**Days are numbered for current ID cards**

By NICOLE KING  
News Editor

UCF is discarding its old ID card system in favor of the technologically superior smart card system. The Huntington National Bank has been awarded a three-year contract to offer smart card services to the university.

The smart card will be offered through Cybermark, the technology provider of the card. Cybermark has worked with over 100 colleges and universities in establishing such a system, including FSU and the University of Arizona. UCF will be the company's second largest deployment and will make it the most technologically advanced smart card campus.

"There's almost nothing you can't do with the card because of the technology involved," said Mike Thompson, coordinator of the All Campus Card Office.

The Smart Card will function on many levels. It will allow students to use vending machines, copiers, pay phones and the laundry facilities on campus by storing cash value on the card. It will also allow students to participate in the meal plan system and could be used as a long distance calling card. It will be students' library card and student identification card. There is also the possibility that the card, paired with a code, will become an access card for entry into the housing on campus.

The idea of using administrative voice mailboxes is also being discussed. If implemented, students will receive periodic messages from the administration about their grades, schedules, financial aid, etc.

The card, outfitted with a magnetic strip and a pin number, will feature a picture of the student on the front. This picture could possibly be used in records during scheduling and a student's name along with his/her face could appear on the instructor's roll.

The chip on the front of the card will be divided into four purses, each with a designated use. One purse may be set aside for vending machine purchases and another for free bookstore purchases. Cash to card machines will be available at various locations on campus to add value to the cards.

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**Soviet art on display at UCF gallery**

By BRENT DIELMO  
Staff Writer

The UCF Art Gallery is housing some rather impressive displays of art these days. The most recent exhibit in the gallery, "Darkest Shades of Red: Official Art and Imagery of the Soviet Union, 1917-1991," is certainly one of the finest to ever come to this university.

Opening on Aug. 20, and running until Sept. 25, the Soviet display exists due to the collaboration of the art, history, political science and philosophy departments at UCF. The nature of the art not only makes this possible, but makes it a necessity in an attempt to decipher the pieces.

The pieces on display range from paintings and posters to busts and military medals. They all come from the collection of Gary Hollingsworth, an art restorer who began collecting Soviet pieces shortly before the Soviet Union fell.

According to Hollingsworth, shortly after the collapse of the Soviet Union, art from the Soviet period was easy to come by as Russians sold the art cheaply because they did not wish to be reminded of their Communist past.

However, about a year after the fall, the art became increasingly difficult to obtain as Russians and others who wanted to study it, UCF is lucky to have this exhibit on campus because it allows a glimpse at art that has only been outside of the Soviet Union for about seven years.

UCF Gallery Director Kevin Harran has done an impressive job at displaying these works, especially considering this is his first show as director. The art itself spans several decades, starting with a painting from 1935.

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**Chairman of Physics Department named**

By TODD MCELKER  
Staff Writer

UCF has chosen Brian P. Tonner chairman of the Physics Department. Tonner came to central Florida to head a department which has a strong involvement in UCF's Advanced Materials Processing and Analysis Center (AMPAC), a fairly new surface science devoted to determining how the atomic structures of particular matters will act under specific situations.

More specifically, Tonner came to UCF to assist in the development of the I-4 Corridor; a program made up of several Florida universities piecing together futuristic microelectronic computer software and biotechnology.

"Functional Nanostructures"; one of Tonner's fields of research, are the next wave in microelectronics, with billion dollar companies growing fast. The physics professor wants to "publicize the fact that..."
Volunteer UCF holds drive for school supplies

By BOBBI J. GARCIA
Staff Writer

Volunteer UCF (VUCF) held a “Back to School with the Proper Tools” drive from 8 a.m.-12 p.m. at various locations around Orlando on Saturday, August 22.

“Paper, pencils, and folders are all on sale,” said Hope Sims, a senior psychology major. Sims was just one of the many students who participated in the drive.

VUCF set up student-managed tables at local grocery and retail stores to collect school supplies for less fortunate students at area schools. The drop-off locations ranged from Eckerd and Publix to the local grocery and retail stores.

Volunteer groups at various locations around Orlando also assisted with the drive. These locations included the Winn Dixie on Lake Underhill Road at Waterford Estates.

Other members of the society, like Mark Adamson, a graduate student, and Brian Gessner, a sophomore majoring in mechanical engineering, also volunteered at the Publix on Alafaya Woods Boulevard in Oviedo.

Papers, pencils, and folders were the items of choice to donate. “Women with children also seem to be a little more affectionate towards the cause,” said Richard Grace.

Adamson said, “The participation turned out to be a lot better than expected.”

Gessner agreed, “The people seem to be pretty helpful towards the cause.”

Laura Wharton, a senior elementary education major, assisted at the Publix on East Colonial Drive. Wharton said, “I feel it’s a really good cause so I decided to help out.”

Wharton became involved in VUCF through her association with another club, Consultants for Effective Leadership (CEL). “I became a part of VUCF through CEL,” said Wharton.

Other students such as Rami Kuttaineh, a junior majoring in general studies, decided just recently to get involved with VUCF.

Kuttaineh said, “I received a call Friday night asking if I could help and I said sure.” Kuttaineh collected at the Kmart on Alafaya Woods Blvd.

Hope Sims, a senior psychology major, assisted at the Publix on Lake Underhill Road at Waterford Estates.

Donna Troutman, a resident of Orlando, donated folders and paper to help in the drive at the Winn Dixie location.

Troutman’s daughter graduated from UCF several years ago. “I don’t mind helping out the school children, I feel it’s a worthwhile cause,” she said.

The drive turned out to be beneficial for all students involved. Sims summed up the day best by stating, “you have to give to get.”

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Knight Life '98 showcases clubs and organizations

By ALEX COOK
Staff Writer

Students gathered in the hot sun on August 26, for the "UCF Knight Life 98" event. From 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. tents were up and flyers were passed out to promote the different clubs and organizations at UCF.

The event gave students the opportunity to find out all the ways to get involved on campus. With the number of clubs and organizations represented, every student was almost certain to find one of interest. Organizations and clubs such as the Campus Activities Board and Consultants for Effective Leadership were present to encourage students to get involved.

The Student Government had a large tent set up, showing off displays for every cabinet position that students can run for or vote for. Free pizza was also given out to anyone who registered to vote. "We're trying to promote involvement in Student Government and campus activities," said Carey Cunningham, a program assistant for S.G.

The Office of Student Activities put on a book sale. The books ranged a variety of topics: college algebra, macroeconomics, computing and humanities. Books were $1 for softback and $2 for hardback, or some students took advantage of the deal and spent $5 for all the books they could carry.

Musical acts performed different types of music. The band Cole Spot 8 played some alternative music, prompting some students to dance and sing.

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Promoters of the local paper "Axis" were giving out copies. It included the latest information on music, concerts, sports, and life here in Orlando. "We cover music and sports, with the Orlando angle," said Axis promoter Mike White. The paper also tries to make students more aware of the importance of voting.

Despite the heat, Knight Life '98 was successful at raising students' awareness of organizations on campus and promoting involvement.
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30,000 a record for UCF

By NICOLE KING
News Editor

Throughout the University of Central Florida's 35 year history, its enrollment has never reached 30,000. That was until Aug. 26, 1998.

By the end of the day, enrollment had peaked at 30,190. Last year's number was 28,334. By the conclusion of the add-drop period, enrollment is expected to drop to 29,700, still a record for the university.

In other UCF news:

• UCF is producing a CD-ROM designed to provide UCF students with the Internet tools, tutorials and information they need to take part in any of the 90 web-based courses offered by the university.

• The Pegasus Connections™ is available in limited supply at the UCF Bookstore for $6.00 a copy. The CD is already in revision to include more UCF information. The new edition will be on sale in the spring of 1999.

• Historically, many students have not been prepared to take on-line courses," said Barbara Truman-Davis, director of course development and web services. "They register for on-line courses unaware they will need specific skills and tools. This CD should solve that problem."

