Ex-election commissioner says blame unfair

By NICOLE KING
News Editor

Former Chief Election Commissioner Belman 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 Sholley, 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 to Sholley from Murphy states that a candidate was allowed to switch seats during the declaration of candidacy. Monserrate said Murphy, 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.

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Interest rates lowered for student loans

By SHELLEY 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 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 student's loan amount.

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Former athlete patrols UCF on a different field

By NICOLE KING
News Editor

UCFPD patrolman Mike Johnson wanted to be a professional athlete when he was growing up. He had played sports his entire life: soccer, basketball, wrestling, baseball, football, you name it.

He enrolled at UCF in the fall of 1987 on a full ride scholarship, playing outside linebacker and third base. At 19, he thought he was on his way.

And then fate chopped him.

It was just before the third game of the '87 football season. Johnson was on the practice field and a 310-pound tackle chop blocked him, instantly breaking his right knee.

"I thought I could play again," Johnson said. "That was my very first major injury. When the results came back that I had a broken knee and cracked tibia and fibia, it really hit me and I thought, 'What am I going to do?' I had a standard vehicle and a cast all the way from my ankle to my hip. It was hard getting in and out of my car and getting to class was virtually impossible."

Johnson was awarded on the basis of financial need.

Johnson was placed on academic probation after missing too much class and he soon lost his scholarship.

"They gave it to someone else," Maxwell said.

Johnson returned to UCF as an officer ten years after playing football.

"It was just downhill from there because I was in a cast for a year and a half. It was my freshman year and in my mind, I was good enough as an athlete to make it into the pros. The good Lord just didn't want me to play."

Johnson married his high school sweetheart shortly after and left UCF in May of '88. His daughter was born in 1989 and he regarded her birth as a wake-up call.

"Reality slapped me in the face," he said. "I'm not really the academic type but when my daughter was born, I had to knock it down. I thought, 'I've got responsibilities.'"

He enrolled at Valencia Community College and finished his AA degree with a 3.79 GPA. Yes, Johnson still believed he could return to sports.

"I kept telling myself that I would come back and walk," he said.

Johnson did come back. He began playing semi-pro baseball with the Gringo Braves in Panama City, but was lost in the 1990 Red Sox draft.

"I had a chance to go to the Red Sox," he said. "But I had $12,000 in a college scholarship, $300 in a housing refund and $200 from my coach to go to the pros. I was better off in college."

Johnson graduated from the University of Central Florida with a business management degree.

"I took the path that I was good at," he said.

Now a father of three, he continues to work with the Student Government Association. He wanted the FSB to do a story on his life, but never got in touch with the editor for the paper. Now, he's giving his life story to the OUC to give the paper what he wanted.

Johnson said he is not the first athlete that had to decide between football and family, but he is one of the few that have come back after history had shown it would be hard to come back again.

"It is good for people to know that if they have a chance to play in college and they have a family and they have a job, they don't have to choose one over the other. They can do all at once," said Johnson.

"I have an appreciation for a lot of things that I wasn't able to do, but I am thankful for what I was able to do."

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Reaching for education

Organization provides programs to inform students about health issues.

UCF and NASA join forces

Satellite project designed to measure the earth's biomass.

UCF returns home

Football team hopes to prolong NIU's 22-game losing streak.
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 requesting 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, save 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.

Some 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 freshmen, 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 Copersito, senior, said, "If they mailed them it would be good. I never get mine."

Other students agree with Copersito 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 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.

"There are students who receive their grades by telephone," said Hite said the university will stop mailing the grades.

Some students on campus university pays the postage to the student body. Some students who receive their 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.

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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 ranged from accounting firms to businesses.

Today that number has grown to near 240 companies that participate in the expo. Gracey said, "The career expo held at a Holiday Inn." We did have cancellations due to the hurricanes in the area.

Companies from around the country are notified of the career expo and are chosen on a first-response basis. Gracey said, "We unfortunately had to turn away about 20 companies due to reaching our maximum capacity in the Arena."

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."

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. Mayo said, "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."

Kately Beitel, a senior marketing major, said, "The career expos offer 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 graduating seniors 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. Last year, over 1,000 employers got resumes off the center's website."

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.
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 treatment center. They can refer students to seek help on-campus or off-campus.

"We do it from a non-judgmental approach," Brown said. "We try to give choices as opposed to right and wrong. We give them information and hope they make responsible choices with it."

