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Fake I.D. possession a felony

By GWEN R. RHODES
Assistant News Editor

Minors caught trying to buy alcohol with false identification could face third degree felony charges with penalties that include the loss of your driver’s license for up to a year, hefty fines and possible jail time.

A few hours in the Student Union food court revealed that many students rely on a collection of college myths related to using false identification and underage drinking. Comments ranged from “You probably won’t get caught” to “Once you’re past the door guard, you’re home free,” and “If the bar staff catches you they will simply throw you out.”

Most students believe that if you get caught you will only get a fine,” said UCF Police Officer Jeannette Emeret of the crime prevention office. “Most students don’t realize that if adding it fit well with a first class program.

SGA President Jason Murphy ushers in new era

By SHELLEY WILSON
Staff Writer

Student Government President Jason Murphy is working hard and has big plans for UCF. He has lived in Florida his whole life and is originally from Miami. He found UCF by chance. While visiting his family in Oxnard, his aunt told him about a college in Orlando. He was then attending Miami Dade Community College. He went to a 1:30 tour at UCF, was home by 7 p.m. and by 11 had his application to the school completed. Here is a professional and personal look at the president of UCF’s student body.

How do you think most students view SGA?

I think the general perception of the student government is bad. I think a lot of people think that popular students have a popularity contest and play with student’s money. My view is very different. This is an extreme honor that I’ve worked at for years. This is a goal that is achievable and I am very happy to be here representing 30,000 plus students that I consider to be my family.

How did you and Richard Maxwell, the vice president, see MURPHY, Page 8

New places greet new faces

By GWEN R. RHODES
Assistant News Editor

As students return to campus this fall they will have some exciting new changes in store for them. The School of Communications Building, Chick-Fil-A and the East Parking Garage should all be ready for fall semester.

“We have the final papers and already people are starting to move in,” says College of Arts and Sciences Assistant Dean Lyman Brodie of the new communications building.

The $14.5 million facility houses state-of-the-art classrooms and a high tech radio studio for WUCF-FM. The structure will house the radio-TV classes, journalism, film, animation and public relations programs offered by the Nicholson School of Communication. In addition, the building houses the offices of the College of Arts and Sciences, and has specialized facilities which includes darkrooms, editing rooms, a TV studio, a film animation workshop and a 300 seat auditorium.

Bar and restaurants often use signs in an effort to discourage underage drinkers.

Photo by April Keiffer

Sporting new gear

UCF recently unveiled a brand new look for the new season. Head coach Mike Kruczek called it the “finest looking uniform he’s ever been associated with,” adding it fit well with a first class program.

Cover boy Ryan Gillis’ courageous return from a life-threatening illness is featured on Page 22.


Photo by April Keiffer

The new donns and the Health and Public Affairs building are on schedule to be finished in the fall. The Dorms, is finished and should be fully occupied by the end of August.

Despite the time setback caused by a falling crane last April, the East Parking Garage is being completed and should be open this week. The parking garage will accommodate nearly 1,200 motor vehicles.

Chick-Fil-A and Sub Express are expected to open Friday.

The Housing Administration Building, near the dorms, is finished and should be fully occupied by the end of August.

The new dorms and the Health and Public Affairs Building are on schedule to be finished in 1999.

Dirt is being hauled from the south side of campus to the north side in a move to level the land.

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Student body President Jason Murphy (left), and Vice-President Richard Maxwell succeeded in passing the budget for the 1998-99 school year over the summer.

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UCF physicist’s invention could revolutionize microchip industry

By NICOLE KING
News Editor

A UCF physicist has invented a light source for imaging microchips which could increase a computer’s processing by 100 times and its memory by 1000 times.

Professor William Silfvast held a press conference on Friday, August 14, to show off the easily activated light source which can image microchips with features smaller than one-thousandth the diameter of a human hair.

The need for more processing power has focused attention on developing faster microchips. Silfvast’s invention uses light to process microchips. Its small size, simplicity and low cost should make it appealing to extreme ultraviolet(EUV) wavelength equipment manufacturers.

"The actual discharge device is as small as my thumb and, together with the necessary electronics, can be packaged into the size of a small filing cabinet," Silfvast said. "It can be activated almost as simply as flipping on a light switch." Silfvast said production of the light source could begin as early as 2005.

The EUV light is produced inside a capillary tube with an opening about the size of the tip of a ballpoint pen. The tube, made of electrically insulated material, has metal electrodes attached at each end. When voltage is applied across the electrodes, an intense electrical current is generated for short periods within a low pressure gas or vapor inside the tube. Highly ionized atoms are produced and radiate large amounts of light in the extreme ultraviolet spectral region. The light is emitted from the ends of the tube, where it can be collected and then used to image microchip circuit features.

Silfvast said use of the light source will make the most powerful chips currently on the market seem like comparing Model-T cars to today’s cars.

"This will fill the void in technology," said Silfvast, "and lead an advanced generation of microchips."

"The light source will have a major impact on the world’s largest industry," said Dr. M.J. Soileau, vice president of UCF’s Research and Graduate Studies. "This type of invention will have practical applications."

Soileau said one of the greatest benefits of Silfvast’s invention is that undergraduates had the opportunity to work in the laboratory while the light source was being developed.

John Koroshetz, who graduated from UCF in May with a physics degree, was one of the undergraduate students who worked with Silfvast.

"It was the best experience I ever had. I worked with such knowledgeable people," said Koroshetz. "From working here I feel so much more advanced."

Smaller wavelengths used to reach microchips is in high demand. A light source with shorter wavelengths will reach a chip faster than a light source which uses longer wavelengths. The wavelength developed by Silfvast is about one-eighteenth as short as the current semiconductor industry standard for imaging state-of-the-art microchips.

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Project aims to make kids space cadets

By NICOLE KING
News Editor

UCF has just joined up as part of a nationwide program to bring astronomy buffs into 4th through 9th grade classrooms to talk to kids about their planetary passion.

Project ASTRO Central Florida seeks to match astronomers, amateur and professional, with teachers on a long-term basis. The astronomers will make at least four visits to their classrooms each year and will engage the kids in activities designed to increase their interest in mathematics and science.

"The activities will vary," said UCF astronomy professor Nadine Barlow, who leads Project ASTRO Central Florida, "depending on the astronomer and the individual teacher. But they could do anything from building a telescope to figuring out the scale of the universe to following a specific space mission."

The 20-25 astronomers, after a brief training session, will be matched with schools in four school districts: Osceola, Orange, Seminole and Brevard. Project ASTRO Central Florida is the only ASTRO project site in the Southeast United States.

"For now, we are going to concentrate on working with central Florida schools," said Barlow, "but we could expand, first statewide, and then to neighboring states."

"If there are three things kids love, it's dinosaurs, space and ghosts," said Laurent Pellerin, assistant director of the Seminole Community College Planetarium.

Despite the negative opinions of some, Pellerin is adamant that kids can be taught astronomy.

