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Union seeks more money from Activity Fee

By NICOLE KING
News Editor

Student Union administrators will go before the Activity and
Service Fee Setting Committee in the next two weeks to ask for
more money to run the union.

The last time the Setting Committee met was in 1995
which resulted in a $1.80 increase in the fee, bringing it to
its current level of $6.95.

Union administrators said the building needs $2.1 million a
year to function. By the end of
this year, the Union's cash posi­
tion will be about $215,000.

Union Director Mark Hall said
the building never has been fully
funded.

When the Activity and Service
fee was last raised, Hall said the
idea was to create an operations
fund for the building which was
then still in the planning stages.
One dollar per student per credit
hour was taken from the fee and
put into the fund.

"The decision was made to set
this money aside, let it build up,
accumulate interest and use it as
the start-up money for the build­
ing," Hall said.

The union has continued to use
the money, but by next summer,
the operations fund, along with
the revenue generated from
union businesses, will not be
enough to operate the building,
Hall said.

Donald Adams, chair of the
Student Union Board, said the
bulk of the $2 million needed to
run the union goes for employee
salaries.

"There are also bills like elec­
tricity," he said. "They get
money in as far as revenue from
things like the stores and resto­
rants. There is also the big
groups that come in for confer­
ces and things like that. That
pulls money in as well.

"Unfortunately, there is a big
discrepancy between how much
money we bring in and how
much money we put out every
year."

There also is a $5.4 million
expansion project planned for
the union with construction set
to begin this month. A bathroom,
additional retail space and a new
restaurant will be added to the
west plaza. The money for the
expansion project is provided by
the Capital Improvement Trust
Fund.

Although the money is not
directly coming out of the
Activity and Service Fee, the
expansion also will play a part
in the building's expenses.

"We are planning in our bud­
get process the expenses for that
in terms of positions, in terms of
equipment and other expenses
as well as the additional reve­
ues generated by the space," said
Student Union Business
Manager Chuck Gallo.

Hall said union administration
waited until it had a year's
worth of history before bringing
the issue to the committee's
attention.

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By JAMES COMBS
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Nonants catches fire UCF's Mark Nonant has moved into
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Photo by Kevin Cahill
Station manager Kayonne Riley operates the
broadcast console at WUCF.

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Marketing professor studies shopping trends

By NATALIE NATALE
Staff Writer

She stands five feet, four inches tall. She only gets six hours of sleep a night. She works out five days a week and she loves alternative music. Sounds like a typical female at UCF, right? Marketing and Retail Management.

Dr. Kristy Reynolds is anything but typical. Her strong work ethic and academic prowess have always set her apart from the rest. Since high school, Reynolds studied hard to earn college scholarships. In undergraduate school, she aimed to get into graduate school and then dedicated herself to the management of customer relationships.

Reynolds recently worked with fellow marketing professors, Dr. Michael Luckett and Dr. Aishankar Ganesh, on a paper for the Journal of Consumer Behavior. The three professors researched regular mall shoppers versus outlet mall shoppers to determine how the two groups are different.

Reynolds’ main areas of research are shopping behaviors and salesperson-customer relationships. She is currently working with Dr. Ronald Pimentel, an associate professor in the Marketing Department, on another manuscript for the Journal of Consumer Research. The Office of Sponsored Research awarded them a grant to study brand loyal customers.

"This study investigates things like the Beanie Baby craze," said Reynolds. "We are also studying people who are very devoted to ordinary brands like Mountain Dew, Tommy Hilfiger and Craftsman Tools."

Reynolds recently had an article accepted for publication in the Journal of Retailing. It focuses on how forming relationships with customers can positively influence customer satisfaction, loyalty, word of mouth and purchases. Reynolds declined a managerial position with a leading pharmaceutical company to enter the master’s program at the University of Alabama. She then continued on at Alabama to obtain her doctorate degree.

She first taught at UCF in the summer of 1995. Since then she has taught Marketing Analysis and Research, Customer Behavior, Relationship Marketing and Retail Management.

"The classroom is very dynamic," she said. "I enjoy sharing my knowledge with people. I love hearing about the different backgrounds of students. It’s so interesting."

Last spring, Reynolds and her Marketing Analysis and Research class teamed up with Sobik’s Subs to conduct consumer research. Up until this point, Sobik’s had not conducted any consumer research. Students conducted extensive telephone and in-store customer surveys. They then analyzed the collected data, compiled formal reports and presented their recommendations to the management of Sobik’s Subs.

"Dr. Reynolds has a real enthusiasm for Marketing," said senior Ryan Murphy. "It makes me look forward to her classes."

Reynolds’ office hours are Mondays and Wednesdays from 10-11:30 a.m. and 1-2:30 p.m. in the Business Administration Building. For more information about Reynolds contact her web site at http://www.ucf.bus.edu or email her at kristy.reynolds@ucf.bus.edu

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Project to improve all campus services

By SARAH SEKULA
Staff Writer

Ever had problems registering for classes at UCF? Does it seem like an eternity before you discover a financial aid check in the mailbox? Never fear, UCF is here.

A project developed in the Fall 1997 semester, UCF 21 is striving to make a "great university greater." It is the University's Customer Focus for the 21st Century.

The project's goal is to improve student services ranging from parking and financial aid to health services and computer labs.

As a part of UCF President John Hitt's Operational Excellence Initiative, UCF 21 focuses on helping UCF students by examining the scope and delivery of student services. The UCF 21 team is made up of faculty, staff and students.

"I think this could make a huge difference to the students," Dr. Julia Pet-Edwards, UCF 21 project director, said. "We hope for a smoother operation of student services."

Phase I of UCF 21 ran throughout the 1997-1998 academic year. The objective was to define and identify student service areas and develop an implementation plan for specific areas in order to improve the processes in Phase II.

For the purposes of this project, student services are defined as all activities, processes and products (excluding classroom instruction) provided or supported by UCF that are related to a successful student experience.

Phase II started this semester and will continue through the end of June 1999, according to Pet-Edwards. Several offices and processes have been selected by UCF 21 to be analyzed and improved. During this second phase, UCF 21 plans to work with the orientation office, all first year advising offices, student campus tours, the office of student activities, transfer/summary reports (evaluating transcripts for credit transfers), admission flow and the add/drop process.

"Many of these areas introduce a long waiting period for students and end up affecting students in a negative way," Pet-Edwards said. "Most offices that deal with student services are dedicated to the needs of students, but they don't have the time to look at areas that need improvement."

According to UCF 21's "Project Description," UCF is a growing metropolitan university that serves a large and diverse student body, having grown beyond 27,000 students in the past 30 years.

Some of these students are traditional full-time undergraduates who live in university residence halls, while others are part-time students working full-time jobs and taking evening or videotaped classes at remote locations.

The explosive growth in student enrollment has been accompanied by needs that students face at different times in their education at UCF.

To achieve operational excellence and be a model for metropolitan universities, UCF must examine the various systems that drive and support student services. Customer focus on the students underlies this review and is the driving force of the project.

"UCF 21 will be a pretty powerful entity on campus," Catherine Baltunis, UCF 21 public relations representative, said. "If students come to us, we really can make a difference."

UCF 21 can be contacted at (407) 207-4900, http://ke.ege.ucf.edu or ucf@eims.engr.ucf.edu.

Candidates say they were not informed of election changes

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and Deeb, said they were not informed of these meetings, though meeting times are posted on the Student Government bulletin board in the Student Union.

"A call would have been appreciated from those whose job it is to help run the elections to inform the people that are running in the elections," Dougan said.

Senator Amy Florio said postponing the elections was a difficult decision but the correct one. She said commissioners in those elections had to learn the process quickly.

"People were appointed Thursday night to help run the elections starting the following Monday which is hard to do," she said.

Florio does not understand why the referendum and Constitutional Amendments 1, 2 and 3 were not on the new ballot.

"These are in the best interest of students to vote on because they deal with their money," she said. "We followed statutes completely to put them on the ballot with the October elections and it doesn't make sense why they're not on them."