• The UCF Library has recently purchased new photocopying and laser printing equipment. In order for students to use a copy card, new cards must be issued.

• Old library copy cards can be turned in to library Room 229. The value on the old cards will be transferred to the new cards. A new card can be purchased from self-service card dispensers on the main floor across from the Circulation Desk or on the third floor behind the Interlibrary Loan.

Prices for card-vended photocopies have decreased from $.075 to $.07 per copy. The price for laser printing (copying from microfilm or microfiche) and cash-vended photocopies will stay at $.10.

• The Society of Professional Journalists will have its first meeting of the year at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 2 in the UCF Bookstore. The meeting is open to all students interested in journalism.

Lost keys result in broken window at Polk Hall

By GWEN R. RHODES
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At 5:30 a.m., Aug. 21, a UCF police officer observed a vehicle running stop signs on Central Florida Boulevard.

Upon stopping the car, the passenger was noted to be holding a cloth on his right wrist. When questioned, the passenger stated that he had cut his arm on a piece of glass. The officer noted a deep cut on the passenger's arm.

The officer asked the passenger if he had been drinking and he said yes. The officer called a rescue unit to assist the passenger. While waiting for assistance to arrive, the officer asked the man how he had cut his wrist. The passenger explained that he had been left by some of his friends and had to walk five miles to reach his room at Polk Hall.

In addition, as he had lost his keys, he was unable to enter his room. According to the passenger, he knocked on the door. When no one came to the door he got angry and punched a window in the common area, shattering the glass.

When the rescue unit arrived, the passenger was told that he did not have a life threatening injury and so was not transported to the hospital.

A friend drove him to the hospital for treatment of his injuries.

He was charged with criminal mischief for the window damage.

In other Reports by the UCPPD:

• On Aug. 19, the UCF Police Department responded to a 23-year-old male student's complaint that a black compact disc case containing 12 CDs and an AT&T cellular telephone had been stolen from the car he was driving. The victim, who had borrowed his roommate's black 1997 Honda, reported that when he returned to the car in parking lot A-6, the items were missing.

• The vehicle was processed for fingerprints and the victim is willing to prosecute. The value of the stolen items is around $352.00.

• On Aug. 25, a 19-year-old male was found to have alcoholic beverages in his possession while riding as a passenger in a vehicle that had been stopped for a traffic violation.

• A 28-year-old female reported the theft and damage of her customized golf cart from outside the women's soccer team locker room.

• A similar incident occurred in June when a golf cart was stolen and never recovered. The victim said she is willing to prosecute.

• A UCF soccer player reported his black athletic bag was stolen from near the practice fields while he was training. When he returned from practice at about 8 p.m. he found that his bag was missing. The bag contained his driver's license, student ID card, three phone cards, $10 and his allergy and asthma medication. He is willing to prosecute.
Borders chat room offers good literary conversation

By VICKI DeSORMIER
Staff Writer

There’s nothing better for unwinding after class...before you start on your assignments than to sit back with a good cup of coffee and a book.

And there’s no better place to do that than a great bookstore. You’ve checked out the new bookstore on campus and it’s great. You’ve been to the Barnes and Noble at the Oviedo Marketplace mall. And you’ve been to the new Borders across the street from the mall.

Where else is there? Now where can you try?

How about Borders again? Only this time, you can do it in your bathing suit...or even in your birthday suit...or however else you hang out in front of the computer. We’ve all been to Amazon.com and found a wealth of books and great prices, but this is something completely different.

Enter the Borders Cafe chat room and there you are, surrounded by those who know everything and those who think they do. There are some wonderfully intelligent people there from whom you can learn a lot and who aren’t afraid to let you pick their brains and who are eager to hear what you have to say.

And, as is the case just anywhere you go, there are those who just like to talk. Put up with them or ignore them. There are enough of the truly brilliant to make up for it. Those who go to the cafe often say you never know who might show up. Celebrities (from the entertainment and the academic worlds) are said to sneak into the conversation from time to time, though I have yet to meet one.

And, OK, so there’s something about plopping into a comfy chair at the bookstore and slowly turning the pages of a beautiful new book, but when you’re done looking you have to get up, put that one away and get another. Here, the change requires nothing more than the click of your mouse.

The site is easy to navigate as a Borders store with chummy icons, easy to follow instructions and simple links from one place to the next.

You’re sure to find what you want among the 10 million books and CDs in their inventory. You don’t have to wander up and down the aisles to find the titles you want, either. Everything is just a search and a click away.

Borders.com is not just a bookstore. It’s a great place to hang out with people who love books as much as you do.

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Mother of four addicted to learning

By VICKI DeSORMIER
Staff Writer

Melanie Styler has been in school as long as she can remember. And she doesn’t have a degree. She really doesn’t want one.

"I just love to learn," said the forty-something mother of four who has been taking a class or two a semester at various colleges around the country since she was in her late teens.

"I don’t want a degree. I don’t need a degree. I just take classes because I have the need to learn something new all the time."

Styler said she has raised her children to value the importance of an education rather than the importance of a degree, a view she said is not shared by most in the academic world. But, she said, she really doesn’t care what others think.

"I want to be the best I can be," she noted. "I don’t need a piece of paper to tell me if I’m good or not." Styler said she has met so many people all over the world who believe that once one earns a degree, that all learning stops. "And that’s so wrong," she said. "I think learning is a lifelong process and I think that’s why I’ve stayed away from actually finishing a degree in any one area. I think I’m afraid of getting a grade."

Many students have told her that she has never had to get a degree that’s why she hasn’t done it. She said that they tell her she hasn’t earned her degree because she is married to a Navy officer (now retired) and has had an easy life. "Nonsense," she said. "I really just love to learn and I’ve been lucky to have been able to get an education all over the world. But I think we should all just study and learn something new every day of our lives."

Styler said she believes that everyone should earn a liberal arts degree and then specialize in one area or another at a higher level if they must have "that piece of paper." She said she believes people have become too specialized.

"We all need to broaden our horizons," she said. "We all need to be more open to ideas."

Styler said she may join her eldest daughter in college next year, depending on where her child decides to study. She said she might even consider trying to earn a degree if she can convince her daughter to accept the challenge of writing, which is one of the two of them can earn the degree first.

"To me, learning is a still a game," she said. "I’m looking for a new challenge now."

Many older (non-tradition­al) students are taking on the challenge of a college education at a later point in life than most. If you, or someone you know, is doing this, let me know about the special challenges facing the older student. E-mail me at wendygall@rocketmail.com and give me your name and a phone number where I can reach you.
The art of concentration

By LINDA RAMOS  
Staff Writer

The University Counseling Center (UCC) of Kansas State University defines concentration as "the ability to direct one’s thinking in whatever direction one would intend."

We all have the ability to concentrate, and we all use it effectively. The problem occurs when concentration is needed to do activities that may be perceived as unpleasant such as studying, attending class, or researching. This is when students say, "I just can't seem to concentrate."

Before actually studying, prepare yourself mentally to concentrate—especially if the activity is not your favorite thing to do. The Academic Advancement Center at Ohio University advises three easy steps to prepare for concentration.

First, write a basic to-do list prior to each study session. How do you decide what needs to be done? Use the syllabus to see what is scheduled.

Second, set specific goals for each study session. The goal, for example, is not 'to read chapter five'—that's too general. A more specific goal is 'to concentrate.'

Third, set a routine study schedule. Consistency improves concentration. When studying, students tend to blame low concentration levels on distractions—noise, friends, family, work, and extracurricular activities.

However, Dartmouth College's Academic Study Skills Web Page reports that in laboratory tests, the actual distraction itself does not influence a student's concentration level. The student's perception and interpretation of the distraction influences concentration.

For example, you may be enjoying yourself so much while watching a video that you don't notice the low engine hum of a plane flying overhead because your concentration is at peak levels. But, because studying may not be so enjoyable, thereby creating a concentration threshold that may be easily distracted, that very same noise may drive you crazy when you're studying. The noise is then blamed for lowering concentration efforts.

