UCF hopes new drug will save lives

By BRIAN SMITH
News Editor

UCF researchers from the center for diagnostics and drug development believe they have made progress in the fight against a leading killer of adults in the world.

The World Health Organization estimates in the next decade 300 million people will become infected with Tuberculosis (TB), 90 million people will develop the disease and 30 million people will die.

Due to the concern about the growth of tuberculosis, the World Health Organization in April 1993 declared TB to be a global emergency.

Dr. Saleh Naser explained how UCF has developed an anti-TB drug.

"The progress we have made against the TB bacterium is that we have identified 10 plants that contain extracts (juice, cocktail or mix) active against Mycobacterium Tuberculosis, the causative agent of TB," Naser said. "The extracts were purified further and still maintained antimicrobial activity."

The researchers collected the plants from the jungles of Vietnam and Indonesia. The compounds extracted from the plants will be tested to determine if they harm living cells.

The chemical composition will be determined and scientists will figure out how the drugs work before any clinical trials are conducted.

"Currently, we're seeking funding to go further with purification protocols so we can isolate, identify and then characterize the active agent (compounds)," Naser said.

The compounds being tested at UCF have been about 80 percent effective in tests on TB strains and are expected to be active against newly resistant TB germs.

TB was an incurable disease prior to the discovery of antibiotics in 1944. However, the disease could become incurable once again in the future.

A 1997 report by the World Health Organization has shown evidence of the rise of multidrug-resistance (MDR) TB.

"This report provides the first scientific evidence for what we feared but could not previously prove," said Dr. Michael Israeim, the University of Colorado. "The world again faces the specter of incurable TB," he said.

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Multicultural services
gives assistance to ethnic minorities

By GWEN R. RHODES
Staff Writer

The office of Multicultural Student Services (MSS) provides comprehensive support in addressing the specific needs, issues and concerns that confront ethnic minority students at UCF.

The MSS office is located in the Administration Building, room 145.

"As the name implies, we are dealing with students who are not of the traditional European background who are U.S. citizens," said A.J. Range, director of MSS. "This is any group other than Caucasian. We help the Hispanic American, Asian American, Native American and African American students.

"We are not a club or a student organization. Multicultural Student Services is part of the academic development and retention office, which is a part of the enrollment and academic services division.

"Our mission is to provide academic support and assistance to multicultural students in order that these students may feel welcome to the campus and to the university and can become a part of the activities and programs and in fact become a part of the campus life." Range said.

"We are about the business of providing assistance and support to the students in order to ensure that they succeed at the university," he said.

Range describes MSS as a comprehensive office that serves students from orientation, advisement and academic support, all the way to graduation.

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Don’t get false sense of security

By TAYLOR SIKE
Staff Writer

Late for a date, walking home alone in the dark just me and a cigarette. Bright lights, screeching tires, a white van pulls over to the curb. The back doors open, beer cans roll out, along with four drunk men.

Should I run or will they just chase me down? Too late. They pull me into their van, they take my bra. They molest me and laugh. Who’s that girl in the front seat? Why doesn’t she stop them?

Dropped off in the same place I was picked up with a lit cigarette for my trouble.

THANKS FOR THE RIDE.

This is the testimony of one victim at The University of Central Florida. The victim of a rape. The words came from a T-shirt she made that was displayed at the Central Florida Clothesline Project in downtown Orlando at lake Eola.

The event was part of National Victim’s Rights Week and included 500 T-shirts made from victims of violent crimes around Central Florida.

In 1997, statistics from the UCFPD show that 19 rapes were reported to the UCF Victim Services Unit, while no rapes were reported to the police department. UCF’s numbers comply a national trend showing that people are not reporting sexual assaults and batteries.

"People do not report crimes to the police," said Sgt. Thomas Gorbas of the UCPD. "Some people feel the perpetrator might hurt them. Others feel that it is their fault, which it never is. Some people feel that have no faith in the judicial process, or that nothing will get done."

The UCF Victim Services Unit provides assistance to victims of crimes at the university. These victims include students, faculty and staff.

In 1997, 166 individuals came to victim services.

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Police call car thief on owner’s cellular phone

By BRIAN SMITH  
News Editor

A 1991 black Honda Accord was stolen from parking lot T-400 on May 13. The owner of the car parked it at about 12:55 p.m. and when he returned at 2:50 p.m. he found it missing.

