes.

There was another little catch that came in 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 the university’s athletic department, and sponsor various recreational and academic programs. In return, the company expected to become the university’s sole provider of athletic apparel and shoes.

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.”

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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.

“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.”

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 object to the alleged unfair labor practices of their school’s athletic provider, Nike.

With help and advice from the Democracy Teach-In Council, students and faculty members on nearly 200 campuses nationwide are calling attention to the wave of corporate cash they fear will drown the integrity of educational institutions. “Teach-Ins” — typically a week of lectures, performances and special events — are scheduled throughout the academic year. The next one is expected to happen in May.

—Campus Correspondent Sam Kusie of the University of Pittsburgh contributed to this story.
Smooth salesmen keep magic carpets "flying" in Marrakech

By DOUG LANSKY
College Press Service

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 hawking lobbyist. And they can be more enslaving 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 (ital) chi (end ital) in his brother's carpet shop, the biggest in town. That was when Ahmed hailed me. He simply told me how much money he and his brother, Mostefa, made selling carpets to tourists (more each day than I make in a year). The real trick, he said, was getting the tourists into the shop.

"Suddenly," he asked, "how 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 carpets they preferred and, with the most subtle of guesses, signaled his team of assistants to bring them in.


"Out of the question. If you want to try it for a while, you can stay with us and earn 8 percent," We shook hands. Instantly, I was a Moroccan carpet salesman.

The next morning, I was dispatched to the main square with Mohammed, a young man whose sole job was to help me find my way through the maze-like market to the carpet shop. I spotted an English tour group, followed them into a restaurant and sat down next to a young, friendly-looking couple. I told them I was a carpet hustler. Steven and Rachel laughed.

"No, really," I assured them. "I work for the biggest carpet shop in Marrakech. My job is to guide you there and then back to your hotel when you wish to leave. My friend Mohammed here will make sure we get here without getting lost in the maze of streets.

When we arrived at the shop, my employers were very impressed. It had taken me all of 15 minutes to round up so many customers. Mostefa, a black belt in carpet selling, went right to work, pouring on the charm like chemically-flavored butter on movie popcorn. Watching Mostefa and Ahmed "push" rugs was like watching Torvel and Dean skate, Ben and Jerry eat ice cream, or Hulka 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) chi (end ital) while he listened to their impressions of Marrakech. Found out their preferences (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.

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"What kind of sweets do you have in England?" Mohammed asked. "Hard candy, chocolate, "I said.

"Hard candy?" he asked. "Typically, 6 percent. The helpers rolled it up and carried it away. They went through the whole pile that way, leaving Steven and Rachel with four carpets.

Mostefa knew he could relax for a while. The couple went up for a closer look at the carpets they'd "chosen" and began discussing which would go where in their home.

"How much is this one?" Steven asked.

"Don't worry about the price now," Mostefa told him. "First, decide which one 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, "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 — $2,000 each. 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. Rachel managed to maintain her stiff, beefcake upper lip, but Steven suddenly developed an eye hand.

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 Kaeli. Mostefa turned immediately serious, innubated.

"You're in luck, my friends," said Mostefa with a big smile at the walking, "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.

After the交易, we shook hands with Mostefa, handed over their credit card and Mohammed and I escorted them back to the market square. Where I spotted an affluent group of Germans who probably didn't realize they would soon be the owners of several fine Moroccan carpets.
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married. The law would establish
official Missouri policies of chari­
ty and faithfulness.

• In March, Rogers, Ark., soft­
ware developer Rick Brzy intro­
duced his TVGuardian sound mon­
tor, which silences offensive
words in television dialogue and
prints tuner substitutions 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 ver­
tion of the software captioned
“Thelma Van Dyke” as “Jack Van
Gogh.”)

• Serious Grudges: In Suisunville, Calif., in March, Darrell Carpenter drove a front­
end loader through his neighbors’ house and split the profits with his
colleges. Carpenter was arrested because it was not typed double­
spaced. (Gardner, himself, is blind;
he was applying to work on tech­
ology for the disabled.) And in December, the Georgia Court of
Appeals turned down, irrevocably,
an appeal by the state in a $2.7 mil­
lion personal injury case because
the state’s paperwork was submit­
ted in New Times Roman typeface
instead of the required Courier.

