Homecoming a hit for students

By SHELLEY WILSON
Staff Writer

UCF Homecoming’s ‘Back in Black U-Knighted in Gold’ started with a ship sinking, but ended with a great victory and a new Homecoming King and Queen.

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The next day school was out, but students enjoyed a big carnival and a free concert by the Arena. During the carnival groups by the name of Black-Eyed Pea, A Tribe Called Quest, and Stuntman Sam played music.

Elyse Skolnik is the concert director for CAB and organized the concerts for the event. “We wanted a good diverse group of bands so everyone can get involved in Homecoming,” Senior Esteban Garcia said.

Senior Esteban Garcia organized the concerts specifically for the band music. “Stuntman Sam is in my fraternity, Sig Ep, so I’m having an awesome time here,” Garcia said.

Various organizations competed in the Homecoming float competition in downtown. Staff writer Shelley Wilson. See THE MOVIES, Page 8

Canons announce the entrance of the UCF football team as they enter the Citrus Bowl. Photo by Shelley Wilson.

Mountaineering through life

By NICOLE KING
News Editor

Dan McMullan thought he was going to die. He was climbing Mount Chimborazo in December 1994 when High Altitude Pulmonary Edema set in and his respiratory system began to fill with fluid. At around 15,000 feet, he began hyperventilating. McMullan tried to fill his lungs, but all he could get were gulps of air. He was having to stop for breaks. McMullan and his climbing team were trying to get ahead of the snowstorm that whirled around them, and McMullan was slowing them down. The three-man team did what they could to help him, but McMullan just couldn’t breathe. He was taking breaks every five minutes now and he was getting dizzy. That’s when he started to cry. This was his dream, and he was failing.

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Students get wet to show their spirit

By GWEN R. RHODES Assistant News Editor

They came prepared. They came with towels, rafts, beach balls, bells, whistles, blow horns and even a couple of inflatable sofas. Some students were even painted black and gold to reflect their school spirit.

UCF students came prepared to continue the long standing tradition unique to UCF of fully clothed revelers jumping into the Reflecting Pond behind the Administration Building.

The Campus Activities Board and UCF Spirit Patrol, made up of Student Government members "helping the spirit impaired", were ready for them. "Spirit Splash '98" participants were showered with various spirit items which included frisbees, megaphones, Knightro dolls, scarves and T-shirts. In return, the Spirit Patrol was showered by water thrown by the enthusiastic participants.

Spirit Splash is not a dry event as even Football Coach Mike Kruczek discovered when one reveler armed with a Super Blaster water gun aimed at some UCF football team members accidentally shot the coach instead.

UCF President John Hitt could also be seen taking part in the action as he threw miniature footballs into the screaming crowd. "Students make this a great university," he said.

Student Body President Jason Murphy helped to work up the crowd by saying "Homecoming is not just a football game. It's not just games on the green. It's about pride and unity in UCF."

Jake and Rog, local DJs who can be seen performing in various nightclubs in the Orlando area including Cairo's on Friday nights, provided music entertainment for the revelers.

UCF Cheerleaders, Starlet Knight dance team, UCF Marching Band, the UCF Football Team, Coach Kruczek, Men's Basketball Coach Kirk Spraw, Women's Basketball Coach Lynn Bria, Knightro and his girlfriend Glycerine all made appearances and encouraged students to show their spirit.

Both basketball coaches reminded the crowd that there was more than a football game to attend. Both Bria and Spraw encouraged the crowd to bring their spirit to the games that afternoon.

Bria said, "We need you people to come to our basketball game. You can even come dripping wet, we'll let you in."

Spirit Splash '98 Chairman, Ritchie Malapira, said that the event started out a success due to the fact that it is the only time that people can legally jump into the Reflecting Pond, according to Jim Uhlir, director of Environmental Health and Safety.

According to Malapira, a lot of people come to the event partly due to the fact that it is the only time that people can legally jump into the pond.
Pedestrians, drivers challenge each other

By MARIA CHANDLER
Staff Writer

Each day faculty, staff, and students cross Agora Bridge; but since the completion of the Communications Building the number of pedestrians in this area has increased.

With the increase in the number of pedestrians, the UCF Police Department has taken steps to slow the traffic down.

 Patrol commander Michael F. Zelanes says the most common complaint reported is the need for a day for drivers speeding through the area 15-30 miles over the speed limit. Besides discouraging drivers from speeding in the area, there are other solutions to protect pedestrians.

According to Sgt. Tom Gorbas, crime prevention and coordinator, there are several solutions preventing accidents from being hit by cars driving through the area. Pedestrians must remember to make sure cars are not passing through the area have enough time to stop before they decide to step out into the road.

Gorbas said speed tables, which are wider than speed bumps could be placed in the road. He also said a speed limit box could be set up displaying the speed of each vehicle that uses the road.

Two other suggestions recommended are a bridge or a tunnel that pedestrians could use to cross the road safely. Unfortunately, both of these solutions have drawbacks. For example, pedestrians may not cross when the bridge or tunnel is located. Another risk is being attacked at night while walking through the tunnel. Each of these solutions costs money, delaying any solution to the problem. But Gorbas says he is concerned about safety.

“...No matter what the cost is—to provide a safe crossing no price tag can be placed on an injury or loss of life,” Gorbas said.

An even larger problem than pedestrians are bicyclists. According to Donald Atkinson, an individual should walk the bicycle across the crosswalk. Those that do not walk their bicycles across crosswalks are posing problems for vehicles.

The driver of a vehicle may not see the bicyclist until it is too late for the vehicle to stop. Bicyclists must remember that a car cannot stop on a dime.

In addition to bicyclists causing a problem for vehicles, golf carts are posing a problem to pedestrians. According to Richard D. Paradise, director of physical plant, pedestrians have the right over golf carts on sidewalks. Paradise said pedestrians need to make sure they get out of the way for a golf cart to pass. In addition to pedestrians having the right over golf carts on sidewalks, Paradise has solutions for the safety of pedestrians crossing the crosswalk in between the Visual Arts Building and the Communications Building.

Paradise recommends closing Aquarius Drive to all cars except those who are handicap or service vehicles. Deliveries to the Student Union could be made after 5 p.m. Another solution is to place a gate at both entrances and only allow service vehicles to travel through the area.

UCF Police responded to Room 105A of the Visual Arts Building where a printer had been stolen from the Art Department.

Art Department representative Charlie Abraham reported that the printer had been stolen from the office of Lonnie Kriehl sometime on Oct. 28.

Abraham said that he had confronted a possible suspect walking around the building. When he asked for the suspect’s identification, the suspect fled.

The printer is valued at $320. The Art Department is willing to prosecute.