Kansas State's UCC offers the "Be Here Now" technique to improve concentration.

As your mind wanders, simply redirect it back to what needs to be concentrated on by silently repeating the phrase "be here now." In the beginning, you'll find yourself constantly repeating this phrase and getting frustrated as you realize the numerous times your mind wanders. Keep track of your wandering mind by using a Distraction Log. Just write down the perceived distraction on a piece of paper. As time goes by, you'll be able to see improvement by realizing that there are fewer and fewer entries in the Distraction Log.

The UCC also notes that lack of concentration can be related to low energy levels. Decreased energy is caused by insufficient exercise, inadequate sleep, and improper eating. Besides eating well, exercising and sleeping, increase your energy levels while studying by taking short breaks, sitting in an upright position and moving around by stretching or walking.

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Red Art exhibit proved challenging to present

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and ending with a poster from 1990. As the name of the exhibit suggests, a palpable, dark aura surrounds almost anything Soviet.

Given the difficulty of this art—one can often overlook the art itself because of its inexorable political, philosophical, and historical nature—Harran had a difficult task ahead of him in terms of presentation. Commenting on the layout of the work, Harran said, "I wanted the work to challenge the viewer as to what the art means and ending with a poster from 1990."

One poster in particular reminded me of the 'Uncle Sam Wants You' poster from WWI. The Soviet exhibit is showing from Aug. 20-Sept. 25 at the UCF Art Gallery. After that, it will move to Omaha, Neb. Don't miss a rare chance to see Soviet art in person. The gallery is open from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday, and for this show only, Sundays from noon to 5 p.m.

Expansion of research planned in area of microelectronics

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undergraduate, as well as graduate programs in physics should be viewed as tickets to highly technical careers. We are trying to make our program responsible to the needs of today's high tech industries.

The UCF Physics Department is planning an expansion of research on "Functional Nanomaterials." Tonner has single-handedly raised more than $600,000 for his physics department. His federally funded programs are devoted to finding smaller, lighter, faster, and less power consuming memories to replace today's regular spinning hard disk.

In the near future, Tonner will help bring research programs funded by NASA, along with others, raising hundreds of millions of dollars for UCF's research in spin-transistors and X-ray micro-machinery. "It is very exciting working in a department (UCF Physics) with such strong industrial ties," Tonner said. Tonner received his bachelor's degree from Brown University in 1976. He went on to complete his Ph.D. in Physics at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, a great atmosphere for jazz and classy restaurants; "two of my favorite things," said Tonner. He later worked as a post-doctoral at Cornell University in 1983, until Tonner moved to the University of Wisconsin in Milwaukee. Tonner said he will miss living in Milwaukee because its "a great city to raise a family in and we all had lots of fans to the community."

But he does not think that his wife and four children will have any trouble adapting to the remarkable Florida heat. "I love it," he said smiling.

Tonner feels that his greatest professional achievement is his invention of 1 photodetection X-ray microscope. Business Weekly featured an article, "Technology in the next Millennium," discussing much of Tonner's work. However, Tonner's personal greatest achievement is his family.

What's next for the scientific father? "I am currently constructing an amphibious aircraft to fly from one pole to the other," he said. The UCF Physics Department will no doubt follow him on his journey.
Students and faculty encouraged to learn card smarts

which will decrease with each purchase.

"We plan on streamlining the activities," said Huntington Bank's UCF project coordinator Larry Campbell. "The card will expand with the technology and that will make things easier."

Every student, faculty and staff member is required to get one. Ten to 12 days in November have been scheduled for issuing the cards and activating them.

"One of the main concerns about the recording process is the wait," said Mike Thompson. "But it should be a quick and painless process, they've really got it down to a science. It shouldn't be more than 20 minutes."

Ultimately, UCF will decide when the system will go into effect, but it looks like over the winter break the current ID cards will be turned off. For a brief period of time, both the smart card and the current ID cards will be accepted.

Banking services through Huntington National Bank will also be offered to students and faculty.

The bank has plans of putting an office on campus across from the Bookstore. Huntington will provide a 24 hour ATM machine on the outside of the UCF branch. Another ATM on the inside will be capable of bank deposits, split deposits, check cashing and withdrawals in multiples of $1 bills. All students will be eligible to establish a university checking account which will be free of the normal service charges.

Additional services will also be available for students with Huntington accounts. Financial aid will be dispersed directly into their accounts and merchants around the UCF area will accept the card as a debit card. Students can make purchases at local restaurants and stores and the purchases will show up on their bank statements. The smart card should be accepted wherever HONOR, CIRRUS, PLUS, and MAC cards are accepted.

Plans are tentative, but Huntington may also provide an internet kiosk on campus for Web banking as well.

"We're excited about implementing the card," said Thompson. "By fall we should have a pretty strong product. When all the features are phased in, we can provide a tool to make life much easier."

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Lead Stories

- A man whose name was not released checked in to a Howard Johnson's motel in M�nrueboro, Tenn., on July 15 for two days and left behind 12 jars' worth of Vaseline smeared on the carpet, furniture, curtains, walls, bedspreads, sheets and towels, resulting in a $1,300 cleanup job. No motive was apparent, and police have been unable to find him.

- In August, Ukrainian Prime Minister V�lodymyr Zelenskii had been charged, in connection with a tax delinquency to collect the $3.5 billion the government is owed.

- The jury's sympathy for Hunt, had called him a "career-ender" for brain damage he suffered when dentist Jon D. Manzoni accidentally sat on chewing gum in a Bellevue, Wash. restaurant, resulting in a broken leg.

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Freddy Krueger, D.D.S.

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The Career-Ending Bounded Check

Georgia state Sen. Ralph David Abernathy III, son of the late civil rights leader, announced his retirement from politics in July after his $400 re-election filing fee for check bounced. His legislative career included an incident of following a female into a state capitol ladies' room and of being caught with marijuana in his underwear at the Atlanta airport. He said he plans to enter the seminary.

More Recent Rages

(1) Cheating Gurney Rage: A 5-foot, 380-pound man who accidentally sat on cheating gurny in a Bellevue, Wash. restaurant, resulting in a broken leg. His legislative career included an incident of following a female into a state capitol ladies' room and of being caught with marijuana in his underwear at the Atlanta airport. He said he plans to enter the seminary.

- (2) Spelling Rage: Bronx, N.Y. school board member Louis Colonna disrupted a July meeting by haranguing the staff and refusing to be quieted by the chancellor when he discovered that the word "rescind" was misspelled on a resolution to be voted on.

- (3) Barber Rage: In July, Providence, R.I. barber Sam Johnson, 53, upset that a 21-month-old customer wouldn't be still, allegedly whacked the kid in the head with his electric clipper and then sprayed alcohol to make the cut sting.

Courtroom Follies

- Convicted killer Robert Hunt lost his appointment in the Nebraska Supreme Court in June. In his closing argument at trial, Hunt's lawyer, in an effort to gain the jury's sympathy for Hunt, had called him a "creepy, shifty" character, and Hunt complained that the strategy obviously backfired, in that he got a life sentence. The Supreme Court said Hunt would probably have been convicted anyway but took no position whether the lawyer's statement was accurate.

- In July, Diane Parker accompanied her husband, Richard W. Parker, who had been accused of drug trafficking, to federal court in Los Angeles. According to friends, Diane was so supportive that she had come prepared to pay her own travel expenses and her mother's train ticket to make Richard's bail. However, the prosecutor began reciting to the judge facts about Richard's double life that included a mistress, a staff house, and Diane's expression changed dramatically. She removed her wedding ring with a flourish, took out of court immediately to drive to an Orange County office where the mistress worked, and punched her several times before being restrained.

