Students spend their summer whale-watching

By NICOLE KING
News Editor

Two mornings a week, from 6 a.m. to 6 a.m., UCF biology major Dottie Byron watches whales. Two to be exact; Taima, a mother killer whale and her baby.

She charts everything: when they interact with other whales, their respiration, when Taima lets the baby nurse and for how long, whether or not the whales swim clockwise or counterclockwise, the size of their defecations.

Byron enjoys her job but not the hours. “Sometimes I dread having to go,” she said, “but I’m really glad I’m doing this. Sea World is not known for their internships and you get to learn in real life rather than in a lab setting.”

Byron is spending her summer as a whale-watcher on behalf of Sea World. She and 29 other UCF students are interning there during a once in a lifetime event: the development of a baby killer whale.

When Taima gave birth to the baby, on May 14, Sea World researchers were delighted. The baby’s birth posed a unique opportunity to gather research and data on killer whales, virtually impossible to do in the wild. On top of that, the calf is a second generation captive-born killer whale. Researchers could compare the mothering strategy of a captive female to that of a wild female.

Sea World personnel also knew the unique occurrence could be beneficial in other ways. “We thought it would be a wonderful opportunity for people outside of the park to experience it,” said Sea World research biologist Dan Odell.

“An opportunity like this is difficult for a landlocked university like UCF,” said senior trainer Otto Fad. “This is the first time we have ever done anything like this. It’s a chance for students to get their feet wet and to get a taste for research. There are not a lot of opportunities out there for undergrads.”

For the first few weeks, the watch was limited to animal training personnel. The UCF volunteers went through training sessions to learn what to look for and how chart behavior without interpretation.

Fad said students are doing most of the observation work at this time and that Sea World currently has the largest database on killer whale calf development and nursing because of the 24-hour observation.

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Renovated field station is live-in lab

By GWEN R. RHODES
Staff Writer

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For many, the idea of becoming a marine scientist conjures up images of dolphins, sharks and beautiful beaches. For students at UCF, the reality does include beautiful scenery, but also a lot of hard work and lesser known marine life.

In January, renovations were completed on Feller’s House Field Station enabling UCF to have full access to a functioning field laboratory. Feller’s House was given to the Central Florida Consortium of Higher Education by the National Park Service for use as a teaching and research facility in 1990.

Feller’s House Field Station, “The people that lived there when the space center was built were allowed to continue to live there until their death, then it became government property. The National Park Service decided that the house was too nice to just tear it down, so they gave it to the consortium.”

The consortium consists of UCF, Brevard Community College, Seminole Community College, Lake Sumter Community College, Valencia Community College and Daytona Community College.

UCF has had a role in keeping the facility active since 1990.

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Study guides help to organize information

By LINDA RAMOS
Staff Writer

Study guides are an essential part of the study process. Some professors provide study guides to students; however, this is not so in most cases, you can create your own study guides.

By definition, a study guide is a tool a student uses to organize information efficiently so as to facilitate the study process. Richard Hooker of the Web University Learning Skills program points out that the study guides’ purpose is threefold: (1) to present significant information in hierarchical groups; (2) to outline topics, and (3) to demonstrate the underlying purpose of the information.

As discussed in York University’s pamphlet General Strategies for Studying and Self-Testing, creating a study guide should follow basic rules. First, pay attention to the key ideas being presented in readings and lectures. Second, understand these ideas by reorganizing them in your own words. In your notes, you may want to add side comments next to the material that you have questions on or find to be the most relevant. Third, organize the information so that all material regarding one topic is placed together.

The third step—organizing the material—is the step most students feel lost doing. How do you organize information? There are three basic formats: the time-line, comparison charts, and concept mapping.

The time-line as explained by Carol Kans in The Confident Student is used to organize information on a chronological continuum. Time-lines can be used to study not only dates of historical importance but also the development of theories, the etymology of words, the creation of policies, etc. A similar relative of the time-line is

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UCF research unit wins spot in computer convention

By NICOLE KING
News Editor

UCF's Institute for Simulation and Training (IST) will have a major exhibit at this year's SIGGRAPH '98 conference. The exhibit, titled "Media & Mythology," beat out several competitors who also submitted proposals for their plans for the space. The exhibit will combine the ancient tradition of storytelling with new technology and media resulting in three interactive experiences.