In other UCF Police reports:

•Sometime between 8 a.m. and 12 p.m. on Oct. 18, someone stole two white Mnemonix computer keyboards with their attached monitors from the C2Cl computer lab.

The keyboards are worth about $65 each. The mice are worth about $75 each.

•An egg laceration occurred between members of Kappa Sigma and Alpha Tau Omega on Oct. 31. A UCF Police Officer responded to a complaint made by members of the Kappa Sigma Fraternity that someone had smashed an egg across the door of the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity (ATO). The fraternity has their eggs. Two members of Kappa Sigma stated that a 20-year-old white female was arrested after being charged with disorderly intoxication and resisting arrest without violence by the UCF Police Department on Oct. 31.

The suspect was observed at a Greek party pushing people hard enough to make the victims lose their balance. When approached by an officer she denied having any identification and proceeded to give the officer a false name and date of birth. Byrnost provided the officer with the correct information. She then gave her correct name and address. When she continued to yell at the officer and be uncooperative, she was placed under arrest. She resisted arrest by trying to prevent the officer from putting handcuffs on her.


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Students attempt to stop Barbie mania

By GWEN R. ROHDES
Assistant News Editor

Each student in UCF Professor Walter Gautschi’s Art Happening class has to produce an art “happening” on campus.

UCF students Christine Patton and Sallie Anne Pilletere chose to produce an event that was designed to show the absurdity of the “Barbie image.”

Friday’s “Stop Barbie Mania” event was promoted as an “Art Happening that involves a provocative view of Barbie and society’s image of beauty and perfection.”

According to Patton and Pilletere, the Mattel-produced Barbie dolls “show how women from a very early age are systematically conditioned to view themselves and others in terms of a ‘Barbie image.’”

To demonstrate this, the students set up a dart board with various photographs of Barbies and several mock Voodoo dolls that represented various images of Barbie.

Participants were encouraged to throw darts at the Voodoo Barbie dolls and Barbie photographs on the board.

At one point in the presentation, Pilletere dressed up as a Barbie doll and as participants threw darts at the board with the Voodoo dolls, she acted like she was dying.

One dart-throwing participant, UCF junior, Karina Warren, said, “I hate Barbie, she represents an unrealistic and unhealthy ideal.”

According to Patton and Pilletere, they hope to increase the awareness of how a simple doll has contributed to distorting women’s self images and diseases such as bulimia and anorexia.

The students, who have to turn in a videotape of their art happening event, want others to feel that it is okay to be just as they are.

“We like our bodies just the way they are,” Patton said, “and we don’t need to look like Barbies to feel beautiful.”

“Beauty comes from within,” Pilletere added.
A Recipe for Critical Thinking— just with a dash of creativity

By LINDA RAMOS
Staff Writer

To think critically is to think for yourself by developing ideas, values, and new beliefs while refining old ones. The information pamphlet “Critical Thinking” from the University of Oregon states that to think critically is to be able to weigh the pros and cons of an issue, analyze arguments, examine one’s own rationalizations, and, based on these assessments, to construct one’s own point of view.

The process of analysis is the fine line that separates critical thinking from problem solving. Problem solving involves the act of trying different available solutions to a problem until one clicks and solves the issue. It’s just one step in the course of thinking critically.

Critical thinking goes further by objectively examining an array of solutions, considering one’s own value system, and then narrowing down the field of solutions to the most effective ones. From this critical thinking process, decision making, an invaluable tool in college and in the job market, arises.

According to the University of St. Thomas’ Learning Center’s Webpage on Critical Thinking Skills, the main reason critical thinkers have to offer in the workforce include: independent learning capabilities, determination, confidence, openness-mindedness, and willingness to ask questions.

Canada’s University of Victoria’s Learning Skills Program’s pamphlet “Thinking Critically” outlines steps to help fine-tune this skill.

First, identify and define the parameters of the problem or issue. If other people are involved, make sure to include their points of view in the analysis. Classify their perceptions into categories of fact or opinions and logical or emotion-al merits.

Second, recognize similar ideas to discern patterns of thought. For example, is the issue involved around the same mistakes made over and over again, or based on repeated patterns of cause and effect? By putting the issue in context, you can separate debilitating emotions and thoughts.

Third, ask yourself if the problem is really that important. Don’t waste time and energy on minute, trivial matters.

Fourth, after mentally pondering the situation, actually write out the pros and cons and solutions. Writing out your reasoning is less likely to affect decision-making.

Critical thinking, however, does not occur in a logical vacuum. A key ingredient is the ability of creative thinking. Creativity allows you to evaluate issues in a variety of new ways thereby enhancing the critical thinking process by opening the mind for even more viable ideas. The Creativity Web Page: Resources for Creativity and Innovation (www.osnell.com.au/~cave/innovation) gives some tips to create critical, creative power.

“Think in limitless terms. What may originally sound silly can become a plausible plan.”

“Read and do a variety of activities. Variations expose you to new experiences that serve as backup ideas.”

“Keep a journal. Some may like an everyday journal, others may revel in a dream journal. Written intuitive insights can become future blueprints of action.

Linda Ramos is associated with Full Student Services (FSS).”

New members inducted into Golden Key Honor Society

By JAMES COMBS
Staff Writer

UCF’s National Golden Key Honor Society inducted 140 members and three new advisors to its organization on Nov. 5.

“In the past, Golden Key members have participated in various health and wellness fairs and running and walking marathons. On Nov. 15, members will do a marathon at Lake Eola from 1:30 to 5 p.m. to benefit research for the AIDS virus.

UCF’s Golden Key chapter has attended conferences where chapters from around the country participate. Last year, UCF’s chapter attended the Southeastern Regional Conference in Tampa.

They are replacing business instructor Nancy Klintworth, who resigned to focus more on teaching.

“I think it’s good that we now have four advisors as opposed to one because they can all provide us with a vision for this organization,” Ramos said. “We consult with them on things like conventions and projects, and they really keep us in check.”

The Golden Key National Honor Society is an international academic organization with more than 260 collegiate chapters at major colleges and universities in the United States, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Australia, Canada and Malaysia.

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**Palm Bay campus expansion opens**

By AMBER FELDMAN
Staff Writer

This semester, UCF moved south. The Palm Bay campus of Brevard Community College hosted the first UCF-Palm Bay courses. UCF now has several branch campuses in Brevard, Volusia, Seminole, and Orange Counties.

This allows students from all over the central Florida area to become students at UCF without having to travel long distances. This is the second campus that has been established with the cooperation of Brevard Community College.

The Palm Bay campus will be expanding their course offerings for the spring semester. Presently they are offering courses in the fields of engineering and business administration.