REACH is composed of eight UCF students. Each student has taken a Peer Education Training class that Brown teaches through the College of Education. Brown teaches the students about health-related issues and trains them in presentation, leadership and communication skills.

"They are trained for at least a semester and a half, and we do ongoing training every week," she said. "These are students who have given their whole academic career to REACH and they give 150 percent to their jobs."

One of the main things REACH does is interaction, 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.

"We tell them that quick fixes don't work," Brown said. "Most of the time they are going to gain that weight 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 bat-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 GHB 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.

"She said they are currently training the 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 30-year-old-soon-to-declare education major said. "After all, I was pleasantly surprised to find that I was not."

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. "I'm glad."

"I'm glad," she grinned. "I've been working on the world."

"I'm glad," she said. "I've been working in Central Florida last year." 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."
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UCF joins NASA in satellite project

By TODD MCFLIKER
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. If successful, 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 Jeanette Brinton.

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.

"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 pursuing 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 I look at it. 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 in my college class, I know how it is. I was a little rebellious. 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 hate to put it so bluntly 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

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It. Usually, the Chief Election Commissioner will come to the president or vice president and ask if there is anything else to be added. It isn't in the statute 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 she and another commissioner set up the drapes and asked the candidates to sign up, but they were too close campaigning.

"The hearing was against the Election Commission as a whole, it was not against Belmari," 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 for violating election statutes. Monserrate notified the Council of her interest in attending the meeting through the memo.

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 [someone], I was never properly informed of this change," Shutley denied the charge.

Monserrate said she wanted to go to the hearing "because I was interested" 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.

She said she and another commissioner set up the drapes and asked the candidates to sign up, but they were too close campaigning.

"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 sent Monserrate to get the ballot and it was not finished.

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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. "I missed one of the biggest problems but I have good relations with SG because we had a conflict due to scheduling."

"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 romancing the booths."

"[Monserrate] can't be 15 people. Everyone seemed to fall on her shoulders," Fox said.

Fox said the problems have been amended for upcoming elections.

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

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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The Judicial Council met on Sept. 16 and found the Student Government Election Commission guilty of violating the following Student Body Statutes.

- (521.1.A) The chief election commissioner, assistant chief, and 11 commissioners should be appointed three times prior to the fall semester.

- (521.2.B) The Elections Commission should secure all voting materials with a representative from the auxiliary organization that is helping to run the elections 15 minutes before the polls open and after the polls close.

- (521.2.N) The Elections Commission should submit a list of problems, solutions and/or possible changes to the Elections Statutes with two weeks following each election to the Elections and Appointments Committee.

- (521.2.O) The Elections Commission should conduct three meetings, one before, one during and one after the Petition of Candidates to explain the Election Statutes and answer questions concerning them for all candidates.

- (521.2.P) The Elections Commission should check the qualifications of all candidates and post the names of qualified to hold office on the Election Bulletin Board within one school day after the end of the petition of candidates. There should be two school days in which candidates can clear up any questions regarding qualifications.

- (521.4.C) There should be no visible campaign material or verbal campaigning within 15 feet of the polling area during voting hours. The Commission should mark this area with a closed or roped boundary and provide trash receptacles.

- (521.4.A) Elections for the main campus should be from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday of the election week.

- (521.4.B) Election for the Brevard campus should be from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of the election week.
Speaker anxiety leaves some speechless

By LINDA RAMOS
Staff Writer

Giving a speech or an oral presentation can be extremely stressful. Speaker anxiety is common—even among college students.

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 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 Lunenfeld in "College Basics: How to Start Right and Finish Strong," write the speech's outline onto 3 x 5 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 uh's.

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 FPU.

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 mental health professional in confidence. For additional information, contact the Counseling and Testing Center at 823-2111.

National Depression Screening Day on Oct. 8. The Counseling and Testing Center will offer free screenings for faculty, students and staff from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the Student Center Auditorium. The process should take between 30-45 minutes. Participants will complete an anonymous written test and have the opportunity to discuss the results with a mental health professional in confidence. For additional information, contact the Counseling and Testing Center at 823-2111.

Family Weekend 1998 will be Oct. 9-11. Several events are scheduled throughout the weekend including a pep rally to kick off the event on Oct. 9, 5-6 p.m. in front of the Student Union. Contact Amanda Havill at 823-6471.

The 20th Annual Threshold 5K Run for the Kids will be held at 8 a.m. on October 10, beginning at the UCF Arena.

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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 Carrera at 823-6470 or Shazia Farhat at 823-7740.