The owner told Sgt. Emert of the UCFPD that his cellular phone was in the car.

"I called the number he gave me, and a male answered the phone," Emert wrote in the police report. "It sounded like a white male in his twenties. I told him I was calling about the 1991 accord that was listed in the paper, he told me that 'the car was sold yesterday.'""}

The phone was turned off when the police called.

The phone was returned at about 12:55 p.m. She noticed two scratches about two inches in length on the driver's side rear tire and one scratch in the car. Emert wrote in the police report.

Christopher Bundy, 24. A red T-400, owned by Erica Reynoso, 24, was stolen from parking lot E-1 at about 7:45 a.m. and when she returned to the car at about 4:15 p.m. she noticed two scratches about 12 inches in length above the driver's side rear tire and one scratch about two inches in length on the passenger side next to the antenna. Reynoso told Ofc. Jason Popovich that she did not fight for the parking space in the morning and she does not know anybody who would want to damage her car.

The bike was stolen from the frame. When he returned at about 9 a.m. he discovered the bicycle to be missing. Two police officers searched the campus for the stolen bicycle but they did not find it. The bicycle is a red Peugeot, 21 speed with grip shifters and a bike rack on the back. It also has red paint chips missing from the frame.

A Sony AM/FM CD player, a cellular phone and a Steve Miller's Greatest Hits CD was stolen from Christopher Bundy's white 1996 Honda Civic on May 1. Bundy, 19, said he is unsure whether he locked the driver's door before leaving his car in lot A-7 at about 12:55 p.m. The police found no exterior pry marks on the door but found several fingerprints on the inside of the driver's window. The prints were removed and placed into evidence.

A black Motorola cellular phone owned by Andrea Maes, 31, was stolen at the financial aid office on May 12. Maes said she put the phone on the charger to fill out a form and then left it on the counter after she walked away at about 11 a.m. Maes returned to the counter about 10 minutes later and found that the phone was missing.

The phone is valued at about $75 and Maes is willing to prosecute.

A bicycle owned by Rajkumar Juturu, 27, was stolen from the east side of the Chemistry Building on May 7.

Juturu said he placed his bicycle in the bike rack at about 6 a.m. but did not lock it because he was in a hurry. When he returned at about 9 a.m. he

The research has received good national attention. Nasar is optimistic that the drug UCF is developing will be successful to treat TB.

His preliminary data on the chemicals has great potential, Nasar said.

Nasar attended a general meeting of the American Society for Microbiology in Atlanta from May 18-21 to present a paper on UCF's findings.

The research has received good national attention and we hope the university can capitalize on that and recruit some funds to do the job, Nasar said.

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FBI statistics show a low percentage of rapes are reported. "We put out the information but surprisingly enough there aren't many people who actually come to these seminars," Gorbas said. The UCFPD employs 40 officers with six officers working per shift. The officers cover 1,442 acres of campus with 70 buildings and about 28,500 students, 3,000 faculty. Statistically, UCF had the lowest crime rate of the nine universities in Florida," Gorbas said. "However, the numbers can be misleading." During UCFPD's crime prevention seminars, the first thing they warn against is the university having a false sense of security about itself. "Many people think that it is a safe haven and that nothing happens out here," Gorbas said. "That is not true. It is much easier to prevent a crime than to put back together a shattered life after they have been victimized."

There are many services provided by the victim advocates at UCF. They provide crisis intervention where an advocate will respond to the scene of a crime, if needed. They provide emotional support and practical assistance. Advocates explain what is to be expected during the investigation or prosecution process. Transportation is also provided for court appearances, medical appointments and housing assistance.

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**UCF Crimes Reported**

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Victim services has advocates on-call 24-hours a day, seven days a week and 365 days a year. Victim advocates stress that victims should go to someone for help. The long-term effects are different for each person but include headaches, stomach aches, stress and academic difficulties. People who are raped experience a life changing event that affects them emotionally, physically and socially. They may have feelings of shock, embarrassment, depression, anger and denial. Physically, they could have bodily injury, shock, insomnia, nightmares, pregnancy, sexually transmitted diseases and HIV. Victims should immediately be taken to a hospital emergency room.

Socially, victims lose a sense of safety in the world they live in. This may cause a loss of trust in others, a loss of trust in ones own judgment and a loss of privacy.