They plan to continue to expand the classes that are offered to include programs in all of the colleges of the university. This campus will also participate in the non-traditional courses including interactive television and web-based courses.

Palm Bay is getting ready for registration. April Peterson, office manager, has a lot of contact with students seeking further information.

“We’re getting a lot of inquiries,” Peterson said. She said that they are able to process registrations at this point. The campus should be fully functional by Jan. 20.

They will have the capability to offer most of the services available on the main campus in the near future but presently they are referring students to the appropriate contacts on the Brevard campus. Many of the major documents needed are available also.

The Palm Bay campus is bilingual. Spanish is spoken in the office and enabling the campus to offer support and convenience to members of the Hispanic community.

Currently, the courses that are offered by UCF are held in existing Brevard Community College classrooms. There are, however, plans to begin construction on new buildings that will offer UCF space. Construction will begin some time next month. The Palm Bay campus is adding two new buildings to keep up with their rapid growth. Both buildings are slated to be completed in January of 2001.

Dr. David Mumford, administrative coordinator of the new UCF-Palm Bay campus is no stranger to Brevard. “I grew up in Brevard County, but have been out of the area and out of the country for some time. It’s good to be back home. I’m looking forward to being part of the community again,” Mumford said.

Mumford contends that this campus will offer south Brevard Community College students the opportunity to stay in their community and complete a higher level of education. Palm Bay is one of the fastest growing communities in Florida and Mumford said he hopes the campus will expand with the city.

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**Thursday last day for ID cards**

By NICOLE KING
News Editor

Sign ups for the new UCF ID cards will be held from Nov. 5-19 in the Crossroads Cafeteria in the Student Resource Center. All faculty, staff and students are required to get one. After the end of the fall term, the current ID cards will no longer work for any campus service.

If a new card is not obtained during the above dates, there will be a $10 fee and a $15 replacement fee. For more information contact UCF-Palm Bay Bookstore at (407) 823-6609.

**Just a reminder, your new card will not work.**

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

**Fall 1998 commencement will be held Dec. 19 at the UCF Arena. Each candidate who participates in the event will receive guest tickets based on the amount of seats available and the number of participants. Commencement times are:**

- 8 a.m. College of Arts and Sciences, 6 tickets per person
- 11 a.m. Colleges of Education and Engineering, 8 tickets per person
- 2 p.m. College of Health and Public Affairs, 9 tickets per person
- 3:30 p.m. College of Business Administration, 8 tickets per person

Graduation participants at the main branch must pick up their tickets between Dec. 7 and 12 at the UCF Bookstore. Candidates may order and pick up tickets at their area campus. Tickets must be ordered Nov. 16-21. At the Brevard campus, contact the BCC Bookstore. At the Daytona Beach campus, contact the Administrative Services Office. A photo ID will be requested upon pick up. Doctoral candidates and platform party guests must contact the Constituent Relations Office at (407) 823-6609 for tickets.

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The movies come alive during Homecoming Skit Night

From Thursday from November 18, 1998:
The movies come alive during Homecoming Skit Night. The theme was "A Knight at the Movies." Kappa Delta and Sigma Phi Epsilon imitated "The Wizard of Oz" with a Golden Knight road. Alpha Xi Delta and Delta Upsilon had James Bond showing UCF from Baltivac. The last performance was Zeta Tau Alpha and Lambda Chi Alpha with "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory." Other movies imitated were "Clueless," "Back to the Future," "Blues Brothers," and "The Academy Awards."

Leslie Monahan was the director of skit night and said the evening was about cooperation. "This allows everybody to work together for a month and get excited about the game. There is always tough competition among Greeks because of name recognition," Monahan said.

Clubs received points toward the Homecoming Spirit Award for every event they were involved in and lost points if they did not participate. The judges looked for creativity, storyline, content, appearance, and UCF spirit. The scale was 1-10 for each quality and there were different judges for each event.

Another event that judges looked at were the floats during the UCF parade on Saturday in downtown. Vicki and Mike Melfi were at the parade to show support of their daughter that's a member of Alpha Delta Phi. "We've noticed there is more involvement with the college talent as a whole at UCF," Vicki Melfi said. Mel and Shelly Standley are also ADPi parents and were impressed with UCF. "The students are just rowing their and elbow off," Shelly Standley said.

Other than the floats, many local organizations came to show their support for UCF. The Orlando Magic dancers, local credit unions, the UCF Alumni, and Mrs. Florida, Sandy Nelson, a UCF alumna herself, showed their support.

The big event before the game (other than tailgating) was Fanfare at Tinker Field. "The Orlando Sentinel," Hardrock Cafe, and The Orlando Sentinel 100.3 were involved in the organizations there. The colleges at UCF had a tent set up and were giving information away about their college opportunities. The winners of Homecoming week were announced 2 p.m. The first place winner for overall for a large organization went to Kappa Delta and Sigma Phi Epsilon.

Delta Upsilon and Alpha Xi Delta came in second. "It was a tight competition with only a five-point spread. We were impressed with our work which is what matters," Joe Jacobellis of Delta Upsilon said.

An organization that has been to every event during Homecoming and gave the most spirit were the UCF Cheerleaders. Freshman cheerleader, Lori Mixson, was surprised at the support of the school. "In comparison to other schools UCF does a lot. We show we're put a lot of time and work in from doing pep rallies to the billboards around campus," Mixson said.

Seniors Luis Velazquez, sponsored by Delta Upsilon, and Kakenya Williams, sponsored by National Panhellenic Council, won Homecoming King and Queen during festivities on Saturday.

"My first year at school, all I thought was academics but I realized school is more than that and this thing allows me to show people how much I love this school," Velazquez said.

They both agreed that this year's football program helped to hype Homecoming. "It's almost like a movie. Plenty of good movies are out there but the star is what people watch the movie for and Dante's done a lot to make people watch UCF," Velazquez said.

Full line of services offered by Smart Card

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The new cards are available free of charge until Nov. 19, while the university is mass carded. After that there will be a charge of $10 for new cards and $15 for replacements.

The temporary carding center will be open Wednesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

"We want to take care of the day students and give the night students a chance to get here," said Cavett. "We also want to give people who have disabilities a chance to get carded.

Cavett said the card distribution takes about 15 minutes and that students need to bring a picture ID. Staff must check to make sure students are in UCF computer system before they can get a new one.

On Nov. 25, the UCF card's permanent office will open in the Student Union Building 104. It is located across from the bookstore's main entrance.

Cavett said there are many useful applications for the card including serving as your library card, a long distance calling card, and as an ATM card through Huntington Banks. It is also possible to store money (up to $200) on your card for purchases from vending machines, copiers and soon, stores.