• The Honor 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 permis­
sible (no more) if they are all fish.

• In Pittsburgh in September,
Francis Glancy, 41, with a blood­
酒精 reading more than three
times the legal limit, fell off his
bike, knocking himself out, and
was charged with DUI under 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
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 take the counseling exam.

RECURRING THEMES

• The Best 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 bet­
ter 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 funer­
al, 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
seeing that her offspring was still
alive, Mrs. Gonzalez merely suf­
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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 Barnes, Sophomore, Computer Science, Tampa.

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

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

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

— Ronit Tzalan, Senior, Psychology, Tel-Aviv, Israel.
Can you resist the sounds of 'The Phantom'?

By CORBETT TRUBEY
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 on tour, "The Phantom Of The Opera."

This juicy slab of Broadway theater has been packing people in the Carr Performing Arts Center 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 Opera," 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. For ticket prices and show times, please call Ticketmaster.

Brad Little stars as The Phantom in the third national touring production of Andrew Lloyd Webber's "The Phantom Of The Opera," winner of seven Tony awards including Best Musical.
April 22, 1998

This, my friends, is why Fastball will go more exciting when followed by talented musicians. Fastball key theme that Fastball centers around in this album, but risks, "requires their own combination of horns and vintage syn­


describing the challenges, risks, and adventures are much the same lines as 'The

asked about the result of sudden fame,

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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 cer­

escape" and "Which Way To The Top" follow along the same lines as "The Way". spunky beats, easy rhythms, and

of the sweaty moshers screaming their lyrics. Elvis Costello once referred to this bouncy beat and loud guitar

combination as "cheap thrills". I guess I'm just not "sophisticated" enough to recognize or appreciate their worth.

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 Ainers," and "Woody Muffler," was that "these will attract a certain segment of sophisticated listen­
ers," predicts Lin. Well, I don't know what kind of following they wish to receive with their music, but personally won't be one of the sweaty moshers screaming their lyrics. Elvis Costello once referred to this bouncy beat and loud guitar combination as "cheap thrills" and I think it is quite appro­

appropriate. Let's just say my favorite were the more soulful 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 whines through the chords and slides in your ears, like "Fluride Sitte," 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.

I have to admit that I truly fall for vocalists that have the ability to vary their ranges so easily. Yes, people like Mariah Carey and Celine Dion have the talent, but something about Sarah makes me feel a lit­
ttle rebellish when I proclaim her lyrics. She suddenly cues a board afternoon with impressive sto­ries that can pick me up out of a rut in a heartbeat. As I sadly try to mimic her unique sexy but clear range, I won­
nder how she can seem so natural and sincere while connecting so well with the

music. "Surfacing" features some of Sarah's more common­ly played tracks like "Building A Mystery," and "Sweet Surrender," but also premieres other great stories like "Full Of Grace" and, from the "City of Angels" motion picture soundtrack, "Angel." This delicate song of hope and person­al faith is as tranquil and soft composed as the singer herself. Her inspiration was of course the movie itself, which she felt "pulled at all the right heart strings," and after seeing the movie and falling into this song, I'd have to agree. Meanwhile, this busy artist was also involved in the Lilith Fair Tour, to which Sarah has been a long-time supporter of, among many others, an anxious to hear some of her newest releases on this album as soon as it hits the shelves. In the meantime, "Surfacing" will continue to provide Sarah's most recently released ballads and then some.

Harvey Danger
Where Have All Of The Merrymakers Gone? [Polygram Records]

Sarah McLachlan
Surfacing [Arista Records]

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 cer­

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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 offended, shocked, and disgusted by the rape and other reactions of the characters to the violence. Mastrosimone wrote the play to provoke and deal with the consequences of her own violent behavior. Mastrosimone wrote the play in just 15 hours, though there have been revisions in production - notably a long monologue for one character that was added after the play triggered a suppressed memory for an audience member, causing a disturbance that actually stopped the show. Not surprising, since one out of three women are victims of sexual assault by age 18. 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 is 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," Mr. Cordova as Norman in "Norman Conquests." Rounding out the cast are UCF veterans Leslie Scidel 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 the box office at 823-1500 for show times.