"If you put it on their level where they can get a feel for it," said Pellerin, "you can get their attention and they really enjoy what they are learning, then that extends into other areas as well."

Bob Pickman, president of the Central Florida Astronomical Society, said he is looking forward to his visits to the classroom.

"We hope to get a lot of amateur astronomers involved and get them permanently associated with a school," said Pickman. "It should be fun. Hopefully, it will get kids more interested in science and astronomy."

Evaluations of students who have participated in ASTRO programs in other parts of the country show that the program accomplishes just that.

"They have more confidence and a better perspective," said Barlow. "It is great for everyone when we bring an enthusiast into the classroom."

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Goals provide paths for students' success

By LINDA RAMOS
Staff Writer

The best way to start a new semester is to set goals. Setting goals provides a sense of direction. The most important step in this process is not just knowing what the goals are but how to achieve those goals realistically and successfully.

Goal setting gives meaning to the daily grind of college life, creates a sense of achievement, and builds concentration, relaxation, and self-confidence.

Carol Kanar in The Confident Student believes that goals have five basic characteristics.

First, goals need to be reachable. The goal of being a perfect student, for example, is an unreachable goal.

Second, goals must be believable. If you just can't believe that you can get an A in your physics class, then this particular goal is unreachable and therefore unattainable. Believing in yourself to accomplish your goals conquers self-defeating behavior.

Third, goals need to be measurable. How will you know when you've achieved your goal if you haven't specified the outcome? For instance, rather than wanting just to "pass the test," set the goal as wanting to get a B on the test.

Fourth, goals should be controllable by you. If your parents' goal for you is law school but you feel you have no control over this decision, this goal will not work for you.

Fifth, goals need to be flexible. People and circumstances change. It's okay to modify and even change goals. In order to have a balanced lifestyle, academic goals and personal goals such as family, relationships, recreational, and even spiritual should be set.

Kevin Paul of Study Smarter, Not Harder describes how to set goals.

1. Be specific. For example, rather than saying, "I want to graduate some day," state it specifically, "I am taking fifteen credits this semester, five more in Spring, and 6 in Summer to be able to graduate in Summer 98.

2. Prioritize. Which goals are most important to you? Set dates as to when you will complete those goals. This creates a sense of urgency and motivation for you to keep going!

(3) Prove it to yourself. How? Write goals down and read them periodically, daily if possible. Written goals become more realistic and concrete.

(4) Focus. Goals keep you on track providing a sense of meaning and purpose to life.

(5) Reward yourself when you achieve well-deserved goals!

Finally, don't underestimate the power of goal setting. The Wilton Financial Report noted that Dartmouth College polled one of their graduating seniors' goal for you is law school. But 3% of these graduates, Dartmouth found that those 3% who set goals and were determined to accomplish them were "worth more money than the remaining 97% put together."

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Expansion of Student Union planned

From the site of the new 1,800-seat baseball stadium complex beside the UCF Arena. The complex will include baseball staff offices, a batting cage and storage area. In the future, offices for the Athletic Department as well as facilities for the basketball and volleyball teams will also be located near the Arena.

The $34 million expansion of the Student Union is expected to begin in October. The expansion will take place in the west plaza and will include the construction of a 12,000 square foot ballroom, additional retail store space and a new restaurant.

A new 88,000 square foot classroom building is also slated to begin construction soon. It will house 21 state-of-the-art classrooms, two lecture halls, computer labs and faculty offices.

"The whole building is designed as a high-tech teaching instrument," said Tom Woodruff, the project manager. The classrooms will surround technology cores, where all the wires, fiber optics, computers and support equipment will be accessible to technicians without disrupting the classrooms.

There will also be areas called "docking stations," where students can connect their laptops to the university computer systems.

With the exception of one anatomy lab, the classrooms will be accessible to all colleges.

In addition, architects are being sought for the new Recreational Services Building and the Engineering II Building. A new parking garage on the south side of campus and a Wastewater Treatment Plant expansion are also in the works.
UCF officer honored with merit award

By NICOLE KING
Staff Writer

A UCF police officer was honored Friday for his contributions to traffic and pedestrian safety on campus.

Sgt. John Moore won the Award of Merit from the International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators (IACLEA). Moore, a 10-year veteran of the UCF Police Department, has been credited with reducing pedestrian and traffic accidents. He installed a radio tower for the department's communications system in his free time and submitted a grant proposal to the Florida Department of Transportation for the development of a sidewalk in Greek Park.

Bill Merck, vice president of UCF's Public Safety and Police Richard Turkiewicz. "He does a lot of traffic engineering for us and initiated the motorcycle program here at UCF."

Moore is the head of the UCF Police Department's motorcycle patrol unit and is the Traffic Liaison Officer working closely with the University Traffic Engineer to solve traffic problems and reduce pedestrian traffic accidents. A 1993 recipient of the University of Central Florida Police and Public Safety Department Officer of the Year Award, Moore has been credited with using his own free time and initiative for the benefit of the department.

The ceremony also included the swearing in of two new UCF Police officers, Allan Darcey and Christopher Strookas, and the presentation of a grant to Merck for the Victim Services Center. The $55,659 check will help fund some of the services offered by Victim Services. Victim advocate Kim Williams explained the significance of the grant. "Three years ago we were the first university to receive the grant," she said. "Every year it has gotten a little larger. It allows us to staff two full time victim advocates and provide practical assistance through the criminal justice system or through the university judicial system."

Williams said the center will often provide escorts for victims to and from court dates, help to get restraining orders and will write letters to victims' professors, landlords and employers. "We make sure that victims know their rights," said advocate Mary Gianakis. "We want them to be able to make informed decisions."

The grant will also allow Victim Services to employ a community outreach specialist, Nancy Eastman, who was sworn in during the ceremony as well.

Williams said: "Nancy will help get our volunteer programs into full swing. We are going to do more special events like internships and use more volunteers."

Williams said although the center encourages victims to report crimes, it is not necessary in order to receive services from the center. "We can be paged 24 hours a day," said Williams. "All they have to do is call 823-5555, that is the police non-emergency number and they give a first name and a telephone number and we can call them right back."
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Possessing counterfeiting equipment second-degree felony

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that it is a third degree felony to use a fake I.D."

Types of fake I.D.'s include: using someone else's driver license or I.D. card, changing the date of birth on a driver license or using a counterfeited driver license or I.D. card.

To possess or display a counterfeited or altered license or I.D. card, to use someone else's driver license or I.D. card or to apply under false pretenses for a driver license or I.D. card to a Driver License Bureau, is a felony in the third degree.

The law applies to fake I.D.'s from all states and U.S. political territories.

Making, or even having in your possession the equipment to make counterfeit driver licenses, is a second degree felony. Each time one is unlawfully made by the defendant, the count is a separate charge under Florida State Statute 831.29.