The "Man and Minotaur" event will be a fully immersive, virtual reality version of Dedalus's Labyrinth in ancient Crete. Visitors will be outfitted with a helmet and sensors. They will then portray two ancient combatants stalking each other through a maze. Three participants will also portray the gods that either help or taunt the players. The second event is the "Video Totem." The modern totem pole is made of monitors and the keyboard attached to the exhibit it has keys bearing pictures instead of letters. Each picture represents an action or combatants stalking each other through a maze. The third exhibit is the "Dear Oracle" and is a modern take on the ancient art of tarot card reading. Modern interpretations of the tarot cards will be used to tell the future of participants.

The SIGGRAPH '98 convention will be July 19-24 at the Orange County Convention Center.

In OTHER UCF NEWS:

• Engineers at UCF will work with Florida State University at the new Center for Advanced Transportation Systems Simulation. The transportation bill signed by President Clinton allocates $1.6 million for the center over the next four years.

• Engineers at the center will try to answer such questions as whether or not the lanes on a new highway are wide enough or whether a ride in a new light rail car or a new bus will be comfortable for passengers.

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• Art from the former Soviet Union will be on display for the first time ever in Central Florida from Aug. 20-Sept. 25 at UCF's Art Gallery.

The exhibit called "Darker Shades of Red: Official Art and Imagery of the Soviet Union, 1917-1991" will include posters, paintings, sculptures, banners, military and civilian medals, and other memorabilia. Propaganda posters are included in the collection as are paintings in the Social Realist style depicting events from Soviet history and important leaders like Lenin and Stalin.

"It is a unique opportunity for us to show a culture most Americans do not know much about," said gallery director Kevin Haran. "These artists were tools for propaganda. Everything in their imagery, even the colors they used, had to be approved by officials."

An opening reception for the show will be held Thursday, Aug. 20 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. The gallery is open Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday from noon to 5 p.m. Admission is free.

The political science, philosophy and history departments at UCF will also present a symposium on Soviet Realist Art in the gallery on Wednesday, Sept. 23 at 1 p.m. A lecture by Russian Area Studies expert Galina Detinko will be followed by a discussion by history and philosophy professors.

• The following items will be on display in the library during July 1998:
  2. "Weight Control Without Dieting," by Gina Blust, Student Health Services.
  3. "Networking with the Community to Enhance Business Leadership," by Don Hoke, director for the Center for Executive Development.
  4. "Patents: Why Did I Not Think of That?" by Peter Spyers-Duran, Reference Department, Library.

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Students who develop own study guides fare better in classes

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Kanar also describes the comparison chart. The chart is comprised of columns and rows comparing and contrasting anything from processes, theories, definitions to formulas. This chart is a quick way to dispel confusing ideas between similar concepts.

The concept map is advocated by The Learning Skills Program at the University of Victoria in British Columbia, Canada. Concept mapping is ideal for identifying relationships between ideas. To construct a concept map, use unlined paper and print. Print the main ideas and topics in all caps. Around these topics, write your notes that deal with the topic. Connect your notes to the topic with branches (straight-lines) or arrows. Circle similar groups of ideas. For ease, you can even color code the concept map each topic in a separate color.

The advantages of study guides are numerous: all relevant information can be found in one place; it's a quick and easy way to get a study overview; ideas of grave importance are emphasized; and relationships among concepts can be shown. Just as you would use a map for directions to find an address, use the study guide to direct your education.
LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Greek Budget Affairs
To Whom It May Concern:

First let me identify myself as the writer of this letter. My name is Bart Marek and I am currently the President of the Interfraternity Council and an officer of the Greek Council here at UCF. My main duty as an officer of both organizations is to look out for the interests and well being of the entire Greek system. I am writing this letter as the necessary response to Staff Writer John Turner's article describing the SGA relationship to the Greek Council.

The impression that I get from Mr. Turner's articles is that the SGA apparently does not approve of the Greek System, further more oppose any support for the Greek system and will continue to do so. In Mr. Turner's most recent article (Senate finishes up budget; June 24 1998 Issue) he describes the approval of a few Senators in response to the zero budgeting of Greek Council through the OAF budget. What the article did not mention is that the rationale given by those few Senators for zero budgeting Greek Council is based on false assumptions made by select persons in SGA. What I mean is simply that when the OAF committee recommended zero budgeting Greek Council to the Senate, it was done with misinformation.

The main rationale which I read in the June 24th article is that Greek Council was zero budgeted because its account still had $10,000 left from the previous years allocation of $17,000 from the OAF budget. The article went so far as to quote Matt Henderson regarding the zero budgeting as saying, "This should be a sobering message to the Greek Council coming from a Senate that is over fifty percent Greek." In my opinion, this is really a sobering message to the student body of Senate's inability to make educated decisions.