The UCF Art Gallery will open a new exhibit on Oct. 15 featuring works that served as the American entry for the 42nd International Biennial of Graphic Art in Ljubljana, Slovenia. The exhibit will run until Nov. 4.

The exhibition will include works by David Hockney, David Humphrey, Alfredo Jaar, Doug Aitken, Dan Tull, Diana Thater, John Baldessari, Pat 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 brokering 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. Foillet 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. "That's unrealistic."

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.

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

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.

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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 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 is already under suspicion 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 it is total (dirt)," 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 friend," 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 charged brothers of Phi Gamma Delta with manslaughter last week against a 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.

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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, fondled her, forced her to fondle 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," the victim, (It is Free Press policy not to identify victims of sexual assault,) said.

"At this point, I'm going to be ready to play this season."

"If anything, I've been treated as a less-important part of a student's academic record, resolving a matter with the victim while drunk outside the front door of a residence hall."

"Everything happened the same written statement that the victim then brought criminal charges in March. Brooks pleaded not guilty at his arraignment to fourth-degree criminal sexual conduct, a misdemeanor that includes fondling and touching but not penetration.

"The most important thing is that I don't want to be swept into a joke for football players. I don't want them to think this meant nothing and still be on the sidelines."

"The victim brought criminal charges in March. Brooks pleaded not guilty at his arraignment to fourth-degree criminal sexual conduct, a misdemeanor that includes fondling and touching but not penetration."

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"When investigating allegations in any case, we always get information from someone who could help in an appropriate way," Antieau said from her office in Greenville, N.C. "We gathered information from a variety of sources."

"If her appeal is denied, the victim said she might seek a civil suit against Brooks. She said she now always uses SafeWalk, a student-run campus escort service, to walk anywhere at night and is currently in counseling with U-M's Sexual Assault Prevention and Awareness Center.

"Everything in my life has suffered immensely because of this," the victim said. "Academically, I can't concentrate, and I've missed classes to go to meetings and to go to court. Socially, it hurts, too. Leaving after dark is something I just don't do."
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 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 dreamscape 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 hell. 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' movie, 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 for some powerful scenes.

Directed by Vincent Ward this movie was adapted from the book, written by Richard Matheson. This movie may not be for everybody, in fact I think only a few will truly appreciate it enough to look past some of the off points, but everyone should give it a try for the art alone.
Chemical Brothers

Brothers Gonn Work It Out (Virgin/Freestyle Dust)

Whether or not you liked techno before their superstardom (see, 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 electro to hip hop, from space rock to dub step, the long time collaborators known to the world as the Chemical Brothers were DJ’s long before the trendsetters heard their club/sdance/quiet room friendly hits. BLEEDING five separately recorded sets of renegade sounds, with standouts including the collection of the Chemical Brothers own creation "Just Not 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 take time to turn me 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 features music 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 '90s rap music. "B***h Betta Have My Money," Jadakiss' 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 the 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 Shullin, 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 background music of a Double Dragon game on the 8-bit Nintendo system. Add in some kestil 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.

Luce Strikes

Motley Crue

Greatest Hits (Motley Crue Records)

In honor of the average Motley Crue fan, I will write this review in Fraggle speak. Whatta Fraggle speak? Remember those small furry creatures which came on HBO in the afternoons and would sing songs about happiness, good times and whatever else they could think of. See LISTEN UP, Page 18

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-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.

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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.

“Tongue firmly in check, O’Brien adds, “It’s a miserable existence, and you should pity me.”

With his invaluable, willing-to-do-anything-fool-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 run 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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World’s Greatest Athletes: According to Pacific Dunlop, the company supplying condoms for the 2000 Olympic Games in Sydney, Australia, Olympic officials have requested 51 condoms per participant for the 17-day event. Said one athlete interviewed by the London Daily Telegraph, “Three a day sounds too many.”

According to a Chicago Tribune report in September, some parents in Oak Park, Ill., are objecting to what they believe is an implicit anti-Americanism in a “Pledge to the Planet” that some Hatch Elementary School teachers require students to recite along with the “Pledge of Allegiance.” The controversial oath: “I pledge allegiance to the Earth, this unique blue-water planet, graced by life, our only home. I promise to respect all living things, and to protect to the best of my abilities all parts of our planet’s environment, and to promote peace among the human family, with liberty and justice for all.”