Also, quite often, the person's problem often is only just beginning with the possession of a fake I.D. A person caught in a bar with a fake I.D. drinking a beer with his friends could be liable for at least four individual charges: using a fake I.D. to misrepresent his age, possessing alcohol under-age, purchasing alcohol for another underage person and furnishing false identification to an official should the offender be stopped by an undercover officer.

In addition to being a serious criminal offense that can affect your ability to get a job or apply for credit, students have the additional problem of being subject to disciplinary action under the UCF Golden Rule.

Most of the UCF area bar staffers interviewed said they would turn students away if they saw a suspicious I.D. Most staffers also confiscate the fake I.D. A person caught in a bar with a fake I.D. is a felony in the third degree.

The most common problem of alcohol and drug use on campus is with finding them. There are more than five of the seven major crime categories.

By NICOLE KING

The UCF Police Department has released the statistics for the number of crimes which occurred on campus from 1993-1997. The statistics, contained in the brochure Safety Guide, show UCF as having a steady decline in five of the seven major crime categories.

A significant increase was reported however, with crimes involving drugs and alcohol. Liquor law violations were up five arrests, DUI arrests went up three, and drug-related violations seven.

UCFPD's Crime Prevention Unit Coordinator, Sgt. Tom Gorbas, explained the increase.

"We have a lot of new people. Also officers are monitoring closer those types of violations," said Gorbas. "Drinking and drugs is always out there, the issue is with finding them. There are more officers on the road, and the demands of society call for us to be more aggressive with campus laws."

The Federal Crime Awareness and Security Act of 1990 mandates that these statistics be made public every year. Gorbas said he is supportive of the openness the law promotes.

"Before 1990, many universities and other institutions suppressed that type of information giving a false sense of security for students and faculty," he said.

"Everyone has the right to know. We provide the statistics at student orientations and to the staff. It's good because it allows people to make informed decisions.

All students, faculty, staff and visitors are encouraged to pick up a copy of the free brochure Safety Guide available at the UCF Police Department. The brochure offers tips on crime prevention and explains the victim, police and parking services offered on campus. For further information, contact Sgt. Tom Gorbas at 823-2165.

Listed Uniform Crime Index established by the FBI shows statistics on UCF over the past five years for the seven most serious crimes. In a separate chart, UCF reported a notable increase in drug and alcohol related arrests.

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Murphy seeks unity in SGA

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meet and decide to run together?
That is a very long story. I was helping my fraternity brothers run for the Senate while I was working on the cabinet as director of public relations. My fraternity brothers were against my brothers. I told him my intentions were to give my brothers a helping hand and not hurt my intentions of helping him. After the conversion, we were on a different level and five months later I ran for an election together and decided to run together. I didn't expect to gain a best friend and it has been wonderful. The communication is a very big success for the legislative and executive branches.

What is a typical day for you in the office?
My typical day starts around 9 in the morning and ends around 8 that evening. That is just to do the minimum: A typical week is 10 to 15 appearances and in a month I do about 20 to 25. I also spend two weeks of travel a month so basically I'm not only not speaking here but also speaking to the state and country about UCF which I love very much.

What are some of the goals that you would like to see SGA achieve this year?
Some sense of stability. Stability throughout all the branches of government. Conformity and uniformity. SGA as a whole needs to function as SGA as a whole. Not three different appendages working against each other. We've been working very hard to achieve and build that foundation.

What do you like and dislike most about being SGA President?
I dislike the perception. I dislike what people think I'm doing versus what I really am doing. I hate having to play games with people. There is a right and wrong way to handle things and if we start implementing those ways of finding solutions to problems then SGA as a whole will benefit in the future. I dislike my time constraints but on the flip side the thing that I hate really like. I would be willing to give up more of my free time for UCF.

What are some of the differences in terms of job responsibilities between the SGA vice president and the president?
The vice president's main responsibility is to take care of the Senate. He has more executive responsibility within that branch. He has a very hard role to play in that he wears two hats. He wears the legislative and the executive hat. I do believe that Richard does a wonderful job doing the transition between the two. I do about everything else.

What is the most difficult situation/decision you have been in while president and how did you resolve it?
The concept of conflict of interest. One is the Greek Council. The Greeks in general have been very supportive of me throughout the years of everything I have done. I respect my Senate and the decisions they have made. The Greek Council came to me for help when they were zero budget directors. We go through recruitment every year. We're here to provide an adequate learning experience for the student body. This is a lab in which to work in and to find a fulfilling, successful experience for them while in college.

If you would like to become involved in the Senate, you can pick up petitions from the Senate Secretary by Monday, August 31 in the SGA office.

Drug arrest made at Lake Claire

By NICOLE KING
News Editor

On a tip that cannabis had been grown in an apartment at the Lake Claire complex, UCF police arrested a suspect on August 3 after a brief search of the suspect's apartment turned up four parapernalia and two cannabis plants.

Several clear bags containing cannabis and a bag with residues in the bowl were found in the suspect's room. The smoke detector in the room had been covered with a plastic bag. The suspect was arrested and charged with manufacturing cannabis within 200 feet of a university, preventing or obstructing the extinguishing of fire, possession of cannabis under 20 grams, and possession of paraphenalia.

IN OTHER POLICE REPORTS:
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Meeting quorum proves difficult for Senate

BY SHELLEY WILSON
Staff Writer

Maintaining a quorum number for deciding major issues on behalf of the UCF student body has presented a problem for the student senate this summer. A quorum is the minimum number of members required to be present before an assembly can transact business.

Every fall the student senate is elected and is comprised of up to 50 members. During the fall of 1997 there were 43 seats filled but by the beginning of the summer semester there were only 27 seats left filled in the membership.

By definition, a membership is the number of members belonging to some group or society, etc. The membership number given to Dr. Thomas Huddleston, the interim vice president of Student Development and Enrollment Services, was the original 43 seats. Out of this number, the university's attorney, Mary Beth Liberto, confirmed that quorum should be half plus one of that membership number. Quorum should then be 22.

However, the membership number has changed, yet the quorum number has not. An example of this occurred during the budget session this year. The membership of the Senate was then 27 but the number needed for quorum dictated by the university was 22. However, 25 members were present and so the meeting was able to continue and the budget was passed.

But, many other meetings following that session have been canceled due to not meeting the quorum number. The lack of a quorum has caused several problems the last few months to include not having appropriate representation for making important decisions, putting off electing new seats and resigning others.

Huddleston believes that the student body should be represented equally as much as possible.

"This issue of quorum is important because you need the best representation for the deliberation of student government," he said. He added that in the past, budgets have passed with very limited representation.

A portion of every student's tuition goes toward the Activity and Service Fee. This year that budget was at $4.8 million. Only 11 student senators out of 43 decided the allocation of the entire Activity and Service Fee budget last year.

Not being able to hold meetings also puts a hold on maintaining the membership. To resign a seat or to confirm new appointed seats must be done in a public meeting.