First of all, Greek Council currently has around $100 in its account. Second, the $10,000 left over according to the SGA accountant that was referred to in the article, was given to Greek Council in July of last year. That money was meant to be spent in June of this year to prepare for mailing information to all incoming students. What this means is simply that there was an overlap in the budgeting. When the Greek Council met with the OAF committee, about a month ago, it did have money in its account specifically set aside to be spent late in the month of June for Orientation sessions. What I find even more disturbing is that the OAF committee never asked the officers of Greek Council about the money in question at the budget request meeting or at any time after. Instead of anybody involved with student government coming to Greek Council to ask about this misconception the Student Senate waived the regular rules and procedures during its budget meeting so that the budget could go through in one night without any input from any club or organization regarding possible problems with the budget.

Senators Appropriations Chair David Siegel said, "I am proud in the way the Senators worked on a budget with so little money to work with." From what I understand the OAF Committee ended up with $4.9 Million dollars to allocate (I wish I had so little money to work with). There are about 200 different clubs and organizations at UCF which are eligible for funding through OAF. If you equally divide that money it comes out to about $24,000 per club, and I would be willing to bet that not every club and organization applied for money this year. So with a rough estimate of $24,000 per club and organization the Student Senate found it appropriate to zero budget the largest club and organization at UCF, the Greek Council with roughly 2,000 members. While other organizations with membership only in the double digits were allocated thousands of dollars.

One of the most disturbing aspects of this problem is that Sen. Halscott, just elected to Senate, find it appropriate to zero budget the largest club and organization on campus, Greek Council will continue. It will continue to do its job by providing students the opportunity to develop as leaders, make lifelong friendships and receive a complete college experience through the Greek community.

Sincerely,

Bart Marek
LPC, President
Police search for rape suspects

On June 17, 1998, a rape was reported at UCF. There are two suspects in this crime: a white male, early to mid 20s, 5’7”-5’8”, 200 lbs., shoulder length pony tail with blond roots and a darker color on the ends. The suspect was also described as having a tattoo on his right wrist of a tribal symbol, 1/2” braided, interwoven design. He was wearing a blue football-type mesh jersey, gray sweat shorts or jogging shorts and a silver watch on his left wrist.

The second suspect is a white male, early to mid 20s, 6’, 250 lbs., with short, shaved hair.

Information concerning this investigation can be directed to Sgt. Jay Padgett at 823-5425 or Sgt. Randy Mingo at 823-6433.

IN OTHER REPORTS FROM THE UCFPD:

• A computer work station was stolen from Room 223 in CCII. The theft was reported on June 24. There are no suspects at this time. Officials are willing to prosecute.

• The letters on the Zeta Tau Alpha sorority house were reported stolen on June 29. Witnesses have been unable to provide descriptions of the suspects for police. Representatives of Zeta Tau Alpha are willing to prosecute the person(s) responsible.

• Twenty-four CDs, a stereo along with the amplifier, speakers and a crossover were stolen from a car parked in the parking garage on June 26. Also missing were the car's front light covers.

The car was parked in the garage on June 25. The next day, a friend of the victim noticed the hood of the victim’s car was popped slightly. After notification, the victim took inventory of his possessions and noticed that his battery cable had also been cut. There was no sign of forced entry or other physical evidence. The victim is willing to prosecute.

• Three bill changers and two vending machines on campus were reported broken into on June 29. The bill changers, located in the Administration, Visual Arts and Education Buildings, and the vending machines, both located in CCII, had their locks changed to a higher grade security lock. The total taken from the machines was $1,429. Police have no suspects at this time. Officials at the Canteen Company, owner of the five machines, are willing to prosecute.
On behalf of the Student Government Association of UCF, Knightro would like to honor ...

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Edna Spencer  Provide-A-Ride

positions still available:

Housing/Campus Safety/Parking & Transportation Technology Specialist
See Jason Murphy in the SGA office for more info.

Do not be left out, there are still other ways to get involved...

Some Justice positions need to be filled. Seats 7 through 12 and 2 alternates are available. Please see Mike Shutley in the SGA office to find out more.

Did someone say Senate...

Here is a breakdown of what seats need to filled:

Arts and Sciences:
Seats 4 and 14 through 17

Business:
Seats 1, 2, 4, 7, 8

Education:
Seats 1, 2, 3, 5, 6

Health and Public Affairs:
Seat 1 through 5 and 7

See Richard Maxwell in the SGA office for more info or call:
823-2191
By April Keifer

How do you feel about having a football stadium on campus?

