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Ex-election commissioner says blame unfair

By NICOLE KING
News Editor

Former Chief Election Commissioner Belmari Monserrate said the cancellation of the September Student Senate elections was unfairly blamed on her and her commission. A memorandum written by the chief justice of the Judicial Council, Mike Shubey, cites eight broken Student Body Statutes as cause for the cancellation. Six of the eight violations involve the commission. Monserrate said some of the charges are unfair.

One of the statutes states the Chief Election Commissioner, the Assistant Chief Election Commissioner and 11 commissioners should be appointed three Senate meetings before the fall semester. Monserrate said she had three commissioners who were appointed at the beginning of the semester.

"The Thursday before the Senate approved eight more," Monserrate said. "These people were just thrown in there. It was Murphy and Maxwell's job to do the interviewing."

Former Assistant Chief Election Commissioner David Dobin, who also resigned, said it was the inefficiency of President Jason Murphy and Vice President Richard Maxwell to get the commission a full staff that caused the elections to fail.

"At the beginning of the semester, there were only three of us," said Dobin. "We were asked to do a job that 15 people can barely do."

Monserrate said blame shouldn't lie with one person.

"It was a mistake that Student Government shouldn't have made, but we caught it and we're trying to fix it," Maxwell said.

A Sept. 16 memo from Murphy states that a candidate was allowed to switch seats during the declaration of candidacy. Monserrate said Maxwell, who also serves as president of the Senate, gave permission to the candidate. "I didn't have anything to do with that," Monserrate said.

Maxwell said he made the decision. "I was harassed for it," Maxwell said. "I couldn't find a statute against it, so I allowed it." See STAFF, Page 8

Interest rates lowered for student loans

By SHELLY WILSON
Staff Writer

If you are a student that has had to get a student loan to pay for your education, you know that filling out all the paperwork and having to repay the loan can be two very big headaches.

On July 1 the federal government made one of those headaches a little easier to handle.

Student governments, state student associations, and national student groups have lobbied Congress to lower the interest rates charged on student loans. Federal and student aid has declined over the past decade and the use of loans by students to finance their education has increased.

The Florida Student Association has been taking action to help students who are receiving student loans as well as those who are repaying them.

The Direct Loan Program offered to students to pay for their education is a major form of self-help aid. All loans available are either subsidized or unsubsidized.

A subsidized loan is awarded on the basis of financial need. The interest will not be charged before repayment or during authorized periods of deferment. The federal government "subsidizes" the interest during these periods.

An unsubsidized loan is not awarded on the basis of need. The interest is charged from the time the loan is disbursed until it is paid in full. If this interest accumulates, it will be added to the principal balance of the loan.

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By LORI CARTER  
Staff Writer

As of spring 1998, UCF administrators decided the university will stop mailing grades to the student body. Students may receive their grades through the Polaris system, over telephone or by contacting an official transcript.

Dr. Tom Huddleston, interim vice president of student development and enrollment services, said, "We developed the program, proposed the decisions, and it was accepted by the university."

According to Huddleston, the method has a factor in efficiency-students can receive their grades faster, achieve cost savings in paper, time, labor and postage and it is another step in making use of technology.

"My goal is that students can obtain their goal by receiving the information in several different ways," said Julie Hite, student affairs director.

Students can get a printed copy of their grades by accessing Polaris either on the internet or at the various kiosks, which are located in each college and the Administration Building said Hite.

Another way for students to get their grades is by touch tone telephone. The local number is (407) 823-2537 and the toll free number is (800) 876-5308.

Students may also ask for an official transcript from the Registrar’s Office. The first two transcripts are free, but after that, they cost $5. "There is a select group of students who receive their grades in the mail," said Hite.

Some of those students include all first semester freshman, students on the dean’s list, president’s list and students who are on probation said Hite.

Some students on campus didn’t realize there was a policy change even, though according to Hite, all clubs on campus were e-mailed information on the new policy in the hopes that it would reach the student population.

Jason Copesrino, senior, said, "If they mailed them it would be good. I never get mine.”

Other students agree with Copesrino that mailing would be a good idea.

Derek Griffin, junior, said, "They should bring it back. It’s a convenience for the students. We are deprived because of its discontinuance."

Others feel it doesn’t matter.

"It would be easier to send them, but it is a waste of paper and mailing," said Carrie Conrader, junior. "I don’t see that many students on campus university pays the postage after that, they cost $5. Carrie Conrader, junior.

"We can do to save money will be cost effective for the student," said Hite.

According to Huddleston, postal manager at UCF, the campus were e-mailed information on the new policy in come after July 1, 1998, and June 30, 1998, have also been lowered to 7.86 percent. The previous rate was capped at 8.25 percent.

These lowered interest rates are available to current students and loans in repayment through loan consolidation.

Consolidated student loans are designed to help student and parent borrowers simplify loan repayment. One loan allows the borrower to consolidate several types of federal student loans with various repayment schedules. Typically the interest rate was 8.9 percent depending on the loan and where it was taken out.

"My goal is that students can obtain their goal by receiving the information in several different ways," said Dick Braden, postal manager of UCF.

If a student owed $20,000 yearly by not mailing the grades. "Anything we can do to save money will be cost effective for the student," said Hite.

According to Dick Braden, university pays the postage for the grades, but the grades are sent by an independent company in Orlando.

"We don’t see that many come back," said Braden.

When mail is returned to the university, there is a charge incurred to the department that sent the mail Braden said.

The federal government has now authorized lowering the interest rate of consolidated loans to 7.46 percent, never to exceed 8.25 percent. This means if a student owed $10,000 after graduation, he would previously have paid around $900 in interest. With the new rate, he would only pay around $740. That’s $150 saved just in interest alone.

Loans can be consolidated while a student is in school or after they have left and are repaying their loans. While in school or during a grace period, payments consolidating previous loans can take advantage of the 8.86 percent for new loans.

For information on how a loan consolidation can save you money and to get information on your account, check our their website at http://www.ed.gov / Direct Loan / consolidate.htm.

Direct Loans also have a website for overall information on the new interest rates of all student loans. The address is http://www.ed.gov / Direct Loan / bulletin / 1998/08 / 98-31. html You can also call loan consolidation for Student Financial Assistance Programs at 1-800-4FED-SFAP.

You still, however, have to fill out all that paperwork.
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Career Expo gives students a jump on job market

By BOBBI J. GARCIA
Staff Writer

The Career Resource Center hosted its first Career Expo of the year on Thursday, September 24, in the UCF Arena. The companies in attendance ranged from accounting firms to businesses.

The career expos have grown substantially over the years at UCF. James Gracey, director of the Career Resource Center, said, "I remember vividly our first career expo about 10 years ago which hosted around 34 companies and was held at a Holiday Inn."

Today that number has grown to near 240 companies that participate in the expo. Gracey said, "We had 239 tables yesterday that number has grown to near 240 companies due to reaching our maximum capacity in the Arena." The career expos have grown substantially over the years at UCF.

The expo turned out to be a success for students as well as prospective employers. Gracey said, "Even with the bad weather, we had a little over 1,000 students according to our sign-in sheets. I also spoke with many of the major companies the day after the expo and they were very pleased with our students."

The expos are expensive events to hold but the funding comes directly from the companies attending. Gracey said, "It is a service we are providing to our students at no cost to the university."

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Companies such as IBM realize the benefits that a career expo holds for their business. Marilyn Mayo, a representative of IBM, said, "We see career expos as a great recruiting tool for us; we come to UCF because we consider this school an excellent source for engineering and computer science students." Companies are able to conduct interviews right on campus through the Career Resource Center.

We interviewed about 15-20 of the students we saw at the expo and also picked up numerous resumes from many other students."

Students like Michael Stokes, a senior accounting major, said he felt like the expo helped him. Stokes said, "I was able to hand out resumes to several companies I felt could benefit me; expos are a great way of getting your foot in the door with a company." Randy Beitel, a senior marketing major, said, "The career expos offer many opportunities for me by offering a wide variety of companies to look into." Beitel felt the expo was very informative for her.

The Career Resource Center plans to hold another career expo during the spring semester. Gracey said, "The spring career expo tends to have a bigger turnout due to the increase of graduations in the spring term."

The Career Resource Center offers a variety of services for UCF students. Gracey said, "What we are trying to do is to get the word out to students about the services that are offered through the center."

Students must first go in and take a short orientation course that explains the services provided by the center. Once this course is completed, a student may post their resume on the center's website or search for a job that may interest them.

Gracey said, "Once a student registers through our office, employers can access our website and view students' resumes."

Lory Ann Varela, an assistant director of the center, said, "We want to empower students to take control of their job search and future career choices."

The Career Resource Center is open to students Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., during the regular semester and can be reached by calling 823-2361.
REACH helps students find answers to health issues

By JAMES COMBS
Staff Writer

Many college students face controversial issues in everyday life such as alcohol and drugs, eating disorders, birth control, body image, HIV/AIDS, sexual assault and sexually transmitted diseases.