Fox ruled that the amendments and referendums were not to be placed on the ballot of the rescheduled elections, based on her interpretation of the statutes. The Judicial Council ruled on Oct. 2 that she was correct to exclude the amendments and referendums. The Council also said there was no need for equity relief for allowing parties to change seats on the ballot before the elections.

In a memo by Mike Sholley, the Chief Justice, it was stated that each candidate had the opportunity to inquire and change his or her seat before the close of declaration of candidacy.

When students voted last week, they saw a revised ballot with all of the candidates listed from 1-46 with seat 47 as an at-large position. Some seats were still empty in the college of Health and Public Affairs and Engineering.

Instruction was given to students to cover the tents, which did not occur during the last elections.

Darin Patton is one of three at-large candidates who ran in both elections.

"I was disappointed of the postponement because I had already stood outside all day campaigning like I am now and wished these votes counted. But after looking at the reasons I understood why," he said.

Patton was student body president in 1995 and has been involved in SGA as a senator and on committees.

He said the past four weeks had damaged the Senate's perception, which he hopes can be fixed.

"The Senate is responsible for a $5 million operation and if students are not informed of the SGA, they need to ask somebody," he said.
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Administrators waited a year to build Union revenue history

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According to Student Union Business Manager Chuck Gallo, revenue from Union businesses will never be enough to make the building self-sufficient.

Service Fee Setting Committee, Craig Ullom, said the committee has to make a recommendation to President John Hitt by the last week of October.

The committee is comprised of half students, chosen by the Student Body President, and half faculty and staff, chosen by Hitt. It decides only if the fee should be raised, decreased or remain the same. The Activity and Service Fee Allocation Committee, which meets every spring, recommends to the Student Senate how the fee should be allocated.

Ullom said the committee will look at the financial projections of the organizations that come before it and compare them to the growth rate and revenue.

"The kinds of things we consider are the pot of money we collect sufficient enough to cover current and future expenses," said Ullom. "Is there going to be an increase? I don’t know, we’ll try and figure it out."

Haunted Woods Hay Ride scheduled for Moss Park

By NICOLE KING
News Editor

The Haunted Woods hay ride will be held from 7 p.m. to midnight on Oct. 24 in Moss Park. Tickets are $5 for adults, $3 for children age 12 and under. Tickets will be sold at pavilion #2 until 10 p.m. on Oct. 24. Children under 3 get in free. The money raised from the event will go for improvements and future events at Moss Park. For more information, call 293-2327.

The exhibit will run until Nov. 4.

The exhibition will include works by David Hockney, David Humphrey, Alfredo Jaar, Doug Aitken, Dani Tull, Diana Thater, John Baldessari, Pae White, Robert Rauschenberg and Frank Stella.

An opening reception will be held Oct. 15 from 5 - 7 p.m.

The Student Accounts and Loans/Collection offices will be moved to Trailer #541 beginning on Oct. 9. Telephone extensions will remain the same. Student Accounts should return to AD 111-112 by Nov. 30.
Exceptional children council growing rapidly

By AMBER FELDMAN
Staff Writer

The Student Council for Exceptional Children is an organization associated with the national Council for Exceptional Children. As the largest professional organization dedicated to exceptional children, the CEC provides members with up-to-date information regarding exceptional education.

Currently, most of the approximately 50 members in the UCF-Brevard SCEC are exceptional education majors but Pam Shannon, newly elected president, encourages anyone in education to join. Shannon said a trend toward inclusion could mean that most teachers will come in contact with children in exceptional education programs.

The UCF-Brevard chapter was founded in 1990 and has grown rapidly, SCEC usually meets twice monthly and sponsors and participates in a number of community events and fundraisers.

In the past year, the SCEC has been able to sponsor trips for four classes to the Brevard Zoo. The group covered all costs including transportation, admission, and food for students of exceptional education classes. The project allows children who might not ordinarily be included in field trips the opportunity to have the same experiences as children who are not in exceptional education programs. Shannon said her goal is to continue these field trips.

The SCEC started a Christmas Wish List in 1997 aimed at equipping teachers of exceptional education classes with needed supplies. Teachers around Brevard County sent letters with their requests to SCEC members and they fulfilled as many as possible.

Elections were held recently and new members were inducted at a banquet on Oct. 10. The newly elected officers have not yet decided on future fundraisers but plan to be very active. Shannon replaces past president, Danielle Hewitt, who has recently been elected at the national level of CEC. Hewitt’s new position will be Vice President of Communications.

The SCEC garage sale was held Oct. 3, in front of the Clark Maxwell, Jr. Lifelong Learning Center on the Brevard campus. Donations were gathered by members of the SCEC through solicitation and flyers. They also set up boxes in each department’s office. Many different items covered the 30 tables, from clothing to children’s toys.

The funds raised will be used to fund new projects for the current school year, to conduct a raffle for the club membership drive, and for the induction and awards banquet.

Shawn Olmstead arranged the garage sale as her last activity as Fundraising Chairman. Olmstead was pleased with the success of the garage sale.

“I am happy to say that we more than doubled the amount raised at our last garage sale which was held in August,” Olmstead said.

Dr. Dan Ezell, advisor to the program, remarked on the organization.

“Even though our chapter membership may be considered small, we have accomplished great things,” Ezell said.

“I am extremely impressed with their overall commitment to the field of exceptional education. Due to the tireless efforts of our small group, enormous things are happening here at UCF-Brevard.”

To become a part of SCEC, apply to the CEC to be a student member at a reduced rate. This entitles students to several monthly publications and information on their chosen specialty. Membership is open to undergraduate and graduate students and is beneficial to those who will be in contact with children in exceptional education programs.

If you are interested in joining the UCF-Brevard chapter of the SCEC, contact Ezell at (407) 632-1111 ext. 65575.

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Laptop computer stolen from Business Services

By NICOLE KING
News Editor

A laptop computer was taken from the Business Services Building Room 105 between Sept. 10 and Oct. 1. A Business Services employee, Joanna Peters, noticed the computer missing around Sept. 10 but thought another employee was using the computer. On Oct. 1, she asked an employee to retrieve the computer from its storage site. The employee returned and told Peters she could not find the computer. Peters then asked the employees if anyone had borrowed the computer, which none had.

The computer is used for meter checks on copy machines and is valued at $500. Business Services is willing to prosecute.

*Amie Mills reported her hangtag missing from her Jeep Wrangler on Sept. 30. At 8 a.m., she parked her vehicle in parking lot G-1 and the hangtag was in place. When she returned at 11 a.m., the tag was missing. There was no forced entry to the vehicle.

*Rodney Addison’s cellular phone was stolen while he was in the Chic Fil-A restaurant on campus on Sept. 23. At around 4 p.m., Addison left his Ericsson phone unattended and when he returned, it was gone. The victim wishes to prosecute.

*On Sept. 29, the president of the American Society of Civil Engineers, Oscar D. Bello, reported a black zipperped bank bag containing $1,900 missing from the Engineering Building’s Room 189.

On Aug. 10, Bello had placed the bag in his desk. He returned a week later to retrieve the bag in order to deposit the money in the club’s account and found the bag was gone. Bello assumed the club’s treasurer had already deposited the money. When asked, the treasurer said no deposit had been made. Bello is unsure if the club will seek prosecution.

*On Oct. 5, a saw was reported stolen from the construction site at Alafaya Trail and Centaurus West. Alwyn Wayne Kilgore, a representative of the Hubbard Construction Company, told police that while he was working at the site, an unknown white male stopped his vehicle and waved him down. The male told Kilgore that he saw another vehicle stop at the site, an occupant exit the car and take the saw. The saw is valued at $1,200 and is orange and white in color.

Reading to understand

By LINDA RAMOS
Staff Writer

Most of the information read during the college years deals with nonfiction material such as statistics, theories, experiments and research. Consequently, most of the time spent in college will be processing, comprehending, analyzing, and applying material.

Unfortunately, very little time is spent teaching students how to read difficult material. Nonetheless, the reading levels of students are assumed to evolve appropriately.