- Brian Williams, 26, Orlando, Film

I feel that having a stadium on campus would inspire more school spirit and allow our school to compete with the bigger Florida schools!
- Lindsey Weaver, Orlando, Math Education

I think having a stadium would definitely instill a great deal of pride and school spirit for UCF!
- Nicole Augeri, Orlando, Comm. Disorders

We think having a stadium would be a good chance for students to meet students from other schools.
- Hillary Girard, 18, Tampa, Arts & Sciences
- Tyler Smith, 22, Tampa, Undecided
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Lead Stories

- In a Liverpool, England, court in June, lovers Steven Bain, 27, and Steven Gowthrop, 31, were sentenced to 18 months in prison for gross indecency for various "perverted acts." Among the men’s exploits revealed at trial: They are foot fetishists and had tricked thousands of people into giving up socks claiming they were collecting for a charity. Police found the men’s apartment to have an 18-inch-high "carpet" of socks and about 4,000 more wrapped in sandwich bags, each tagged with the donor’s name.

- In April, the CIA debated its home page for children, featuring creative games and pinematches such as allowing kids to put disguises on models’ bodies and to maneuver virtual guard dogs to sniff for explosives. (On the other hand, a month later, the agency failed to detect that India was about to test a nuclear weapon.)

- Auckland (New Zealand) biologists and New Jersey authorities still do not know whose disorder is that they are, in the words of one paper (naturally, near Washington, London, England, December); hundreds of jars of mayonnaise (near December); 22 tons of cold cuts (Hardin, Mont, February); 22 tons of shredded cheese (Middleton, Idaho, February); 22 tons of potatoes (Milford, Conn., February); 22 tons of sandwich bags, each tagged with the donor’s name. (On coming mentally improved 16 percent when it came time to maneuver virtual guard dogs to sniff for explosives.)

Salespeople: The Next Postal Workers

- William Walker was charged in March in Albuquerque, N.M., with trying to hack through a man’s apartment door with an ax after the resident said he wasn’t interested in buying speakers from him. And in April, two women were preparing for trial after being charged with murder in Frankfurt, Germany, for attempting to drown a baby in order to get a gymnastics scholarship.

The Garden State

- According to a May report in The New York Times, biologists and New Jersey authorities still do not know the reason why the plastic grass at Giants Stadium died last year. The AstroTurf first turned green from root rot, then began falling out in large clumps, and the best guess so far is that a fungus of some kind infected it.

Latest Highway Truck Spills

- Hundreds of bottles of champagne (Milford, Conn., December); 22 tons of cold cuts (Hardin, Mont, December); hundreds of jars of mayonnaise (near London, England, February); 21 tons of potatoes (Mentuccello, Minn., March); 50 boxes of beer (Middleton, Idaho, February); 22 tons of shredded paper (naturally, near Washington, D.C., March); 6,700 gallons of animal fat (Cincinnati, May).

Just Think

- Researcher Dave Smith of Manchester (England) Metropolitan University revealed in March that thinking about exercise is almost as productive as doing it. His group of exercisers improved 33 percent in a month, and his nonexercisers did not improve at all. However, the nonexercisers who practiced the exercise mentally improved 16 percent when it came time to do the exercise again. Reassured Smith, “If you can imagine neural input to the muscle, you can recruit more muscle fiber and exert more force.”

The Litigious Society

- A new trend in public education in California reported on in April, two women were preparing for trial after being charged with murder in Frankfurt, Germany, for trying to drown a baby in order to get a gymnastics scholarship.

Bottom of the Gene Pool

- The following people were hit by trains in May: Mr. Heath Hess, Hominy, N.Y. (didn’t hear the whistle because he was talking on a cell phone and covering his other ear to block out the distracting noise); Jesus Jones, San Mateo, Calif. (tried to beat a train by driving around a flashing railroad crossing gate); Brian McArthure, 27, Burlington, Calif. (sitting on the edge of a station platform, thought the train could go by); and David Flannery, 22, Berks after the resident said he wasn’t interested in buying speakers from him. And in April, two women were preparing for trial after being charged with murder in Frankfurt, Germany, for attempting to drown a baby in order to get a gymnastics scholarship.

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Field station has many uses

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The facility had limited usage until Walters was named director last year. In the fall of 1997, National Park Service volunteers painted the porch and outside trim of the main building. Then in January, the garage was converted into a laboratory by adding sinks, laboratory benches, electricity, air conditioning and a handicap accessible bathroom.