Although these topics are common among college students, many students have very limited knowledge about them. An organization on the UCF campus called REACH (Responsible Education and Action for Campus Health) offers a variety of different programs to help educate students about these issues.

"We try to focus on issues that weren't discussed in high school," said Erin Brown, coordinator of Health Education.

In addition to educating students about health-related issues, REACH also uses a Referral Guide to assist students who may be experiencing related problems. The Referral Guide lists a variety of phone numbers for each topic, such as a hotline and members for each topic, such as a hotline and

"One of the main things REACH does is interact to its workshops and presentations on college health issues. They have traveled to Rollins College, Valencia Community College, Seminole and Orange County middle and high schools and Boys Town, to give some of their presentations. Melanie Downs, who works for REACH, said their audience is very attentive during a presentation."

"We usually have at least two students that you really hit home with," she said. "They will come up to us and ask additional questions."

"To help students become aware that they are on campus, REACH offers Health Promotion Activities every Wednesday. They set up informational tables in front of the Student Union, where they present brochures and answer questions that students might have."

Another part of the Health Promotion Activities includes additional publicity for designated health weeks. For example, during National Condom Week, REACH will have a man dress up like a condom. He passes out free condoms, which have statistics on sexually transmitted diseases and AIDS attached to them. To help students prepare for Spring Break, REACH has a "Get In Shape for Spring Break" program. Brown said that some students go on crash diets in the weeks leading up to Spring Break.

"They tell them that quick fixes don't work," Brown said. "Most of the time they are gaining weight that back anyway. We have some activities to encourage them to take healthier approaches."

One of these activities is called "Body Image." This allows students to cut photos of healthy bodies and then alter the photos through computer graphics. The goal is to get students to strive for better nutrition in their eating habits.

REACH has also begun addressing the problem with the latest designer drugs such as GHB and Rohypnol. These drugs are often slipped into a victim's drink for the purpose of sexually assaulting them. The organization offers a workshop called "Concealed Weapons" to teach students how to be prepared to prevent such attacks. A bar-like atmosphere is set up with music pumping in the background. The participating students are given 10 minutes to walk around and get the phone numbers of others and interact with them. They also buy drinks, with 7UP taking the place of alcohol.

While they are interacting, REACH members walk around and drop Tic-Tacs into the drinks. The Tic-Tacs are a substitute for GHB and Rohypnol.

"After the 10 minutes are up, we have everyone sit down and tell them to look and see if they got a Tic-Tac in their drink," Brown said. "We probably end up slipping a Tic-Tac into the drinks of about half the people."

REACH has performed many presentations of "Concealed Weapons," especially for the fraternities and sororities on campus. Melanie Downs said REACH likes to target the Greek organizations, but has a hard time accomplishing it because of the amount of presentations they are requested to do.

As a result, REACH has formed the GPE (Greek Peer Educators) this fall. Downs said they hope to have a peer educator in every Greek chapter to serve Greeks the same way REACH would.

"They said they are currently training to Greeks twice a month on health-related issues.

"It is a wonderful program and we are very excited about it," Downs said. "We are trying to get as many Greeks involved as possible."

REACH can be contacted at 823-5841.
She's sure what she wants to do

By VICKI DeSORMIER

Rita Ginopolis has been trying to take her time to decide what she wants to be when she grows up.

Decisions like that are not something to be taken lightly. After all, she says, you have to spend the rest of your life being that.

"I guess I'm ready," the 30-year-old soon-to-declare educational majored said. "I hope I am, anyhow." Ginopolis has been working a variety of jobs in the dozen years since high school and thanks that the stint she spent as a teacher's aide was the most enjoyable of her forays into different careers. She said she loved working with children and she loved being able to teach them new things every day.

"I tried being a bookkeeper," she explained. "I hated that...crosstown accounting off the list. Worked in a hotel...cross hospitality management off the list. I was a candy-striper...cross off anything in medicine. I was a typist at a small newspaper...forget journalism. I even worked in an architectural firm. That was out almost from day one. I don't know...I just wanted to be sure before I spent all that time and money on a degree."

Ginopolis said she has found she is not all that unusual as an older student. There are, she has discovered, plenty of older students at UCF. "And she's glad. "I'd hate to be the old bitty in my classes," she grinned. "I was pleasantly surprised to find that I wasn't."

There are plenty of women her age and older in almost all of her classes, she said. There are fewer men in that age category, she noted. The men, she figures are pushed to go right into college or join the military, she said. There's no postponing college for those who are going to go, she said, of the male students.

Ginopolis said she did not put off her education for marriage or children, like many of her peers. She just wanted to be sure she was making a good choice. She's hoping to do the same with a husband.

"I have been living my life for me," she said with a wry smile. "Now that I've settled on a career path, I guess I could start looking for a man too. But there's no hurry."

Evacuation routes to be posted

By BILLON ELIASSEN

James Uhlir, director of Environmental Health and Safety, has started making emergency escape routes for occupants in UCF's portables in case of a violent storm or natural disaster.

He hopes that the maps will be in place for the Aspect trailers in a few weeks, and for the rest of the portables on campus "certainly by next semester." The Aspect trailers will be the first to get evacuation routes because they are the portables farthest from a permanent building.

Uhlir said the maps would be similar to those on the doors of hotel rooms. But maps in hotel rooms show the location of the nearest fire escape, the maps for the portables will detail the quickest route to the nearest permanent building on campus.

The routes were prompted by the tornadoes that ripped through Central Florida last spring, destroying or damaging mobile homes and portables in their path.

The danger was made clearer after "The Orlando Sentinel" published a series of stories detailing the weaknesses of mobile homes and portables.

Also, in the stories, a large number of portables were shown to be in need of repair and were not able to withstand a violent storm.

"The Sentinel" reported that many portables were not anchored properly, or the anchors were damaged or ruined. This would make portables very susceptible to rolling over from high winds.

Uhlir said, "Even if the portables were repaired, you should still get out," during a violent storm.

Portables are supposed to be built to withstand 110 mile per hour winds, but Uhlir said, "In theory, a portable is supposed to be as strong as a permanent building, but that's not for certain."

And, to add to the danger of tornadoes, there still isn't an advanced warning system for Orange County.

For the 10 years Uhlir has been here, he said he hasn't seen or heard of a tornado on campus. But, Uhlir said, "People are still responsible for themselves."
UCF joins NASA in satellite project

By TODD MCFILKER
Staff Writer

UCF is assisting NASA with a satellite project to measure the earth’s biomass. The research that is being conducted will help scientists accurately measure changes in the climate.

An airplane videotapes trees, while a laser is simultaneously scanning the ground. UCF Biologist John Weishampel is testing his remote sensing laser technology in The Disney Wilderness Preserve, along with other US locations. The readings come from flights over Kissimmee, North Carolina, and Washington.

Weishampel is on a team with other scientists and engineers for the $60 million Vegetation Canopy Lidar (VCL) project. UCF students can use VCL’s computers to analyze all of their data in the lab.

“I can even study the patterns on a single tree branch,” said UCF English major Jeannette Brinlon.

Weishampel said the new mapping system is 10 times more accurate than present methods. The satellite can predict the earth’s changes brought on by Global Warming.

By the year 2000, NASA’s laser should be in orbit, measuring plant mass from South Argentina to North Canada. NASA’s satellite will photograph the earth’s vegetation. This biomass data is necessary for scientists to better assess the planet’s vulnerability to global warming.

The planet’s temperature has been rising, perhaps due to the increasing use of fossil fuels and the loss of forests.

“Global Warming is real,” said biology major Scott Burns. “It is caused by human activity, and my kids are going to have to deal with all of today’s industrial mistakes.”

“Hopefully, they will find something to help reduce the greenhouse effect,” said UCF undergrad Ross Stein.

Injury ends baseball career

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1992

But injury struck again, this time to his shoulder. He tore his deltoid muscle in 1992 and the three pins needed to repair his shoulder ended his career. Johnson had to reevaluate his plans again. He had a wife and daughter to support and the only other career he had ever thought about was police work.

“I was really debating what to do now,” Johnson said. “I went to church about it. I prayed about it a lot, and I just went where the calling was. The good Lord didn’t want me to play professional sports and that’s the way it was. So my second calling was to become a cop so I could help some people. That’s what I like about this job, you interact with a wide variety of people.”

Johnson worked for the department of corrections for four and a half years and then came to UCF a year ago.

Despite the disappointment over his sports career, Johnson has no regrets.

“Sure, I would like to be making millions, but I don’t regret anything except maybe for my study habits when I was young.”

Johnson, ever the competitor, still carries a 3.8 college GPA but said he feels he did not live up to his potential academically. Johnson is 43 hours away from earning a business degree and he plans to return to college next fall.