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"We do want to fill senate seats and we do want more numbers but the way to get more senators is to have the flexibility to meet," said David Siegel, Senate chairman for Organizations, Appropriations and Finance. He added, "Our rules clearly say if it is not covered in the statutes, then it shall be covered in Robert's Rules. Robert's Rules are very specific and says in absence of a specific rule setting quorum, then it is 50 percent plus one of the membership that is eligible to vote. The membership of the Senate should be 50, but the membership eligible to vote right now is 21."

So where does this leave the Senate during the summer when this quorum number is hard to meet? Huddleston is waiting for a written opinion by Liberto, who is hoping to have this settled soon. She said, "If we have to pass new legislation we will, if not now, then by the fall." The matter is still being researched.

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By NICOLE KING
News Editor

An undergraduate researcher working this summer at UCF’s Center for Research and Education in Optics and Lasers (CREOL) has developed a simple laser setup to shoot the noses off tiny aphids. No one, why would developer Elson Liu want to do that?

Aphids attach themselves to a plant by inserting a fine styler from their proboscis into the plant. They then feed through the tube, thinner than a human hair, and can also infect the plant with a virus, such as the citrus tristeza virus which has a devastating impact on citrus crops.

Biologists at the U.S. Department of Agriculture in Orlando want to study the fluids flowing through the tiny tubes. But when they go to cut the noses, the aphids react quickly, and the role of attorneys and legal assistants, “This is an excellent professional development opportunity for persons with career positions in law offices, corporations and public agencies,” says McCarthy.

Liu, an electrical engineering student at the University of Arizona, was at UCF for 10 weeks as part of the Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU) program funded by the National Science Foundation.

In OTHER UCF NEWS:

• UCF will offer classes in Kindermusik during the fall semester. Kindermusik is a unique program combining movement, music and dance for children.

Victoria Williams will teach the classes for children from ages 18 months to 3 years. Williams said the activities done in the classes will help children develop creative thinking and social skills. “It stimulates the children,” Williams said. “It helps them to become their own person. They enjoy it and they are learning at the same time. We do things from listening to different sounds and identifying them to dancing with scarves.”

Williams said the classes also promote bonding between parents and children as the children are often given “homework” to do at home. “The classes could also be a source of reference for music teachers or music majors who come and see a class,” said Williams. A demonstration of the Kindermusik classes will be held from 5:30-6 p.m. on Friday, August 21 in the Visual Arts Building Room 146. The registration deadline for fall classes is August 21. For more information call the UCF Music Department at 525-2699.

• Central Florida’s Early Intervention and Pediatric Therapies are looking for volunteers to work with children with all types of disabilities.

Volunteers are needed to play, feed, rock, and read with the kids or even provide office support. There are four local United Cerebral Palsy (UCP)/centers in downtown Orlando, East Orlando at UCF, Kissimmee and Sanford and volunteers are needed at all four Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. UCP provides early intervention educational programs as well as speech, physical, and occupational therapies to children with all types of development disabilities in addition to cerebral palsy. UCP also provides support services to the families of these children.

Lynx Laser service will make adjustments to three routes on August 15, 1998. Link 24 will have bus stops added and transfers will be permitted along the entire length of the route including Columbia Street, Branton Boulevard and the University. Link 45 will return to its regular fall schedule.

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NEWS OF THE WEEK

Lead Stories
- In Columbus, Ohio, in July, convicted child-
  pornography importer Timothy Rowles, 29, had his
  prison sentence extended from one year to two after
  he wrote the judge a letter showing a lack of
  remorse. Rowles asked the judge matters of fact if
  his explicit, kid-sexy magazines could be retained to
  him, saying they were not violent or "community
  standards." "I'm part of the community," he wrote, "and
  if what I have doesn't bother me, why should it mat-
  ter?"
- Rosarmia Machado-Wilson, formerly a manager
  at BSG, a Panama City, Fla., audio lab doing product
  development for the gaming industry, filed a lawsuit
  against an insurance company in July, claiming
  she was fired for not embracing the company's
  workplace Christianity. The lawsuit claims the
  company forced her to be baptized and to attend
  prayer meetings. She said she sometimes encountered
  pro-life employees in the office, praying in tongues.
  She claims the experience caused her to compulsively read
  the Bible and to refuse corporate job-specific tasks.
- Tourists driving a pickup truck with California
  plates came out in a Pennsylvanian historical landmark
  area in July and defaced the thin, 1,000-year-old
  Indian ceremonial line (called the Niau Line) with their
  tire marks. The stretch of desert 250 miles south of
  Lima is not well-guarded but is ringed with con-
 crete markers, and some visitors believe that it will
  take decades for blinding sand to cover the tire
  tracks. The tourists also left garbage behind.

Least Justified Road Rages
- A 41-year-old man in a pickup truck was arrested
  in Commerce, Ohio, in May and charged with
  shooting two volunteer firefighters. The victims
  were assisting an ambulance crew to tend to an
  elderly woman; apparently, the ambulance driver,
  with traffic stopped in both directions, was taking
  too much time backing out of a driveway and thus
  needed to be shot. And in April on the side of I-95
  in Alexandria, Va., during rush hour, Army Maj.
  Oddie Butler stood for 45 minutes protecting a criti-
  cally wounded woman whose van had just over-
  turned. During the wait, Butler said he had to endure many
  refusals to call for help, plus epithets and middle fingers,
  because the accident had blocked a lane of traffic.

Cliches Come to Life
In May, when New York City sixth-grade teacher
Ms. Aishaah Ahmed, 44, declined to watch the class-
room TV set from educational programming to
"The Jerry Springer Show," four girls aged 11 and
12 pounced on her in the company of another girl
in the hospital. However, a month before that,
Stratford (Conn.) High student Joseph Calore
filed a lawsuit against the school because it kept the
Springer show on in the classroom during an exam.
According to Calore, a fight on the show provoked
another student to punch Calore and break his jaw.

The Church of Stevie Nicks
In July, while a religious organization was run-
ing a controversial national advertising campaign
offering help to gays to "change" into heterosexu-
alms, Ronald Anacelteo, 38, was ordered by a court in
Los Angeles to stay away from singer Stevie Nicks,
who Anacelteo thought could change him from gay to
straight. According to a law enforcement
officer, Anacelteo (who is not affiliated with the ad
campaign) "is a self-proclaimed homosexual" who
believes that Nicks can "heal" his homosexuality and
"find (him) a woman to marry."

The Least of the Low
- In June, retired Missouri Highway Patrol inves-
tigator Jack Merritt told reporters he had since
destroyed the 1994 photographs he admitted playful-
taking of Christian County sheriff Steve Whitney
-touching a murder victim's breast during an autop-
sis. (The man charged with the murder is in court,
questioning autopsy procedures.) And Mark Caleb,
31, was found in July in London, Ky., and
charged with breaking into the House-Rawlings
Funeral Home and stealing the incinerators from the
body of a 34-year-old girl who had died of cancer.