- In March, students from Madonna Middle School, visiting Torrance (Calif.) Superior Court to learn about the legal system, were tarred by their teacher into a trial session despite a warning to the teacher that the subject matter was "sensitive." Virtually the first thing the kids saw was, in a child molestation case, the prosecutor's propping up two 10-inch dildos on the railing of the witness stand so as to make her line of questioning more vivid for the jury.

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Parking woes continue to plague students

By JASON HEIRONIMUS
Opinion Editor

Congratulations! You have successfully made it through the first official week of school, now you only have about 400 left to go. Those of us who were brave enough to actually attend classes during the first week should be privy to some kind of bonus, like, say, our very own parking spots for the rest of the semester. But, in all likelihood, this would be the last thing to be awarded to anyone.

Recently while walking away from one of my classes my friend and I were discussing the "great parking debate". This debate has been going on since before this school's inception, which makes one wonder, "Which came first, the school or the parking?". A philosophical question greatly overshadowed by the philosophical genius of our time like Plato, Freud, and Fabio (I don't know why I mention them here).

This debate has been going on for years and has never ended. Theories about the origins of the parking shortage have been attributed to a new crop, not that I am condemning them or anything, but it does seem that last year's entire senior class failed to graduate. Though my findings are shaky at best, I believe there is still a surplus of parking spots. This theory is attributed to the late, great philosopher Edmund Broccoli (1843-1898) who also discovered that, contrary to popular opinion, the world was actually shaped like a pear.

So anyways, back to the issue at hand. This is quite a controversy that we have unearthed because UCF has either recycled an entire class of students into the student population, or they have brainwashed them and turned them into cheerleaders. Either of which is quite a frightening thought. However, the point remains, we still have an amazing shortage of parking! Somehow through all of the optimism during the construction of these new lots UCF has managed to still have a major parking problem.

It is quite a shame that once again we can be thrown into the fray of other institutions with parking problems. For about three weeks we had something to be proud of.

FSU student: "I hate my school, there's no parking and I never get to class on time!"

UF student: "I hate my school, there's no parking, and, well, then there's the whole Steve Spurrier issue!"

UCF student: "That's too bad guys, I really love my school, and there is a plethora of good parking all over campus. HA, HA, HA!"

There is another theory out there, however, that I managed to uncover through minutes and minutes of making it up. It goes as follows: that every time a student pulls into a parking spot, another one somewhere on campus mysteriously disappears. This would account for the fact that although it may seem that there are no spots, everyone and their mothers are added, and a whole lot of spots to just one thing: the construction of these new lots UCF has managed to still have a major parking problem.

But while we are discussing this issue, let us also discuss the ways in which we must learn to cope with this most frustrating of dilemmas. We, as students, are all in the same boat. We all must fight for parking equally, but this fight is only fair to those who are engaged in it if they observe a few ground rules. Until last week, I thought that everyone was aware of the "parking rules", but let us now review.

First, the person who spots a parking spot to his/her car and immediately begins to roll slowly behind them has absolute priority to that person's spot. Second, when waiting for a car to vacate its spot, that car should have it's turn signal on, thus signifying an impending turn and signifying to all other hopeful motorists that that spot is theirs. Third, when two cars turn on their turn signals at the exact same time, the car that was closest to the spot is awarded it. And finally, spot stealing is punishable by hanging.

So please everyone, be kind to all your fellow student drivers. We are all dealing with the same annoying dilemma. And if you happen to see a parking space actually disappear, please report it to Parking Services so they can personally check it out.
By STACEY COPELAND
Staff Writer

The catch phrase for the movie industry this fall seems to be “More, more, more...” With 144 films being released between now and Christmas, theater employees will be dropping like flies after they get done with their new 150 hour work weeks. Do you even want to think about how much extra gum they’ll be scraping off the bottom of the seats? With this many films being released, everyone is sure to find something they’ll enjoy. Here’s just a sample of September’s offerings:

• Knock Off (Sept 4) - Jean-Claude Van Damme, Tsui Hark. Boy, talk about self-explanatory titles! Jean-Claude stars as a CIA agent (ha ha) who teams up with Hong Kong action maestro Tsui Hark to fight an international terrorist group. I’m sure he’s going to love it.

• Rounders (Sept 11) - Matt Damon, Edward Norton, Martin Landau, John Turturro, John Malkovich. Damon stars as Mike, a student putting himself through law school by playing poker. The poker genius accidentally loses his entire tuition in one hand and swears to never play again. Alas, Mike is drawn back into the game when his best friend’s mother. Fans of “The Truman Show” will be delighted to learn that Jim Carrey takes on yet another serious role as a Baltimore sandwich shop clerk who just for clarification, the title refers to the movie’s narrator. Be sure to bring the tissues.

• Simon Birch (Sept 11) - Kevin Bacon, Evan Rachel Wood. A lovely nine-year old girl (Wood) befriends an extremely alienated mentally retarded man (Bacon). This sounds a bit odd, but with the clever Oscar winner Timothy Hutton making his directorial debut, it might just surprise you.

• Permanent Midnight (Sept 16) - Ben Stiller, Elizabeth Hurley, Janeane Garofalo, Maria Bello. Stiller stars in this true story of a TV sitcom writer with a heroin habit. It’s based on the autobiographical story of Jerry Stahl, the “All” scribe who used to have a nasty, nasty habit. Early buzz on this one is that Stiller is extraordinary in his first attempt at a dramatic role. But don’t worry folk’s, he still gets in a punchline here or there.

• One True Thing (Sept 18) - Renee Zellweger, Meryl Streep, William Hurt, Tom Everett Scott. Zellweger stars as a feisty Manhattan magazine writer who is forced to return home to come to terms with her dying mother. While home, she learns more about herself and her parents than she ever thought possible. Sounds like a good chick flick to me!

• Rush Hour (Sept 18) - Jackie Chan, Chris Tucker. Okay, everybody, go back up to the top of this article and reread the preview of “Knock Off”. Got it? Now think about that exact same plot, but substitute Jackie Chan for Jean-Claude Van Damme and Chris Tucker for Tsui Hark. Please? You now know the plot of “Rush Hour”. What was that I said earlier about action writers coming up with all sorts of original ideas lately? You get the point.

• Pecker (Sept 25) - Edward Furlong, Christina Ricci, Martha Plimpton. This movie is the infamous John Waters’ satire of the New York art world. Furlong stars as a Baltimore sandwich shop clerk who becomes an instant hit when his family photos wow some New York art collectors. Sounds like a pretty cute plot. Oh, and just for clarification, the title refers to Furlong’s little habit of pecking at his food.
Liz Phair
Whitechocolatespaceegg
(Matador)

Out from the crowd of female vocalists, Liz Phair makes her third album. She continues her astounding trend of fused lo-fi, indie-rock production techniques and styles with the sensibility and structure of classic singer/songwriters. Phair can be confident that her third album will mimic the success of her 1993 debut album Exile in Guyville, which by spring of '94 sold 200,000 copies as an independent release. "Big Tall Man" offers an organic foundation of melodic effects. Her voice floats with the river of beautiful musical arrangements and shadow harmonies. A number of special guests are featured on her album as well. "Fantasize" features R.E.M.'s drummer Bill Berry, bassist Mike Mills, and guitarist Peter Buck. Liz Phair, of course, is the shiniest gem of this long awaited album.

DJ Icey
Generate
(FFRR)

After a day of 95 degree Central Florida sunshine and heat, cool down with the icy flavors of a popular local dj. Icey's release includes twelve tracks of mixed dance colors, which should keep anyone from remaining still. All songs were produced by Icey and are filled with modern and pop sounds. He reaches into the early 90's and nicely adds them to the modern rhythmic beats found at the night spots of today. The record is strongest as an instrumental compilation in which all the songs are linked together from track to track, making the album one streaming dance tune. Icey's mixing magic may be the next new cold front to drift across the nation, so consider this a chance to hear his beats before he escapes Orlando's dance scene. Icey knows how to cool you down while sweating on the heat'd dance floor.