During the 1997-98 school year, students from UCF, Jacksonville University and the University of Tennessee used the facility for laboratory and field experiments.

"It is wonderful in that all of our lab work on live animals can be done right there," Walters said. "It is in a very beautiful part of the national seashore which no one else is allowed to go to."

"It is a place we can take our classes and complete experiments in the lab or in the field," she continued. "It is a place for our microscopes and video equipment."

Walters’ classes study the diversity and ecology of invertebrates and macroalgae in the area.

"We study terrestrial and marine organisms known as ‘fouling’ animals," she said. "These are the animals you find on boat hulls. Basically, all the barnacles and sponges and sea squirts that cover your boat and that you don’t want there."

"We study their biology and ecology and are looking for non-toxic ways to keep them off the boats; like boat paints that are made of natural products instead of copper and tin," she said. "We are looking for ways for people to keep their boats clean without killing everything—not just the animals that attach themselves to the boat hulls, but also everything around them like the clams and oysters. The toxic boat paint kills everything nearby."

Walters is the only faculty member who uses the facility extensively at this time. She lives there with several graduate students and independent study students who are working on various projects at the field station.

"We live there in the house and walk 10 feet to our laboratory, which means that we work all day and all night," she said. "You can’t escape it and there is really not much else to do."

The recent forest fires have not affected the field station according to Walters. However, the record high temperatures in the area have touched the marine life of Mosquito Lagoon and subsequently affected the experiment results of Walters and her students.

"Lots of things at Mosquito Lagoon are dying because the water is so hot," she said. "The normal water temperature is in the mid 80s, but right now it is in the mid 90s. Also, because there has been no rain and the heat has caused a great deal of evaporation, the average water depth is only five feet deep in the deepest parts so the salinity is very high; it is about 1000 times saltier than normal."

"It is interesting from a scientific viewpoint," Walters said. "You never expect something like that, but I wish I had 20 years of data already completed to compare it to, rather than the first year of our studies being an unusual year."

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couples of years after that realistically in order to accept a conference bid. However, were to join a conference, we could work some flexibility in rearranging schedules to the commissioner, the presidents have had formal talks with Sloan's Dr. John Hitt, while informal talks against FIU. However, both USF and Sloan and Sun Belt AD's, particularly the ones he's about UCF's possible move, upset to be in the past and the fact they play I-A independent football, is certainly an institution we would have an interest in. "Thompson said. And although there is supposedly no timetable for this to come into effect, the fact that Thompson does need to speed up the process in order to keep Arkansas State from moving it's football program out of conference certainly gets the ball rolling. Additionally, Sun Belt university presidents have urged Thompson to begin negotiations with UCF. According to the commissioner, the presidents themselves have had formal talks with UCP's Dr. John Hitt, while informal talks have taken place between Sloan and Sun Belt AD's, particularly the ones he's schedule for football. While the University of Denver, who will join the conference in 1999-2000, and Western Kentucky are I-AA members, they do have the resources to move up, therefore forming a larger eight-team conference when the time comes for UCF to create new schedules. Thompson would be something of a conquering hero if he could bring UCF football to the Sun Belt. Certainly, they have a tremendous facility [in the Florida Citrus Bowl]. They have a fantastic market. They have a very competitive, young program. They're similar in some regards, as far as the history of their program, to some of our folks like Southwestern Louisiana, Louisiana Tech and Arkansas State. I think it's something that philosophically and competitively might be a real good mix to look at," Thompson said. "If we're playing each other now, why not play under an umbrella? Play for 'player of the week' honors, play for 'all-conference' honors. We'd possibly look at a bowl tie-in and potentially a television package." While it sounds enticing, there are drawbacks. UCF would love to wait out a bid from Conference USA or the Big East. Both are among the top eight conferences in America, and would bring a national recognition that would not be possible by joining the Sun Belt. Additionally, an in-state rivalry with South Florida or Miami would be more of a marketing advantage than one against FIU. However, both USF and Miami officials were less than thrilled with the idea. Sloan did have a fantastic market. They have a very competitive, young program. They're similar in some regards, as far as the history of their program, to some of our folks like Southwestern Louisiana, Louisiana Tech and Arkansas State. 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"There are a lot of scenarios floating around concerning which institutions would make the best members for the Sun Belt. The goal is to have 12 teams in two divisions with at least six of them Division I-A football institutions," Henry said. "We would definitely welcome a rival from within the state. The history between the two schools is there and would re-establish an attractive rivalry." Sloan has also had discussions with the WAC, which recently split into two separate factions. The eight-team WAC Sloan spoke with consists of TCU, SMU, UTEP, Rice, Tulsa, San Jose State, Hawaii, and Fresno State. However, Sloan indicated that although he talked to the WAC commissioner, it looks like that conference will be in a legal bind for years to come. "According to my sources, there is no current expansion currently pending in the WAC," said Bill Cousins, assistant AD at Rice. "If and when it does come, I'm sure we would add a school to compete in all sports, not just football. Affiliate members are possible in baseball, softball or soccer, but not football or basketball." Therefore, move to the WAC would include all sports, a plus in every way except for the toll travelling would take. Regardless, whether it's Sun Belt, WAC, Big East, or Conference USA, don't expect the Knights to remain in the TAAC for long.
By TONY MEJIA
Sports Editor