The Entrepreneurial Spirit
- In July, a federal judge in Brooklyn, N.Y., reject-
ed a prosecutor's request to stop Latin Kings gang
leader Antonio Fernandez from selling Anway
products. Fernandez, out on parole in July, was
restricted to his house except under certain condi-
tions, and the prosecutor believes a sales route
would allow Fernandez to run a "front" operation for
his Latin Kings business. Fernandez's lawyer, chiding the
prosecutors, said the Anway business was a good
thing and could lead Fernandez into Tupperware,
Micro and Avon.

- The French company Neyeset announced plans
earlier this year to market "exciting" underwear,
beginning with an aromatic bra that will go on sale
sometime this year. While the market stretched out, and even
more so when it is caressed, the bra will give off
scented of pink grapefruit, apple, watermelon, black currant or oregano.

- In March, the Kloster brewery in Norway,
Germany, announced it would soon begin selling
dark beer concentrate for foam baths and ezemx
cream. The new product differs from beer only in
that the yeast is left, creating a less healthy quality.

- Ohio Judge Bill Lyke, former police chief of
New York Times reported in April that Burberrys
had just introduced six new styles of trench coats
for dogs at prices ranging from $65 to $575. A July
New York Times feature pictured the Gucci Dog
Bowl at $750, black or clear. In late 1997, Gucci
introduced its nipple ring attached to the larger
"G," at $790 for crystal and $6,360 for diamond.

- San Diego businessman Dennis Braun told
the Union-Tribune newspaper in June of his proposal to
finance a new downtown baseball stadium for the
Pirates by selling space in the outfield wall out for
about 70,000 cars with ash of baseball fans, at
about $2,500 a slot. According to Braun, the
boring alternative would be to "hoist it up; and
Brown could use it to threaten a
judge at his next court date. Problems: (1) Despite
causing the class, the friends did not notice audge
that prevented the rope-blanket from even reaching
the street. (2) Fail
and court searches still would have uncovered the
gun. (3) Most important, guards observed the
whole plan when the friends visited Braun in jail to
plot it out and thus had heavy surveillance on the
street that night. (Apparently it failed to strike the
friends as eerie that no other traffic was present on
the sealed-off street.

Recurring Themes
News of the Weird has reported several times on
husbands who Super Glued their wives' genitals in
retaliation for alleged extramarital affairs, but
recently in a Newport, Tenn., case in 1997. In April
of 1998, Richard McDonald, 32, was arrested in
Rock Island, Ill., for Super Glue his girlfriend's genie-
als. And in Easthampton, Mass., in July, Ms. Kim
M. Bonafilia, 34, was charged with assaulting her
ex-boyfriend with a baseball bat and attempting to
Super Glue his penis to his leg after he allegedly
admitted he was interested in her only for sex.
Tune out, turn off, and drop in
10 reasons to kill your TV

By CORBETT TRUEY
Entertainment Editor

The average American spends nine years of their life glued to the box. Watching, sitting, watching, sitting, possibly eating, and eventually getting up to use the bathroom. People like to think that television is one of the best inventions of the 20th century, and it just might’ve been. Unfortunately, our old friends greed and sloth have transformed it into a 24-hour ad plastered, brainwashing, stereotyping, crock pot making tool of society. Never in the history of civilization has one manufactured product (along with an industry consisting of millions of people and billions of dollars) been able to influence us into passive staring at a screen for hour on end. So take this moment to put the remote down, and have a shovel ready to dig a deep grave, because here’s ten of the many reasons why the tube should be tanked:

1. Jerry Springer. Following in the footsteps of distinguished men such as Richard Bey and Morton Downey Jr, Jerry Springer makes tons of dough exploiting other people’s sick and twisted problems for all the world to see. It’s not any of our business, but thanks to Jerry we have comfort knowing our lives are cake compared to the transsexual 350 pound stripper whose brother is sleeping with her boyfriend. And isn’t it just a riot when people start hitting each other? It all comes courtesy of an out of control Jerry Springer.

2. Home Shopping Network and QVC. Are 24 hours of endless pitching for products even Big Lots wouldn’t touch. And as for infomercials: same crap, aleker shows.

3. The local news. There’s nothing like a little death and misery to put a little hope for the future in your day. What used to be a broad, unbiased interpretation of world events has been reduced to in blatant sensationalism, and a recent study showed that in 1996 72% of local news shows led with a story of violence or disaster. Hey, you got to keep people watching somehow.

4. The kids aren’t alright. By the age of 19, a child will have viewed 17,000 televised murders during 20,000 hours of TV, all while spending only 11,000 hours in a classroom. And researchers have found a relationship between a child’s prolonged exposure to television and physical aggression. What a way to spend your childhood!

5. Baywatch. With 2 billion regular viewers from Finland to Taiwan, people all over the world tune in to watch husty beach bunnies and ripped surf studs romp on the beach and save lives to catchy music, all while maintaining perfect tanlines and make-up coverage. It’s nice to know that other cultures view us this way, but I think the producers left out how we’re the most wasteful and overweight country today.

6. MTV. What started as simple behind-the-scenes coverage has expanded into a network that makes the National Enquirer look high-class. With programs like “The Gossip Show,” “Howard Stern,” and re-runs of “One Day At A Time” (Which airs three times a day!), MTV makes sure to let us know the lives of celebrities are just as complex and engaging as politics, world hunger, and abortion.

7. SOAP Operas. Nah, this one is too easy.

8. You’re being programmed. By the time you’re age 65, you will have seen almost two million TV commercials. Wouldn’t it be kind of dumb to say that none of them have had an effect on you?

9. MTV. Remember when they used to devote ten times as much to the faces of culture’s biggest monsters, bombarding kids with images of what’s cool, what’s not, and how you’ll look if you don’t blindly follow along. Check your individuality at the door.

10. Mother Nature misses you. She really does. There’s a big, beautiful world out there, and not even the widest TV screen can compare to the real view. Remember that television is just an infinite speck next to all the things you can do outside of your living room, and the longer you take to get off your butt and do it, the more time you waste watching other people have all the fun.

So if taking your TV permanently off the air is too much, just try it for a couple days and see what it’s like. Maybe you’ll get more done for yourself. Maybe you’ll forget about what you have to look or act like, buy or wear, or listen to. Or better yet, maybe you’ll find something better to do. Like have a life.
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Bran Van 3000
Glee
(Audiogram)

"Huh?" This will probably be the most common reaction to people hearing this CD for the first time. Bran Van 3000 consists of some 20 Montreal musicians, singers, and rappers all headed by DJ Brian DiSalvo, fusing together rock, hip-hop, funk, electro, dance, acoustic, and everything else in between. The result is an incredibly eclectic, completely undefinable, and sometimes uneven mish-mash of catchy tunes. Anything this strange will have its share of low points, including a power-pop cover of the 80’s song “Cum On Feel The Noize” that erupts into an annoying quasi-jungle finale. What’s meant to be funny sometimes comes off as pointless, but is made up for with clever, rambling lyrics from divas and b-boys and some slammin’ beats. "Couch Surfer" grooves on a Beck-ish tip, “Everywhere” blends smooth guitars and subtle breaks, and “Old School” cuts from heavy metal to 70’s disco in a way that, oddly enough, works. Bran Van walks a fine line between brilliance and total weirdness, appealing to everybody and nobody at the same time (but you’ll probably like them anyways).