Reading comprehension is the process of mentally interpreting symbols into understandable concepts. College reading comprehension not only includes this definition, but also encompasses two usually confused processes—scanning and skimming.

Gregory Wells, coordinator of the William James Center at West Virginia’s Davis and Elkins College, has explained the difference between the two.

Scanning is the skill of looking for some piece of information that you know you need. Scanning comes in handy for research projects and last-minute study reviews.

Skimming, however, is the skill for reading unfamiliar material without the purpose of looking for specific information. In scanning, key words (names, places, theories) and transitional phrases (in summary, in contrast, and hence, etc.) give a preliminary understanding of the material. Thus, the reading process generally progresses from scanning to skimming.

Virginia Tech’s Division of Student Affairs Counseling Center’s pamphlet How to Read Essays You Must Analyze provides tips for reading nonfiction material.

First, skim the information. Don’t get bogged down with details.

Second, take a moment and reflect on what you’ve just skimmed. Were the words or concepts repeated throughout the text?

Third, read the material a second time for the explicit purpose of extracting information. In other words, this time read for details. How is the chapter, essay, etc. structured? How does the author present the thesis or main idea?

Fourth, scan the material and make marginal notes. Draw a line separating the introductory paragraphs from the body. Likewise, you’ll also separate the conclusion.

Circle the transitional words and phrases. Label paragraphs so as to describe their functions. For example, is the paragraph exemplary, historical, a process description, a literary review, etc.? (Understandably, if you’re reading library books, take notes in a notebook or on index cards.)

At this point, you would have skimmed the material; read for structure and details, and labeled for easier scanning. Now put it all together in the final fifth tip which is to determine the material’s implications and applications.

Additional tips for reading nonfiction come from Carol Knarr’s The Confident Student. Related to difficult material to meaningful experience and previously learned information.

If stuck on deciphering the material’s structure, use the headings, subheadings, and table of contents for starters. Look up vocabulary words that are unfamiliar.

All of these tips help ease the process of reading difficult nonfiction material. They also help to increase reading levels in order to make future difficult nonfiction material easier to read.

Linda Ramos is associated with Full Student Services (FSS) which provides word processing, typing and research assistance to college students.

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Radio station to be voice of community

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station listening to WUCF increased from 1.7 to 2.6.

"I feel like the university sees this station as a good voice to the entire community," just UCF station manager Kayonne Riley said.

In 1996, WUCF faced a tough situation. The Corporation for Public Broadcasting, which had funded WUCF since the early 1990s, threatened to quit funding the station unless it met a certain performance criteria. During that time, the station's Sunday shows, which included Music from India, the French Hour and the Jewish Hour, drew zero ratings, said Rensel. Rensel said the station faced losing $100,000 a year from the CPB.

Without that funding, it would have gone back to an all-volunteer station. Also, it would have lost its hourly newscasts from National Public Radio, of which WUCF is a member station.

NPR members came to the campus and talked with members of WUCF and university administrators. They discussed solutions for the station to increase its ratings and keep its funding.

"We realized that the jazz programming that we broadcast on the station is what has always done best as far as audience and fundraising," Rensel said. "At that time the university agreed they wanted this station to succeed and keep its federal funding and to be as relevant as possible in the community. So we got the go-ahead to do what we needed to do to make sure that happened." In March 1997, the station added more jazz to its programming and eliminated its non-jazz programs.

"When we did that we saw the response of the community explode virtually overnight," Rensel said. Rensel said last year the CPB put 12 public radio stations on probation. WUCF was the first of those stations to come off the list.

"Our peers in the public broadcasting world know about our success and we should be a model to them," Rensel said. "It is not how we did it, but the fact that we did it shows other stations that it is possible." WUCF has tried to extend its influence in the community. The station held a fund-raiser in May 1997 and asked its audience to donate money. More than $20,000 was raised.

In the summer of 1997, members held a Small Public Awareness Campaign where they put up different billboards in Orlando. They were at the Mount Dea Art Festival in February, and represented the station by giving away program guides and bumper stickers.

"I meet a lot of people who don't realize there is a station around here that is geared toward jazz until they meet somebody from our station," Rensel said. "I had somebody tell me that WUCF is the best-kept secret in Orlando. We don't want to be the best-kept secret. We want everyone to know about us." "Our radio station is what has always been a best-kept secret. We want everyone to know about us."

In 1990s, threatened to quit funding the station is the best-kept secret in Central Florida. Riley said: "I think that is very possible with Orlando's growing market."

"Students walk by every day and see us," Riley said. "When we were buried in the basement they really had a hard time finding us. We're getting a lot more student involvement in the newsroom and many students are doing internships through our station."

Riley said station members have known they would be moving out of the Library basement for two years, they have saved some of the CPB funding to help prepare for the cost of moving. The CPB gives WUCF $100,000 every year. The Harris Corporation extended education price discounts on equipment to WUCF. Rob Moran of Vision Quest Engineering Services of Orlando completed the design and installation of the new studios.

"The equipment here is much better and we have so much more room as compared to before," Riley said. "Everything in the new studio is interconnected and digitally interfaced. It gives them computer control of everything."

The station now has two production rooms that it uses for high-end production, such as mixing a band or recording and editing voice-overs. The production rooms are also used for live bands. Jeff Rupert, who leads the UCF jazz ensemble, did the first on-air show on Oct. 12.

The station also has a Satellite Downlink room in which it uses AMX Automation. The AMX computer is connected to every clock in the station. "If the machines are interconnected with AMX, it automatically sends the signal to the machine and starts it into record and play. It stops it when the program is finished," Riley said.

Since the machines are interconnected with AMX, it automatically sends the signal to the machine and starts it into record and play. It stops it when the program is finished. "Everyone at WUCF seems to really be enjoying our new location," Riley said. "We no longer have to do things manually anymore and all the new equipment is in much more state-of-the-art."
Perpetual student never plans to graduate

By VICKI DESORMIER
Staff Writer

Patty Kissinger is a perpetual student, she said. But she likes it that way. The 42-year-old mother of four said she started college in 1973 and has taken classes ever since. She said she really never plans to graduate, but she has gained a broad-based knowledge that has served her well in the years since she first set foot on a college campus.

"I think I'm getting a true liberal arts education and I love it," she said. "The state university system here in Florida tries to discourage people from doing what I've done, but I think I've gotten a better education than if I'd earned a degree or two."

Kissinger calls herself a gypsy. She said she's never lived in one place more than two years since she graduated from high school, but every place she has settled for her brief stays has had a college nearby and she has taken a class or two while she was there.

"I've taken philosophy classes in Vermont and Colorado. I've taken computer classes in New York and California. I've taken history classes in Florida and Washington. I've studied politics in D.C.," she explained. "You name a place, I've studied there. You name a subject, I've studied it."

She said she never married because she could never find anyone who would put up with her constant moving, but she settled down long enough to have her children at different times, she explained. The kids, ranging in age from six to 22 have traveled with her for most of their lives, though the oldest has joined the Navy and travels on her own now. "We really are gypsies," she said.

She said she has tried to instill a love of learning in her children and believes that while their non-traditional lifestyle is not what most people might consider conducive to learning, she believes it has made her and her children more curious about life and more ready to learn than most of their peers.

"We're always learning about a new place or about where we going or about the people in our community," she said. "Life is just one big educational field trip."

Kissinger said she believes the state educational system in Florida and in several other states where she has lived recently discourages people from being "professional students," by placing time limits on the how long they may attend school without actually working toward a degree. That, she said, forces people to get degrees that "pigeon hole" them and force them to be something they may or may not be prepared to be.

"What's wrong with being a life-long learner?" she asked.

Kissinger said she is getting ready to move on because she has been in Florida nearly two and a half years, and she thinks the colleges in this state are "quite good" though she may disagree with some of the educational philosophies of those who run the state system.

"I've had a real good experience with the schools I've attended here," she said. "I've met some really cool professors and the students are really open-minded about other people and ideas."

She said, also, that she has enjoyed her experience at the University of Central Florida, where she has found a wide mix of people who have shared their ideas freely with her.