"We are between 20 to 25 schools in the nation that have the card," said Cavett. "It will one day allow you to not have to carry cash around with you. It is a lot safer and trackable.

Cavett said although CyberMark provides the technical rules for the card, UCF decides how its different applications will be used. "The university has full control over these cards," he said.

To add money to your card, visit the All Campus Card Office and use a Cash to Chip machine. Other Cash to Chip machines are located in Administration, Biology, Business, Education, Health and Physics, Phillips Hall, the Student Union and Visual Arts.

CyberMark's smart card debuted in 1996 at Florida State University. University said Cavett. The original cards provided access to campus meal plans, library services, and sporting events. They also served as a key to dormitories and campus buildings.

In September of this year, CyberMark announced that it and the leading credit card issuer FirstUSA, will issue the first publicly-available credit card in the United States to also feature smart-card technology.

"This new program represents a breakthrough in cashless payment technology," said William V. Nutting, executive vice president of partnership marketing at FirstUSA.

James B. Graham, chairman and chief executive officer of CyberMark, agreed that moving the smart credit cards to the public market is what will make cash a thing of the past.

"Combining credit card functionality with chip-based stored value is a natural way to moving smart-card technology into the hands of the public," Graham said. "We see immediate applications for smart credit cards to replace cash on college campuses, in stadiums and on military bases—key segments where both FirstUSA and CyberMark have distinguished themselves as market leaders."
Dan McMullan stands on Mount Cotopaxi in December 1994.

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Life lessons he learned on a mountain top

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“After every climbing trip, McMullan said he makes sure he is going for personal pleasure and not self-aggrandisement. "I always ask, 'Well, God, what do you think?'”

McMullan, 30, said he has learned a lot about life from mountain climbing since taking up the sport in 1993. He said achieving any worthy goal is difficult and filled with obstacles, just like climbing a mountain. “It is up to me to either embrace and overcome the obstacles, or run away and try something easier,” he said.

According to McMullan, mountain climbing and life are very similar. “Aiming for the summit is like pursuing a life goal. The trail is how you get there. There may be ups and downs, heat, sunburn, sweat, blistered feet, and back aches. No life goal worthy of pursuit comes without similar difficulties.”

McMullan first became interested in mountaineering in 1988 during a 10 year stint in the Marine Corps. He was stationed at Whidbey Island Naval Air Station in Washington’s Puget Sound. McMullan said it was a view of Mount Baker from his barracks that started the whole thing. McMullan, at just over 6 feet 1 inch tall and 200 pounds, quickly becomes animated when talking about climbing. “The mountain was 10,780 feet,” McMullan said, anxiously wringing his hands, “and I knew I wanted to get up there.”

At the time, McMullan was working full-time and was too busy to start the sport. He was stationed again on the island about five years later and he climbed Glacier Peak. After that climb, McMullan said he knew mountaineering was what he wanted to do. “When we hit the glacier, the sun was coming up,” McMullan said, his hazel eyes lighting up at the memory. He said seeing the sun rise from that vantage point “is like nothing else” because the whole horizon as far as you can see is every color. “A computer can’t even count the number of colors,” he said. “I knew that’s where I wanted to be.”

McMullan said he has learned that mountain climbing is largely about self-realization. “It’s all about testing your limits, physically, emotionally, and mentally,” he said. “And then after getting to the top, or even realizing your limits, when you get back, you really feel like there’s nothing in life you can’t do.”

McMullan, a journalism major at UCF, hopes to one day write professionally about his climbing. “That’s what keeps me going,” he said. “Climbing is an expression. It’s not about me up there. It’s more about ‘My God, look at this place.’ To me, getting paid for writing about climbing would be like taking candy from a baby.”

McMullan, his wife Melissa and two-year-old daughter Micaila plan to eventually move from Merritt Island to Vermont. “It is near her [Melissa’s] family and my mountains,” McMullan said. “It’s easier to write about mountains if you are surrounded by them.”

In the meantime, one of McMullan’s greatest pastimes is sharing climbing stories and photographs with friends and family. “I love to climb mountains and it is the hardest thing in the world to keep my mouth shut about it,” he said. “It is so awesome to just do it. If I can find one useful thing to someone’s life by my experiences on mountains, then I am living usefully.”

McMullan said he feels closer to God wherever he is on a mountain. He said he often examines his life and actions while climbing. “I think about if I have wronged anyone, if I have been dishonest, boastful, arrogant, or just a plain whining pain in the ass. Once that’s done, I resolve to make amends where they are due.

“Climbing also reminds me to embrace adversity and overcome it,” McMullan said. “If I give up anywhere along the trail called life, I will miss the view from the top.”

Life lessons he learned on a mountain top
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If you want to gamble, go to Vegas.

If you want to be able to enjoy an employer to be able to read that you've been on the dean's list eight semesters in a row, but in the end, that won't be the pivotal factor that gets you the job. Book knowledge is book knowledge, so for those who think GPAs automatically make up 75 percent of a person's eligibility for a job, please try to remember the important distinction between book knowledge and practical knowledge.

Studying isn't always the way to get ahead

By MICHELLE BLAIR
College Press Exchange

Do you get an average of three hours of sleep on weeknights? Do you often find yourself studying at social events? Do you feel that most of your friends and associates have a much livelier social lives than you do? Can you remember the last time you went to a party or major social event?

If you answered yes to any of the previous questions and you may be suffering from a syndrome known as over-studying. If you are not a student and one of these characteristics applies to you, you are in serious need of some fun.

That's right. There are way too many people here who are overly concerned with their grade-point averages. Before they even attempt to learn what they are studying, they calculate exactly what score they need to get on a test to pass so that they can end up with an 'A' in the class.

These are people who may graduate without knowing even one concrete thing since they devoted all of their time to worrying about their grades. If any of these things worry them, they will have to wonder what the problem is.

Don't get me wrong. I'm not advocating low GPAs and poor study habits. It's just that when students start regularly neglecting important necessities like sleep, or when they start depending on beverages to get them through their classes, there's a serious need for priority assessment. Most students can't survive long periods of time pretending they're not sleepy. The self-sacrificing student is just one example of the grade-obsessed; worse yet are those who base their self-worth on their grades.

This type of person ranks his health as less important than his parents' approval. Constant stress and desperation, all for the sake of getting an 'A,' forces certain members of this group to make such serious and final decisions as suicide. I'll never forget asking my high-school history teacher for a pass so that I could attend an information session about Cornell University. As soon as she heard my request, she said, "You want to go to the school with the highest suicide rating?" I was shocked. Why mention such a thing in such a way?

Before then, I had never realized that there was a suicide rate ranking for American colleges.

Sadly, there are many students who define themselves by their GPAs. If you know someone who seems like they take their grades too seriously, try to make them understand GPAs are never more important than their existence.