Money Mark
Push The Button
(Mo Wax)

Yes, Money Mark was the keyboardist for the Beastie Boys sometime back, but no, his own sound isn’t much like his leader, more obvious former players. Mark Nishita keeps things on the retro tip, tweaking his keyboard around chunky basslines and upbeat chords. If only he knew that the biggest thing holding him back from creating more tolerable songs is his voice, which walks through a good portion of the CD. There are a couple nice dips into experimental territory, like the much too short “Bojio Nova 101!” and the breakbeat-driven "PowerHouse," but there’s an unfortunate tendency to get done of what sounds like bland indie-rock from start to finish. The shining star in the mix pops up mid-way with “All The People,” a blues-infected ballad that’s too good to listen to once, and may keep you from hearing the rest of the album.

Top 10 CDs
1. Beastie Boys- Hello Nasty
2. Black Eyed Peas- Behind The Front
3. Money Mark- Push The Button
4. Medeski, Martin & Wood- Combustication
5. u-Ziq - Lunatic
6. Total Transformation- In Thru Out
7. Front 242- Reboot (Live ’98)
8. Fugazi- End Hits
9. Shellac- Terraform
10. Bran Van 3000- Glee
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Florida A & M University famous for grape juice?

By LEONORA LAPETER

Knight-Ridder Newspapers

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — U.S. troops in Bosnia and Okinawa, Japan, may find bottles of Florida A&M University's "muscaberry" juice in their mess kits sometime soon. And U.S. customers may not be far behind.

FAMU signed a licensing agreement Tuesday with Lamikanra, a Florida company famous for grape juice?

Lamikanra developed the juice, which is made from the thick-skinned muscadine grape that is indigenous to the Southeast, about six years ago. The juice now comes in strawberry, lime and raspberry flavors. He has since branched out into wines, jellies and syrups.

Lamikanra's percentage.

"We may be at stake. Market studies conducted by FAMU have shown the juice has the potential of earning a profit of at least $50 per bottle, Lamikanra said.

The juice's formula has been a closely guarded secret.

He delivered the formula in a sealed envelope, marked confidential, to FAMU's attorney Monday. The release of the recipe concluded a year-old stalemate between Lamikanra and university officials over control of the juice.

The two sides resolved the issue several months ago when Lamikanra signed a contract with FAMU to commercialize the grape juice.

Lamikanra is even more optimistic.

"My vision of the product is that it will surpass products like Gatorade and other products," he said.

University officials have agreed to give Lamikanra a share of what they get from the JW Holding Group, a subsidiary of JW Holding Group and Associates, Inc., of Portage, Ind., in lieu of the guarantee.

Any other money will probably go to provide scholarships to FAMU students, he said.

University didn't make a profit on the test sales, but Lamikanra said some of the stores were clamoring for more.

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Trips to Miami, Michigan State highlight basketball schedule

BY TONY MEJIA
Sports Editor

Saturday's game against the University of Miami and Michigan State highlight the 1998-99 men's basketball schedule. UCF will also travel to Auburn in a return game from last season's opener.

Unable to land a traditional college power for the home opener, the Golden Knights invited Rollins to the UCF Arena to renew a rivalry that has been idle since the 1994-95 season. The Knights come to campus on Nov. 13, the night before UCF's Homecoming football game against Ball State.

Rollins has been UCF's most common opponent, with this year's game marking the 39th time the teams play each other. In fact UCF's 23-15 record against the Tars represents both the most victories and most defeats that they have recorded against any university.

Head coach Kirk Speraw looks forward to playing Rollins and expects many fans from both sides to make the trip for the rekindling of the rivalry. Speraw admitted that though he and the Knights currently have strong feelings about a Rollins-UCF game, so do the Tars.

Unable to land a traditional college power for Homecoming like it did last year with Auburn. When one was unavailable, Rollins was a logical choice.

"We initially had tried to lure a top-notch Division I program for Homecoming like it did last year with Auburn. When one was unavailable, Rollins was a logical choice. "We decided to invite Rollins over because of the long-standing relationship," Speraw said. "Our alumni have strong feelings about a Rollins-UCF game, so we did that for our alumni."

UCF's schedule also features home games against Winthrop, Barry and Ohio University, as well as TAAC opponents Campbell, Florida Atlantic, Jacksonville State, Jacksonville, Mercer, Samford, Stetson, and Troy State.

Although it appears that UCF's rivalry with the Florida Gators has put on hold, the yearly bout with South Florida is still going strong. The UCF-USF game is slated for Tropicana Field in St. Petersburg, site of the 1999 Final Four. Last year's encounter at the Ice Palace was won on a buzzer-beater by the Bulls' Scott Johnson. Another in-state rival, Big East member Miami will also grace the schedule.

Speraw is pleased with striking a two-year deal with the Hurricanes. Miami has agreed to return the game next season when it will play at UCF.

"It's a very nice deal to get," Speraw said. "It's another statement to what people think about UCF basketball and that they're willing to take a home-and-home schedule. We've had Auburn do it, North Carolina State, UNLV, Georgia. Not a lot of schools our size that play each other."

The Knights will also travel to the Spartan Coca-Cola Classic Tournament in East Lansing, which will be a homecoming for guard D'Quarius Moore, a Columbus, Ohio native. However, it is significant to note that despite the increasing strength of the conference, the non-conference is still seen as a challenging one.

"It's one of the toughest schedules since I've been here," Speraw said. "We can be a much better team and still not have a better record non-conference than what we have a year ago."

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**Men's Basketball Schedule**

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Athena Roasted Chicken full of Greek delights

By HENRY SPRINGS
Staff writer

Hidden away among the plain exterior of University Shoppes, rather than the canals of Venice or the shaded courtyards of the Aegean, is a small Greek restaurant review

Restaurant review

Athena's unique blend of Greek cuisine worthy your while to stop by and simple: Athena, the restaurant, after its namesake, the Greek goddess of war, proves to be full of surprises.

The fragrant smell of roasting chicken leads you through the door. The short blue and white wooden facade is a trove of Greek cuisine worth your while to implement the chicken as well as the atmosphere. It's mixture of tomatoes, cucumbers, chicken, fried potatoes, and olive oil is a real palate pleaser. The desserts are typically Greek: baklava, rice pudding, or pie. The wine list isn't extensive, only including the basics: red, white, blush, and of course, light or regular beer.

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Gillis receives a second chance at football, life

By JEFF CASE
Staff Writer

Rick and Georgette Gillis describe their son Ryan's battle with skin cancer with commonplace words. Words like frightening, disbelief and shock color the story of their son, a UCF offensive tackle on the rise until the disease on football.