The Infinite Posse
A Stereo Couple
(Sunburn)

Infinite Posse is another group who explores the electronic arena. With the rise of eager participants looking for new ways to express their musical talent, electronic music has become increasingly popular. Using samples of cool sounds and melodic vocals, The Infinite Posse has created a pretty decent CD. All the music was performed, produced, and arranged by Lee Howard with the help of Wade Randolph Hampton, David Caskey and Robbie Proctor and featuring the vocals of Adie White. You can't really dance to this CD, it's a little too slow for that. But it is enjoyable, especially the song "One Sun," which is first on the CD. It might remind you of Enigma. Adie White does an excellent job with the vocals and it would have been nice to hear more of her, seeing as how her vocals were only used for two or three songs. Overall, this CD is pretty good.

Kid Rock
Devil without a Cause
(Atlantic/ Lava)

Kid Rock is a local rapper from Detroit, who combines rap and metal for an interesting sound. One that I have to say I really did not enjoy. The music was alright but his voice kind of ruins it. This is actually Kid Rock's fifth CD. Each song was extremely different ranging from songs like "Cowboy," which had more guitar strings, but I'm not sure how much a local rapper from Detroit knows about being a cowboy. And "Devil without a Cause," which came off like he was some hard core gangster, with language you don't want your younger brothers or sisters listening to. Even his own mom said "I find his music disturbing and a terrible embarrassment." And let this just go on record no white boy can rap. He gets props for trying something different, but sorry Kid Rock, maybe next time.

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Get down and get funky

By STACEY COPELAND
Staff Writer

Is everyone ready to salsa?

The salsa is just one of the many dances featured in the cute new comedy/dance flick "Dance With Me." The movie stars Puerto Rican pop singer Chayanne as Rafael Infante, a handsome young Cuban searching for his past. Rafael takes a handyman job at the floundering Excelsior Dance Studio to get to know the owner, John Burnett (Kris Kristofferson), the man who just also happens to be his father. Unfortunately, John doesn't even know that Rafael exists. When Rafael arrives in Texas he soon realizes that his work is cut out for him. The studio is run down and a few people also seem to be in need of some repair.

We are introduced to Ruby (Vanessa L. Williams), a reserved single mom with a chip on her shoulder. Ruby is a dance instructor and onetime dance champion determined to recapture her standing as a top International Latin Ballroom competitor. As Rafael watches Ruby dance, he realizes that she knows all the steps but she doesn't "feel" the music. When Rafael offers to help her, she laughs and asks him what he could possibly know about dancing. His reply? He laughs and states, "I'm Latin. Of course I know how to dance." As they dance, it seems inevitable that romance begins to blossom. But, of course, the ultra-cool Ruby fights the attraction and refuses to fall in love. But she can't resist forever. I mean, come on, the boy has dimples!

The chemistry between the pair is wonderful, but they play rather predictable roles. She, the aloof single mother who has been hurt one too many times by men and he, the slightly dangerous drifter who longs to bring passion and joy into her life. But the dance scenes are amazing and visually stunning. You'll be thinking something along the lines of how anyone could possibly do dances that are so complicated. Heck, most people have trouble learning the two-step. Despite this fact, the movie is likely to inspire quite a few people to get their booties on the dance floor. But just wait until someone falls off the dance floor and breaks a bodily appendage. Then all the couch potatoes turned dancers will head back to their armchairs and Seinfeld reruns.

At 2 hours and 7 minutes the movie runs a tad long so make sure to take a potty break before you find your seat. The movie drags a tiny bit toward the end and you might be tempted to yell "Oh, hurry up and get together already! I had a Big Gulp on the way to the theater!" So yes, the movie is a little predictable and yes, it's a little slow at times but it's definitely worth it. You'll leave the theater with that cool little fuzzy feeling in the pit of your stomach and a silly grin on your face. And after you've flunked your Biology midterm, you might need that little high.

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Iowa State professor invents AIDS treatment

By ELLYN PETERSON

An Iowa State professor’s discovery of a treatment to help AIDS patients gain muscle mass was unveiled recently to 12,000 scientists and activists at the World AIDS Conference in Geneva.

Dr. Steven Nissen, professor of animal science and founder of MTI BioTech Inc., located in Iowa State University’s Research Park, invented Juven, a dietary supplement designed to slow muscle deterioration.

Muscle loss occurs when disease or trauma places additional nutritional demands on the body. These stresses can diminish appetite, causing the body to use protein stored within muscles. Over time, muscles become smaller, weaker and less flexible. “In a few months, an AIDS victim can go from looking normal to wasting away,” Nissen said. “We breathe through muscles, and if you can’t cough you get pneumonia.”

The results of the two-year study involving the nonprescription amino acid formula show dramatic results for AIDS patients that could have a far-reaching impact over the next few years.

The clinical study involved AIDS patients who had lost at least 5 percent of their body weight during the preceding two months and compared patients taking Juven to those taking a placebo in a double-blind test.

During the eight-week study, patients taking Juven gained an average of 6 1/2 pounds, 5 1/2 pounds of it muscle, while the placebo group continued to lose an average of 1 1/2 pounds of muscle over the eight-week period.

“We designed the product to protect these patients from further loss, so we assumed that as our body of data grew, the results would level out. Instead they just got stronger,” Nissen said.

Nissen said they performed the study on AIDS patients because the changes are larger in AIDS patients.

“There are a hundred cancers and only one AIDS,” he said. “[AIDS] is more homogenous than the specific types of cancer.

“Over the next two years we plan to take this further to cancer victims and others suffering from terminal diseases,” Nissen said.

The key ingredient in Juven is HMB (beta-hydroxy-beta-methylbutyrate), which Nissen discovered after years of research at ISU. HMB quickly became one of the best selling sports supplements on the market because it helps prevent muscle breakdown. Nissen said.

“We knew that all three ingredients in Juven, HMB, L-glutamine and L-arginine, were safe and independently supply key building blocks for the muscle cell,” Nissen said.

Nissen and nine other employees of MTI BioTech came up with the same Juven after playing around with variations of the word “rejuvenate.”

“It pretty much tastes like Tang,” Nissen said. “We spent a lot of time designing it so people would like it. A study showed that 70 percent of the people prefer orange, so we started with that.”

MTI BioTech is planning to release several different flavors, but regardless of taste, Juven produces results, Nissen said.

“This stuff works as good, if not better, than the drugs prescribed today,” he said. Perhaps more amazing than the results is the cost that separates Juven from other muscle-loss therapies. Nissen said.

Juven costs $89 for a 15-day supply while growth hormones are distributed wholesale for $1,750 a week.

However, Nissen said because Medicare and Medicaid do not yet cover the cost of Juven, it will be an uphill battle to make the formula as widely used as the prescription formulas.

“Payment comes out of [the patients’] operating funds,” he said. “It’s incredible the drugs these people have to take. Even a dollar a day is a lot of money to these folks,” Nissen said.

Nissen said he feels the use of Juven will be widespread in six months. The product is expected to hit shelves in health food stores soon, he said.

Soccer players want UNC women’s coach kicked off campus

By CHRISTINE TATUM

College Press Exchange

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. (CPX) - Two former soccer players at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill on Tuesday filed a $12 million lawsuit, alleging sexual harassment and other misconduct against Anson Dorrance, the school’s head women’s soccer coach.

Dorrance, who has led the team to 15 national championship titles in 17 years, vowed in a prepared statement to “vigorously defend” himself against the claims. He has coached at the university since 1979.

“I am shocked and saddened by these allegations,” Dorrance said. “I have never and would never abuse my position in any way.”

The lawsuit, filed in federal district court in Chicago by Debbie Keller, who played for the Tar Heels from 1993 to 1996, and Melissa Jennings, who is still a student at UNC, also faults several school administrators for failing to do anything about the allegations against Dorrance after having learned of them. Jennings claims Dorrance had been playing for the team in May after she complained to administrators about his behavior.