"And something else I like about UCF," she said, "now that I'm getting older, I like the fact that there are lots of older students like me enrolled in this school. I don't feel like an old lady here."

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By JASON HEIRONIMUS
Opinion Editor

How long does it take you to get to class? Ten, fifteen minutes? Maybe, if you’ve got it down to a science, you can hop right out of bed and be in class in five minutes, it is possible, I’ve seen it done. Or, maybe, it takes you an hour to get to class. Chances are that if your transit to and from class takes longer than the extended version of “Stairway to Heaven” than you are way too far away from your chosen school.

But there are other situations beyond a student’s control that put him in the position of putting more miles on their car in a given semester than if they had driven to Anchorage and back. If this sounds familiar to you than you are probably taking a class beyond your transit to and from class takes longer than the chosen school. An Anchorage and back.

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Nothing will condition a student more to not attend class than if he/she must drive an hour there and back. I have never been one prone to just skip class. Usually I have nothing better to do anyways (feel free to snicker and laugh if you must). But there is something innately evil about making a road trip to attend a class that in ten years, no, ten months, I will have no use for anyways.

But listen here kids, let this not give you an excuse for skipping class. I, like Charles Barkley, am no role model. If you receive poor grades on this semester’s report card because you read this column and thoroughly studied the image was quickly destroyed when I heard a choir in Heaven singing, “Alellujah, Alleluia, Alleluia” and then went on my merry way. The campus is very quiet. No one is allowed to talk outside of class and if they are caught they are sent to UCF in Orlando. It does have the feeling of a cemetery, where you feel that if you talk above a whisper you might wake someone up.

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Entertainment Editor

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A Tribe Called Quest
The Love Movement (Jive)

Now that Tribe has officially called it quits, it's difficult to knock the final performance of a group that gave hip-hop some of its plumpest grooves. Tribe gave hip-hop soul, and anyone that's listened to The Low End Theory, Midnight Marauders (my personal fave), Smokin' Grooves, and any of their tracks know their sound. Elements of deep jazz basslines, thought-provoking social commentary, quirky ramblings, and Q-Tip's soothing voice only begins to describe what puts Tribe in such high regard. So let's give 'em a break if they don't completely get it right. The title of their last CD immediately raises eyebrows, which are complemented by the Boys II Men-inspired photo on the inside (the picture looks like an R&B ballad waiting to happen). "Find A Way" and "Against The World" are some Tribe songs on their best. On the other hand, songs like "The Booty" and "Give Me" are lame but undeniably bumpin'. Guests pop all over including Busta Rhymes and Redman, who kick up the energy level on "Steppin' It Up," as well as a score of others. But Tribe keeps things on such an easy, happy tip that the possibility they could've dropped some Ecstacy while making this is totally logical, and so is the theory that many people might fall asleep before getting to the bonus CD (a nice gift, by the way). For all the smooth grooves that dominate the album, it never gets going. The way Tribe can usually do it, leaving the conclusion that they couldn't have broken up at a better time. If anything, with all the laid-back sampling and styling going on with The Love Movement, A Tribe Called Quest could've remembered for creating a new urban sound: rap lite.

-Corbett Trubey

Furslide
Adventure (Virgin)

Where does this adventure begin? When does it end? There are not many changes in this album. Especially since every song on Adventure seems all too similar. Each song possesses a coffee house rock feel, but there is always a cup of espresso brewing as each track moves on to the next. No syrup or whip cream, but a dusty arrangement of strong chords and smokery voice vocals. At the end of the record, lie at the bottom of the cup where the coffee should taste the strongest, none of the changes take place. Each new tune is like taking a sip of ice coffee where the drink is watered down. Give credit to Furslide for their nice attempt to bring feel-bad feel-good music together on one album. Vocalist/front woman, Jennifer Turner, who is credited for writing all the songs, proves she has great potential to become a successful musician. The big sour note is what limits her chance to escape from the coffee house confines. This is when her sad voice echoes up and down the 12 tracks of Adventure and is mixed with the all too common flavor of redundance.

-Stephen Unger

Buffalo Tom
Smitten (Beggars Banquet)

Buffalo Tom has been around since 1986. They were brand-ed as the next Dinosaur Jr. But when the early 90's rolled around, front man Bill Janovitz altered the folk-tined sound of the Boston trio into a straight-ahead rock group, creating throttling rockers and beautiful ballads. Their goal was to achieve a much richer and attractive sound. After twelve years, the new direction for the band is a good one. In an era of music where southern rustic sounds have reemerged into the rock market, Buffalo has done the right thing. They adapted well to their new surroundings, composing clear vocals and bright flimsy chords. "Under Milkwood" has its modern colors, but Buffalo Tom's new sound adds a twist of the past and digs up some classic rock sounds, probably not heard on the radio since the late 70's. The final track on the list is "Walking Wounded" and a subtle way of ending the album. The smooth, docile guitar melodies are nicely polished with a darker tint. Smitten has the substance to surpass the success of Buffalo Tom's previous releases. Its hard to believe this band has northern roots, for they can mimic Diviend so well.

-Stephen Unger

Whale
All Disco Dance Must End In Broken Bones (Virgin)

From Sweden, the nation that has introduced Ace of Base and the Cardigans to the world, comes this rather moody entry. All Disco Dance can be divided into two equal parts. Half of the twelve tracks fall...
into what I would call the TV Commercial genre. This is the type of trendy, but not always hip music that filters its way into the advertisements of your more youth-oriented conglomerates (i.e. Nike, Gatorade, and the like). As soon as the thirty-second spot ends, the music is already out of mind. The same principle applies to All Disco’s more upbeat tunes; even as I’m writing this review, little snippets of the overkill bass and smothered vocals are already leaving my memory, never to return. What makes this entry unusual is its sudden transitions from brain-candy rock to an overly melancholy tone. For example, take these lyrics from the fourth track, “Smoke:” “I’ll teach you how to fail/ teach you how to crash/ child I am Satan’s child/ got a mouth full of ash.” Now, I don’t know about you all, but that doesn’t exactly brighten my day. It doesn’t help much that the preceding lyrics were screamed by a back-up vocalist who makes Marilyn Manson sound as melodious as R. Kelly, but the lyrics were beyond assistance by this point. So one half is forgettable, and the other half causes pain. If that’s your idea of a good listen, please, by all means, pick up a copy. For the rest of you, what can I say? Pass.

-B.W. Earl

MUSIC REVIEW

Project Pitchfork
Chakra Red, Chakra Green, Chakra Blue (Metropolis)

Two-thirds of a great CD. Chakra starts off brilliantly with “Human Crossing,” which plays as an engaging mix of techno and New Age styles. I wouldn’t have thought that the two styles would coexist so well, but the track works. Add this combination with selections that hit with the gale force of Rammstein, and Chakra begins with a controlled fury that’s hard to come by. The disc also has atmosphere to spare, with a malice文书 that thankfully doesn’t overflow into all out unpleasantness, which has taint a number of efforts. Another advantage of Chakra is that neither style totally dominates the other. While one track might be decidedly New Age, the techno aspect of the track will be lurking in the background. The styles might switch in the next track, but the genres never gain total domination of the other. This helps the transition go more smoothly, and Chakra goes along at a rather even pace. Then they had to go blow it all in the final third. It was going so well. The subject that most of the final tracks tackle (love gained, lost, teased, rebuked) is not the problem. The misstep lies in the approach. Listening to these last songs is like peering into the mind of a stalker, into his fantasies, disappointments, and rage. To put mildly, the last third is an unpleasant one, and it nearly neutralizes all the good selections that came before it. While I certainly can’t deny that the majority of Chakra was a well-done integration of the latest waves of the musical spectrum, the rather discomforting ending keeps me from wholeheartedly recommending it.

-B.W. Earl

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By VICKI DESORMIER
Staff Writer

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And some of the sites Studentnow is linked to aren’t just for college students, either so you can keep having those savings after you graduate and you can share them with some of your friends and colleagues who aren’t in school.

The auto savings sites include one place “AutoSmartcat.com” (a possible future review) that, among other things, lets you place an ad for the kind of car you want and then the dealers bid for your business.