“I figure when I get out of law enforcement, hopefully in 20 or 25 years, I’ll have something to fall back on,” he said.

Johnson said the keys to being a good policeman are consistency and fairness.

“Being I was in college once, I know how it is. I was a little rambunctious. I feel that most people deserve breaks, unless you come off the handle yelling and screaming and then I can’t reason with you. The only way I can get your attention is ‘sign here, press hard, five copies.’ I hate to put it so brutally but that’s telling the truth.

“I’ve been on the other side of the ticket. I’ve gotten some in my lifetime and I know how it feels. So when I pull someone over, I can sympathize.”
Staff shortage blamed for violations

From PAGE 1

it. Usually, the Chief Election Commissioner will come to the president or vice president and ask if there is anything else to be added. I'm in the situation that she has to be there when the candidates are signing up, but they usually drop by. She wasn't there. She was too busy getting her staff together.

The memo also says, "the draped covers that provide privacy were deliberately not placed up and thus access to the private voting area was not controlled." Monserrate said she and another commissioner set up the tents and the company that provided them did not set up the drapes.

One statute broken involved the time of the elections. The main campus elections are supposed to be held from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday of the election week. Monserrate said the only violation she knows regarding this statute occurred Sept. 15, when the tent in front of the Business Building was 10 minutes late opening because it did not have a ballot.

Another statute declares that no campaign material should be allowed within 15 feet of the polling or voting area. Monserrate said her shortage of staff is to blame for this violation.

"We did what we could," she said. "We backed people up if they were too close campaigning. I only had one commissioner at the tent at the Student Union. I just didn't have enough to supervise the campaign material."

A portion of the memo focuses on the condition of the ballot. It said candidates were left off for several hours during voting. Monserrate said that is true.

"The names were left off and that was just bad proofreading," she said. "I fixed the problem the next morning. The seats that were left off would have just went into a run-off."

Monserrate also said Murphy sent a member of Senate, who was running for reelection, to pick up the final draft of the ballot.

"I wouldn't give him the ballot because it was a conflict of interest," she said. Maxwell said Monserrate still was working on the final draft of the ballot at 11 a.m. the morning of the elections. Maxwell said he went to Monserrate to get the ballot and it was not finished.

The hearing held by the Judicial Council in which the elections were found in violation was on Sept. 16 at 8 p.m. Monserrate, who was not in attendance, sent a memo to Shutley questioning the hearing's legality in accordance to Florida's Sunshine Law. Monserrate stated that the announcement for the meeting was not posted 24 hours before being held.

The memo says, "I was told last night while speaking with you, that the hearing would be sometime between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. Today, around 3 p.m. while talking with a member of the commission, I was moved to 8 p.m. I was never properly informed of this change," Shutley denied the charge.

Monserrate said she wanted to go to the hearing because "I was discussed" but could not because she had a conflict with one of her classes. Monserrate notified the Council of her interest in attending the meeting through the memo.

It reads, "Please take this into account that I have a class from 7 to 9 p.m. tonight and I was unable to attend the hearing. Considering that this hearing has to do with the elections, I believe that I have the right to attend and give my perspective."

Shutley stated Monserrate's attendance at the meeting was not necessary.

"The hearing was against the Election Commission as a whole, it was not against Belmar," Shutley said. "Most people involved did not feel she needed to be there. I would have loved to have had her there but due to the urgency of the meeting, the administration, SG and myself felt it was a matter of importance to hold it as soon as possible."

Monserrate said she received a memo from a senator threatening to prosecute her "to the fullest extent of the law." The memo refers to the incident of Monserrate withholding the ballot from the Senate. "These violations carry grave consequences according to Florida Law. Attempting to contain or control public information is a serious offense."

The memo also accuses the commissioners of neglecting responsibility and abusing their positions.

Monserrate said she did not resign because of the memo. She said she waited until after the elections were canceled to resign.

"My grades couldn't take it," she said. "I missed a lot of work and classes because we were so short-handed."

David Dobin was the acting Chief Election Commissioner the morning the elections were canceled and resigned shortly after.

"There was a conflict of interest between me and the president and vice president," Dobin said. "If I had been the Chief Election Commissioner the announcement for the meeting was not posted 24 hours before being held."

Monserrate said one of the biggest problems he sees with SG is the branches of government being held. "The Election Commission is a separate entity and should be treated that way," he said.

Cheryl Fox was a member of the Commission during the canceled elections. Fox, the current CEC, said the major problem was the shortage of commissioners.

"All the other broken statutes related back to that," Fox said. "A lot of people knew that and took advantage of that. They saw a breakdown in the system and knew they could get away with certain things like putting campaign paraphernalia in the tents and people monitoring the booths."

"[Monserratita can't be 15 people. Everything seemed to fall on her shoulders," Fox said. "The problems have been amended for upcoming elections."

"We have a full staff and a lot of support. Everyone has come together to get things back on track," Fox said.

Based on the information I have, it's a Student Government issue," said Dr. Tom Huddleston, interim vice president for Student Development and Enrollment Services.

"There's plenty of blame for everyone. It boils down to organization, implementation and planning. The Student Government will continue and the university will continue to prosper. We will deal with the issues as they come up."

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Symptoms of speaker anxiety include dryness of mouth, voice tremors, shallow breathing, and a fast heart beat. Overcoming speaker anxiety is accomplished with three easy words: preparation, preparation, preparation.

Preparation needs to start as soon as you find out that you’ll be giving a speech.

First, define the audience. Will it be other professors, or as in a graduate oral thesis defense, or will it just be other students in class?

Second, choose an interesting topic and research it thoroughly.

Third, construct the speech with an introduction to prepare the audience for the topic, followed by the body, or content of the speech, and conclude with a summary of all main points. In other words, tell the audience what you plan to say (introduction), tell them (body), and then tell them what you’ve just said (conclusion).

As suggested by co-authors Marvin and Peter Lounidfeld in “College Basics: How to Start Right and Finish Strong”, write the speech’s outline onto 3x5 cards. Write largely, clearly, and highlight any vital information. Number the cards to prevent confusion should they accidentally get dropped or shuffled. Practice in front of a mirror, friends, and family several times.

Don’t read or memorize a speech verbatim. Use the outline on the cards to help you speak naturally. Tape yourself. Try eliminating “empty sounds” such as ums and ahs.

Also, dress appropriately and comfortably. Make sure that any equipment you plan to use (i.e., overhead projector) is working properly. In addition, make sure you have sufficient copies of any handouts you’ll be passing out to the audience.

Sam Houston’s State University Counseling Center’s pamphlet entitled “Speakers Anxiety” encourages students to list all their fears they have regarding the speech. For each fear, create a possible solution. This method helps students gain confidence over their fears.

For example, if you fear getting so nervous you’ll go blank, a possible solution could be to take in three deep, deep breaths before speaking to release nervous energy.

Speak clearly and become interested in your own speech. Make eye contact with the audience. Find a position that’s comfortable for you—a podium, a table. To prevent standing like a statue, relax by moving around, maybe some light pacing and hand gestures.

Allow time for questions at the end of the presentation. Richard M. Felder of the Department of Chemical Engineering from North Carolina State University wrote “Tips on Talks”. He advises that it’s okay to answer a question with an “I don’t know” if you truly don’t know the answer. The audience appreciates honesty. Don’t dwell on mistakes you may have made during the speech. Look forward to the next one and congratulate yourself for a job well done!

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Lecture notes available to students through website

By NICOLE KING
News Editor

There is a new website offering free lecture notes to select classes on campus. Notes are available within 24 hours of the lecture, and are written by student authors. Online notes currently serves UCF and UF and has plans to include FSU.

It is looking for more student authors. Students will be hired based upon their GPA and interviews. Authors will be required to attend class and then post all information given by the professor on the webpage. Students can apply by going to the homepage and clicking on "student authors." The webpage address is onlineotes.com.

• National Coming Out Day is Oct. 11 and a celebration is planned on the steps of City Hall from 6-8 p.m. The event, sponsored by the UCF Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Student Union, will feature coming out stories from representatives of local organizations and entertainment as well as a candle vigil.

• The International Student Fair will be Oct. 12 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Student Auditorium. The event is sponsored by the International Student Association and will feature folkloric dances, live performances, arts and crafts, food, and displays showcasing the various nationalities that attend UCF. For more information, contact Natasha Carreira at 832-6470 or Shariia Farhat at 823-7440.

• The UCF Art Gallery will open a new exhibition Oct. 15 featuring works that served as the American entry for the 22nd International Biennal of Graphic Art in Ljubljana, Slovenia. The exhibition will run until Nov. 4.

The exhibition will include works by David Hockney, David Humphrey, Alfredo Baz, Doug Atkin, Dan Till, Diana Thater, John Baldessari, PaK White, Robert Rauschenberg, and Frank Stella. An opening reception will be held Oct. 15 from 5-7 p.m.