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No Spin Doctors in Alberta

In May, a judge in Red Deer, Alberta, sentenced Nelson Dicks, 32, to 21 days in jail for making a false claim on an unemployment insurance form. Jail time is not usually given on first offenses, but Dicks got in additional trouble by volunteering that life was tough for him and that he might be forced to apply for benefits again even though he was working, provoking the judge to ask him, point-blank, “So you’ll lie again?” Responded Dicks, “You’re damn right.”

More Punishment Needed

In August, Douglas Illingsworth, 83, had his driver’s license suspended for a year by a court in Barnsley, South Yorks, England, after several incidents in which he tied up traffic by driving less than 15 mph on thoroughfares, including a stint at about 1 mph. And in Dale City, Va., in June, a 30-year-old motorists was beaten with a steering-wheel-locking device (which was apparently the closest available weapon) at a traffic light by a 33-year-old woman who was incensed that he had been driving too slowly.

Don’t Step in the Feng Shui

In May, residents of Qingshan village in Guangdong province, China, blew up a brand-new bridge on a main artery because they believed it had been constructed in violation of the principles of feng shui (spiritual beliefs about the arrangement of objects in a space). And New York feng shui authority Eliza Arekelian told The Independent of London that the July 29th collapse of bridges in Times Square was caused in part by the Concorde jet’s nose on a nearby billboard, pointing the wrong way. And Newsweek reported in May that business was booming for New York City’s “smudger” Eleni Santoro, who charges real estate agents $225 an hour to erase the negative energy from a property.

Gesundheit!

Just before an April angling tournament in Appling, Ga., as Vertell James, 70, was tying his line, he snatched his $300 false teeth into the water and had to fish them out before getting back to business. And in July, near Calgary, Alberta, a 19-year-old man being pursued by police after he hijacked a car dumped the car and hid out in the tall grass in a field but blew his cover when he couldn’t suppress a sneeze.

Weird Science

Nissan’s quality-assurance director at its plant in Sunderland, England, announced in July that the company had developed a substance based on the most destructive forms of bird poop they had found throughout the world, for the purpose of rigorously testing its automobiles’ paint jobs. Added the director, John Burke, “It looks like the real thing: It’s white, it’s viscous and it smells horrible.”

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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, 13 inches long, remains the other two (about 3 inches each) had grown during adolescence.

Update

News of the Weird reported that in January 1998, the executor of the estate of the late Larry Hillblom (founder of the DHL international courier service) agreed to pay out $90 million to four Pacific Islands teen-agers if they could prove paternity by Hillblom’s DNA. At the time, proof seemed imminent, but shortly afterward, the children’s lawyers reported that not only had all of Hillblom’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 Hillblom’s 1995 plane crash was devoid of even a single speck of blood. In June, a former Hillblom associate was identified as a suspect in the movie-plot-like cleaning.

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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If it’s free, it’s for me!

By VICKI DESORMIER
Staff Writer

Like it or not, Christmas is on its way and now’s the time to try to figure out what to get for Aunt Tilly, Cousin Homer and everyone in between...including yourself.

If you’re one of those people (like me) who hates shopping around the mall and then put it back on the shelf and then not being able to decide what to get even when you find a sale because you can’t just bring the product home and see if it’s something that person would really like.

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The UCF women's soccer team has started a perfect 10-0 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, outscoring 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" earlier 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 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 Alysia O'Brien (1.69 goals against average) has been a main factor in the strong defensive play, recording three shutouts and holding the Knights' opponents to two goals during the five victories.

Florida State to extend a four-game winning streak. Forward Kim Shrum and midfielder Danya 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 three assists) while Harris has 13 points (four goals and five assists), including two game-winning goals.

The Knights now have the luxury of playing six of their final seven games at home, with the only road game being a short trip to Tampa for a game against South Florida. UCF can also clinch a tie for first in the Trans America 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 November, conference play, UCF faces two regionally ranked teams in UNC-Greensboro and Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

Defender Maryvette 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 South Florida State to extend a four-game winning streak.

By TRAVIS BELL
Staff Writer

UCF women turn season around, look to continue success

Loss may relieve pressure on players

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played in fear." Ochoa said the loss may relieve some of her players now. They will not have to answer questions about if the streak is pressuring them, she added. UCF must move on and prepare for their next opponent, the University of South Florida, she said.

"At least now, they don't have the pressure of that. I'm sure that deep down inside some of them, [maintaining the streak] was there," Ochoa said. "We practiced on Monday, but they had the weekend off to try and rethink their actions and we're going to try and get back into a winning mentality.