The suit claims Dorrance ensured alcohol was made available to high school recruits visiting campus and that he probed players about their sex lives and those of their teammates. Keller also alleges that Dorrance often made “offensive physical contact” with her by putting “his arms and hands on her body on multiple occasions.” But perhaps the most serious allegation in the suit is that in October, 1996, Dorrance forced Keller, then his team’s star player, to a secluded spot where he “made an unwanted sexual advance” toward her.

The university said it acted quickly on the women’s complaints and that an internal investigation found “absolutely no evidence” that Dorrance had “used his position to make unwanted, sexually explicit comments” to the women. The university also said it found no evidence of inappropriate physical contact. Current team members said in a letter released Tuesday that they, too, believe the allegations are false.

But as for the allegations that Dorrance provided alcohol to recruits and inquired about players’ personal lives, the university said it found that the coach’s conduct “fell short of the standards of good judgment that we expect from university officials.”

Louis A. Varchetto, an attorney representing Keller and Jennings, said talks aimed at setting the dispute broke down when his clients insisted that the university ask Dorrance to step down from his post as a part of any deal.

“The university is unwilling to do that,” he said.

The lawsuit and the prominence of the people on both sides of it are sure to rock the world of women’s soccer. Dorrance is credited with building the sport for women in the United States and with leading the U.S. women’s national team to victory during the first World Cup for women in 1991.

Keller, now a starting forward on the women’s national team, received UNC’s top honor for student athletes during her senior season in 1997. The school retired her jersey earlier this year.

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(talk amongst yourselves)
Black bombs gold in final scrimmage

By TRAVIS BELL  
Staff Writer

Entering the 1998 season, senior quarterback Duante Culpepper lacked a few milestones that had eluded him. Among them is the Heisman Trophy, a winning season in Division I-A, and participation in a bowl game. However, this past Saturday Culpepper accomplished something that he had almost earned three times before but fell just short: a victory in a Black & Gold scrimmage, kind of.

"It's a Black and Gold game, but not really," Culpepper said. "Since it's the traveling squad against the scout team, we're expected to win, but I guess you take what you can get."

Culpepper took the varsity Black squad to a 46-0 drubbing over the Gold scout team, completing 17-of-23 passes for 213 yards and two touchdowns. The Black dominated the game, gaining 397 yards compared to 1 total yards for the Gold.

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After a strong defensive stand held the Gold at the 2-yard line on the opening drive, the Black squad took over and had a pretty good game. On the opening possession, the Black dominated the game, gaining 397 yards compared to 1 total yards for the Gold.

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Culpepper the Kenny Clark, giving the Black a 13-0 lead with 42 seconds remaining in the quarter. After a Gold fumble on their own 11-yard line, Grant ran consecutive plays, with his last run resulting in a seven-yard touchdown run at the end of the opening quarter.

"I thought Fred Waczewski did very well kicking the football," Kruczek said. "On kickoffs and field goals he did an outstanding job."

Leading 20-0, Marv Richardson recorded a safety at the onset of the second quarter. After three consecutive Culpepper completions, the Black was on the board again, scoring on a 40-yard bomb to Mark Nonsant down the sideline. Finally, a nine-play drive covered 49-yards, culminating in a 22-yard field goal by Chad Downey at the half for a 32-0 lead.

The Black defense began the second half just as they had played the first half, shutting down the Gold offense. Backups from the starting defense were able to get their work in.

"All those inside (defensive linemen) guys played well," Kruczek said. "Of course, you have to look at who their playing against. As long as we got the effort each and every play, that they didn't loaf and they played at top speed is what I was looking for."

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Women’s soccer looks to return to prominence

By TRAVIS BELL
Staff Writer

After dominating the Trans America Athletic Conference from 1993-96, the UCF women's soccer team suffered their first losing season in 1997 with an 8-10-2 record. However, the Knights 10 losses came against teams that were either nationally or regionally ranked.

After facing the toughest schedule in school history, UCF returns nine of 11 starters from the 1997 squad, and they feel confident heading into the 1998 campaign that they can once again challenge for the TAAC Championship. The Knights will be looking to regain their stature after losing 2-0 to Georgia State in last year's TAAC Championship game.

"It was a heart-breaker (to lose to Georgia State)," coach Karen Richter said. "The kids have lived with that and trained with that, and they are very hungry to get that back. I think we have the ability and leadership to get that back."

Goalkeeper Alyssa O'Brien, after being selected to play in the U.S. Soccer Festival this summer, leads the Knights into action this year after earning All-TAAC honors in her first three seasons. O'Brien has been rewriting the UCF record books, with a chance to break many school records this season. She currently ranks second in career saves (310) and fourth in career shutouts (22) and goals-against average (1.37).

Sophomore Maria Banuls returns as the backup in net after seeing action in three games last year.

"She (O'Brien) is a great leader and a great athlete," Richter said. "She’s had a great career so far, and she deserves to be in the record books."

The defense is experienced and will help O'Brien hold the opponents to few scoring opportunities. Junior Margarete Auffant and sophomore Sarah Pharr return after starting all 20 games in the backfield. Senior Christina Welsh, who played in 16 games, will add depth to the backfield, while Alison Thomas, Claire Kohake, and Noelle Brown finish out the defense.

Senior Danya Harris returns to the center midfielder position after leading the team in goals (10) and points (22) last season, earning her All-TAAC honors. Wendy Wilsey started all 20 games with a team leading four assists alongside Harris, while Kohake started 18 games at midfield as well. Also returning in the midfield are Alice Uhr, Christie Martell, Cally Howell, Monica Holtschauer, and Gretchen Lindsay, while freshman Samantha Ellis joins the squad.

Senior Kim Shrum returns to lead the front line after moving to defense in 1997 out of necessity. Shrum has 27 career points and will combine with Harris for a strong 1-2 punch. Erin Volz returns as a forward, while Howell and Lindsay will see action up front as well. Michelle Anderson joins the team and will add strength up front after an Olympic Development Program.

"We usually try and get a real tough non-conference schedule because that prepares us for the conference schedule," Richter said. "The first three games are probably our toughest consecutive games of our schedule."

The Knights battle two nationally ranked teams to begin the 1998 season. The Florida Gators travel to Orlando for the season opener ranked #4 by Soccer America. The Knights then travel to Athens, Ga. for the UGA Tournament where they will battle 17th-ranked Georgia, and then face either Florida State or Syracuse, both regionally ranked. Joining Florida and Georgia in 1997 NCAA Tournament participants on the UCF schedule are UNC-Greensboro and Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

"Florida was instantly a rivalry for us, and they returned almost everybody off one of the best teams last year," Richter said. "We’re real anxious to get back at Georgia (after a 2-1 loss last season), then we play either Florida State or Syracuse. Those three games will give us a good judge of where we want to be at the end of the season."

In TAAC action, the Knights are predicted to win the East Division while rival Georgia State is picked to win the West. Both schools were selected as co-champions to win the conference tournament. Also this season, Jacksonville joins the TAAC after the departure of past rival Florida International.

"I’ll miss the FIU rivalry because that was our biggest rivalry, and that changes the dynamics and Georgia State will step in and be our biggest rival," Richter said. "Jacksonville is real­ly unknown to us and that’s what scares me the most."

The Knights will be looking to improve upon their deceptive losing record from last sea­son, but will be tested early and often. However, UCF should again challenge for the TAAC Championship, and will certainly be ready for a possible NCAA Tournament trip thanks to the tough schedule.
Solid start necessary for bowl aspirations

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1982, was replaced after going 0-10 that season. Ouch, now that's pressure, Coach Kruczek. Getting off on the right foot Aside from the point I just made about coaching debuts, it will be key to get the season started with a win for confidence reasons. Who knows what would have happened if Culpepper isn't tripped and gets into the end zone last season at Ole Miss. Do other upsets follow? One thing is for sure, UCF wouldn't have been the best 0-3 team in the nation.