If you are an "over-studier," please talk to a family member or close friend who you know would love to hear from you. If you've given something your best, no matter what your score is, they can end up with an 'A.'

It may be a nice plus for an employer to be able to read that you've been on the dean's list eight semesters in a row, but in the end, that won't be the pivotal factor that gets you the job. Book knowledge is book knowledge, so for those who think GPAs automatically make up 75 percent of a person's eligibility for a job, please try to remember the important distinction between book knowledge and practical knowledge.

Your GPA won't help you after you walk into the interviewer's office. There are many organizations and on-campus jobs that help students exercise at least one or two of the skills they'll need to be successful.

It's a good idea to check out those options because senior who has never participated in a single extra-curricular activity may not fare well when job hunting. One job interviewer told me that most students she sees don't participate in enough things to even fill out the small section set aside for them on the job application. That, she said, is not impressive.

The bottom line is this: Sleep, enjoy social events to the fullest - which means leaving your books at home. Make a commitment to do at least one thing each week that doesn't involve studying; this will improve your social life and maybe improve your grades.

If this seems like too many changes to make at once, implement one thing at a time. The key is to enjoy something - anything. After all, isn't some degree of happiness the goal? Or is it a necessary evil to benefit college experience?
By STEPHEN UNGER
Staff Writer

Don't you get tired of watching the same old overplayed horror movies, or one of those movies with redundant explosions? The best treat of the year is a well made foreign film that has just hit theaters in the U.S. Life is Beautiful is a colorful fable that intertwines chuckles of comedy and tears of sadness all into one portrait. The Italian film starring and directed by comic filmmaker Roberto Bengini (Son of the Pink Panther) plays a fantastic role as Guido. Winning several film festival awards around the world, including the Grand Jury prize at the Cannes Film Festival, Life is Beautiful is one you don't want to miss.

It's World War II, and the delightful Jewish character of Guido, must use his humorous wit to ignore anti-Semitism and the Fascist takeover in Europe. The story is divided into two important phases of his life.

First, he falls in love with Dora, a beautiful young schoolteacher, who is already engaged, and attempts to win over her heart. Then, his dreams come true, but he and his family are unfortunately taken away by the Germans to a Nazi death camp. Guido and his son, Giosue are separated from Dora. Guido then uses his wit to save his son and to find his wife. The boy is unaware that the may die. In order to prevent him from being frightened, Guido attempts to convince Giosue that the death camp is one big game.

The movie successfully overshadows the horrible tragedies of the Holocaust, with the last remnants of humor that Guido can offer. Life is Beautiful is not as sad and depressing as Schindler's List, but it does have its moments. The funniest scenes are in the first half of the film before it turns into a more serious matter. It's during these rough times when Bengini finely covers the sadness with bright shades of laughter. Even within the rare tear jerking scenes, the humor sustains a slight presence in the back of our minds.

The movie is a modern day fable that teaches everyone who watches a vital lesson. The story reaches out to the audience and brings us the realization that everyone on the camp will probably die, yet there is always a small glimmer of hope for Guido and his family.

Life is Beautiful will undoubtedly emerge as one of the best movies of the year. Don't expect a silly, goofy comedy in which you must force yourself to laugh with the rest of the crowd. It will offer a natural laughter that is pleasant to consume.

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The Bouncing Souls
Tie One On
(Epitaph Records)

Known internationally, unheralded locally, the duo known as Kruder and Dorfmeister have made another outstanding Big Beat album. Think Chemical Brothers, with a down tempo, think Daft Punk, with a sense of romanticism, think Fatboy Slim without a God complex. Originally from Vienna, the duo has been making sounds with their samplers and beat boxes for longer than most of us have been using the word "electronic." Opera itself is a delicious amalgam of styles and the opening track "86 Dub part 1+2" runs a 5k of musical history. The beat is definitely dub, but the refrain's are so giddy, you could easily mistake this as a House album. Tosca's strength however, is their wussy use of old New York styled voice samples, the looping of a guy with a lisp sounds an awful lot like Daft Punk, but it's probably his older, more jazz oriented big brother, because the guy's voice becomes the dominant percussive rhythm for most of the album. Sing Ho for a CD, sing Ho for a neo-stylee, sing HO for damn fine ambient journce. (Editor's note: Marcel also sings ho for Turtleshies and rayen slacks)

-Velvet Goldmine
Music From the Motion Picture
(London)

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Velvet Goldmine, the new film by Todd Haynes, works off the assumption that Glam is now vogue again after a hiatus. The songs here reflect a different story entirely. Current bands such as UK's, Placebo, Pulp, Teenage Fanclub and the super group Venus in Fur's featuring Bernard Butler and Thom Yorke amongst others are as much Glam as the films
date. The soundtrack features a gorgeous selection of songs, beginning with Brian Eno's "Needle in the Camel's Eye," an up tempo stormer, which never gives in, followed by neo-glam stars, Placebo, Stubbler to Think and Venus in Furs. Then on to the real surprise here, Wylde Ratz, (Mark Arm, Don Fleming, Thurston Moore, Steve Shelly and Mike Watts), a who's who of American indie rock, which sounds more like Slade and MC 5, than the Screaming Trees, the poster child, Eddie Izzard was in the 70's. These guys just might have what it takes. Sure, there are some ingrediants missing in this album, which was recorded from a July 1998 Souls concert at the Continental in New York City. For one thing, lyrics. They seem to have been copied from just about every pop/rock/punk group in the directory. But it really doesn't matter, because front man Greg Antinoro has that acquired type of screech that turns mere words into percussive rhythm for most of the show. The altering rhythms are enhanced by the lyrical performance of lead singer Beth Gibbons, at once moody, sincere, and vulnerable. Portishead has undeniably made a catchy new sound with Roseland. Something rocking past ways comes. (Editor's note: B.W. is currently stalking Beth Gibbons)

-Velvet Goldmine

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Portishead
Roseland NYC Live
(Or Beat)

With a combination of concentrated energy and uninhibited invention, Roseland NYC Live provides a well-executed studio feel to a live show where anything could've gone awry. The CD jumps out of the gate with a flying start in their first track, "Humming," which combines a faint taste of a sultry nightclub with the surrealism of a 50s Sci-Fi Horror classic a la The Thing from Another World. Throughout the eleven selections, there is a trait that is,圃 Paper Disk Berra, similar but different... The music seems to be coming at you, forcing you to take heed and notice, whether it be in a deliberate and seductive pace, such as "All Mine," or in the tough, take no prisoners attitude of "Cowboys." In fact, I can't recall a misstep in Roseland, made all the more amazing by the unpredictable nature of the concert show. The altering rhythms are enhanced by the lyrical performance of lead singer Beth Gibbons, at once moody, sincere, and vulnerable. Portishead has undeniably made a catchy new sound with Roseland. Something rocking past ways comes. (Editor's note: B.W. is currently stalking Beth Gibbons.)