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‘Virtual’ university slow to get started

BY ROBERTO SANCHEZ
Knight-Ridder Newspapers

SEATTLE - It's supposed to be the model university of the future but it has no campus, no faculty - and until this month, it didn't have any students.

Western Governors University, one of the nation's largest efforts yet to build a fully "virtual" university, has struggled to get off the ground, despite the encouragement of high-tech businesses and the political backing of 18 state and territorial governors.

Since opening its virtual doors to the public Sept. 3, the school - whose purpose is to provide courses via the Internet, video and other so-called "distance education" methods - has received only about 100 applications. Officials at WGU are not releasing enrollment counts to the public, arguing that those numbers are a bad measure of its success.

"What too many people are getting into is beating up on WGU because we are not up to 1,000 students," said Jeff Xouris, spokesman for WGU. "That's unrealistic."

The school's business target, Xouris said, is enrolling 1,000 to 2,000 students by next year.

There is interest among potential students, Xouris said, and WGU's Web site has been getting about 100,000 hits a day since the school opened. Before that, there were maybe 100 to 200 daily hits. He said that interest hasn't translated into enrollments because WGU doesn't yet have a track record or a name people can recognize. Its approach also is new and people might not know what to make of it.

Officials at WGU welcomed news that their school will be eligible to disburse federal financial aid. The Higher Education Reauthorization Act, which passed Congress last week, named WGU in a "demonstration program," giving its students access to aid. Details still must be decided by the Department of Education.

WGU is an education corporation formed by governors and colleges in Alaska, Arizona, Colorado, Guam, Hawaii, Idaho, Indiana, Montana, North Dakota, Nebraska, New Mexico, Nevada, Oklahoma, Oregon, Texas, Utah, Washington and Wyoming.

Washington State University is the only school in this state that offers classes through WGU, although others might follow.

Eventually, WGU intends to offer four-year degrees, graduate degrees and professional certificates. Currently, the school offers an associate degree in applied science, a general associate of arts degree and a credential in electronics-manufacturing technology. All classes are courses already taught by WGU's contributing colleges through the Web, videotape, television and correspondence.

The school is in fact two institutions. One is a brokerage agency, essentially selling courses and services from all its different member colleges to students through its Web site. The other is a place where people can get formal recognition for skills without having to complete a formal degree by taking an exam and, if they pass, earning a WGU certificate.

Even WGU's administrative work is done by telecommunication. Academic offices are in Denver, marketing and financial offices in Salt Lake City.

Washington State University manages registration and the University of New Mexico provides access to its library, and arranges book loans from other libraries. Follett Campus Resources manages the WGU online bookstore.

There have been glitches. How to charge for tuition, for example, stalled things. In the end, each member school agreed to charge its own tuition (anywhere from $300 to $700 for a course), with WGU collecting $30 per course for processing costs. All credits earned will be from member colleges, not from WGU.

The school's lack of a formal territory, of a campus and of a faculty, plus its emphasis on competency certificates, have created a nightmare for accrediting agencies. The four regional accrediting agencies covering the states involved in WGU set up a 16-member special regional commission just to look at WGU's application. That's one of the reasons for its long delay in getting started.

The Rev. Patrick Ford, vice president of academic affairs at Gonzaga University and chairman of the Inter Regional Accrediting Commission, said commission members struggle with judging the quality of a university that lacks all the traditional measures.

"You don't want to stifle growth and improvement, but you don't want to embrace change for change's sake," Ford said.

The accrediting commission has granted WGU "candidacy status," which gives it five years to get its structure ready for accreditation. In the meantime, it will have to attract students on faith alone, a fact organizers hope will not discourage people from trying this new approach.

Ford said the accrediting commission has kept an open mind. "If we believed that this did not have some chance of success, we would have told them," he said.

Although WGU's enrollments might not exactly be taking off at this point, other virtual schools are finding success. Washington Online, a virtual college formed by Washington's 32 community colleges, has 350 students in nine courses, and could have had more if there had been enough teachers, said Connie Broughton, project director.

Like WGU, Washington Online does not itself teach the classes it offers. Each member college is responsible for those courses, and earns credits and degrees to successful students.

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Coming to terms with the Frosh Fifteen

By MOLLY MARTIN
Knight-Ridder Newspapers

College is a time for accumulation of knowledge, friends, experiences, Cliff's Notes, student-debt, Unfortunately the first year, especially this first term, many students also accumulate unwanted weight - the dreaded Frosh Fifteen.

"A lot of things kind of conspire to impact students," says Mark Mitsui of North Seattle College. As manager of its Physical Education and Wellness Center, he sees many of the traps that befoul students. "They are in a new environment, they have a new schedule, new friends, new food choices, and some are living away from home for the first time."

How students respond doesn't apply only to the college year. Strategies for a nourishing diet, healthy weight and regular exercise can set the time for life after graduation and stave off the creeping weight gain that dogs many adults.

Students often fall into a pattern that sabotages the day: staying up at night to study, sleeping in as long as possible, getting up late, skipping breakfast, then rushing off to class. By midafternoon, they're famished and the nearest food is in junk-food snacks they skip on lunch, and by dinner are so hungry again they chronow down. Later, they chronow down, but friends often revolve around fast food and beer.

Some of Mitsui's suggestions:

- Eat a decent breakfast. It can be quick yet healthful, such as a pumpernickel bagel with low-fat cream cheese and orange juice, or whole-wheat toast with a dollop of peanut butter, or low-fat yogurt with a big banana. They recommend fruits, vegetables, and whole grains into the wellness or recreation programs. In response to junk-food snacks they skip on lunch, and by dinner are so hungry again they chronow down. Later, they chronow down, but friends often revolve around fast food and beer.
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Syracuse suspends fraternity after pledge injured

By RYAN VAN WINKLE
College Press Exchange

SYRACUSE, N.Y. - The circumstances surrounding a Sigma Chi pledge whose drunken stupor landed him in the hospital have prompted Syracuse University officials to suspend the fraternity for what they say could be another Greek hazing incident.

While no charges have been filed against Sigma Chi or the bar where 19-year-old Jonathan Robbins was served alcohol, many students on campus are asking whether anyone other than Robbins should be held responsible for his lapse in good judgment.

Robbins had been passed out for nearly 18 hours by the time his roommate called for help on Friday. His blood-alcohol content was .46 - four times the legal driving limit and dangerously close to death, university spokesman Kevin Morrow said.

"His roommate probably saved his life," Morrow said.

According to police reports, Robbins was seen drinking the night before with members of the fraternity at a local sports bar popular with the university's Greeks. Fraternity members drove him home and helped him to bed. Robbins was hospitalized the next day and released on Sunday.

University officials suspect Sigma Chi already has problems for other violations of campus policies - played a role in Robbins' binge drinking. Morrow said. As a result, the fraternity could face expulsion - a fate many Syracuse students are debating.

"He (Robbins) was stupid and is a total idiot," said Lyn Wimple, a 20-year-old illustration major. "He deserves what happened."

"That he was pledging a fraternity gives the university a place to point the finger," said Lyle Shemer, a 21-year-old advertising and marketing major. "Maybe beneath this there is a real issue about self-control and our culture."

And what if Robbins had been drinking with a group of non-Greek students, asked Sue Market, a 21-year-old magazine major who also criticized the fraternity's suspension.

"If a group of friends went out drinking and this happened to one of them, there is no way the university would punish the friends," she said.

Nevertheless, some students say the fraternity should accept some responsibility for the incident - regardless of whether hazing was actually involved.

"The brothers are in a role of responsibility," said Jason Stefanik, a 20-year-old advertising and marketing major. "If (Robbins) is in a bar, underage, drinking with brothers, then the fraternity must bear some of the blame."

Prosecutors in Massachusetts used similar reasoning when they filed charges of manslaughter and hazing last week against Phi Gamma Delta in connection with the 1997 binge drinking death of MIT freshman Scott Krueger. This fraternity is the first the nation to face a manslaughter charge. Fraternity members had left Krueger, whose blood alcohol content was .41, passed out in a room at the fraternity house during a raucous party. He died two days later.

Syracuse authorities temporarily closed the bar where Robbins was served. While it is scheduled to reopen next week, it is still unclear whether it will face charges in connection with the drinking incident.
By NICHOLAS J. COTSONIKA
Knight-Ridder Newspapers

DETROIT - After a night of drinking in February, Michigan offensive lineman Jason Brooks made a mistake that continues to cost him.

He approached a fellow U-M student, fled her, forced her to flee him and forced her to kiss him outside the front door of a residence hall. After the incident, he called her three times, but she refused to talk to him.

Brooks, a redshirt freshman from Cleveland, has been put on probation by a Washtenaw County judge and by U-M. He also has been ordered to seek several types of counseling and was not allowed to play in the Wolverines' first four games this season.

But the victim said he has not been punished enough and is seeking further action against him.