Lineman Ryan Gillis has a new lease on life and a new outlook happening any stronger in any life to bring you to short.

After a successful season as a starter in 1996, Gillis had successful surgery in June of last year. After a week of recuperation, he returned to the doctor for tissue evaluation. The doctor found the tissue to be benign. Although he had victory over the cancer, Ryan had missed his last year of eligibility and wanted to experience his senior season.

Only by petitioning the NCAA for a sixth year of eligibility, which is rarely granted, would he get his chance. NCAA rules stipulate that a player will receive a sixth year if the injury causes the player to miss two seasons. While Ryan had missed only one season, he was counting on his unique scenario and assistance by the UCF-coaching staff to earn the opportunity.

"Once I had surgery, it was a priority to play again," said Gillis, who says the UCF staff helped him with every aspect of his return attempt, "I was in the middle of getting ready to come back for my senior year [when I was diagnosed]. I was in the best shape of my life.

Although Gillis found waiting on the NCAA the hardest part, he used the time to prepare himself for his chance.

After rehabilitating the injury, Gillis spent several hours a week in the team weight room bulking up for his senior season.

"When I was waiting on the NCAA's decision, it was frustrating and it was hard to stay motivated and keep working out," he said. "I'd see certain things happen on television games and game tapes and say, 'Man, when I get out there, I'm going to do things this way. But, I didn't know if I'd play again. I finally said I'm going to play anyway, whether it's at UCF or somewhere else.'"

The NCAA finally responded. In December of last year, Gillis was granted the sixth year he was looking for. He now says he will never look at football the same nor let anyone else.

"I had to speak to some of the recruits in January and I told them you're not going to be around a better group of people, not coaches," Gillis said. "I'm talking good people, good character. All the coaches were great and the players too [during my bout with cancer]. I was still around and part of the team even though I wasn't playing. I got phone calls from [Defensive line coach Paul] Lounsberry and [Defensive tackles coach Andy] Cox pretty much weekly."

For Ryan's coaches and family, a story that began with fear and uncertainty is now told with pride, victory and hope.

"I knew there was a way this kid would find a way [to beat the cancer]," said Lounsberry. "He's that kind of guy. He's a leader, he's a steady guy and he's not a rah-rah guy. People look to him, he's consistent, and he gives a great effort every time. That kind of leadership is important any time and he provides that for us.

While Gillis prepares for the Sept. 5 season opener against Louisiana Tech, Gillis' parents have already made plans to see every game in their son's long-awaited farewell season.

"It's a great feeling to have this kind of closure and have the NCAA give him his opportunity to play," said Georgette Gillis. "We're just thrilled about it and looking forward to this season."
Harley plays big role for young defense

By TRAVIS BELL
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"Fred is a good football player so he is able to help us both inside and outside," Chizik said. "You're trying to get a speed guy that can play on the corner and rush the passer, and he got a lot better at that in the spring. He's come a long way.

Harley came to UCF from Cape Coral High School as a highly rated pass rusher. He was a two-time all-state selection, and he garnered all-conference and all-district honors three times. He also excelled as a wrestler, winning conference and districts as a senior.

Harley is still wrestling, only this time it's with his weight. Listed at 6-foot-3 and 245 pounds, Harley is similar in size to Benoit, and has the switch), but more than seven coins a day, you can help support academic programs and scholarships.

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Wide receiver's unexpected prosperity mirrors UCF's rise

By TONY MEJIA
Sports Editor

The rise of UCF's football program has seemingly come out of nowhere. The speed with which they gained national respect was unexpected. No one person epitomizes the Knights' wild ride better than it's top receiver.

At UCF's Media Day, Staia Burley nonchalantly asked a reporter, "What did ESPN want?" and then went off to take a mug shot for them. This is the same Burley that arrived last season as little more than a curiosity. We knew he was good. The 10 and facing constant pressure, Daunte Culpepper turned to Burley as a security blanket in the third quarter, avoiding the rush and firing to Burley over the middle for what turned into a 71-yard touchdown toss, as Burley caught the short pass and just kept running. For good measure, he caught a 49-yard touchdown later in the quarter.

Eight catches, two touchdowns and a UCF recording-breaking 251 yards later, Burley's stock soared. All of a sudden the 160-pound speedster was visible in highlight reels around the nation. Not quite a household name, but getting there.

This season, Burley has been invited to a post-season all-star showcase, is mentioned among Top 25 wide receiver lists, and has lost the anonymity that protected him last season. However, it's not like teams can double-team him, because lining up alongside him will be the likes of Mark Nunn, Charles Lee, and Kenny Clark. As Burley points out, even though his anonymity is gone, so is UCF's uncertainty of what lies ahead.

"Last year, everything was up in the air. We didn't know what to expect, so we didn't have the confidence like we do now from what we accomplished last year. Now, expectations are a lot higher. There's no doubt we're a bowl candidate. We have the talent, skill and experience to go out and do it. All we have to do is stay healthy. We already know what to expect." It was a tough spring for Sliua, who had to battle injuries and could not practice nor play in the Black and Gold game. The inactivity, more than anything else, provides the inspiration for his efforts this fall. He's put on more weight, which will help both his durability and his performance.

"I have a lot to prove to myself because I've been out all spring not being able to play. I don't feel pressure, it's more like anticipation to be out there and just play ball. The only thing on my mind is getting out there and performing," Burley said. "I've improved from year to year so much. The extra weight I put on helps my speed, helps my muscle, and helps my playing. I feel like I'm going to be a lot better than last year. I've got more experience and knowledge of the game. I've come a long way from high school and junior college. I weighed 140 pounds coming out of high school, and playing at that level right out of high school is hard. I never had a chance to red-shirt so I was always in the fire."

Now Burley will have to face the fire of the national spotlight. Cameras will be rolling more than ever before, Culpepper's favorite target gets his chance to shine. It won't be overwhelming though, especially since he'll have someone to turn to on how to deal with the notoriety.

"I'm ready for all the attention. I'll take tips from Daunte since he's already been there so I'll just ask him how to handle all that." Defense believes in Chizik's system

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do really step up. They work hard, show up every game, and they're not afraid of anybody." The young unit is that they will all be together for a long time, learning the same things and becoming familiar with one another.

"It's very exciting," McKibben said. "There's a very young corps on defense that's all coming in. Tito Rodriguez, Tony Hardman—we're all coming in at the same time and are doing real well. Hopefully, we're going to have a young, good corps of defense around here."

Chizik has done an admirable job thus far, getting the players to believe in and carry out his complicated system. The attacking style has caught on well.

"He gives us a chance to get in there and show our blitzing abilities and make plays," linebacker Deanebly Devine said. "I'm comfortable in the schemes and everything. I like it a lot."

Chizik also has the full support of Kruczek, who hired him away from Stephen F. Austin in February. This challenge will be new to both of them as it's Chizik's first crack with an I-A program and Kruczek's first experience dealing with the defensive unit.