4. National respect. Thanks to the performances turned in by Edwards and Rattay against Big Red, the nation has even more of a reason to keep an eye on this one. Daunte Culpepper alone would have brought attention to this one, but now the stakes are even higher. From a national perspective, Louisiana Tech isn't on the level of Purdue or Auburn so UCF will have to prove they can play at that level to advance.

3. Big game road victory. UCF has proven they can be competitive with anyone on the road, but they have yet to cross that hurdle to victory. With tough road games against the aforementioned Boilermakers, Rockets, and Tigers still to come, this game will not only prepare UCF for future battles, but gives them a chance to earn their stripes in front of a small (30,600), but boisterous sell-out crowd.

2. Gene Chizik's defense. It's time to unveil the defense. As good as the offense will be, it's going to be the defensive unit that ultimately decides how far the Knights will go. Not only is the coordinator new, but the defense is young and unproven. Regardless, the talent is there. Can UCF's secondary, who last year gave up 551 passing yards to Jose Davis of Kent, do what Nebraska couldn't, and contain Rattay and Edwards. Will the disguised scheme work? There is no stronger test offensively on UCF's schedule better equipped to provide answers for UCF than Louisiana Tech and their explosive offense.

1. Bowl possibilities. Yes, it's not even the first game yet, but we're already talking bowl. And why not? Those are the expectations the program has for itself this year. Bottomline, there are few bowl berths available that don't have conference tie-ins. The ones that do have at-large bids will also be looking for elite conference teams that were left out of the shuffle. That means that aside from Notre Dame, the Independents will be hard pressed to receive an invitation. Although one may come, it will almost definitely be only one, meaning that if these two teams have the success expected of them this season, the tie-breaker may be this contest on the first full weekend of the college football season. Could there be a more important reason why this shapes up as a must-win game?
Unfinished business awaits men’s soccer squad

By TRAVIS BELL
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An 8-3 start to the 1997 season had the UCF men’s soccer team flying high atop the Trans America Athletic Conference East Division with three games remaining and playoff hopes on their minds. However, an 0-3 finish in TAAC play dropped the team from first to fourth in the standings, dashing hopes of any post-season appearance.

Now the Knights enter the 1998 campaign with unfinished business on their mind. Nevertheless, last season was a success for UCF who finished the year 12-6, defeating Florida International twice when they were ranked #2 (2-1) and #3 (3-2) in the nation.

“This is the best team talent wise we’ll have in the six years I’ve been here,” coach Bob Winch said. “We have a lot more depth and all our key players returning.”

The men’s squad begins this season as the pre-season TAAC favorite according to the conference coaches. The Knights return seven starters from a team that was ranked as high as 13th by Soccer America last season and finished with the most NCAA Division I wins in school history.

Junior All-American forward Heikki Ritvanen leads the charge for the Knights this season after leading the nation with 23 goals last season, one shy of his school record 24 that he set in 1996. After just two seasons for the Knights, Ritvanen already ranks second in career goals (47) and third in points (98). He also is first second in single-season records for goals, points, and shots.

Joining Ritvanen up front from last year’s squad are Arno Nurministo, Ari Nurmi, and Abdele Edwards. Nurministo was a great counterpart for Ritvanen, tallying 30 points with 13 goals. Nurmi totaled nine points while Edwards added four. Freshman Remi Hariz headlines the newcomers on the front line along with Vidar Halgunset and Thomas Zuehlke. Hariz, a native of Norway, scored an amazing 66 of his high school’s 75 goals last season while leading them to a district championship.

“Remi (Hariz) will be a good player for us, but he hasn’t played a college soccer game yet,” Winch said. “Him and Heikki Ritvanen hopefully can start yielding. Ari Nurmi can score goals as well.”

Rami Vehmas, Matt Schmidt, and Richard O’Sullivan lead the midfielders who have to replace the loss of Neil Thompson and Eric Case. Vehmas is one of the school’s most prolific distributors of the ball, ranking fourth in assists for both a single season (nine) and his career (16). Schmidt filled in for the injured O’Sullivan last season, scoring four goals. O’Sullivan returns after starting 12 games as a freshman in 1996. Six newcomers will look for playing time in the middle.

The backfield suffered the biggest loss heading into this season. Junior captain Riki Rukišiaiht graduated early, passing up his final year of eligibility, while Jason Kirk’s 13 points were also lost to graduation. Sami Teittinen and Andy Kirkpatrick are the only returning backs for the Knights, being joined by three newcomers.

Finally, Tuomas Tuomilehto and Antti Laitinen return in net for a Knights’ team that allowed only 1.8 goals per game. Tuomilehto will have to regain his starting job from Laitinen, who gained the starting role in the spring. Tuomilehto started 15 games last season with two shutouts for UCF, stopping 77 shots with a goals-against average of 1.78. Meanwhile, Laitinen recorded one shutout in three starts (1.54 GAA) with eight saves.

In addition to the demanding TAAC schedule, Indiana, Florida International, and UNC-Charlotte highlight a difficult non-conference schedule. Indiana made it to the 1997 NCAA Final Four before losing to UCLA, the eventual national champions. FIU continues their rivalry with UCF despite leaving the TAAC, while UNC-Charlotte has been regionally ranked for the past few seasons.

“We’ll continue to play FIU because we know that they’ll always be up there (in the rankings),” Winch said. “We have a great schedule this year. We have Indiana, who will probably be number one or two in the country when we play them. Then we have UNC-Charlotte here who is always a Top 25 team.”

Despite a few losses in the lineup, the Knights have a team that could break the all-time school record of 15 victories, while looking for their first Division I post-season. Unfinished business is the objective for this year’s team beginning the season, with an NCAA berth the final goal for an impressive UCF squad.
Volleyball wants to repeat, not rebuild

By JEFF CASE
Staff Writer

After losing four seniors, two of whom were the last two conference player-of-the-year winners, Miriam Ochoa knows her first season as the UCF women's volleyball coach could be a "building" year. But that does not mean she believes it. After taking over for former volleyball coach Laura Smith in January, Ochoa knows what she expects out of the Golden Knights this season.

"My goals for this year is to win the TAAC and to have a winning season, which would be a positive attribute going into the TAAC conference and to have a winning season, which would be a positive attribute going into the TAAC conference," Ochoa said. "We don't have our big guns like last year, we have utility players."

Seniors Amanda Fielding, Dawn Hoffman and Anabel Marcos along with the junior duo of Lisa Liljenquist and Stephanie Noiseux face the task of directing eight new Knights on the court.

"What they have to do more than anything else, and I think they realize it, is they (the seniors) have to lead by example," Ochoa said. "There are some days that everybody has where they want to relax and fool around. What they do realize is they have ten other people watching them. It's a big job for [the seniors]... every move they make those freshmen are looking."

Ochoa said she plans on placing two freshmen, Piper Morgan and Michelle Sobczak, in the starting lineup for the season opener on Sept. 4 at Purdue University. While Morgan and Sobczak have caught on quickly, Ochoa said she has at least one concern for her young players.

"I won't be sure if any of the freshmen would step up and earn a starting role, but they've really stepped up," Ochoa said. "I don't know if it was a will to want but they've learned the skills and caught on quick. The only factor we see now with them is when they start playing with competition, do they realize yet the level Division I is and who we're up against? I'm looking for some big eyes and 'Wow's when they see every girl on the other side of the net is six feet tall."

The freshmen will see plenty of heights this season, as UCF has scheduled games against tall competition such as Florida State (Sept. 6), Auburn (Sept. 12), Clemson (Sept. 13) and Hawaii (Nov. 13-14).

Team captain Fielding said the institution of a supervised team strength and conditioning program along with some hustle should reap a seventh consecutive TAAC Championship in late November.

"There's going to be a lot of five-game matches," Fielding said. "It's playing longer than the other team and hustling harder than every team (will help). If we can wear them down and keep putting the ball back, it kind of wears them down and drains them."