The T-shirts of the Clothesline Project are one part of rape victims going through the long, hard healing process as they put back together their shattered lives. I sit and wonder why this had to happen to me. I used to cry myself to sleep. I didn't care about anything. But now, I'm thankful that I am alive. I'm not upset anymore, and I live my life for ME now.

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Site provides access to the world of vegetarians

By VICKI DESORMIER

Staff Writer

For those who do not eat meat, there sometimes seems to be a lack of information and support available. However, the internet offers plenty of that from a variety of sources. One of the best resources is the Vegetarian Pages at http://www.veg.org/veg/
The site provides guidance and direction to those who are just considering a change and a strong resource and information directory for those who have been on that path for a long time.

For some people, vegetarianism is a way of life, based on a philosophy of the way humans treat animals and interact with the other creatures on earth. For others, the choice is based more on concerns of personal health.

The Vegetarian Pages offer information for both kinds of vegetarians. Easy-to-follow links zap you from one section to another. Want a recipe just to try it out? It’s not all tofu and bean sprouts, you know! There are lots of recipes a click away. From “Drunk Leeks” to “Noshy Nachos”, there is a little something for everyone.

Most of the links are to sites that offer scientific evidence to support the health benefits of a vegetarian lifestyle. The “Megaindex to Vegetarian Information” has links to just about everything you’d want to know about the vegetarian lifestyle from their philosophy on animal abuse to information for people trying to make an informed choice. Planning a trip? There are links to vegetarian-friendly destinations, modes of transportation and restaurants along the way.

There are list of airlines and railways that around the world offer vegetarian meals on board. There are descriptions of the kinds of foods that are offered and information about how to go about getting the food you choose to eat while you’re at their mercy.

This section doesn’t have much in the way of links, but there is all the information you need displayed in an easy-to-understand fashion.

As with all movements, political, nutritional or otherwise, there is a call to act locally and to get involved. The Vegetarian Pages offers links to sites sponsored by vegetarian organizations all over the world. The only Florida organization listed is the American Natural Hygiene Society, Inc. out of Tampa. But there are all manner of sites from groups in the U.S. and abroad so look them over if you’re interested in getting involved.

Finally, if you’re interested in the rich and famous who have chosen this lifestyle, check out the site’s list of famous vegetarians from Rosana Arquette to Dweezil Zappa. Some of the celebrity names in the list have links to their sites, so if you find a star you like on the list, you might be able to link to them.

The Vegetarian Pages aren’t for everyone, but they are an interesting insight into a lifestyle that more and more people are choosing to explore. Check it out.

THE Crossword

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2 13 Sammy’s creator 14 Hammed down
3 Loaners - 15 Short orders
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9 Wasp 19 Coffee’s gadget
10 Iowa city 20 Florida’s gazette
11 Florida 21 Garden tools
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I recently read your article titled: “Pulled fire alarms are no laughing matter.” I couldn’t agree more with you in that they are no laughing matter but not necessarily for the reasons you stated.

Yes, I’m sure it’s quite annoying when the alarm wakes you in the middle of your sleep but there’s something more important as to why it’s not funny at all as a prank. Fire is the most devastating force a person can experience.

The fire alarm is there to warn you that your building is on fire and that you should escape as fast as you can. If we didn’t have the fire alarms it might be hard to warn others in a large building that it is on fire and they need to get out to safety.

To pull an alarm under false premise is to make people worry they could be in horrible danger when they aren’t. It’s a violation of trust in the use of the alarm. Sure some drunk moron may think they’re “the man” cause they did something stupid like pull a fire alarm as a joke, don’t. Instead, remember my words. The fire alarm is there to protect you and the other people in the building.

Being burned is no laughing matter.

—Noah Caraker, computer animation student

UCF - U Can’t Finish

The University of Central Florida’s acronym UCF has taken on a whole new meaning. Many examples from students long gone? And now another example to exploit UCP’s bureaucratic reputation for withholding a student’s graduation.

All students are familiar with the “staff” that appears on registration schedules. A gamble every student takes every semester as we register for classes not knowing in advance who will be instructing the class. Professor A or Professor B.

A petition to change this policy is in effect to change this and many others. The success of this petition forces each collegiate department to offer at least two sessions of the same class by at least two different instructors returning to the students the right they have to choose to whom their tuition money is dispersed and under whom they are instructed.

Have you ever been stuck in this scenario. You need a particular class, the class is offered but by a professor with whom you may have a personal conflict, or not understand because of a language barrier, and felt subject to their money to show impartiality or fairness?