"He was hired with the understanding that I was going to be a little involved with what goes on over there. Obviously, he's answerable to me with what they're doing, but I have tremendous confidence in Gene Chizik," Kruczek said. "I've spent very little time together, but he's made a believer out of me in what he does and how he communicates with his people. He's outstanding on his X's and O's and his schemes. I look forward to seeing him operate this year."
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Ochoa ready to make her mark with team

By JEFF CASE
Staff Writer

As a player, Miriam Ochoa helped start trends in the UCF women's volleyball program.

• She played on the first of six consecutive teams to have undefeated seasons in Trans America Conference play.
• Ochoa helped UCF win their first TAAC championship in 1992, something the team has won six consecutive times.
• She embarked with the team on the trip to the NCAA Tournament, which UCF has now appeared in four consecutive times.

Now as coach of the Golden Knights women’s volleyball team, she will try to continue the trends she helped start.

"I’m excited and I’m looking forward to this year," said Ochoa, who played for the Golden Knights from 1991-94 under her maiden name of Metecu. "We’re not looking toward the future right now. Right now, we’re concentrating on this year, this team, this season and what we make of it.”

Former head coach Laura Smith, who resigned in January, recommended that Ochoa be named her interim replacement.

Athletic Director Steve Sloan appointed Ochoa soon thereafter, and while he interviewed several candidates for the position, he recently decided on Ochoa.

"He had faith in me as an interim coach over the spring and I kept up my responsibilities as an interim coach... keeping the team in tact, scheduling the practices and all that stuff," said Ochoa, who has no prior NCAA head coaching experience.

"He was happy someone from UCF was going to stay on and coach," said Smith.

The question is, will Ochoa still be happy by season’s end? She inherits a team without two TAAC Player-of-the-Year winners, Renata Menchikova and Tyra Harper, but returns seven players from a team that defeated Clemson in the first round of the 1997 NCAA Tournament.

"Since we had so much dependency on Renata and Tyra and them knowing everything, everybody is learning everything," Ochoa said. "Just because a player doesn’t know how to do something, it doesn’t mean you’re not going [to learn] to do it." While Ochoa must get her freshman and transfer students ready to possibly step into immediate roles on the team, she will use the youth of the team to divide and conquer.

"If everybody is doing the same thing, everybody can contribute in the same way," she said. "We have more ammunition to fire at people than just the same two people and we can run that many more plays." As one of her additions as interim coach, Ochoa added a supervised weight training program to the team’s regimen. The program’s addition, along with the fact many players stayed near campus this summer, is helping the team get stronger on and off the field.

"Our returning players have gotten so much stronger," said Ochoa, who added that most veterans stayed to help conduct Ochoa’s first UCF summer volleyball camp. "They are strong and they came in knowing what we want and they’ve passed that along to the freshmen. They’ve been here for the past couple of weeks and helped work camp, so they’ve gelled together nicely. Everybody’s been real helpful and supportive and I think the fact they all lived together this summer has helped them gel even more.”

Although former Knights Menchikova (who played for UCF from 1994-97) and Suzie Queisser (UCF, 1994-97) will serve as Ochoa’s assistant coaches and provide familiarity, the new coach claims that the unity of the team will be what helps her survive the season.

"It’s been our sigh of relief," Ochoa said. "They were stretching down in practice the other day and people were throwing in their comments and one of the freshman said, ‘I just wanted to thank everybody because I feel like you guys have been my best friends for years’.”

That closeness is another trend Ochoa hopes continues.
Defense dominates opening scrimmage

UCF's first scrimmage of the fall produced an unlikely result. Mike Kruczek's experienced offense mustered little against Gene Chizik's young, untested defense. If this was their first exam, the defense scored an A+, allowing the first- and second-team offense a combined 10 points.

"The defense played with emotion and ran to the football and that was the thing we were looking for today. They executed very, very well," Kruczek said. "Offensively, we came out here and took the day off. You can't have that. They have to pick up the pace. They're kind of resting on their laurels. Defensively I'm real proud of how the kids played."

Chizik's suffocating defense contained Daunte Culpepper, who accounted for the lone touchdown with a 1-yard run, but was an average 11 of 23 for 104 yards. Jason Thorpe, who quarterbaclked the second team, fared a little better, going 15-for-24 for 132 yards, but the squad itself managed only three points.

"The defense was just basically running to the ball. Offensively, we have to go back to the drawing board and evaluate the film and go from there. We have a long way to go. The intensity was there. We just have to come out and get better every day."

With all the hype surrounding UCF's potent offense, this defensive performance shifts some of the spotlight onto the other side of the ball.

"Most of the time you never hear about the defense," said linebacker Deaubrey Devine, who had two sacks. "Our motto out there is 'go hard every play' and try to earn some respect for the defense. Every time we look up, it's the offense and how it's going to be a high-scoring game. We want to be good, too."

Herdon quits, Moore suspended

UCF offensive guard Daron Herndon has quit the team and tackle Freddie Moore has been suspended indefinitely for a violation of team rules, Coach Mike Kruczek said.

Herndon, who saw limited playing time last year as a true freshman, signed with UCF out of Lake Brantley High where he lettered in four sports. In football, he was chosen to play in the Florida-Georgia Game. "I understand his heart wasn't into it and I respect his decision." See DOORS, Page 20

By TONY MEJIA

Kruczek arrives to disguise

Master of Disguise. Gene Chizik hopes his blitzing defensive schemes confuse opposing quarterbacks.

By TONY MEJIA

Kruczek comfortable with coaching change

Mike Kruczek claims his 14th year with UCF is really not much different than the first 13. Is that possible? After all, he's the head coach now.

He's the one who has to answer reporters' often annoying questions. He's got to be the leader. How can it not be different? However, as he stands answering questions from the media and he looks at you behind his dark sunglasses you begin to believe him. From him exudes a confidence that makes it seem like he's been doing this for 14 years. Then you realize he has.

"Well the roles haven't really switched. I've just added the head coaching role to my coordinator role. The big thing about that is just speaking and going around and talking to various groups about the new leadership and the program," Kruczek said. "The distraction is the administrative duties during the day taking away from some of the X's and O's you'd like to work on. It extended the day a little longer than normal, but now that is over with we're back in the routine of watching film and getting prepared. It's just like being a coordinator on a smaller scale. As a coordinator, you are in charge of the offensive side of the football and you delegate responsibility through segments and expect the job to get done. What I told my guys is that I'm not a real hammer. You have a job to do, you're expected to do it. We're all professional and we're hoping that you get it done."

It's the same attitude Kruczek brings to his own position. Unlike Gene McDowell, Kruczek is down on the field instructing during practice, rather than supervising from the tower as was McDowell's style. No knock on the former coach; it's just that Kruczek has a different style. He's in as good a shape as most of the players. He laughs it up on the field as often as he directs orders. He offers encouragement constantly and hands out