"If I had my way, Jason would no longer be a member of the football team," said the victim. (It is Free Press policy not to identify victims of sexual assault.) "At this point, I'm backed into a corner, and I don't know what else to do to have justice served here. I feel that I've been treated as a less-important individual than a student-athlete."

U-M officials are prohibited from commenting because code-of-conduct cases are part of a student's academic record, resolution coordinator Sean McCabe said.

Athletic department spokesman Bruce Madej said of Brooks: "The athletic department has gone through the university system. We have done what they requested. At this point, he's going to be ready to play this weekend against Iowa.""
A feast for the eyes

By FOREST CRUMPLER
Entertainment Writer

What Dreams May Come is about Chris (Williams) and Annie (Sciorra), two kids lovestruck from the start and their life together. During that life, they have the loss of their two children in a car accident. This changes Annie immeasurably and when she also loses Chris to another accident four years later, it is about all she can take. Chris goes to heaven where he meets his celestial guide, Albert (Gooding Jr.), who is there to show Chris his own personal heaven. Due to Chris's passion for art, his heaven is painted with real paint, but when the paint dries, the view can be described as nothing less than heaven.

While Chris is living it up, so to speak, in heaven, Annie is sinking deeper and deeper into depression. She uses her art as a kind of therapy, painting the dream-scape that Chris is now living in. Chris and Annie are soulmates and she wants to be with him more than life itself, so she takes her life. Albert tells Chris that since Annie has committed suicide, she has gone to hell and that they can never be together. Chris, determined to be with the woman he loves, tells Albert to take him to her. With the help of Tracker (Von Sydow) the three go to hell to find Annie.

I am not going to tell you how it ends, but I will tell you this: it's a 'go home happy' film, and I didn't really mind that. This movie was not perfect by any means. While the story was an old one, it was put to good use in this film. The love aspect was a bit too thick and sappy but it is easily set aside to enjoy the rest. The movie does jump around a bit, but if you pay attention you won't have too much trouble figuring it out.

The visual imagery alone is worth the price of the ticket, with wonderful computer enhancements that take you from Heaven to Hell. The imagery along with an excellent cast of actors makes this movie worth your while. Special to the Future

Robin Williams and Anabella Sciorra star as a married couple whose untimely deaths separate them in the afterlife in the fantasy "What Dreams May Come".

New show premieres at Sak Comedy

By MERCEDES MCLMURRY
Entertainment Writer

Check out what 'cool' really is, the way Sak Comedy Lab does it. At their grand opening last Thursday night at the new location on W. Amelia St., Sak Comedy Lab presented a scripted show called, "Cool Whippered." This is something different that they have never tried before, and judging the audience's reactions, the young comedians did a great job. "Cool Whippered" is combination of scenes, sketches, stories, and songs they have accumulated from their previous improv acts. There were several, very funny scenes, some of the audience's favorites included scenes with the 'geek,' who would enter an establishment and walk by people and with just a look, they would keel over dead.

Another big crowd pleaser is the sketch with the characters Ronald McDonald and Wendy, who were going to see a marriage therapist. They use fast food lingo to express how they feel. Wendy wants to have little whopper jrs., but Ronald seems to be unfaithful, at the end they claim their love for each other and everything is a.o.k. Another humorous skit was with a bunch of Chiquita bananas hanging out on a kitchen counter. One banana has a bruise and is going bald, well the owner comes over and starts examining the bananas and decides that he must eat the one with the bruise, it was hilarious watching people act like bananas.

Sak Comedy Lab does everything they can to get the audience involved in the skits, for one scene they handed out sheets for the audience to participate in and say things. Even though we hadn't rehearsed it, we all tried hard to do our part. There were many exciting things going on for the grand opening, they had a huge cake for everyone and O TV was video taping the show to be broadcast at a later date. The comedy club drew a descent size crowd, about 40-50 people were in the audience and some had their two minutes of fame on television. But, don't worry, you still have till October 31st to catch "Cool Whippered."

The show is performed on Thursdays at 8:00 p.m. and Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. For reservations and admission costs, you can call #648-0001. Sak Comedy Lab is also available on the internet at www.sak.com.

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Chemical Brothers
Brothers Gonn Work It Out
(Virgin/Freestyle Dust)

Whether or not you liked techno before their superstardom (yay, or nope), the Chemical Brothers influenced the way we listen to dance music so that now everyone and anyone sticks an electronic beat underneath their latest single just cause it fits the groove. Heard the latest by Tori Amos or even Hansen? This CD is a testament to the mainstream evolution of Tom Rowlands and Ed Simmons, from electropop to hip hop, from space rock to dub slap, the long time collaborators known to the world as the Chemical Brothers were DJ's long before the trendists' heard their clubradio/living room friendly hits. Bleeding five separately recorded sets of regraded sounds, with standouts including the classic "Willie Hutch '70's anthem "Booda's Gonna Work It Out!" with what sounds like a Pam Grier anti-drug and violence sample from her ballycony stroll, pre-tarantino of course) which fades deceptively well into the Chemical Brothers own creation "Not Just Another Drug Store." But the most compelling mix may be the fifth set which blends the drug rock of the Music Street Preachers and the interstellar symphonies of Spiritualized, providing a welcome chilled out addition to the disc's predominant distortion fueled aggression. A welcome "One inch punch" (check out the first mix) from the modestly funky Brothers.

-Luce Strikes

Various Artists
Def Jam's Rush Hour Soundtrack
(Def Jam Music Group)

I saw Rush Hour on its opening night, September 18th. It wasn't on the top of my must-see list (I was dragged to it by my friends), but I found myself thoroughly enjoying the film. It didn't dare take itself seriously, and the combination of Jackie Chan and Chris Tucker made Rush Hour one of the best "opposite partner" crime films since 48 Hours. If only the soundtrack was as much fun. Def Jam's soundtrack, executive produced by Rush director Brett Ratner amongst others, offers what can be best described as generic rap. While there isn't a bona fide earache among the many tracks in the CD, there isn't a tune that grabs you by the collar. Each selection is forgotten as soon as the next one steps up to the plate. This wouldn't be so much of a problem if some of the songs didn't characterize the worst traits of 90's rap music. "B***h Got My Money," Ja Rule's contribution to the collection, pretty much says it all; the misogyny in this song is disgusting and disturbing. Another characteristic that can be found in this soundtrack is the glorification of the criminal world; "Tell the Feds" by Too Short is just one such example. On top of these lapses of judgment is the uninspired title theme by Lalo Schifrin, who is best known for the theme from "Mission Impossible." Rush Hour's theme doesn't come off as a movie score as much as it does the background music of a Double Dragon game on the 8-bit Nintendo system. Add in some iskelitz between Tucker and Chan which are better heard and seen, and you have a soundtrack that isn't nearly as entertaining as the movie that inspired it.

-B.W. Earl

Motley Crue
Greatest Hits
(Motley Crue Records)

In honor of the average Motley Crue fan, I will write this review in Fraggle speak. What's Fraggle speak? Remember those small furry creatures which came on HBO in the afternoons and would sing songs about happiness, good times and about the Feds that were coming for them? Those were the good old days, back when we cared. Those were the days when a movie like The Big Chill was no more than a soundtrack to the background music of a Double Dragon game on the 8-bit Nintendo system. Add in some iskelitz between Tucker and Chan which are better heard and seen, and you have a soundtrack that isn't nearly as entertaining as the movie that inspired it.

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beer? Or if you don’t know what a Fraggle is, just drink a 12-pack of Busch Light and return to reading when you are good and toasted. The first time we all heard these songs we split into two cliques at school, the ‘stoners’ and the ‘in’ crowd. Where did you fit in then? Where do you fit in now? If you can’t figure it out from my tone, this is some of the most dated, trite and self-indulgent beer-can bile I have ever been exposed to. Greatest Hits? How bout Greasiest: Sugar-Honey-Iced-Tee’s? This is music to beat your wife to. No better yet, this is an album dedicated to the Free Tommy Lee campaign. Hey, do yourself a favor, buy the new Sean Lennon album, it won’t make you beat up on anyone, and unlike this waste of plastic, you’ll actually be listening to a sincere and decent human being. Any questions? Good.

-Luce Strikes

Meat Beat Manifesto
Actual Sounds + Voices
(Nothing Records)

When industrial music is at its best, it can transport the listener to a different world. The echoing chords and array of drifting voices can create a flowing surge of sound. Just where this surge will lead is anybody’s guess. There are many points where Actual Sounds + Voices accomplishes just that. An air of unpredictability hangs over the proceedings throughout the album. The fifteen tracks of the record hardly step wrong, thanks to the writing, producing, and engineering of Jack Dangers, the one member of MBM who has remained in the group from day one. MBM, a product of San Francisco-by-way-of-England, establishes its abundant mood early in “Everything’s Under Control,” a brief intro that implies the opposite of what the title suggests. This leads to a collection that contains several high points, among which is “The Tweek,” where a Ben Stein-esque scientist tries to explain the difference between a swish, a whistler, and a tweek, while the soundtrack of paranoia slithers across his monologue. “Acid Again” plays like a recollection of a former junkie’s experimentations, and is twisted to such levels of neurotic apprehension that it may scare abusers straight. And yet the irony of “Acid” is that the mix itself is strangely addictive. The CD finishes strongly with “Wildlife,” which leaves the listener with a feeling of space being warped and contorted into an explosion of color and sound. Although there are infrequent miscues (“The Thumb” and “Funny Feeling” could’ve used some trimming), Actual Sounds + Voices is still about as good as anything that has come down the industrial pike in quite a while.