The choice to select another professor for an independent study class during the same semester. This is a simple fix to this problem.

I was required to take a core class. I opted to do an independent study (IS) of the same class with another professor who agreed to do the IS. Less than two months before graduation they told me that they’re not accepting the substitution destroying my graduation plans hence UCP’s U CAN’T FINISH.

—George Michael

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Multicultural services offers a variety of services to non-traditional students
By STACEY COPELAND
Staff Writer

Okay, boys and girls, it’s time to get your arses behinds off the beach and into theaters to catch some of the hot new flicks arriving in June.

**The Truman Show (June 5)**
Starring Jim Carrey, Ed Harris, Laura Linney, Noah Emmerich, Jim Carrey Spaks! Out of his mouth! Jim Carrey is getting serious? It sure looks like it. Weizel directed the film about a man named Truman Burbank, who’s life is a nonstop TV show. Truman has no clue that his wife, his oldest friend and everyone else he comes into contact with are all actors-for-hire. He even has his own TV director (Ed Harris) who manipulates every move. By the time Truman realizes something about his life isn’t quite right, his TV show has attracted a global mass cult following. This film is already being touted as the “movie of the decade” and it’s getting the first Oscar buzz of any movie this year. Go get in line NOW and make sure you don’t forget the tissues; You’ll be sorry if you miss one.

**Dirty Work (June 5)**
Starring Norm MacDonald, Chevy Chase, Don Rickles, Jack Warden, Artie Lang. MacDonald makes his leading-man debut as a low-rent loser who starts a business that capitalizes on his only skill: getting into trouble.

**Diet, Work, Inc.,** helps its clients get back at anyone. This film is certainly worth your time if you enjoy mindless humor and the silly comedy produced by Saturday Night Live cast members. It already has one big mark against itself. The king of cheese, Mr. Bob Saget him­self, directed the movie. Yikes.

**Six Days, Seven Nights (June 12)**
Starring Harrison Ford, David Schwimmer, Jaqueline Obradors. In this tropical adventure a hard-driving maga­zine editor (Heche) ditches her fiancé (Schwimmer) and flies a happy-go-lucky pilot (Ford) pilot to fly her to his big story. Surprise, surprise, the plane crashes on a deserted island and the two turn to each other to survive.
Athena Roasted Chicken full of Greek delights

By HENRY SPRINGS
Staff writer

Hidden away among the plain
facade of University Shoppes, rather
than the canals of Venice or
the shaded areas of the Aegaeum, is a
small
treasure
more.

Greek cuisine worth your while to
taste, to savor, service, and prices.

The walls of Athena, restaurant, after
it’s namestake, the
Greek goddess of war, prove to be
full of surprises.

The fragrant smell of roasting
chicken leads you through the door.
The short blue and white wooden
tables may invite you to stay a while
after ordering. The walls are covered
with photographs and pictures of
Greek life. You may find some
inspiration from the hanging
plants, or the radio serenading you
overhead while you stare out the
window into the dark sun-filled
parking lot. Not anything extrend-
arily different in comparison to
most delisenss type Greek restaur-
ants. Nothing nearly as different
for the taste, service, and prices.

The owner says they are “the
lowest in town.”

Athena’s Alexandrion, the owner, is
big on Greek, He’s Greek and he’s
been in the business for fifteen
years. He takes his taste for Greek
food from simple roots and traditions.
He feels his food, or rather Greek food,
was meant for fun and socializing. It’s reflected in
the menu.

The roasted chicken was surpris-
ingly moist. The skin was roasted to a
delicate brown. The mix of oregano,
parsley, basil, and citrus nicely com-
plemented the chicken as well as the
other dishes. The spices weren’t
overpowering. The chicken still taste-
ed like chicken (quarter, $3.99).

The roasted potatoes had been
quaranteed and were roasted to a crisp
golden brown on the outside while
remaining tender inside. They’d been
likely sprinkled with virgin olive oil,
the only oil on the restaurant menu. It’s
the Greek answer to the french fry
($1.79).

For those bored by the usual menu of
other restaurants, membership on
Athena’s preferred customers list has
its privileges. The Mediterranean
salad ($2.79) was truly refreshing.
It’s mixture of tomatoes, cucumbers,
parsley, feta cheeses, lemon juice,
and olive oil in a real palatable
plain with or without the accent of roasted
chicken.