-B.W. Earl
By STACEY COPELAND

Staff Writer

Hey, everybody needs a little ére once in a while, and apparently the Grim Reaper is no exception. Brad Pitt stars in the new movie Meet Joe Black as the personification of 'Death'. He has decided to take a little break from the nasty job of taking people's lives to get a taste for this thing called 'life'. He wants to know what life is all about and why people are so reluctant to leave it.

There's only a few minor problems. First, he needs a body to experience life. In his line of work, bodies are a dime a dozen. He simply takes one, and a rather nice one at that. He assumes the identity of a recently killed young man (Pitt) and sets off on his adventure as "Joe Black". Next, he needs a 'tour guide', so to speak. He strikes a bargain with William Parrish (Anthony Hopkins), a filthy rich communications tycoon who is supposed to be dead of a heart attack. Pitt allows him a little more time to live in exchange for showing him the ropes. Parrish agrees on one condition: that the situation is acceptable if does not involve the rest of his family in any manner.

Boy, is he in for a shocker. While Parrish is busy tying up the loose ends in his life, Death is busy falling head-over-heels in love with his youngest daughter, Susan. Susan (Claire Forlani) catches her first glimpse of Pitt in this movie before the Grim Reaper has decided to take his body. In the film's first 15 minutes, Pitt plays a sweet young man who hits it off with Susan in a Manhattan coffee shop. She is quite surprised to find him eating dinner with her father later that day. She also finds his change in character a little confusing (little does she know that she's now dealing with an other worldly creature). Despite this fact, the young doctor finds herself inexplicably drawn to him.

Let me forewarn you, this movie is quite, quite long but it doesn't seem like it. At 2 hours and 59 minutes the director, Martin Brest, must be trying to give James Cameron a run for his money. The original film that inspired this flick, 1934's Death Takes a Holiday is only 78 minutes long. Go figure. The movie is a bit slow-paced at times and much of it's content seems irrelevant to the basic plot line. Several scenes could have been cut out and no one would have even known the difference.

But the unnecessary sub-plots and slow pace are absolutely worth tolerating to experience the extraordinary acting and emotions that are portrayed in this film. I'm now finding myself a little more understanding of the folks who rave on and on about Hopkins acting ability. He is absolutely fascinating to watch as a man who plays host to Death while at the same time having to deal with the emotion and responsibilities of knowing that his life is about to end. Watching Bill Parrish cope with everything as he tries to wrap up his life, his business and his relationships is absolutely heart wrenching at times. He must look back on his life and admit his failures to those that he loves in order to bring himself closure. Most people with terminal illnesses find this a little hard to do, but Bill also has ole "Joe" as a living, breathing reminder that he only has a short time left. Brad Pitt (or "Arm Pit" as most males call him) also does a wonderful job on this film even if he isn't quite his usual self. We get a glimpse of the smiling, charming Brad that everyone is drawn to in the coffee shop at the beginning of the movie. He then shows up as "Joe" aka "Death" and no one is quite sure that to think. He's friendly at times and aloof and almost a little na" at other times. Eventually he wins us over with his charm (the killer smile doesn't hurt either) as we watch him discover the little wonders and joys of life that we often take for granted (Peanut butter, YUM!). His character is a little darker in this flick than the roles we are used to seeing him play and it might throw a few people off, but he is awesome to watch in this flick.

Claire Forlani and the other supporting characters also do a good job. Forlani reminds a little bit of both Renee Zellweger and Calista Flockhart. Her character is full of spirit and vigor. She knows what she wants in life and she is willing to fight for it. And any actress who's acting abilities aren't completely overshadowed by the presence of both Hopkins and Pitt is certainly talented.

So, yes. Meet Joe Black is tad slow paced but the fascinating plot and the awesome acting more than make up for it. This movie will make you laugh, it will make you cry, it will make you think and it will probably even make most of you drool. It's worth the effort.
foodwine.com: Are you ready for cyber-turkey?

By VICKI DESORMIER  
Staff Writer

Thanksgiving is right around the corner.

If you're not picking up and heading to Mom's for the holiday, chances are you're either going to host a turkey day celebration of your own or be part of a communal meal with friends or relatives.

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Lead Stories

• According to an October Wall Street Journal profile, Randall C. Hutchens is one jailbird making a two-year sentence for stockholder-fraud lawsuits in California small-claims courts and so far has received settlement checks in various amounts from 17 of his 60 defendant companies. He does a little research on the stock price, then fallicly claims stock losses, according to the Journal. California small-claims courts bar lawyers, so companies settle rather than send executives to California to testify.

• Adult Model Not Yet Available: Laurita Blidoe of Detroit was recently granted a patent for her Talking Pottie trainer that fits over a toilet and houses computer sound chips, a cassette player and speakers to give kids applause and verbal feedback for jobs well done.

Unexpected Benefits

In Chicago in September, doctors treated a brain tumor in a 37-year-old man, discovered only because he had been brought for emergency surgery after an anti-gay gang severely beat him up. And in October in Leicester, England, Terry Killecary, 36, survived major heart surgery, he had become alarmed when he detected in abnormality in his heart when playing with a toy stethoscope he had just won at a bar. And in Oded, England, in June, a car running Jennifer Simpson, 3, to a hospital to save her from choking on a coin, collided with a van, causing her to cough up the coin.

Looking Out for No. 1

In October during the Iraqi-Palestinian peace time in Maryland, prominent Jewish rabbi, David Bierer and his son Yitzhak told the Jerusalem Post that they had just taken a private airplane trip to circle Israel seven times while offering a traditional prayer for the Likud's success, when the plane developed engine trouble and was forced into an emergency landing. Said Yitzhak, "We changed the subject of prayers from the plight of the Israeli people to our plight."

Leading Economic Indicators

In September, schoolteachers in the Alti region of Sibero reluctantly agreed to accept 15 bottles of vodka each as partial back pay from the nearly bankrupt government. And in October, thieves in Volgograd, Russia, stole eight tons of mud, worth about $1,000, from a health spa. And in October, the Russian Railway Ministry announced it would carry for nearly an hour, Portner returned to his home.