-B.W. Earl

Top 10 CDs

1. Black Star
2. Pedro Almodouar- The Songs of...
3. Disjam- Return of The Manchurian Candidate
4. Citadel of Chaos- Ex-Ravers On The Edge
5. Ivy- Apartment Life
6. Meat Beat Manifesto- Actual Sounds & Voices
7. Less Than Jake- Hello Ruckview
8. Wagon Christ- Tally Ho
9. A Tribe Called Quest- The Love Movement
10. John Spencer Blues Explosion- Talk About The Blues
Conan O’Brien worries his way to top

By JAY BOBBIN & HUGH HART
College Press Exchange

Conan O’Brien, the blustery host of late night’s wildest party, insecure? Strange but true. At least when it comes to maintaining quality on “Late Night With Conan O’Brien” the former “Simpsons”-writer-turned-front-man describes himself as “a little fevered” in his behind-the-scenes approach. “I’m a worrier. I think there’s something in the genes of people who do those kinds of shows. You worry about the crowd. You worry about the comedy. ‘What if, you know, that night? If last night’s show was good, would you worry if you can do it again?’” said O’Brien. Tongue firmly in cheek, O’Brien adds, “It’s a miserable existence, and you should pity me.”

With his invaluable, willing-to-do-anything-for-a-laugh sidekick Andy Richter, O’Brien has managed to overcome nearly universal skepticism that he could replace David Letterman five years ago in NBC’s late night slot. “It was an insane thing to go through,” he allows. “My debut in late-night had all the feel of Evel Knievel’s jump over Snake River Canyon. I remember very clearly what it was like in the early days, when the studio audience didn’t really know who I was. I think half of them got in line because they thought they were going to see Dave. I’d come running out and say, ‘He’ll be back.’”

Letterman himself gave a gracious boost to O’Brien, who competes with the Letterman-owned Tom Snyder talker on CBS, by appearing on the red-head’s show. “Dave coming on as a guest in February 1994 was huge,” he recalls. “That was at the height of the late-night wars, and I think that was a reason for a lot of (reviewers) to look again.”

Magazine covers and kinder articles followed, but O’Brien maintains, “I wouldn’t be presumptuous enough to say, ‘Well, it’s done and we won.’ The thing about these shows, which is hard for anybody who doesn’t do them to understand, is that it’s every day. You’re only as good as your last show, and when we do a show I don’t think it is up to our standards, I’m predisposed to feel like I’m on my way down. We are always trying to make the show better.”

O’Brien isn’t concerned just yet about Craig Kilbourn’s impending arrival at CBS to host “The Late Late Show.” The most stupid thing I could do right now,” he reflects, “would be to react to a show that isn’t there. I ran into Craig in a restaurant and we chatted about it. If he’s going to do any of the stuff they’ve been doing on ‘The Daily Show,’ it’ll still be quite different. He actually might bring some other people to the table, which happens often in late-night TV.”

The late hour gives O’Brien a freedom he feels few talk hosts have. “You have a license to try different things and put on different kinds of guests, and that’s where our show sometimes has its soul.” (Movie director) Abel Ferrara acted insane on our program, and people were calling the NBC stations because they thought, ‘Someone’s about to get shot. This is intense.’ That’s great television.”

O’Brien occasionally turns up on the tube before most of America has gone to sleep. He had a cameo on the now-gone “The Single Guy,” is profiled in an upcoming Bravo special on late night talk shows, and earlier this month hosted a primetime version of his show, which he described as an opportunity for our show to be seen by people who are awake and fully alert.

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**San Angelo, Texas (where, by the way, it won first place, worth $4,000).**

**In August, Douglas Illingsworth, 83, had his driver’s license suspended for a year by a court incensed that he had been driving too slowly.**

**In July, in the remote Australian town of Ravensthorpe, newly arrived family doctor Steve Hindley saved the life of a 23-year-old football player Hayden McGinn, who suffered a rapidly hemorrhaging head injury and would not have survived an airlift to surgery. Dr. Hindley cleared out a000 face brush and bit drill from a woodshead and made a hole in McGinn’s temple to relieve the life-threatening pressure, which allowed time for him to be sent to a hospital in Perth.**

**Physicist Juan Atanasio Carrasco announced in August in Guijuelo, Spain, that he was using CAT scan technology to determine how salt makes its way through delicate Iberian hams in the process known as curing, in order to improve the hams’ quality and minimize spoilage.**

**Mrs. Xian’s Delight: In March, China’s official Xinhua news agency reported that surgeons at a military hospital in Chongqing had successfully removed two of the three tongues of farmer Xian Shihua, 32, enabling him to eat and speak comfortably for the first time in 20 years. His birth tongue, 18 inches long, remains the other two (about 3 inches each) had grown during adolescence.**

**News of the Weird reported that in January 1998, the executor of the estate of the late Larry Lee Hillbom (founder of the DHL international courier service) agreed to pay out $30 million to four Pacific Islands teen-agers if they could prove paternity by Hillbom’s DNA. At the time, proof seemed imminent, but shortly afterward, the children’s lawyers reported that not only had all of Hillbom’s belongings disappeared from his house in Northern Mariana Islands but that the house had been sanitized to such a degree that not even a single hair could be found. Also, the site of Hillbom’s 1995 plane crash was devoid of even a single speck of blood. In June, a former Hillbom associate was identified as a suspect in the movie-plot-like killing.**

**Thinning the Herd:**

In September at a bar in Porto Hel, Greece, British vacationer Daniel Littlewood, 23, died showing off to a female companion that he was impervious to pain; he had instructed her to place a Swiss Army knife against his abdomen while he leaned into it with great force, but he miscalculated. And in August, Ivory Coast army Col. Pascal Gbah, 49, shot himself to death while testing a supposedly “magic” belt that the manufacturer (Gbah’s cousin) said would protect the user from gunfire.

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Staff Writer

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UCF women turn season around, look to continue success

By TRAVIS BELL
Staff Writer

The UCF women's soccer team has turned a complete 180 during their season thus far. After starting 0-3 and scoring one goal during that stretch, the Knights have now won five of their last seven games, ousting their opponents 16-8, including three shutouts.

UCF's ineffectiveness during their first three games was caused by what Richter referred to as "bad passing and lack of offense." However, this season, the other factor: Florida and Georgia are both ranked in the Top 25, and Syracuse is ranked regionally.

The Knights had their second, and final extended road trip, heading to Albuquerque, New Mexico this past weekend. They split their two games, defeating New Mexico 2-0 on Friday, but lost against Texas-El Paso 4-0 on Sunday to even UCF's record at 5-5.

Since their early season struggles, the Knights have combined an effective offense with a stellar defense. Keeper Alyssa O'Brien (1.69 goals-against average) has been a major factor in the strong defensive play, recording three shutouts and holding the Knights opponents to two goals during the five victories.

Defender Margarette Auffant has made some critical plays for the Knights during this 5-2 stretch. She scored her first two career goals in back-to-back games, including the game-winner against Florida State to extend a four-game winning streak. Forward Kim Shrum and midfielder Dana Harris have provided the offensive force for the Knights, combining for 10 of the team's 17 goals. Shrum, who scored the first goal of the season, leads the team with 15 points (six goals and nine assists) while Harris has 13 points (four goals and five assists), including two game-winning goals.

The Knights have the making for a strong finish after a lack-luster first half of the season. However, before UCF starts looking to make the NCAA Tournament, the Knights must win the Trans American Athletic Conference East Division with a victory against Campbell on Thursday.

Of the Knights' final seven games, only two TAAC contests remain before UCF hosts the conference tournament in November. In non-conference play, UCF faces two regionally ranked teams in UNC-Greensboro and Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

The Knights have the making for a strong finish. "We practiced or (Monday, Oct. 7) and we'll be ready for our next opponent," Ochoa said. The Knights' last loss may relieve some pressure on the fans. "It's the biggest grudge match we have. The new players have heard about it from the veterans, they know it's a big rivalry," Ochoa said. "When we play there, their crowd is always loud and obnoxious and they really try to get in the players' heads, but it's fun.