The menu includes everything
from nine types of sandwiches: egg
salad, tuna, cheese, ham, and sliced
turkey, to nine salads: Greek, chick-
en, stuffed tomato, and Mediterranean, just to name a few.

There’s plenty of soup and side
dishes: rice pilaf, roasted potatoes,
olives, green beans, and grilled pita
bread. There are ten specialties which
include everything from bar-
becued chicken on a pita, spinach
pie, moussaka, chicken gyro, and
chicken Cypriana.

The desserts are typically Greek:
Baklava, rice pudding, or pie. The
wine list isn’t extensive, only includ-
ing the basic red, white, blush, and
of course, light or regular beer.

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Lead Stories

In May, Walter Scott Kiefermenn, who admitted breaking into a woman’s home in Wheeling, W.Va., was acquitted of burglary charges after a jury apparently found that he had done it without illegal intent. A psychiatrist testified that Kiefermenn suffered from a childhood-based sexual dysfunction that impelled him to pursue a pair of leather gloves he had recently seen the woman wear.

• The Guardian (London) newspaper reported in May on the enormous television audiences in Brazil watching the nightly, Jerry Springer-like show “Ratinho — Live” (roughly, “The Monster, Unleashed”), a forum for the downtrodden. Among recent interviewees were patients with horrible medical conditions begging for otherwise-unaffordable treatment (e.g., a 3-year-old boy with 21 tumors in his mouth); a woman whose eyes were skewed and ears lopped off in a domestic fight but whose husband was still on the lam; and an equally unpopular husband and wife, whom the audience urged to assault one another.

• Café Ke’rlo (“Cafe Make Believe”) opened in a trendy section of Tel Aviv, Israel, in April, with tables, chairs, plants—silence is a feature, but no food or drink. Explained manager Nir Caspi (who calls the experience “conceptual dining”), people come to see and to meet people—but not for the actual food. The menu, designed by top-rated chef (and owner) Philipp Kaufman, lets diners order “the world’s most exquisite dishes (eel morose, salad of pomegranates, if in season),” served “on elegant (but empty) platters.”

When Sportscasters Do the News

On April 23, Pittsburgh Pirates broadcaster Lanny Frattare interrupted his play-by-play to announce the death of actor James Earl Jones, about whom Frattare rhapsodized briefly for his role in the baseball film “Field of Dreams.” The person who actually died was Martin Luther King assassin James Earl Ray, whose imminent demise from liver failure had been allowed to visit the rest room. And in London, a pill-themed restaurant called The Pharmacy (designed by edgy artist Damien Hirst), with prescription containers as seats, glasses resembling aspirins, and staff dressed all in white. (“The challenge,” said co-owner Jonathan Kennedy, “was how far you can go before it becomes too much.”) And in Singapore, the House of the Dawn, an other-wise upscale Chinese restaurant but with green-uniformed staff and pictures gaëte of Mao Tse-tung.

• In February, two Russian cosmonauts aboard the Mir space station hawked NASA space pens ($32) and other paraphernalia on the American UGC shopping channel, in an effort to raise some money for their country’s underfunded space program. A total of 530 people bought something, including 11 who paid from $900 to $2,500 for tiny Mars rocks. Six others admitted to credit inquiries about buying $25,000 Solok KV-2 spacesuits.

Political Correctness in Canada

The official historical agency Heritage Canada released its 1998 calendar in January marking such benchmark dates as “World Book and Copyright Day” but making no mention of Christmas and Easter. And an official Valentine’s Day poster at Langar College in Vancouver, British Columbia, featuring a silhouetted female and a male ready to kiss, drew fire from a campus gay and lesbian group, which suggested a “neutral” image of two hands clasping. That later image itself was later derided by a Langarana student union representative as possibly offensive to a person with no hands.

George Steinbrenner Eats Well

In March, the Romanian soccer team traded midfielder Ion Radu to the Valcea team for $2,500. In mid-20s

Headaches and a Ridiculous Belief That You’re Not Sick

Authorities in Tarranta, Ark., arrested Johnny Brown, 18, and Justin Calhoun, 17, and charged them with breaking into an abandoned neon sign plant in December and taking away containers of shiny, silver liquid that, according to witnesses, they later played with all around town. The liquid was highly poisonous mercury, which Brown, Calhoun and some friends, among other stunts, dipped their arms in to just watch it bead up and drip. Since the break-in, the young men’s narcotic sprees have forced the evacuation of 10 homes, the boarding up of a Subway sandwich shop, the temporary closing of Pleasant Grove High School, and the medical treatment of 64 people.