Cool, huh? And there are all kinds of places you can click to from this site that have cheap or free stuff just for you (actually for everyone, but we don’t have to tell the world that, do we?)
The Studentnow site isn’t just freebie stuff you can buy, however. There are interesting interviews with celebrities and not-so-celebrated people. There are advice columns devoted to things like making more friends in school and outside of school and making better grades.
There are travel pieces with information about places you might want to travel (they are currently featuring Amsterdam as a destination). Look at the pictures and read the story and dream.

Connect to books on the destination with Amazon.com and even click over to sites where you can learn about travel discounts and study opportunities in those destinations which could legitimize a trip like that. (Believe me, studying abroad is a lot easier to justify to family and friends than “I just thought I’d go for a semester and hang out.”)

There are links to sites that offer information on financial aid, on other colleges available to aren’t just for college students, and on scholarships. When money gets tight, you know there’s help out there, but finding it can sometimes be a hassle...well, here’s some help.

Studentnow isn’t offering something for nothing, but they do help you find some help in getting some assistance in saving money on a variety of things.
The site is easy to use and has a lot of links to sites you can really use. Some of the sites are just sponsors who don’t really offer you much, but it’s worth it to dig through those to find what you can really use.

Click your way through the site a few times and you’re bound to find some things that you’ll want by try and things you can actually afford. There’s a nice big variety and some fun things that don’t cost a heck of a lot. And, with things like the travel section, you can always dream.

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"Latest Jesus Sightings: Hundreds of people began arriving in the town of Bras d’Or, Nova Scotia, in September, 1998 after residents spotted a likeness of Jesus Christ on an outside wall of the Tim Horton’s donut shop. The clearest image is said to be under the footholds of a nearby chicken restaurant, called the Lick-a-Chick. And in Rio de Janeiro, designer Patrizia D’Angello and boutique owner David Arakula made plans to introduce men’s swim trunks, modestly cut by Rio’s beach standards, that feature a picture of Jesus on the seat.

In September, Customs officials at Port Hueneme, Calif., went into a frenzy when a fully operational (except for the warhead), 20-ton, 185-mile-range Scud missile was off-loaded from a British vessel, destined for a local address. Said a Customs agent, "All you needed to do was strap on a garbage can full of C-4 (explosives), and you had a weapon." After an investigation, Customs officials said the buyer was not a terrorist but just a collector and that the British seller had merely failed to disable the missile as required by U.S. law.

Obsessions

"In July, Los Angeles Times profiled Dan Taylor, 58-year-old retired entrepreneur in Hawthorne, Calif., who is close to finishing the $1 million, 40-foot-long submarine he will take next June to Scotland to in order to hunt the Loch Ness monster, which he says he first encountered 30 years ago but in a relatively small submarine that couldn’t keep up with the critter. According to his wife, almost all of Taylor’s waking hours in the last three years have been spent thinking about "Nessie."

"A library file of paralegal Michael Levit, 57, of Santa Monica, Calif., in Los Angeles’s weekly Westside News focuses on his 30-year fixation with the Loch Ness monster. In a series of newspaper articles that for some reason drew his attention. His clippings fill three 5-foot-high file cabinets. "What strikes me," he said, "is the quirky, the macabre, or a monument open of a place in the newspaper, such as a solid overview of Alabama."

"Much of the homes of John Livingston of Charleston, S.C., and Gayle Brennan and Mike Drysdale in Dunnett, Calif., have been taken over as shrines to their personal icons: baseball pitcher Nolan Ryan (Livingston) and Garfield the cat (Brennan and Drysdale). Livingston’s most prized possession among several hundred items is a 1991 cheese X-ray of Ryan. Brennan and Drysdale have 5,000 Garfield items, including 20 pairs of Garfield bedroom slippers, and plan to move to a bigger house so they can display everything.

"A September New York Times story described some of the hundreds of people who are so taken with the Broadstreet show "Jekyll and Hyde" that they have seen it dozens of times (in one case, 100), at prices of $20 to $75, and refer to themselves as Jekkies since their obsession resembles that of hard-core "Star Trek" fans. Said one Jekkie, "Instead of going to a therapist, we talk to each other about it, since others truly don’t understand."

First Things First

According to a July New York Times report on adventurers needing assistance, a man who had sent an SOS refused to be airlifted out by an Alaska Air National Guard rescue team because the team had too much of a federal government presence. A second team he relayed later that day, when the team piled two state troopers and returned. And at a recent state visit to Australia, China’s premier-in-waiting, Zhu Rongji, held up a procession by lingering in the rest room. When apprehensive guards broke in, they found that Zhu, an engineer, had disassembled the fancy two-button, dual-flush toilet and was studying it. Said Zhu, "We must introduce this to China."

Recent Fools 4 Love

Morton, Ill.: June: Two days after he thought he had died from the hatchet his wife had slammed into the back of his neck, Thomas Dean, 53, told reporters, "I still love her, I’d have her back in a minute.” And St. Louis, April: Andrea Caldwell Murray begged a judge not to jail Bobby Murray for shooting her in the head last year, sending her into a coma and killing her fetus; said Andrea, "I don’t want to lose my Bobby." (Between the shooting and the sentencing, Andrea had married Bobby and is now pregnant with their child.)

Who You Know Isn’t it All

Daniel Snead, 22, spent a week in Los Angeles County jails in June when prosecutors in the city of La Mirada cited him with having ignored a $1,000 bailing fine from 1996. After several days Snead’s bank produced the canceled checks, but even then he was not released until the next day. Apparently useless in overcoming these errors and red tape was Snead’s father, who is a police lieutenant in Compton, Calif.

Still More Rages

Twenty Bird Rage: In Pleasanton, Calif., in July, after two men brawled over which one deserved the last.swiftly sold bird prize at the Alameda County Fair, one of them pulled out a handgun and started firing wildly, wounding eight people. Shrinking-Cameras Rage: At fully retirement ceremonies for army general in Canberra, Australia, former soldier Darryl Hanel, 36, ran screaming at the general and tackled him before guards pulled him off. Hanel claimed the general was responsible for giving him a sex-inhibiting drug year ago and that since then (documented in Hanel’s charts and graphs), his penis has shrunk.

Recurring Themes

When Pigs Fly: In Corbeil, Canada, in August, Lucette St. Louis, 66, suffered a broken leg and other injuries when a 180-pound pig, owned by her son, came flying through the air and hit her broadside. It had been knocked airborne by a passing car.

Least Competent Criminal

Christopher Grant, 21, was arrested in Danville, Ill., in September and charged with a series of burglaries. Officers had stopped Grant’s car as resembling one used by a burglar, but their optimism increased when they saw that the inside of the car was littered with gum balls. A gum ball machine had been stolen earlier that day.

The Ever-Dangerous Pulpit

In September, according to police in Trotwood, Ohio, Rev. Andrew Lofton was shot to death just as he was explaining the Book of Revelation to Bible students. Rev. Lofton argued with Rev. A_andrew Lofton over Biblical interpretations. And in Jacksonville, Fla., nine days later, Rev. Melvin Nurse, 35, accidentally killed himself by firing a defensive round of blank ammunition at his head while demonstrating for parishioners that committing certain sins was the equivalent of playing Russian roulette.

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DETROIT - Michigan football player Marcus Ray's trouble began when he accepted free concert passes last July, turned worse when he let an agent pay a hotel bill, and then blew up in his face after an informant turned him in to the NCAA.

The informant, Ray's family suspects, was a family friend who had a falling out with Ray's mother.

The friend attended the concert in Cincinnati with Ray and his mother, using the free passes. Later, after the friend was unable to pay a hotel bill with her credit card, Ray called the agent and asked him to cover the bill, which the agent did.

The University of Michigan unveiled these tangled findings Friday after an athletic department inquiry in the case. It's a rare look inside an NCAA investigation. And it's a case that could lead to changes at U-M as it will alter how it deals with sports agents and will push for legislation that gives schools legal leverage against agents and boosters.