UCF will travel to USF to play the Bulls at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday. USF will visit the UCF Arena a week later at 7 p.m. The rivalry between the teams is well known among the players, Ochoa said, and UCF will look to improve upon their 20-32 all-time record against USF.

"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."
Grant grabs spotlight with 100-yard game

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Hard times hit men’s soccer squad

By TRAVIS BELL
Staff Writer

A promising start has turned sour in a hurry for the UCF men’s soccer team, 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 extreme.

“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 get into conference play. I tell the guys that 3-5 is 0-0, because that’s really what we are.”

The 1998 team began the year strong with four easy victories, scoring 21 goals during that stretch. Since then, UCF has dropped five of the last six games, including being shut out three times. The Knights managed six goals in the other three contests, but only defeated Georgia State.

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 could still expect much better against the three-time national champions. However, two days later the previously 21st-ranked Knights endured their first of two close losses suffered during this stint. UCF held a 1-0 lead against Butler at halftime, but yielded two goals less than two minutes apart for the loss. UCF entered the middle part of the schedule with high hopes, since they were facing two top 20 teams, and a former national runner-up. They also began their Trans America Athletic Conference schedule with the conference opener sandwiched in between.

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 regionally ranked teams (Butler and Jacksonville).

“When 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 if 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 seeding wise for the TAAC Tournament.

Despite ranking sixth in the country in scoring average, the Knights are a combined 1-5 against nationally ranked opponents. The only win for UCF came with a 2-0 victory against UNLV at the UNLV Soccer Classic.

“But I hope that we can really get it together and get some results,” Winch said. “I think the team understands that we really haven’t accomplished 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 welcomed the return of junior midfielder Mari 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 Anti Peltonen and Jussi Korpinen due to injuries during this tough six-game stretch.

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.”

The Knights have also been without forward Daniel Peltonen, who has been out due to injuries during this tough six-game stretch.

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

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- Women's Soccer vs. UNC-Greensboro, 1 p.m.
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- Volleyball vs. South Florida, 7 p.m., UCF Arena

**Monday 12**

- Volleyball vs. Central Florida Future, 7 p.m., UCF Arena

**Tuesday 13**

- Football Review with Mike Kruczak

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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 113 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 McCaruso, who leads NIU in touchdowns, are a pair of solid targets who will make Harmon'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 Dante 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 Northwestern and Indiana, sometimes employs a "52" 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," Kruczak said. "I think that all we have to do is go out and execute the plan and we'll be fine."
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 Dante 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 Deaubrey Devine. Both, however, received extensive playing time.

"I think Tito and Deaubrey 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 hold down the Falcons.

Rodriguez started at middle linebacker against Bowling Green, his second-half presence helped hold down the Falcons.

"Now that's a good play," Rodriguez said.

"It's nice," Porter added. His motor runs well.

The Kicking Situation

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

"We are going to try and punt 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've got 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."

Although Fred Waczewski is better than Miranda any more, he isn't sure if Rodriguez will continue to start or if Devine will play first against UNI.

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 anyway, so it's like whatever they want to do, we can play it that way."

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

"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 me the way I wanted," laments Miranda.

Bumps and Bruises

Freshman tailback Omarri 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 lineman Eurlinn 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 UNI, while redshirt freshman linebacker Willie Davis, who also injured his hamstring, should be back, as his injury is less severe.

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Senior cornerback Paul Miranda has a bruised shoulder and will play this week. Redshirt freshman corner back Ellis Shorter suffered a concussion, but is also expected to return. Senior punt returner/ RECEIVER Eric Lester bruised his clavicle is better, but wasn't used in Toledo and may be used sparingly against the Huskies. Senior kicker Fred Waczewski (hip flexor) returned against Toledo, but won't kick off and will only attempt field goals and extra points.
Record Watch

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's offense bear down and stop the opposing offense. Toledo managed only 86 yards in the second half, with 50 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.