Edwards is best when talking trash

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because when Troy starts talking, he plays his best."

What it comes down to for UCF is stopping Edwards, who predicted an upset and an astounding performance against the Huskers. One out of two isn't bad.

"I'm not a trash talker but I've worked hard all summer," Edwards said. "They tried to play me one-on-one. I don't believe any defensive back in the country can go one-on-one with me."

So, how will UCF handle Edwards? How does the young defense contain an offense that put up 569 total yards against Big Red? Granted, the Bulldogs did earn negative rushing yards, but they became the first team to out-gain Nebraska in yardage since Kansas State did it in 1993. Perhaps more importantly, can Calypso and company match the numbers Rattay and Edwards will put up? Brace yourselves for an offensive explosion as the Knights open up the '98 campaign.
Fielding ready to lead young Knights

By JEFF CASE
Staff Writer

Amanda Fielding remembers the 5-foot-8-inch high school freshman she used to be. Sitting in the gym at Runcorn State High School in Australia, Fielding had never heard much about volleyball.

Everyone was gathering to participate in different events at a school sports day when a teacher approached Fielding and told her to join some students playing volleyball. Now, as a senior on the UCF women's volleyball team, Fielding has come from down under to follow the game she never knew.

Originally recruited by national volleyball power New Mexico, Fielding said her time as a Lobo almost caused her to quit the game.

As a redshirt freshman in 1994, Fielding played in three games, recording one assist and three digs. She never gave her the chance to show the skills that made her an All-Star in 1991 and 1993.

“I kind of had a raw deal at my old school, New Mexico,” Fielding said. “I had some personality conflicts, I didn’t get along with the coaching staff, then I had an injury which prevented me from playing. (When I was there) I was always homesick and I just wanted to go home.”

She got her wish, returning to Australia after her sophomore season at UNM. One of Fielding’s old teammates refused to let her friend waste her talents. The teammate called former Golden Knight coach Laura Smith and told her about her friend.

“She told Laura about what happened and Laura said ‘Let me get this straight, she’s not playing now?,’” Fielding said. “There wasn’t a recruiting process. I was a free agent and she took me.”

Fielding wasted little time making an impact as a Golden Knight. As the setter last season, Fielding has made her mark in UCF’s record books, where she holds the record in assists per game average (13.35) in a season and is fourth in all-time assists (1348). The addition of Fielding helped push UCF over its perennial obstacle, the NCAA Tournament First Round, last season.

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But more important than Fielding’s contributions on the court were those she made as a vocal team leader. Her role as leader bears more importance this season than last, as the Golden Knights field only five players from last season’s TAAC tournament team.

“I’ve been a leader since I was little, so I don’t know how or why I am a leader, I just feel like a lot of people don’t know where they’re supposed to go,” she said.

“Not just in playing, but what’s expected of them, how they’re supposed to act, what’s expected of them, how hard they’re supposed to work.

While Fielding is listed as a captain this season along with fellow seniors Anabel Marcos and Dawn Hoffman, Fielding plans to do more than lead.

“Last year, I wasn’t a captain, but it was my team and Laura said ‘This is your team.’ It’s my job to make sure everybody is comfortable. After assistant coach) Tito DeLeon said the setter is usually the psychologist of the team, the one who sorts all the problems out. That’s kind of how I feel.”

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Knights hope to contain explosive Bulldogs

By TONY MEJIA
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Louisiana Tech's season opening 56-27 loss to Nebraska in the Eddie Robinson Classic didn't show UCF many things they didn't already know. Even though it's hard to look good in a 29-point defeat, the Bulldogs managed that feat by destroying third-ranked Nebraska's sometimes impenetrable offense. Receiver Troy Edwards set an NCAA all-division record with 405 receiving yards in 21 receptions, three short of the record held by one Jerry Rice. The senior receiver also scored three touchdowns, as he and junior quarterback Tim Rattay picked up right where they left off last season when they were the nation's most prolific pitch and catch combination. Rattay finished 46-68 for 590 yards and four touchdowns, hooking up with Edwards on scores of 94, 80 and 52 yards.

"We know what they like to do. They line up and try to get the ball to number 16 everytime. It's not that complicated. We just have to stop it from happening," head coach Mike Kruczek said a couple of weeks ago at UCF's Media Day.

If last Saturday's performance was any indication, Kruczek's assessment is right on target. The key now is containing the combination the Cornhuskers failed to handle.

"We're just trying to slow them down. They average over 500 yards of offense per game. We've got to slow them down," defensive coordinator Gene Chizik said. "Our main focus is trying to get it together discipline wise. Knowing where everybody is supposed to be is the first step."

Daunte Culpepper looks to avoid the depletion of last year's season opener.

UCF's 1998 schedule is not as tough as last year's when Nebraska and a host of SEC powers battled the Knights. However, despite the easier schedule, tough teams loom this season. Make no mistake about it though, the toughest, most important game of the year occurs this week when the team travels to Ruston, La. to battle with fellow independent Louisiana Tech. Unlike David Letterman's lists, there is nothing humorous about the ten reasons that make this game UCF's most crucial.

10. Numbers game. Troy Edwards threw down the gauntlet by breaking an NCAA All-Divisions record in the opener against Nebraska. N-E-B-R-A-S-K-A. A front runner in this year's national championship race, the Cornhuskers allowed Bulldog quarterback Tim Rattay to throw for 590 yards, 46 of them going Edwards' way. Despite the 29-point loss, those numbers alone impressed the nation. The question is now posed. Can Daunte Culpepper and Siha Burley, Mark Norsant, Charles Lee, and Kenny Clark come anywhere close to putting up these kind of numbers?

9. Independent Superbowl. Both squads are independents and unlike Notre Dame, are looking to get into a conference. In addition, both run neck and neck in competing for second fiddle behind the Fighting Irish in the Independent pool. Remember when UCF battled UAB back in the Knights' first season in Division I-A? That was a huge game for both sides to see which was farther along. If UCF stunned the Blazers 25-5, then Culpepper's lone 400-yard passing game. On top of all the bragging rights, an even bigger underlying theme is present in this battle of unaffiliated talents. Is it present in reason #1. Hey, come back here! Don't be cheating by putting up those kind of numbers?

8. Down on the ground. The senior out of Jacksonville Bolles is a front runner in this year's national championship race, the Cornhuskers allowed Bulldog quarterback Tim Rattay to throw for 590 yards, 46 of them going Edwards' way. Despite the 29-point loss, those numbers alone impressed the nation. The question is now posed. Can Daunte Culpepper and Siha Burley, Mark Norsant, Charles Lee, and Kenny Clark come anywhere close to putting up these kind of numbers?

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7. Running game. Who will run? How effective will they be? Mike Grant is the Knights' top tailback and figures to get the majority of the workload. According to the coaching staff, the senior out of Jacksonville Bolles is the best of the group's running. He will look to improve on his impressive, 14 touchdowns from last year. Troy Edwards looks anchored as a首发 player in the starting lineup over his several carries. Top backups Eddie Mack, Omari Howard, and Darryl Jones should also see time this year, but only one or two will actually get into this game. As much as the Knights will throw this year, they still need to get a healthy contribution from this unit. Louisiana Tech provides the first experiment to see what we've got.

6. Mike Kruczek's debut. Although the transition has been smooth, there will still be some butterflies when Coach Kruczek steps out onto the sideline to coach his first game at the alma mater of the man he backed up and won a pair of Super Bowl rings with, Terry Bradshaw. Interestingly enough, the last three head coaches have seen debut games with Lou Sahib beating Elizabeth City 37-7 in 1983, interim coach Jerry Anderson topping Illinois 28-24 in the same season the '84 season, and Gene McDowell besting Bethune-Cookman 39-37 in 1985. On a disturbing note, Sam Weir, the only coach not to win his debut at UCF after losing 16-9 to Georgia Southern in 1996, returns to Ruston, La.

Ten reasons why this week's opener is the most crucial game of the year