Recurring Themen

News of the Weird has several times reported on construction workers who survived after accidentally involving a brad l

Chief Surgeon to the Weird

In San Diego in May, recidivist licensed surgeon John Ronald Brown, 75, was arrested and charged with causing the death of an 80-year-old man who had consented to have Brown amputate his healthy leg. According to a friend, the patient suffered from apotemnophilia (sexual gratification from the removal of a limb). Brown's license was revoked in 1977 after being convicted of sexual operations, but in records recovered from his apartment, prosecutors believe he had dozens of patients after that for transsexual and breast augmentation surgeries.
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Knights lose in NCAA first round

BY TRAVIS BELL
Staff Writer

Danya Harris played the latter part of the season injured and helped gain a NCAA Tournament birth.

The women’s soccer team’s first NCAA Tournament appearance since 1991 came to an abrupt end in Madison, Wisconsin with a 2-0 loss against the Wisconsin Badgers.

“It was very disappointing because we knew that we had the ability to advance, but we didn’t get the result,” Coach Karen Richter said. “Wisconsin played a great game. Their coach said it was the best game they had played all year, and we just couldn’t generate any offense.”

It was the sixth appearance in the NCAA’s for the Knights, but more importantly, they regained dominance in the Trans America Athletic Conference. After rolling through the regular season 4-0, then shutting out both opponents in the TAAC Tournament, UCF outscored their six conference opponents 21-1.

The Knights rolled through the conference schedule due to the fact that their non-conference schedule was something to brag home about. UCF finished the season 12-8 despite a 0-3 start to the year. All three of those losses came against three NCAA Tournament teams (Florida, Georgia, and Syracuse).

“We play a strong schedule because we want to be the best team in the country. And if you want to be the best, you have to play the best,” Richter said.

“We played those games early, and the girls learned a lot from them and hopefully it showed us that we can play with anybody. We’ve come a long way since those first three games, and we’re a much better team.”

During the 1998 campaign, several seniors stepped up and had record-breaking seasons. Keeper Alysia O’Brien earned First Team All-TAAC and TAAC Tournament MVP, while setting the school record for career saves (424), and fell just short of Richter’s career shutout mark of 30.5. O’Brien tallied eight this year for a total of 30.

“I thought she should’ve been player of the year, and I was really disappointed about that. This Tournament MVP is what really counts,” Richter said. “The personal accolades are nice, but she wanted to be playing and she wanted to be playing in the NCAA Tournament. She’s been here five years and has never been. It meant a lot for her to win the MVP, and that just shows that she proved it on the field when it mattered.”

Forward Danya Harris and Kim Shrum both had spectacular senior seasons, setting individual records for goals and points. Harris total 28 points (10 goals, nine assists), while Shrum scored eight times and added four assists. Harris also added six game-winning goals, one shy of Kelly Kochever’s record in 1991.

Both of them had their best years as seniors, and that’s all you can ask for is that they get better every year. And they both did,” Richter said. “They kept fighting each other to see who’s the leading scorer. To get that out of your two leaders, you can’t ask for much more.”

However, the Knights will have to look for someone to step up next season to replace the losses on the offensive and defensive sides. Wendy Willey, Colly Howell, and Michelle Anderson all stepped up to add some scoring in the midfield this year with nine goals, while Margrette Auffant, Monica Holshouser, and Claire Kohake helped stabilize the defense this season.

Now that the TAAC championships provides an automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament, look for the Knights to be a mainstay in the tournament for quite some time.
By TRAVIS BELL

Staff Writer

In light of Daunte Culpepper’s final game at UCF, the senior quarterback was brought in to the weekly news conference to talk about the past four years and his certain NFL future. His accomplishments over the past four years have been legendary. In fact, according to Coach Mike Kruczek, there is a strong possibility that Culpepper will be the first Golden Knight to have his number retired.

“What a great way to start a tradition. There is no one more deserving,” Kruczek said. It certainly would be fitting. Culpepper took time out and answered questions on a variety of subjects.

What kinds of emotions are going through your mind for this last week?

“Even though it’s my last game, it really hasn’t hit me yet. I know I’m gonna have a knot in my throat at times during this week. I think it has been a very memorable time over the past three and a half years. It’s been great, and I’m just glad that I’ve been able to go through it and experience it.”

What’s the hardest thing to say goodbye to?

“I definitely have to say the camaraderie, especially with my teammates, with the team that we have this year. I’ll be tough leaving my teammates, Reggie (Dosier) and Sinha (Burley). And Kenny (Clark), I’ve been with him basically my whole life. Not just those guys, but with everyone on the team. Like my brothers. That’s gonna be the hardest thing.

What are you gonna do after the last regular season game?

“I’m gonna finish up the semester and try to finish up strong in the classroom. I want to have some time off to play some golf. We don’t know about the bowl situation, but hopefully we’ll be in a bowl and continue to practice.”

What’s the difference between ending last year and this year?

“With the knowing that I’m leaving, that’s the part about it that really gets you. I’ve got a lot of mixed feelings. I’m excited, and I’m sad. But you’ve gotta move on. My stay here has been great, and I couldn’t have had a better four years anywhere else. It’s been great for me to come here, and I’m glad that I decided to come here. I’m glad that I decided to come back for my senior year.

Was there any doubt after returning for your senior season?

I never look back, and when I made my decision to stay I never thought that it was the wrong decision. I knew the type of guys that we had on the team coming back football-wise. I knew we had a lot of hard workers that wanted to achieve and had the same goal.

Which games stick out in your mind from your career?

I can remember my first game like it was yesterday. I’ve gotta say that my first game was a real special one to me. Every game was very important. I’m gonna always remember the Nebraska game. The two games that we lost this year. I’m gonna remember them, not wanting to, but they’re gonna be in the back of my mind because there were only a couple plays that kept us from winning those games. Those games were very important.

Culpepper reflects on past, looks forward to future

We have a lot of players on this team that can offer a lot to a bowl because people like to see exciting things. We have guys on this team that are explosive and can do that.

Have you made any decisions on any all-star games?

I haven’t decided if I’m gonna play in one or not.

Is there anything that can make the two losses from this season any less painful?

I think that feeling is gonna be there regardless, but it would help if we could go to a bowl game and win it. That would help cover it up in my mind a little bit. I’m probably one of the west losers in the world, but everyone has to lose. If we go to a bowl game and win it, that will help put out a lot to me.

What has Coach Kruczek meant to you?

I’ve been thinking about that a lot. It’s gonna be the right decision and I’ll have to go with it.

How do you see yourself in the NFL on Sundays?

At first it was kind of hard visualizing myself at the next level, but now it’s become easier because I have the skills to play at the next level.

What has having Jason Thorne around done for you?

Jason has been really important to me just for the fact that he has always been there to push me. Jason could probably start at a lot of different I-A schools in the country. He has the skills to play, and he has the knowledge of the game. He’s a very smart guy. Jason has been important pushing myself to always strive and try to get better. I don’t know if a lot of schools could put relationships before their first string and second string quarterbacks like we have. I think it’s great that we can say that we were really good friends.