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Grant grabs spotlight with 100-yard game

By TONY MIJIA
Sports Editor

If Hollywood were to come to UCF to cast for an action flick, Mike Grant would be cast as the villain. No, Grant isn’t a horrible person, nor does he doesn’t dream up schemes for world domination. The reason Grant would be a shoe-in for the role of a bad guy is because in movies bad guys always come back for more just when you think they’ve been killed off.

Grant has been UCF’s primary tailback for two and a half years. It seems like he’s been around for 20 years, which is why it is such a surprise that his 22-carry, 101-yard performance at Toledo marks Grant’s first 100-yard game in his UCF career. Additionally, after Grant’s team-leading 14 touchdowns last season, his game-winning 12-yard scamper in Saturday’s fourth quarter was the senior’s first score of the year.

“It was real satisfying (to play this way). I feel like I’ve been a little short the first four games. People were looking for me to do big things and I came out, got hurt in the first game so I’ve been down, but tonight Coach had the confidence in me to give me the ball 22 times, the line was blocking well, everything was going great, so I was just picking my hole and doing what I had to do.”

Grant was effective in the final minutes as well, helping UCF move the ball on the ground to keep the clock moving so they could get out of Toledo with a hard-fought victory. Senior quarterback Daunte Culpepper was more than happy to oblige by just handing off and stepping aside.

“He has great feet and great vision. If there’s a hole there he’s going to make something good happen,” Culpepper said. “It’s good for him to boost his confidence as well. It’s very to see him get the ball.”

Apparently all Grant had to do was get the football, after all, he came into the Toledo game as UCF’s leading rusher with 156 yards and a 5.0 yards per carry average. Getting the ball in the potent pass-oriented offense is often a chore in itself.

“I got a Heisman Trophy candidate at quarterback, five real good receivers, the offensive line is real good and big, and a coach who likes to throw the ball. It gets a little frustrating, but I understand,” Grant said. “I felt by my performance today that I might be getting a lot more time in the future.”

In addition to not having many touch­es on offense Grant has had to deal with a crowded running back position, as tal­ented backs Omari Howard, Eddie Mack, and Darryl Jones all have the skills to play, but Mike was the one who was in the flow. He was in the groove, so he got the ball.”

Howard is also nursing a shoulder injury, meaning that Grant figures to get even more touches as the Knights return to the Citrus Bowl, where he hopes to continue to play well. Last year at home Grant was always a scoring threat, accounting for most of his touchdowns in front of the home crowd.

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A promising start has turned sour in a hurry for the UCF men’s soccer squad, which has endured its worst six-game stretch since beginning the 1995 campaign with a 1-5 record. That team finished the year 5-11-1 after winning only one game in their first eight attempts. This team will look to turn things around before reaching that extremity.

“It’s been difficult because the guys feel like those were games they should have won,” head coach Bob Winch said. “Now we’ve put ourselves in a situation where we need to win them, number two to elevate our program, and number three to prepare us for conference play.”

“The guys feel like those were games they should have won, and they really help us in a hurry for the bench really have to step it up and really help us out,” Winch said. “I think that they’ve done that, and they help our continuity. But we’re down to about four or five players on the bench.”

The Knights turn for the worst began with a big trip to Indianapolis to compete in the Nike/Snickers Soccerfest 3. UCF entered the “biggest game in school history” against then sixth-ranked Indiana. The Knights suffered a 3-0 setback, but they couldn’t expect much better against the three-time national champions.

“Despite ranking sixth in the country in scoring average, the Knights must overcome our disadvantages to win,” Winch said.

The Knights had welcomed the return of junior midfielder Matt Schmidt against FIU in their first game in the National Rankings. The Knights had earlier dropped five of the last six games, including being shutout three times. The Knights managed six goals in the other three contests, but only defeated Georgia State.

“We started off very strong, but we made it a point to schedule some very tough matches,” Winch said. “You schedule those games for three reasons: number one to win them, number two to elevate our program, and number three to prepare us for conference play.”

The Knights struggled in the three games against national powers (Indiana, Florida International, and UNC-Charlotte), being shutout twice and losing 4-3 against FIU after leading at halftime. The other two losses during this streak were to nationally ranked teams (Butler and Jacksonville).

“The Butler and FIU losses were very difficult, especially for this group, because they had never lost a game that they were winning,” Winch said. “Those are two games there that the guys see that they just finished it, and closed it, that it would have been a win.”

The most difficult loss to endure for the Knights is the 2-0 defeat at home against Jacksonville. UCF was picked by the preseason to win the TAAC, while Jacksonville was selected to finish second. However, since the teams only meet once during the regular season, the Knights are at a disadvantage with the conference match-ups.

Remi Hariz (7) and his UCF teammates have struggled in their last six games following a 4-0 start.

Despite ranking sixth in the country in scoring average, the Knights are not expected to accomplish anything significant. When you have guys that can score goals, you have a good midfield, and you have a good goalkeeper, you should be getting results.”

The Knights had welcomed the return of junior midfielder Matt Schmidt against FIU from a preseason broken foot, but he was lost for the season against UNC-Charlotte after breaking the same foot. UCF has also been without Antti Peltonen and Jussi Korpinen due to injuries during this tough six-game stretch.

“Like the guys that we have on the bench really have to step it up and really help us out,” Winch said. “I think that they’ve done that, and they help our continuity. But we’re down to about four or five players on the bench.”

UCF now faces a must-win two-game road trip against TAAC opponents (Florida Atlantic and Campbell), before returning home for three more, including two more conference match-ups.

“This next week and a half is crucial because I think to get a good seed in the conference you need to win four games,” Winch said. “We have three in a row coming up now through Tuesday. So after this stretch, it’ll really let us know because it’s important to win these games.”

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 Sixth-stringer looks to pull upset

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One big key for the Northern Illinois offense was the return of sophomore tailback Ivory Bryant, who was runner-up for MAC Freshman of the Year honors last season. That gives NIU head coach Joe Novak a solid duo at running back, with Bryant starting in front of Bill Andrews. Bryant and Andrews carried 49 times for 183 yards in the loss to Ball State. The top player for the Huskies is wide receiver Deon Mitchell, who is also a dangerous kick returner. Mitchell and Justin McGuire, who leads NIU in touchdowns, are a pair of solid targets who will make Harman's task easier.

"Everybody around him has to step it up. Our rushing game, our wide receivers, our kicking game, our defense. We can't put all this weight on Craig's shoulders," said Novak. "He throws a nice ball. We told him his job is twofold—just deliver the ball to the guys who can make plays and not make any big mistakes. He doesn't get excited one way or another, which considering the situation, is good."

Defensively is where NIU will have to try and stay in the game. As it's not likely that an offense run by a sixth-string quarterback is going to match the production of one led by Daunte Culpepper. 'The Huskies' defense is a solid one, ranking ahead of Central Florida's. In fact, if you take away an ugly 73-7 loss to third-ranked Kansas State, Northern Illinois has only given up about 26 points per game. Novak, a former defensive coordinator at NIU and Indiana, sometimes employs a "53" defense, with five defensive linemen, and is known to be unpredictable.

"They do some things that I've never seen before and we'll have to adjust to. They give you some problems if you don't make any adjustments," Kruczek said.

"I think that all we have to do is go out and execute the plan and we'll be fine."

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Efficiency counts for Thames

Blake Thames, a tight end who coaches expect to have a bright future with UCF, experienced some deja vu against Toledo, catching his second pass ever. Like the first, it was a one-yard touchdown grab.

"It was the same play I scored on last week," Thames said, laughing, when asked to describe the play. "I just wanted to contribute when I can. I thought the linebacker was going to stay with me, but he stepped up and Daronte saw me."

Two catches. Two yards. Two touchdowns. Now that's a good play.

Rodriguez starts game in front of Devine

Redshirt freshman linebacker Tito Rodriguez started at middle linebacker against Toledo in front of regular starter Deauney Devine. Both, however, received extensive playing time.

"I think Tito and Deauney are close in talent. Tito is a great football player. He's a ham­mer. It's nice to have them both on the team," Kruczek said. "I think we'll continue this. They are interchangeable and can both play. We'll keep a fresh guy in there."

Deion had his second pass ever. Like the first, it was a hold down the Falcons.

"We'll keep a fresh guy in there," Porter said. "When I can. I thought the linebacker was right there."

Now that's a good play.

Porter: Emotional leader of the defense

Senior drop-linebacker Deion Porter has been tremendous this season. Against Bowling Green, his second-half presence helped UCF hold down the Falcons.

"Deon is the emotional, inspirational leader. His motor runs 1,000 miles per hour. He talks all the time, but you need a catalyst like that on that side of the football to keep people pumped," Kruczek said. "I don't know what generates his energy, but I'm awful glad he has it."

Porter, who often starts sentences with "Whoa" and "oooh" is, according to tackle Justin Moore, someone who starts getting pumped up early, sometimes too early.