"Couches always say to play 100 percent. The opportunity was there to make the play. You never know which play it's going to be. I was just like, 'shoot, let me go for the kill,'" 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 at 24 in the first minute of the fourth quarter. From there, the defense and tailback Mike Grant took over. Grant, a senior tailback who finished with 22 carries for 101 yards, carried nine times for 52 yards in the fourth, nailing the first 100-yard game of his career. 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 Kruecke. "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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Tim Couch, QB, Kentucky: 34-55, 498 yds, 3 TDS, 1 int in 37-20 loss at Arkansas
Champ Bailey, CB, Georgia: 7 rec, 144 yds, 1 TD, 1 Int, 1 block punt in 28-17 win over LSU
Casey McNabb, QB, UCLA: 14-27, 225 yds, 1 TD, 1 int as 1 rush TD in 49-17 win over WSU
Jamal Lewis, RB, Tennessee: 18 carries, 140 yds, 1 TD in 17-6 win over Auburn
Joe Girardino, QB, Ohio State: 14-28, 213 yds, 1 TD in 26-14 win over Penn State
Michael Williams, RB, Texas Tech: 34 carries, 194 yds, 3 TDS in 31-29 win over Kansas
Kevin Faulk, RB, LSU: 17 carries, 88 yds in 27-14 loss to Georgia
Troy Edwards, WR, LA Tech: 10 rec, 225 yds, 5 TD in 63-24 win over Boise State
Tim Rahay, QB, Lehigh: 35-51, 397 yds, 7 TDs, 1 TD rush in 63-28 win over Boston State
Michael Bishop, QB, Kansas State: 17-22, 211 yds, 1 TD, 3 TD rush in 24-19 loss to Colorado
Aubrey Smith, QB, Oregon: 14-24, 211 yds, 1 TD, 1 TD rush in 45-7 win over Washington State
Michael Wilber, RB, Ohio State: 17 carries, 61 yds, 1 int, 1 TD in 31-21 win over Penn State
Ron Dayne, RB, Wisconsin: 38 carries, 304 yds, 4 TDs in 26-20 win over Indiana
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First downs UCF 34 Toledo 22
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Passing yards 342 201
Sacked-yards lost 1-6 3-18
Return yards 17 36
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Rushing:
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Toledo-Taylor 6 run (France kick)
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Passing:
Central Florida-Culpepper 3-6-49,-0-312.
Toledo-Wallace 21-42-0-201.

Receiving:
Central Florida-Burley 1-86, Nonsant 9-110, K Clark 6-60, Grant 4-34, Lee 2-19, Goldberg 1-21, T Davis 1-6, Sessions 1-5, Thames 1-1.
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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 twenty-three against the 35-point favorite Golden Knights. However, as the old saying goes, games aren’t played on paper, and the Huskies, in addition to their quarterback woes, are not so much that the offense is firing on all cylinders. Coach Kruczek 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 outset, with Culpepper finding Mark Nonsut for a 20-yard touchdown to open the scoring. The pass was the longest play of 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 rooms even at 17.

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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 the UCF 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. UCF took advantage of Toledo’s generosity from the outset, with Culpepper finding Mark Nonsut 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 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 rooms even at 17.

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65-game win streak over

By JEFF CASE
Staff Writer

The UCF volleyball team’s first conference loss in six years has coach Miriam Ochoa upset, but not for the reasons you might expect.

The team did suffer its first loss after a school-record 65 consecutive TAAC wins and, yes, it dropped UCF to 2-2 in the TAAC this season.

For Ochoa, it was the way UCF lost to Florida Atlantic last Friday that disappointed her.

“It’s been tough [dealing with the loss],” Ochoa said. “It’s not so much that the streak ended, but that we lost so bad. We prepared them and some of them have been here for four years, so they’ve played FAU before.”

The Owls defeated the Knights in four games, 6-15, 16-14, 15-13 and 15-12, but Ochoa said the momentum shifted to FAU in the second match. UCF held leads of 10-2 and 14-7 in the second match and seemed poised for the victory, Ochoa said. “I’m not too sure what happened. We handled the first game easily and were up in the second, but then the team fell apart,” Ochoa said. “It seemed like no one wanted to finish the game and we gave them the momentum.”

UCF was without last season’s TAAC Newcomer of the Year, Amanda Fielding, for the first loss. Fielding was injured in a car accident on University Blvd late last week. She sustained minor injuries and was released from the hospital but did not travel to FAU.

“After our first win at FAU, I thought everyone would step up and finish it because Amanda was hurt,” Ochoa said. UCF returned to the UCF Arena with hopes of avenging its loss by defeating Georgia State on Saturday. The teams’ misfortunes continued as they suffered a straight set loss to GSU, 6-15, 15-15, 15-15, for their first consecutive TAAC loss.

“We talked about GSU after the loss to FAU, we said the streak had no effect on us any more, so we wanted to go out and win. It didn’t happen,” Ochoa said. “I think some of the players were still dwelling on the loss.

“We took a beating, we just kind of fell out of the game [against GSU]. I think people...