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Beverly Hybl, who have since approved the settlement, one of the largest stemming from allegations of housing discrimination.

The students alleged that Beverly Hybl refused to let them rent a house because they were Asian. Hybl apologized that she had subjected 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 incident, the university did just that. Proposed to lower drinking age denied

PT. 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 federal 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 annual 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 permit.

"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 federal jury convicted a former University of California at Irvine student of a civil-rights violation for sending threatening e-mail to 10 Asian students. The Feb. 10 conviction is the first for hate mail sent through cyberspace underrepresented minority group.

Attorney Michael Gennaco told Knight-Ridder/Tribune News Service, "It's drawing a line in cyber-space and saying if you cross that line and threaten people with their lives that a jury of your peers is not going to tolerate it," he said.

Richard Machado, 21, testified that he sent the threatening e-mail in 1996 as a joke and never meant to hurt anyone. However, he admitted under cross-examination that he blamed his own poor grades on Asian students, who he said had raised the grading 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. But it means that no one is guaranteed admission because of a particular factor.

The school's recently revised 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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Metzcus was brought in to coach so as to not lose the momentum of the spring recruiting season and that Metzcus has put in her resume for the position and that is fine with us," Kaufman added that Smith is still under contract for about a month and continues to work with the volleyball program behind the scenes. It was Smith who recommended that Metzcus fill the coaching duties in her absence.

Smith, who was the winningest coach in UCF volleyball history, surprisingly resigned after one of her best seasons. She guided the Knights to a 28-4 record in 1997, a sixth consecutive TAAC Tournament Championship and third-consecutive NCAA tournament appearance.

The team broke new ground in the tournament, winning its first NCAA Tournament game by defeating ACC champion Clemson University 15-7, 15-13, 15-1 before losing to the University of Wisconsin in the second round. So it was satisfying to pursue other interests outside of coaching, Smith resigned.

Smith's decision was not a surprise to Metzcus.

"We had so many people graduate, she wasn't excited about the next year and she made the decision because of the fact we didn't do so well in [her opinion] at the NCAA Tournament, Metzcus said. Some of the girls were shocked and some said they felt like they knew it was coming just because so many had graduated.


UCF setter Amanda Fielding said Smith felt bad leaving Fielding, who left the University of New Mexico to get more playing time at UCF.

"Most of us knew she would leave," said Metzcus, a member of the 1997 All-TAAC First Team. "She would have had a big commitment with a young class and she felt bad because she recruited me and I still had a year left at UCF but [her leaving] wasn't much of a shock."

Although the future is somewhat uncertain for Metzcus, she has not hesitated to make her own impression on the program. She has added a full-time strength and conditioning coach, a first for the program, which has been well received by the players.

"At first, they didn't like it too much because they have never been in a strict weight lifting program, but now they say in one of the best things we've ever done," said Metzcus, adding the team currently works out three days a week, focusing on weight lifting, jumping and endurance drills.

"It's a team thing," she said. "Everybody is under a strict program to follow and everyday it is something new."

The trainer, who also works with the Golden Knight football and baseball teams, has pushed the volleyball team to new levels.

"It has been a great bonding experience," Metzcus said. "It helps us prevent injury and helps us jump higher because we're not a very tall team. I was worried that as a football trainer he would work with girls, but he has come to us with open arms and he makes us fight [to reach new goals]."

Metzcus, who has scheduled opponents such as Purdue and Clemson for next season, has a simple philosophy on the upcoming year and her place in it.

"I can make this my team [for now], do what I want to do now and what is best for them," Metzcus said. "If someone else comes in, then they can add their flavor to it but if not, I'm already here and I've been here for the full spring and summer."

"I have this idea that everything happens for a reason and I really believe that. I really haven't worried about [next season] because I don't have time for it."