U-M's athletic department concluded that Ray received improper extra benefits from the agent and from a bank that supplied the concert passes, in violation of NCAA rules.

For Ray, a senior safety and co-captain for the U-M football team who was suspended for the duration of the review, the result is that he will have to sit out two more games as punishment, for a total of five missed games. Ray also has agreed to pay $477 to a charity.

"I love Michigan - make no mistake about it," Ray said, reading from handwritten notes at a news conference Friday morning. "And I have never intended to embarrass this program in any way. And I apologize."

Ray's run-in with the NCAA, the governing body of college athletics, arose when he attended a jazz festival in Cincinnati with his mother and two of her friends on July 24-25.

After driving to Cincinnati from his home in Columbus, Ohio, Ray met with sports agent James Gould at his downtown office. Gould talked to Ray, a likely NFL late-round draft choice, about services that the agency could provide, U-M's report said.

Meeting with Gould was allowable under NCAA rules. A player can talk with an agent, but he can't reach a written or oral agreement, or accept anything of value, and still remain eligible for college sports.

Sometime during the meeting, Ray picked up an envelope with skybox passes to a jazz concert at Ciorgy Field, the home of the Bengals and Reds. The passes were supplied by Cincinnati's Star Bank.

Ray and Gould were bank customers, the report said.

Ray, his mother and her two friends attended the concert with the exclusive skybox passes. Gould also was there in a bank guest. Ray and his mother, Pamela Simons, ate and drank for free. The skybox treatment violated NCAA rules against receiving extra benefits.

Before the trip, one of Ray's mother's two friends - neither of whom was identified in the U-M report - called Gould and asked whether he could find a couple of hotel rooms.

Rooms were scarce, and Gould agreed to let them have two of five rooms his firm had reserved at a Hyatt Regency.

But Gould said Friday that he agreed to let them have rooms only as long as the friend of Ray's mother or someone else paid for them.

The woman held the rooms with a Visa card in her name. The university got conflicting answers as to who stayed in the rooms.

Ray and his mother said they did not stay at the hotel, and instead stayed with someone they knew in Cincinnati. But the athletic department that Ray and his mother did stay in the rooms.

At check-out on Sunday morning the 26th, Front desk clerks informed the friend that her card had too little credit available to cover the bill of nearly $350, the report said.

A loud exchange erupted, the report said. Ray, in the lobby, was flashing his 1997 championship ring, "showing off," the report said.

Hotel management, according to the report, was threatening to have the friend of Ray's mother arrested. Neither Ray nor his mother apparently could pay the bill, either.

Trying to help, Ray said, he called Gould and asked whether he could help out, the report said. Gould paid the bill for the adjoining rooms.

"I reluctantly put it on my credit card, because if I didn't, someone was going to go to jail," Gould said. "But I did it only after I was assured that Marcus and his mother hadn't stayed there."

Ray's mother and the friend had harsh words a few days later.

It's not clear from the U-M report exactly why Ray's mother could not be reached for comment Friday, and Ray would not answer questions.

In any event, documents arrived at NCAA headquarters in Overland Park, Kan., soon after U-M's season began in early September. The records included hotel receipts and copies of the skybox passes, along with details of what happened in Cincinnati, the Free Press was told.

By JEFF TAYLOR

College Press Exchange
College costs increase

By ADOLFO MENDEZ
College Press Exchange

NEW YORK—Students attending public universities are paying an average of 4% more in tuition this year compared to last year, a new study says. Meanwhile, students at four-year private schools are paying about 5 percent more, an average of $14,500 for the year.

Depending on the type of institution, students will pay anywhere from $66 to $723 more than last year, reported the College Board, which releases a study on college costs yearly. That's just tuition. Students can expect to pay up to 5 percent more for room and board this year, too.

Commenting on the latest figures, College Board President Donald M. Stewart said that "the cost of attending college presents a steadily rising challenge to many Americans—particularly the most financially disadvantaged." At the same time, however, the financial aid available to those students was $60 billion, up 6 percent from a year ago, according to the College Board.

But most of the increase in financial aid was money students have to pay back—loans. "For the better part of the last 20 years, we have been drifting from a grant-based to a loan-based form of financial aid," Lawrence E. Gladieux, the College Board's executive director for policy analysis, said.

Stewart encouraged colleges to do more to hold the line on rising college costs, but he also said most parents overestimate the costs of getting a higher education.

"The truth is that the majority of Americans often overestimate the price of attending college and may be discouraged by those mis-calculations," Stewart said. He noted that majority of all students at four-year colleges and universities pay less than $4,000 per year for tuition and fees.

While acknowledging that a college education is not "inefficient or easy," Stewart said that families should consider it an investment in "earning potential and learning potential" that may require "foresight, planning, prudent saving—and perhaps some sacrifice."
Defense comes alive in second half

Central Florida Golden Knights 14 3 14 7 38
Northern Illinois Huskies 3 7 0 17

CENTRAL FLORIDA: Daunte Culpepper passed Danny Wuerffel as the career total offense leader in Florida history. With the win, UCF's fifth in six tries, the Knights are right where they wanted to be heading into their bye week.

"We're exactly where I thought we would be at this point when I took the job," Kroczek said. "With a little luck we would have been 6-0 but that's in the past. We're going to take them one at a time and I feel very confident we can finish strongly."

Mike Grant (34) and Daunte Culpepper have each scored 20 rushing touchdowns in their UCF career.

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touchdown. However, NU refused to fold, driving all the way downfield and scoring on a short run from sophomore tailback Bill Andrews to draw within 14-10. A Fred Waczewski field goal closed the first half scoring, with 35-point favorite UCF up only 17-10. What was more disturbing was the 136 rushing yards the Huskies accumulated in the first half.

"Coach Knzj singled me out personally. He asked if I was tired. I said 'no'. He asked if I was scared of them. I said 'no'," defensive end Marv Richardson said. "What's the problem then, he said. That's when we got the message."

NU's game-tying touchdown followed UCF's second turnover of the half, as a Grant fumble on UCF's 31-yard line was quickly turned into seven points, with quarterback Craig Harmon sneaking in from one yard out. That was all NU could muster against an invigorated defense, allowing Daunte Culpepper to run for the go-ahead touchdown before finding Mark Nonsant for a 55-yard score that put UCF up 13-7 by the third quarter's end. Grant scored again with just over a minute remaining in the contest to give UCF its 21-point margin of victory.

"We really made no adjustment. It was just them getting up and getting the job done," said defensive coordinator Gene Chizik. "This is the third straight week that our defense comes alive in the second half. We just have to carry that intensity throughout the whole game. But, once again they stepped up when they had to and came through."

Mack was another Golden Knight who stepped up and came through, carrying 13 times for a season-high 82 yards. Nonsant was spectacular as well, coming up with nine receptions for 155 yards. Culpepper was his usual steady self, completing 28 of 33 passes for 327 yards and a touchdown, although he did throw his second interception of the sea-

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**PASSING**—NORTHERN ILLINOIS: Cra Harmon 6-11-0-81. CENTRAL FLORIDA: Dan Culpepper 28-35-1-337.


**INTERCEPTIONS**—NORTHERN ILLINOIS: Darius Hawthorne 1-0, CENTRAL FLORIDA: Don Jome 1-0.


**Missed Field Goals**—NORTHERN ILLINOIS: None. CENTRAL FLORIDA: None.

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Knights win pair to bounce back from losing streak

By TRAVIS BELL
Staff Writer

Following six consecutive losses, UCF escaped a two-game road trip last week unscathed, registering victories at Florida Atlantic and Campbell. However, the road doesn't get any smoother for the Knights who will play four games in 11 days, including three conference match-ups.

They were good games, and they were games we definitely needed to get results in," coach Bob Winch said. "From the conference standpoint, we needed to separate ourselves." The victory at Campbell put UCF in sole possession of second place with a 3-1 record. The difference in the Knights' 2-1 win: Campbell defenceman Victor Litvinenko Arno Nurmiasto sent the ball into the Camels zone, and Litvinenko stole the pass. However, he was facing his own net, and while trying to clear it over the goal put it in for the UCF victory in sudden-death overtime.