"He starts one hour before the game even starts. You want to tell him to shut up already. He's unbelievable," Moore said. "He's always talking, but he really pumps the players up." Porter recovered a fumble on Marv Kruczek's (Green) goal kick, he will not kick off for a while. "Shoot, we get the ball closer that way."

Porter's emotional style is, according to tackle Justin Moore, someone who starts getting pumped up early, sometimes too early.

"Whoa...we're excited, it's the first time we've done for the year with a dislocated shoulder. He wasn't sure he'd hold up real well on the turf, but they didn't kick it to me the way I wanted," lamented Miranda.

The Kicking Situation

Coach Kruczek announced that changes are possible in UCF's kicking game. For example, freshman Xavier Beorlegui may see his first collegiate action this week against Northern Illinois.

"We are going to try to put out Xavier a little this week, I think," said Kruczek. "At least we've discussed it and there's a possibility we may do that. We're going to deal with our punting situation as well as our kickoff situation. Chad (Downey) did a great job against Bowling Green, but had some very average kicks against Toledo.

"Turf makes you faster, as long as you stay to the sides, you'll hold up real well on the turf, but they didn't kick it to the way I wanted," lamented Miranda.

No one will play with Miranda any more

"Paul Miranda sits back to receive a kickoff that never comes. It's becoming a trend. After Miranda's awesome performance at Louisiana Tech, teams won't kick to him anymore."

"It's annoying. You sit back and you probably say to yourself, 'oh, they're not going to kick to me this time.' But you keep playing better things are going to happen," Miranda said. "Shoot, we get the ball closer that way, so it's like whatever they want to do, we can plug it that way."

Miranda is getting used to watching kick-offs squibbed to the 30-yard line instead of sailing his way at the goal line. That is what respect he commands. Still, he was licking his chops at running the ball on Toledo's brand new artificial turf.

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Bumps and Bruises

Freshman tailback Omar Howard may have suffered a compression and is suffering from neck and shoulder pain. A scan may be conducted to find out about his spinal column. His status is unknown.

Redshirt freshman linebacker Earnell Kelly, a valuable special teams player, may be done for the year with a dislocated shoulder. Sophomore cornerback Davin Bush bruised his hamstring and is questionable for the game against UNL.

Although Fred Waczewski is better than expected and will remain the primary field goal kicker, he will not kick off for a while.

Offensive line shines

UCF's offensive line allowed just one sack to the Toledo defense despite having 97 offensive plays to defend, the most UCF has had in the 90's.

"They graded out real well, I thought they played great," Kruczek said. "Cornell (Green) and Frank Haynes played over 90 plays. They held up well.

In addition to their great pass blocking, the offensive line helped Mike Grant produce UCF's first 100-yard game since Dwight Collins achieved the feat at Kent last season.

"I think the offensive line played really well. We had good preparation in practice and we got down and blocked well," Haynes said. "Grant deserves a lot of credit. He ran the ball really well. We went back to basics. One of the things we wanted to focus on this year is that we can also run the ball as well as pass, because to be a good team you have to be able to run."

"We'll keep a fresh guy in there," Porter said. "When I can. I thought the linebacker was right there."

Now that's a good play.
Culpepper broke UCF's records for completions in a single game, finding a UCF receiver 36 times, one more than Darin Hinshaw's previous record of 35. Culpepper already owns the career mark. He also passed the 10,000 yard mark in career total offense, eclipsing that mark on his 32-yard first quarter run. He's now accumulated 10,301 yards. Culpepper added to his career passing yardage, getting up to the 9,528 mark. A monster game of 472 yards passing would get him 10,000. The 342 yards passing was his 13th 300-yard game, the fifth this season. Culpepper also threw a touchdown in his 19th consecutive game.

Mark Nonsant got his eight 100-yard receiving game with his 110-yard effort, tying teammate Siaha Burley for fourth in UCF history. He remains fourth on UCF's all-time list with 2,300 yards, 143 behind Ted Wilson's third place mark. His touchdown grab in the first quarter moved him past current New England Patriot Shawn Jefferson to eighth on the all-time list with 13. Burley's 11-catch, 86-yard performance moved him to sixth in career receptions and eighth in receiving yardage. He's caught a pass in 16 consecutive games, one ahead of Nonsant. Burley ranks fourth in the nation in catches per game, and 15th in receiving yards per contest.

Miranda's returns moved him down to ninth in the nation with a 30.91 average. That average would still give Miranda the highest mark in the UCF annals.

—By Tony Mejia
Chizek provides calming effect for young defense

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to do", and they come out and they play." The second half, much like in the game against Bowling Green, saw UCF fall behind early and the opposing offense. Toledo managed only 86 yards in the second half, with 90 yards coming on their lone scoring drive, an eight play march on their second possession of the half, when Taylor ran through would-be tacklers and scored on a 17-yard run. From that point, the Knights' defense allowed just two yards of total offense and handed the offense the ball on the one-yard line after a Marv Richardson sack forced a Wallace fumble late in the third quarter. "Coaches always say to play 100 percent. The opportunity was there to make a big play. You never know which play it's going to be. I was just like, "shoot, let me go for the tackle," Richardson said. "It is a great feeling just to know you helped to contribute. I was having a rough game. I missed some crucial tackles, but hey you have to look beyond and I just thank God for being there with me."

UCF had a tough time punching it in, however, finally doing so when Culpepper found Blake Thames in the back of the end zone to tie the game. His 12-yard touchdown run with 7:29 left in the game proved to be the winning score. "Knowing that they weren't going to do a whole lot to give us big plays the objective is to move the chains and possess the ball," said Kruczek. "I was happy to see that we stayed with the plan and took what they gave us."

In the process, the Knights took home their fourth victory in five tries, proving patience pays off.

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Knights hope to add to Huskies' misery

By TONY MEJIA
Sports Editor

Northern Illinois brings the longest losing streak in Division I-A, currently at 22 consecutive games, to the Citrus Bowl with the Huskies, in addition to the team's favorite Golden Knights. However, as the 35-point favorite Golden Knights. However, as the Golden Knights have not won since October 18, 1992, they have lost 22 consecutive games, to the Citrus Bowl twenty-three against the 22-game streak, and now you've got to convince your team that they have some great people from a pair of aspects - you normally don't hear mentioned among your opponents. The problem with this team is that everybody and their mother knows that they're on the longest losing streak in I-A and now you've got to convince your team that they have some great people that can cause us problems, and they do,” head coach Mike Kruczek said. “I've looked at both sides of the football and it's amazing that they've lost twenty-two in a row. They are only giving up 130-something yards of total offense. That's pretty good.”

NIU was pretty good last week, losing only 18-13 in a MAC game against Ball State, whom UCF will host for Homecoming on Nov. 14. Although the Huskies do harbor talent on both sides of the field, their shortcomings are evident at the quarterback position, where former sixth-string quarterback Craig Harmon took over for injured sophomore Fisman Jackson, who had to have three right foot surgeries in an eight-day period following a devastating injury in their 24-10 loss to Eastern Illinois, a team UCF beat 46-0. Jackson had to be rushed to the hospital to undergo an emergency surgery to relieve swelling and extreme pressure on the pireneal muscle of his right leg, which controls the lateral movement of the foot. Unfortunately for the Huskies, their quarterback woes didn't start there, nor do they end there.

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UCF patience pays off in win

By TONY MEJIA
Sports Editor

TOLEDO, OH—In UCF's 31-24 win over the Toledo Rockets, the Golden Knights didn't invent a new system for winning. Instead, they worked with what the Rockets gave them, getting game-winning efforts from a pair of aspects you normally don't hear mentioned among UCF’s strengths—their defense and the running game. But it all started with patience.

Toledo's defensive game plan was to keep UCF's offense in front of them, allowing Knight receivers an extra cushion with which to work with. The Rockets were determined not to get beat by the big play. That's what they have been here to do, and held possession of the football for nearly two-thirds of the game.

"You have to keep your composure," Culpepper said when asked how to handle a defense trying to shut down big plays. "It all goes back to teaching. Coach Kreczek did a great job of letting me know early that you have to take what they give you." UCF took advantage of Toledo's generosity from the onset, with Culpepper finding Mark Nosnait for a 20-yard touchdown to open the scoring. The pass was the longest play of the drive. After trading field goals on consecutive possessions, Toledo stepped up the pressure on the Knights forcing a rare three-and-out before scoring themselves on a Chester Taylor 6-yard touchdown run, tying the game at 10. The teams traded touchdowns in the second quarter, as Daunte Culpepper scored on a 12-yard touchdown run and Toledo tied the game with just over a minute remaining on Chris Wallace's 25-yard pass to Ray Curry to send them to the locker room even at 17.

"It seemed as though our kids seemed a little rattled in the first half. In our pre-game meeting he (defensive coordinator Gene Chizik) felt very sure," said Kruczek. "They were a little confused out there and it takes him (Chizik) coming down at halftime and saying listen; just relax and this is what we're going to do."