UCF Athletic Director Steve Sloan announced that the Sept. 19 football game at Purdue will be televised by ESPN to a national audience. The event will mark the first time UCF football is seen on such a spectrum.

“We’re very excited to get the news about this,” Sloan said. “We had talked to them and didn’t know if we would get ESPN or ESPNU or one or two. To get ESPN as a national game is a big boost for us as far as our visibility and our perception and the things we want to accomplish long term.”

The television appearance may also go a long way in shedding some exposure on some short term issues. With a growing university in search of a historic bowl bid, an interim coach, and a darkhorse Heisman trophy candidate, UCF has a lot to gain from a good performance. After all, the national perception of UCF is that it’s the school that led Nebraska at halftime. This opportunity gives the Knights a chance to add to their resume.

“It’s a tremendous boost to our program to play in national television,” said UCF Sports Information Director John Marini. “It’s wonderful exposure for the school. We can build on our national reputation in front of an ESPN crowd.”

Marini added that Sunshine Network is putting together a package as well. In fact, according Marini believes that everyone of UCF’s road games will be televised regionally in one form or another this season. That will make his job of promoting Dante Culpepper for the Heisman Trophy a lot easier.

“I think the fact he’ll get a lot of exposure and gain against a quality team and one that’s been playing football for 100 years will be very fortunate for his case,” Sloan said.

Looking down the road, this also aids recruiting and helps in the process of receiving a conference affiliation. Exposure of this magnitude is priceless to a growing program who three years ago was still in F-A-A.

“There’s no way to put a price tag on something like this. To be on national television in prime time for three hours would normally cost a lot of money,” Sloan said. “I think the whole gamut of visibility will certainly be beneficial to us. More importantly, it’s going to be a good game. You always want to be competitive in your first national appearance. This contest gives us the opportunity to do that.”

Exploding into living rooms nationwide. Sophomore linebacker Willie Davis and his UCF teammates will make their national television debut on ESPN's broadcast of their September 19 game at Purdue.

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**FROM THE NORTH**
1. I-4 to exit 32 (John Young Parkway (423) South).
2. Take John Young Parkway south 4 lights to Oak Ridge Road - turn left (heading east).
3. Take Oak Ridge Road 2 lights to Rio Grande Avenue - turn right.
4. Rio Grande Avenue is a 4 lane road that becomes a 2 lane road called Lake Ellenor Drive.
5. Stay on Lake Ellenor Drive all the way. Pass the 7200 building (on your right) and turn right into the UCF South Orlando/Professional Development Center just past the Dead End sign.

**FROM THE SOUTH**
1. Go to Sand Lake Road (exit 29 off I-4).
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## Important Dates

**Early Registration**
Through July 31

**Early Fee Payment**
July 31
(Continuing Undergrad students only)

**Regular Registration**
August 17-19

**State Employee & Transient Student Registration**
August 19, 4:00pm

**Classes Begin**
August 20

**Late Registration & Add/Drop**
August 24-28

**Payment Deadline**
August 28

**Labor Day Holiday**
September 7

**Withdrawal Deadline**
October 16

**Veteran’s Day Holiday**
November 11

**Thanksgiving Holidays**
November 26-28

**Classes End**
December 5

**Final Exams**
December 7-12

**Commencement**
December 19

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### New Fall '98 Classes at

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Admissions

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There are three registration sessions for each semester: Early, Regular, and Late Registration as well as Add/Drop. Each session has specific registration advising and payment guidelines. Students can register by telephone or on-line (computer web). For more information on the registration process contact the Registration Hotline at 823-3533 or access the UCF web site at http://www.ucf.edu

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