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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 champion with a reasonable shot at making an 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 Benoit, 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 vaunted 6-foot-2 height so beloved by pro scouts and Benoit weighs under 260 pounds.

In a draft focusing the catch word "character" with troubled Marshall receiver Randy Moss and Oklahoma State tight end Antonio Maives, 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 4.6s 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 it's share of NFL players in years past. Center Mark Gruntamurita, defensive end Greg Jefferson and wide receiver Shawn Jefferson are regular starters in the NFL. The Knights had two players sign free agent deals last season and including former-safetyback Nicka Redlick, 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 economists.

"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 get something accomplished," Kruczek said. "We try to push these guys to maximize each day, physically and mentally, to be into the game so 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 surely can't 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 program," 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.

"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 Knights standout receivers Siaha Burley and Mark Nonsant all the televised-highlight film material they need to catch the eyes of pro scouts. Senior offensive lineman Bill Dayton, Ryan Gillis 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 up the full-time starting job with some NFL teams.

"We have moved along fairly quickly with players whose talent 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 this will all change with time and then we can get a consistent flow of NFL talent to come here."

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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 Benoit, 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 vaunted 6-foot-2 height so beloved by pro scouts and Benoit weighs under 260 pounds.

In a draft focusing the catch word "character" with troubled Marshall receiver Randy Moss and Oklahoma State tight end Antonio Maives, 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 4.6s 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 it's share of NFL players in years past. Center Mark Gruntamurita, defensive end Greg Jefferson and wide receiver Shawn Jefferson are regular starters in the NFL. The Knights had two players sign free agent deals last season and including former-safetyback Nicka Redlick, 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 economists.

"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 get something accomplished," Kruczek said. "We try to push these guys to maximize each day, physically and mentally, to be into the game so 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 surely can't 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 program," 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.

"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 Knights standout receivers Siaha Burley and Mark Nonsant all the televised-highlight film material they need to catch the eyes of pro scouts. Senior offensive lineman Bill Dayton, Ryan Gillis 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 up the full-time starting job with some NFL teams.

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Team has FAU, Stetson series left to right season

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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 five runs on seven hits over 4.2 innings. Gordon, pitching 2.1 innings, allowed 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 championship 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 their third base. Matt Lubozynski on Todd Bellhorn’s arm. Bergman expects Bellhorn to pitch one game in each of UCF’s remaining weekend series against FAU and Stetson.

Bergman briefly relinquished his third base coaching duties against Bethune-Cookman College on April 15 to assistant 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 chances to earn 11 wins, which would tie a new UCF single-season pitching record. “I think he had a chance until he got hurt,” Lubozynski said. “I don’t think he’ll be able to get it now because he’s taken a couple of weeks off.” Bellhorn (8-0) has not pitched since April 3 and has been suffering from a sore left arm. Bergman expects Bellhorn to pitch one game in each of UCF’s remaining weekend series against FAU and Stetson.

Bergman on his two-week layoff before pitching on April 18: “I’ve pitched as much as I’ve wanted to,” Bellhorn said. “I took one or two weeks off last year and it helps you out because you don’t want to burn out arm out. I’ve only missed one weekend and if that hinders my draft status, I shouldn’t be drafted at all. It it does hinder it, it does, but I put it all in the Lord’s hands.”
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 Macon, GA, where they finally topped second-seed Georgia State on April 20. Top players Maria Widyadharlina and Ann Svanstenson won all of their tournament matches. In fact, UCF won all matches, 5-0, over Samford and the College of Charleston on Saturday and GSU on Monday morning.

The Knights’ play was so dominant that they never lost a set in the first two rounds of play.

“We want to perform well in the NCAA regional tournament,” said UCF tennis coach Gall Folkenberg. “This team has more experience and depth than last year’s team, so we have a good shot.”

The Knights go into the NCAA tournament having won 18 of their last 19 matches. Their only loss during that span was a 9-0 loss to South Alabama. The Jaguars, among the top 25 tennis programs in the country, represent the caliber of competition UCF will encounter in the NCAAs starting on May 21 in Notre Dame, Ind.