The Entrepreneurial Spirit

In a story on pet-friendly hotels, the Boston Globe in April reported that the Four Seasons lets pets stay free and offers a special menu (including room service) featuring “Rin Tin Tin Tartare” (tenderloin and egg yolk) and “Cat’s Mouse” (poached salmon with arborio rice), as well as special desserts and dishes for pets on a diet.

• In February, Christian Poincheval, a radio station manager in LeMans, France, introduced Petit Lutin toilet paper for the “reading room,” on which are printed short articles on French current affairs, geography and culture, with no-stain ink and new editions to be released monthly.

• In January, inventor Michael Samonek, inspired by dentists’ use of alginate molds for such things as artificial teeth and teeth-whitening, announced a Clone Your Own Genes kit for $19.95. For realistic coloring, he uses peach Jell-O and condensed milk for light skin, black cherry and condensed milk for darker.

Recurring Themes

As previously reported here, former Stanford football player Eric Abrams pleaded guilty in 1996 to a scheme of obtaining nude photographs of high school boys by telling them he was recruiting athletes for college scholarships. According to police in New Orleans in March 1998, Tommy McDowell, 44, was arrested for a scheme in which he called male high school athletes and encouraged them to apply for Guimche State University scholarships, one requirement of which was to submit to nude photography and body measurement. Three “recruits” met McDowell at a gym, except that McDowell was then dressed as “Alcact,” who said she was McDowell’s assistant and who fondled the boys until they realized what was going on. (Abrams, by the way, was arrested again in April 1998 on child molestation charges.)

Thinning the Herd

In Columbus, Ohio, in May, a suspected burglar in his mid-20s was found dead, his body hanging outside a second-floor apartment; he had apparently squeezed his head through the narrow window bars to enter when his ladder tipped over. And a 15-year-old boy in Odenton, Md., jokingly holding a gun to his head in front of his girlfriend, shot himself to death in February, apparently as a result of ignorance about semiautomatic pistols; though he had removed the magazine, he had not realized that one round remained in the chamber.

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Students need to SCORE big with confidence

By LINDA RAMOS
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Being confident is the best way to start any semester. The first assignment most students have in a class is to plow through a variety of reading material the professor has assigned. As James E. Twining wrote in Strategies for Active Learning, reading assignments are the “basic tool for learning.” The reasons why so many students dread the reading process and consequently have their self-confidence dramatically reduced is because the reading material is perceived as boring, impractical, technical, abstract or irrelevant.

Developing reading confidence can reduce boredom, reduce having to re-read material and reduce confusion. As identified by Carol Kanar in The Confident Student, the anatomy of most reading material is comprised of five parts: purpose, thesis, structure of ideas, supporting details and implications. The student can distinguish each part by asking five corresponding questions.

1. What is the purpose of the material? For example, why does the instructor assign the reading?
2. What is the thesis or the main idea of the material?
3. How is the structure of ideas presented? For example, is the reading separated into subheadings/subsections?
4. What are the supporting details? Are there examples, facts, categories and causes?
5. What implications does the author conclude, and how does he tie-in with the professor’s intention of assigning the reading?

The purpose of reading assignments is to teach new information accurately and “sell” you to learn it. Therefore, view reading assignments as academic infomercials.

Once you’ve identified these parts, Kanar advises to closely examine individual paragraphs while reading. Paragraphs are divided into three sections: the topic sentence, details and conclusion. The topic sentence is usually the most general sentence stating the main idea for that paragraph. Sometimes the topic sentence is implied rather than straightforwardly stated. In those cases, examining the tone of the writing (sarcastic, humorous, persuasive) can help you infer the topic.

The details should support the topic sentence, while the conclusion summarizes the topic and details.

Understanding the reading assignment’s anatomy is not enough for confidence building. A method such as the one explained by Jeanne Shay Schumm and Shawn A. Post in Executive Learning: Successful Strategies for College Reading and Studying can be used.

The basis of SCORE, the acronym for this method, is organization.

First, survey the chapters and subheadings of the reading assignment for a general overview. Second, connect any prior knowledge you may have on the subject to this new information to ease your understanding of the material.