"Their backs, when they were under pressure, would just knock the ball over the end line, or over the sidelines for a throw in. They wouldn't try to play it," Winch said. "He just tried to whack it over the end line, and it just went in the goal." While a fluke provided the game-winner for UCF at Campbell, it was the 2-1 win at FAU that got UCF out of their six-game funk. However, Winch feels that the playing level for UCF wasn't much different in the wins and losses, just more consistent.

"Even in those losses we played well. We just didn’t put it together for the 90 minutes," Winch said. "The last two games, we've played very well for the complete game, both offensively and defensively." As a result, UCF is in a good position to secure the second seed in the Trans America Athletic Conference Tournament, barring any serious mishaps.

Throughout this roller coaster of a season for UCF, the lone senior, Travis Bender, has provided necessary leadership on a very young team. He's also been responsible for shutting down the opposition's main scoring threat.

"Travis has done a great job for us the last two games," Winch said. "He's had two marking assignments on two of the best players they had. He's really earned a spot in the top 11 due to his work rate and playing well." In addition to their better play of late, UCF will also look forward to playing five of the remaining six games at home.

"I explained to the team that this past week was very crucial for us," Winch said. "We really had three games left to determine it (TAAC seeding), and right now we're two-thirds through it." As for UCF's upcoming opponents, the Knights are 3-0 against Mercer, and blasted Alabama A&M 10-1 last season.

"They're really struggling. I don't think they have a result in a good time for us, to play a non-conference game after three hard conference games, but we cannot look past them."
Knights use break to regroup and reload

By JEFF CASE
Staff Writer

The UCF women's volleyball team has not played a game in more than a week, but the team's break before facing South Florida on Tuesday does not have coach Miriam Ochoa worried.

"The time off has not been a problem at all," Ochoa said. "In fact, it has kind of been beneficial. We've had more practice time and a lot more time to get Lisa [Liljenquist] into the groove as a setter. The players have had more time to get comfortable with her."

Liljenquist, a junior setter, has been forced to take over UCF's setting duties after starting setter Amanda Fielding was injured in a car accident on Sept. 30. Fielding suffered minor cuts and bruises, a mild concussion and some minor internal injuries, Ochoa said.

"She's doing much better. We're not sure if she'll play against USF because it's a matter of what she does in practice (Monday)," Ochoa said. "She's a little bit sketchy sometimes, though. She got hit in the face in practice the other day, on accident, and felt the pain again."

Fielding will be used only in spot duty the next few games. Ochoa said she will monitor Fielding's recovery and use her only when she is needed.

"I'm sure that if she plays, she'll suck it up and be okay. But I'd rather have her be fully useful in next week's conference games against Jacksonville and Campbell than a non-conference game against USF."

Ochoa said the team's loss to FAU on Oct. 2, which snapped UCF's 65-game TAAC win streak, gives the team motivation to finish the season strong.

"We want to show them 'look, we may have lost to FAU and Georgia State, but that was just them,'" Ochoa said. "We want to show them we're coming back."
Basketball season kicks off with ‘Midnight Madness’

The 1998-99 basketball season will officially kick off for both the men’s and women’s teams this Friday night at the UCF Arena.

Although the practices won’t officially begin until 12:01, the festivities will begin at 10:30. Admission is free.

Additionally, the men’s soccer team is looking for team managers. Those who are interested should call Don Burgess at the UCF men’s basketball office at 823-5808.

UCF to host golf tournament

The University of Central Florida men’s golf team will host the 1998 Gary Koch/Cleveland Golf Intercollegiate at the Rio Piner County Club October 19-20. The 54-hole event will feature 18 of the nation’s top college golf teams, including Mississippi, Mississippi State, Middle Tennessee, and Memphis, in addition to the host Golden Knights.

The teams will play 36 holes on Monday and 18 holes on Tuesday to crown a team champion as well as an individual champion. Each team will have five players participating each day with the top four scores counting toward the team total.

PGA tour veteran Gary Koch along with Cleveland Golf Company are sponsoring the event. Koch, a former college teammate of UCF coach Kipp Minier at the University of Florida, and now a television commentator with NBC, had a distinguished career on tour. He won several professional tournaments, including the 1977 Cities Open at the Rio Piner, the forerunner of the Bay Hill Invitational.

This is the first tournament UCF has hosted since 1995. Prior to that year, UCF hosted a tournament for 15 consecutive years. Previous participants in the tournament read like a who’s who of professional tournaments, including Lee Janzen, Robert Guerre, Bubba Watson, and former UCF Golden Knight Robert Damron.

There is no admission charge and play is set to begin at approximately 8 a.m. each day. The teams will get ready for the event with a practice round Sunday afternoon.

Aside from host UCF, the 1998 Gary Koch/Cleveland Golf Intercollegiate field includes Campbell, Columbus State, Florida Atlantic, Georgia State, Jacksonville, Jacksonville State, Memphis, Middle Tennessee, Mississippi, Mississippi State, San Diego, South Florida, Tennessee-Chattanooga, Toledo, Troy State, UAB, and Wolford.

Cross country teams solid in Disney Invitational

The University of Central Florida men’s cross country team won the Third Annual Walt Disney World Cross Country Classic on Saturday, October 10 at Disney’s Wide World of Sports Cross Country Complex. The women’s team finished second, both behind the University of South Carolina.

UCF junior John Hope won the race for the men’s team, finishing with a time of 26:21. Steven Cornelius placed third with a time of 26:46 and Sean McCabe finished fourth with a time of 27:14. Lee Rosa placed sixth (27:34) and Jason Nymark rounded out the top five for UCF with a eighth place finish and a time of 27:52.

On the women’s side, Anne Panagio placed third with a personal best time of 18:44. Sonja Shepherd placed eighth with a time of 18:49 and Gemma Dinsey placed 11th with a time of 19:11. Brianna Harrington placed 13th (19:14) and Susan Harley rounded out the top five UCF runners with a 14th place finish and a time of 19:19.

UCF’s John Hope, Southeastern Conference champion, and Gemma Dinsey won the Disney Invitational.

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**FROM THE GRIDIRON**

**Mack sets season-highs in victory**

With his playing time increased due to Omar Howard's neck injury and Mike Grant's third quarter-benching, Edward Mack got his opportunity to perform and ran with it, literally.

Mack, a redshirt sophomore from Valdosta, Ga., carried 13 times for 82 yards and one touchdown to help UCF to its fifth victory in six games.

"You just try to work hard until you get your chance. We have great running backs and a pass-oriented offense, so we have to fight for our carries," Mack said. "I'll mess up, the other guys have to carry the load. The same way they mess up on us."

"Mack's performance will make practice the next two weeks all the more interesting, with the play of both," Kruczek said. "There's always a level of competition in practice and at this point we don't know who will start the next game."

**Fye's hit generates 'oohs' and 'ahhs'**

Cornerback Jeff Fye's first half hit on NRU tailback Bill Andrews is a shoo-in for UCF's big stick of the week award, given to the player who makes the hardest hit on an opposing player. Fye's effort may be the best UCF sees all year.

"It felt good to him. I saw we were alone and I just snuck him," Fye said.

With the Knights up 7-3 midway through the first quarter, the Huskies faced 2nd and 16 from UCF's 14-yard line. Quarterback Craig Harmon threw a screen pass to Andrews who barely had time to turn his head before he was taken down by Fye. The crushing hit left Andrews motionless on the field for several minutes before he finally was able to stand.

"I didn't feel bad about it. This is football," said Fye, who at 5'8, 180 pounds, wouldn't seem to imposing. "I couldn't believe how clean an angle I had on him. I just delivered on him."

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Borlegui got off two punts for a 41.5 yard average, with his longest being a 43-yarder. The freshman from Merritt Island should eventually take over the kicking duties when Fred Waczeszki graduates, but he's apparently taken over the punting position from incumbent Chad Downey.