“UCF is returning four of its top seven players next year, including Winberg, Greg Novak, and Robert Mazo. No. 2 singles Pelle Brunnkog and Tandjung will be graduating,” Falkenberg said.

Riggs named TAAC co-player of the week

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The short stop went 6-for-6 last Friday in UCF’s 16-13 win over Stetson (Apr. 10), setting a school record for hits in a game. He finished the season with three singles, two doubles, a home run and four RBI.

Women’s golf 6th at TAAC Championship

UCF shot a final-round 335 and finished sixth at the TAAC Championship in Jacksonville, Ala. on Tuesday. Lee Berg led the Knights, finishing third with a 13-over-par 233. Campbell took second with a 13-over-par 229. Emma Soderlindh finished a tie for seventh with a 17-over-par 233.

The Largo Native, along with Winberg, Greg Novak, and Robert Mazo. No. 2 singles Pelle Brunnkog and Tandjung will be graduating.

Crew Wins Overall Points Trophy at States

The women’s crew combined with the club men’s crew to win the overall points trophy at the Florida Intercollegiate Rowing Association State Championship in Tampa, April 11. The two teams accumulated 101 points, 39 points better than runner-up Florida.

The Lightweight 8+ of Joy Fan, Christina DePririo, Stacy Nish, Sufye Paez, Al-Di Nguyen, Amy Engelhardt, Jennifer Swanson, Christina Baker and Coxswain Sara Miller beat Florida in 7:41.4 while the FreshmanNovice 8+ placed, made up of Rachel Byrne, Colleen Morrison, Mary Shuffield, Deanna Persico, Danielle Daly, Elaine Pac, Sara-Michelle Okan, Kara Sherman and Coxswain Laura Simon, beat UF with a time of 7:52.7.

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Volleyball has Metzcus ready to go

By JEFF CASE
Staff Writer

As the volleyball team prepared to play in one of its biggest games of the season, Miriam Metzcus remembered the odd feeling of something missing.

The team, facing Florida A&M University for a chance to go to the NCAA Tournament, hadn’t forgotten in its uniforms or knee pads.

It was missing its coach, Laura Smith.

Out for an undisclosed reason, Smith’s then-assistant Metzus was forced to coach against the Rattlers.

“It was interesting; there was a little bit of pressure,” Metzus said. “The team kept on thinking, OK, fast in the bathroom or she’s just getting a drink of water. To look next to you and her not be there was strange.

“At the same time, it was Florida A&M and they’re not exactly a powerhouse, so our team just played their game like they knew.”

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

Metzus, 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 Knights Athletic Director Steve Slan 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,” Slan said. “Miriann has done a good 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 Marcus-Mansur Wentworth said.

“We performed above and beyond what I expected.”

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 163 points and Troy State was third (153 points). Twenty-one new meet records were set at the meet.

UCF’s Michelle Bohle 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, Bohle 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-feet, 11-inches. Ame Porangio won the 5,000-meter run with a time of 18:49. Sophomore Corissa Cade won the long jump with a 19-foot, 2-inch mark, a school record, and Jen Herren won the discus with a toss of 129-feet, 2-inches. Kature Beard won the shot put with a 42-foot, 7-inch toss while senior Kelli Welsh placed second in the long jump with a 36-foot, 4-inch jump.

UCF will compete next at the Drake Relays on April 24-26.

Trans America Athletic Conference

Championship Scores
1. Central Florida 186
2. Florida International 161
3. Troy State 153
4. Sanford 70
5. Campbell 30
6. Georgia State 10
7. Jacksonville State 2

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 of the week of April 6. He scored seven runs and had a team high eight RBI to lead UCF to three wins.

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Surf’s up!

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

Did you feel the draft? UCF didn’t

By DEREK GONSOULIN
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 four 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 team, having been in the big leagues two seasons, would have

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From the Sports Desk

Senior outfielder Will Croud and his teammates were outscored 46-24 in six game against FIU, this season

FLU dims Knights’ hopes for an at-large bid

By JEFF CASE
Staff Writer

The baseball team (31-17-7, 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 Luboynski, combined to