Third, organize your reading by highlighting and taking notes. Fourth, rehearse the material you’ve read by asking yourself questions. Fifth, evaluate the assignment’s importance.

The simplest advice to developing and maintaining reading confidence is to understand the structure of an assignment and to use a method that stresses organization. Confidence reigns with organization.

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Pro careers loom for top performers

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and could sign a recruit who qualifies late or has been overlooked. Noel West, a 6’2” guard from Mariner HS, was one of the athletes UCF was eyeing, but reportedly signed with Mercer. Preston Shumpert, a 6’9” forward, also had UCF on his list at one time, but signed his letter of intent with Syracuse.

UCF’s recruiting class currently consists of Ikechi Nnukwe, a 6’5” forward from Normal, IL, and Roy Louth, who transferred from Seton Hall early this January, and will be eligible in 1999. The coaching staff did confirm that they may be receiving a transfer from Old Dominion, although they didn’t reveal his identity.

Georgia State led the TAAC with nine recruits for next season. Campbell University had five, Jacksonville signed a pair of athletes, and Stetson recruited one player and will also have transfer guard Kelly Hite from the University of Maryland available next year.

Early draft notice for Culpepper, Jones

UCF is gaining more national attention thanks to Pre-season Playboy All-American Daunte Culpepper, who is also the focus of a

ESPN reported on their Inside the Huddle segment that "Culpepper of Central Florida and Donovan McNabb of Syracuse rank one-two in next year’s talented list of draftable quarterbacks, according to early reports from NFL college scouts. Brock Heard of Washington isn’t far behind as another possible first-round prospect." The segment continued to say that at 245 pounds, Culpepper resembles Steve McNair of the Tennessee Oilers. It also commented that both Culpepper and McNabb would have to take a back seat if Kentucky wide receiver Tim Couch decides to turn pro early.

Meanwhile, former UCF guard Mark Jones has been invited to play at the NBA pre-draft camp in Chicago in early June. After a strong showing at the Portsmouth Invitational, NBA draft expert Chris Morter put Jones on a list of possible second-round picks. "It will be interesting to see where Mark will go," said Speraw. "He could be a late first-round pick or may not be picked at all. No matter what happens, he will get a chance to prove himself in some team’s training camp.”

Jones is currently working out with Speraw and the UCF coaching staff in preparation for the pre-draft camp, and Speraw isn’t cutting his former player any slack.

“He probably wanted to kill me the other day,” joked Speraw. “We run him pretty hard. He’ll be ready.”

UCF returns with solid nucleus to bounce back in ’99

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Bellhorn turned down the San Francisco Giants for another crack at the NCAA’s. "It’s a disappointment. This being the end and all, it’s kind of tough to grasp," Bellhorn said. "I wish we wouldn’t have been at this point. Then again, that’s baseball.”

Bellhorn will continue his baseball career in some major league system next season. He won’t be the only one who will get the opportunity, as Riggs, Esix Sned, Lahoyns, and Croud may be selected in next month’s amateur draft.

“We’ve now got to look ahead to further our career,” Bellhorn said. "The younger guys have to look forward to next year and see what they have to do to work harder for the following years to come.”

Next year’s Knights will feature basically the same nucleus offensively, especially if Riggs returns. However, UCF must replace Bellhorn and Lahoyns, their departing senior aces. Mike Maroth looks to have recovered from his ailments and should be strong next year. Troy Satterfield had an excellent debut year and should also help anchor the rotation. Beyond that, Lester Victoria, Chris Miller, Kevin Gordon and Travis Held provide arms from which to pick from. The bullpen is set with the emergence of Jason Arnold, also a freshman All-American, who is already second on UCF’s all-time saves list.

“There are some kids who do better in a starting role and some who do better in a relief role, but we definitely have the pieces together,” pitching coach Greg Praty said. “We have quality depth in our staff, and we’ll have good arms to build with next year.”

Next year— it seems out of place to be talking about next year this early. Seeing Bergman after this year’s final loss will remain etched in my mind as a picture of disappointment. UCF’s long-time skipper has seen 22 Golden Knight teams suit up, and felt this would be of his best. The lost opportunity showed on his face and in his voice. Looking ahead to brighter things, UCF moves into Bergman field next season. Hopefully, the stadium’s namesake can close next season on a different note.