"The big thing about Xavier is his confidence. His get-off time is a lot slower than Chad's was and that was a major concern. The priority is getting the ball off your foot before they block it, regardless of where it goes. But we just thought we'd give Xavier a chance to just kick the football and see what happens," Kruczek said. "Chad Downey was a walk-on coming in here and he's done remarkably well. He stayed with it for five years and got to the point where he was the starting punter. But football is a competitive game and we've got to compete."

**Record Watch**

Senior quarterback Daunte Culpepper became the state of Florida's career leader in total offense, surpassing former University of Florida quarterback Danny Wuerffel, now a starter with the New Orleans Saints. Wuerffel had accumulated 10,500 yards in his career, but Culpepper now has 10,666, the most by any player from any Florida university.

Culpepper has now thrown a touchdown pass in 22 consecutive games, pushing Mark Nonsant for a 55-yard score to extend his school record. Culpepper now has thrown 72 touchdowns in his career, 10 behind Darin Hinshaw's record of 82. Culpepper threw for over 300 yards in his sixth consecutive game, pushing his record mark up to 14. Culpepper has now thrown for more 300-yard games this season than any previous individual has had in his career at UCF. Culpepper's one-yard touchdown run in the third quarter was his eighth rushing touchdown of the season, only six behind Marquette Smith's school record of 14. Culpepper has already secured the quarterback's single season mark.

Nonsant's nine-catch, 155-yard performance moved him to third in all-time receiving yardage, passing Ted Wilson. With 2,455 yards, Nonsant trails the duo by 34. Rhodes holds the record, having amassed 3,618 yards from 1991-94. Nonsant caught closer to Beckton and Wilson in career receptions, as he had 162 catches trail the duo by 34. Rhodes holds that mark as well, with 213. Nonsant did tie for third in career 100-receiving yards receiving games with nine. Wilson is next on the list with 10.

**By TONY MEJIA**
Steady Nonsant shining in senior season

BY TRAVIS BELL
Staff Writer

Week in and week out, Daunte Culpepper finds a different receiver to be his "go-to-guy." Against Northern Illinois, there was no exception as Mark Nonsant stood out above the rest for the second straight week. Not that sparkling performances by Nonsant are anything new. The senior receiver has been a prominent figure in the UCF offense for four seasons. If he hasn't proven himself by now, he's making one final push.

"I know that I only have five games left, and I'm trying to get to the next level. So I know I have to do something," Nonsant said. "So that's how I go into the game with determination to play to the best of my ability."

Against NIU, Nonsant was busy making nine catches for 155 yards and one touchdown. It was the second consecutive 100-yard game and his third of the season.

"I thought I had a good game, but I thought I could've played better," Nonsant said. "I fumbled the one time, and I let the dude intercept the ball because I lost it in the light."

After totaling 102 yards on six catches in the season opener against Louisiana Tech, Nonsant only pulled down 10 catches over the next three games. However, Nonsant had another breakout game at Toledo as he made nine grabs for 110 yards with a 20-yard touchdown.

The trend continued on Saturday, even though Nonsant had a very inconspicuous first half, catching four passes for 40 yards. Nevertheless, Nonsant wasted little time in breaking open the second half. With UCF pinned on their own 11-yard line, he ran a deep out pass that he broke open for 37 yards to get to the UCF 48. He then added another catch before Culpepper was intercepted intending a deep pass to Nonsant.

"He was huge. But you see, here's a guy who's a fourth-year starter and he should come up big," head coach Mike Kruczek said. "He's a great receiver."

Nonsant is working his way up in the UCF record books, moving to third on UCF's receiving yards list with 2,455 yards. Barring injury he should pass Sean Beckton's mark of 2,493 receiving yards. Beckton is now Nonsant's position coach.

Nonsant is also fourth in UCF history in receptions, eighth in touchdown catches and is tied with Beckton for third in career 100-yard games.

"He's a remarkable young man who works hard and does his job," Beckton said. "He's begun back from an injury earlier this year and is playing great. I'm real proud of him."

Nonsant helped UCF put away the Huskies, breaking the game open for the Knights late in the third quarter. After UCF regained the lead 24-17, and the Knights defense held NIU's offense to three-and-out, UCF returned to the field with 40 seconds remaining in the quarter. On the first play from scrimmage, Nonsant broke free deep in the Huskies defense and Culpepper hit him in stride across the middle of the field for a 55-yard touchdown.

"Siaha Burley was supposed to run a flag, and I was supposed to come right underneath him," Nonsant said. "But the safety came down, and I just saw the opening and split it and caught the ball."

Nonsant has shared the spotlight with Siaha Burley, Charles Lee, and Kenny Clark in a balanced passing attack for UCF. The four of them have combined for 100-yard games.

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As Nonsant's career nears its end, he has aspirations of making it to the next level. His past two performances shouldn't hurt his chances.
UCF clinched their fifth conference championship in six years last week, securing the regular season title by defeating Campbell 6-0 to clinch the Trans America Athletic Conference East Division. The Knights have now won 10 consecutive TAAC regular season match-ups.

"We are really pleased to have accomplished this early in the season," coach Karen Richter said. "Now that we've taken care of the conference, we need to take care of the region." They took care of the region and met a two-part objective. First, UNC-Greensboro had replaced but Richter said. "I've told the girls all year that either taken care of the conference, we need to take care of the region rankings at No. 10, but UCF should sway the minds of some voters following their strong output this week.

"I've told the girls all year that either (UNCG) 3-0 was a great example of a team effort," said Kruczek's halftime talk. "It was mad at the defense and I challenged them. I told them they weren't up for the game. They were getting mad at me, so they could go out and take it out on them (NIU)."

Kruczek's plan worked, as the Knights' defense came out of the locker room and was mad at me. "Good, I was glad they were getting angry with me, so they could go out and take it out on them," said Kruczek. "The UTEP game, we just didn't show up," Richter said. "Nobody played well, and we weren't playing together. Today we didn't do it," said Kruczek. "The defense and the bench have each contributed in large part to the UCF winning streak. Christina Webb and Sarah Pharr Leathers have stepped up to replace Affant during the past two games, allowing only 17 shots in two games. Also, they helped Alyssas O'Brien record two shutouts. "Sarah Pharr and Webb marked tremendously against two excellent forwards (for UNCG)," Richter said. "The defense has really stepped up." Allison Thomas has also been contributing, having tallied four assists in the past four games. Also, Gretchin Lindsay provided an assist against UNCG, while Erin Voel scored her first career goal versus Campbell.

"We've got depth on our bench, and we are trying to utilize that in our favor," Richter said. "The bench players have done a great job."

Nevertheless, the Knights got very little time to rest after two important victories. They played South Florida on Tuesday, which ranks eighth in the Southeast Region. For this weekend, UCF hosts the Huntington Bank/UCF/Reebok Soccer Classic with Purdue, Wisconsin-Milwaukee, and Florida International participating. The Knights play host to Purdue on Friday and UW-Milwaukee on Sunday. After a 0-7-1 start, the Boilermakers have won three of their last five, including two consecutive shutouts. As for UWM, they are ranked seventh in the Great Lakes region and provide UCF with another regionally ranked opponent this year.

"I think we're just gonna take it after the USF game, and see where we're at," Richter said. "I think the girls are a little tired, but they'll be motivated to play.

UCF women celebrate their fifth TAAC regular season Championship in six years.

Kruczek's halftime talk inspires defensive unit

By TONY MEJIA
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Last Saturday's halftime speech in UCF's 38-17 win over Northern Illinois must have been a doozy. After allowing the team with the longest current losing streak in Division I-A to run the ball at will against them, UCF's defense woke up in time to shut down the Huskies, extending NIU's losing streak to 23 games. If they weren't up for the game, head coach Mike Kruczek's talk got them inspired in a hurry.

"I was mad at the defense and I challenged them. I told them they were being knocked around and they got mad at me. I could see in their eyes them getting mad at me," Kruczek said. "Good, I was glad they were getting angry with me, so they could go out and take it out on them (NIU)."

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UCF trailed early in the game, 3-0, but quickly put some distance between themselves and the visitors, scoring on their first two possessions, as Mike Grant and Edward Mack each registered a rushing touchdown.

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