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Potential doesn’t help UCF in disappointing TAAC tourney

By JEFF CASE
Sports Writer

Senior pitcher Matt Lubozynski started at the scoreboard in disbelief on May 15 as his team’s 12-9 loss to Troy State in the TAAC Tournament marked the end of his career and UCF’s promise-filled season. “We just didn’t play our game,” Lubozynski explained. “I think it was all around. I didn’t play well at all. I don’t know if it was that we weren’t ready to come out and play. We just didn’t play up to what we should have.”

Picked as favorites to three-peat as TAAC Champions and regarded to be one of the most talented UCF teams in recent years, the Golden Knights failed to meet several expectations. “We didn’t play up to the potential we had all year,” senior Todd Bellhorn said. “Maybe we didn’t have the potential we said we had. It’s just real disappointing.”

The loss to the Trojans eliminated UCF (41-21) and marked the first time in four seasons the Knights would not appear in the TAAC Championship game. More importantly, the loss ended the team’s hopes for a fourth consecutive NCAA Tournament selection. UCF coach Jay Bergman said the team failed to step up when it needed to most. “Pretty bad, pretty embarrassing, heck of a way to end the season,” Bergman said. “We told the players before the ball game that they had to win to have a shot of winning at an at-large bid. They knew what was on the line and we just didn’t get the job done. That’s the bottom line.”

Clutching to a 7-3 lead after four innings, the bottom fell out for UCF as they gave up nine hits, nine runs and committed three errors to relinquish the lead. The Golden Knights made a two-run, ninth inning surge, as shortstop Eric Rigg and Bellhorn scored in a ninth inning rally that was ended when UCF made a base running error.

Lubozynski admits that the team didn’t live up to its potential, adding to the disappointment. “I didn’t think [my senior season] would end this way but baseball is a weird game and sometimes the ball bounces different ways,” Lubozynski said.

“We had a lot of potential going in and I think that is what hurts so much that we did not live up to it and we didn’t live up to it, and it hurts a lot.”

Bellhorn, who was selected in the ninth round of last year’s Major League Baseball Draft, decided not to sign with his MLB team in order to take another shot at the College World Series. “It’s a disappointment,” said Bellhorn, drafted by the San Francisco Giants last year and expected to be re-drafted this year. “Obviously, I’m kind of speechless, this being the end and it all, it is kind of hard to grasp. I might shed a tear tonight.”

UCF managed victories in their first two TAAC Tournament games, blanking Jacksonville State, 5-0, behind Mike Maroth, and topping Stetson 5-2 in Lubozynski’s final start.

Eventual champion Florida International sent UCF to the loser’s bracket with a 3-2 win courtesy of a 7th-inning run by outfielder Sean Mahoney.

UCF closer Jason Arnold and first baseman Matt Bowser were named to the Louisville Slugger Freshman All-America Team as announced by Collegiate Baseball.

Arnold finished 3-2 with a team-low 2.04 ERA, 13 walks and 36 strikeouts in 35.1 innings. The right-hander set a school record in saves, passing Jesse Schott who had eight in 1993. The First Team All-TAAC selection led the conference and is currently third in the nation with 12 saves in 13 opportunities. Arnold is already number two among the all-time saves leaders at UCF.

Bowser, a third-team All-TAAC selection, missed the TAAC tournament after being diagnosed with the chicken pox. He finished fourth in hitting with a .320 average, hit 13 doubles, 11 home runs, and had 73 RBIs, the most since fielding had been one of its strong points all year. The fielding problems helped Troy State come back from a 7-2 deficit to trip up the Knights. “We didn’t know what we wanted to do out there. I think when we got up 7-2 we were like we’re done, this game is over. They came back and won,” shortstop Eric Rigg said.

The Troy State comeback sealed the fate, despite a quality schedule and the Knights’ potential. “We didn’t think it was all around we didn’t play well at all, I don’t know if it was that we weren’t ready to come out and play, but we just didn’t play up to what we should have.”

UCF bids eludes UCF, who must now wait ‘til next year

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The summer will be filled with thoughts of what could have been. Matt Bowser, recently touted a freshman All-American, was sidelined with the chicken pox before the TAAC tournament began. Errors doomed UCF as well, which was unexpected since fielding had been one of its strongest points all year. The fielding problems helped Troy State come back from a 7-2 deficit to trip up the Knights. “We didn’t know what we wanted to do out there. I think when we got up 7-2 we

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