Do you admire his ability to be in this situation and be positive?

I talk to him about all the time, and it takes a big man to go at this thing the way he did. He knows that he is very important to me, and it does take a big man to have the attitude that he has.

How do you deal with all the media and what would you tell someone else in your situation?

As far as the media goes, I understand that you have to deal with it. You shouldn’t let it overwhelm you, but you have to deal with some media because you’re gonna be in the spotlight. I always try act in a good manner. There’s no reason to act like a fool and act crazy about what somebody says to you because there’s always some kid watching you. Whether you like it or not, you’re gonna be looked as a role model.

How difficult was it to answer questions after losses at Purdue and Auburn?

It’s always difficult to answer questions after you lose a game because being the quarterback, you’re gonna get a lot of the praise when your winning, but when you’re losing you’re gonna get a lot of the blame. You have to be able to accept it and live with it, and go out to practice the next day and try to get better. You can’t worry about it for very long before and just learn from your mistakes. But you have to take the criticism with the praises.

Was there a moment during that game, or after that game that you said to yourself “I that play college football?”

I’ve always felt that once I get out of high school that I could play at the college level. It helped my confidence out a lot going into my first game to have a good game.
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Knights surge past Ball State

By TONY MEJIA
Sports Editor

Sometimes the 20-minute period in between halves is taken for granted in college football. On the field, the pep band and Homecoming festivities had the spotlight. In the locker room, senior linebacker Devos Porter took center stage.

With the Knights and Cardinals tied 7-7 in front of a crowd of 34,112, Porter, who played sparingly in the first half due to shoulder soreness, delivered an inspirational speech.

“We just had to go out there and play the last 30 minutes. I just challenged them,” Porter said. “I told them I wasn’t going to let nobody come in and take it away from me and I expected the same from them. They hurt us back at 7-6, so we weren’t going to give them the chance to upset our Homecoming. We just had to step up and show them what time it was.”

UCF got Porter’s message and responded against Ball State. So what time was it? Knights 37, Cardinals 14.

“He just pumped us up. We came out a little flat and didn’t wrap up or execute well defensively,” junior defensive tackle Justin Moore said. “His speech got us focused. He’s always the most outspoken and inspiring one. We needed the lift.”

UCF scored 15 points in the second half, and Porter forced a third quarter fumble by Ball State’s LaAndré Moore, who carried 21 times for 170 yards, the most rushing yards the Knights have given up all year. However, Moore’s one mistake was capitalized on, as sophomore quarterback DaVion Banks recovered the loose ball and returned it 15 yards for a touchdown. Banks also picked off Cardinal quarterback Brian Conlon late in the game to set up the Knights final touchdown.

The Knights defense allowed just 102 of 205 total yards gained by Ball State. So what is the winning formula for a 102-96 win over Ball State?

Defense will be crucial for tough road game at Auburn

allowed the Division II Taras to shoot almost 50% from the floor, scoring 96 points. Fortunately, UCF also shot the ball well to win 102-96. Speraw would love to keep the shooting and ball handling the same, but the defense must improve.

“It’s all about intensity. We have to get after it a lot better,” Speraw said. “We gave up too many open shots and didn’t make it difficult enough for them to get the ball to their hot guy. We must play better. In that regard, I was very disappointed.”

Speraw hopes not to be disappointed at Auburn, but the task will be a difficult one. The Tigers return their terrific backcourt of Doc Robinson and Scott Pohlman, as well as front court players Bryan Smith and Mamadou N’Diaye. However, its Auburn’s additions that make it so much better. Coach Cliff Ellis recruited a stellar class that features Junior College All-American Chris Porter, from Chipola, Fla. FC, Porter (6’7, 218 lbs.) is an athletic power forward, who rebounds well and has great post moves. Recruiting analyst Bob Gibbons calls him Auburn’s greatest recruit since Charles Barkley. Speraw’s evaluation of him would second that.

“He’s terrific. He could be the SEC’s newcomer of the year,” Speraw said. “I would say he is the hardest working player I’ve ever seen. That’s his strength. It’s a credit to the young men.”

Auburn has already played a pair of games, winning handily over both Southeastern Louisiana and Florida A&M. For UCF to upset Auburn, it must play a complete game. Senior Brad Train scored 29 points in the opener, while Mario Lovett had 18 points and ten rebounds. Each must hope to duplicate those efforts. Another key would be the continued ball handling of point guard Cory Perry, who dished out nine assists and no turnovers in the season opener. However, no matter how well UCF shoots or how careful they are with the ball, UCF must defend in order to win.

Following the encounter with Auburn, the Knights will travel to East Lansing, Mich. and play fifth-ranked Michigan State. If UCF doesn’t learn how to defend better against their next two foes, things could get really ugly.
Richardson proves nice is no disadvantage

By JEFF CASE
Staff Writer

Senior linebacker Mike Palmer has only nice things to say about teammate Marv Richardson. Problem is, the positive Richardson plays, defensive end, is not traditionally known for nice guys.

"He's real calm, real cool, a Christian boy, real nice and from a good family background," said Palmer, a linebacker. "He goes out of his way for people. That's the kind of person he is."

"But when he gets on the field, he'll prove that wrong. He gets fired up, he's a totally different person on the field." Richardson's fire is not limited to the Citrus Bowl, but also to the small practice behind the UCF Rasschb Complex. The team calls its home during the week.

During summer practices, Richardson and Palmer were working out together when Richardson said something Palmer never expected or heard before.

"He was calling me out at practice when we were running our sprints, he was trying to race me," said Palmer, who described Richardson as a quiet, calm guy when he met him. "He said 'Palmer, man, you're slacking.' I said 'yeah, I'll race you on everything.' I said, 'uh-oh.'"

While Palmer got the best of Richardson that time, it has been Richardson who has shown flashes of getting the best of opposing offenses this season. He has established career highs this season in tackles (38), sacks (4) and fumbles (1).

Richardson's emergence as a run stopper and overall defensive player have helped UCF make its push for its first bowl berth. But before his rise, Richardson, a well-noted spiritual leader of the team, spent his first two seasons backing up former Knight great Mike Ousma, Jannell McWhorter and Jermaine Benoit. He says that time taught him how to step up this season.

"They gave me the leadership skills I needed. I saw from them how they led, and I said to myself, 'I have all the keys now, I have all the tools,"' Richardo said.

"And it's there for me for the taking if I just play hard and believe in myself."

Despite having the tools to succeed, Richardson said he needed more self-confidence to get those tools to work, specifically self-confidence. Defensive tackles coach Andy Cox often challenged Richardson to believe in himself, something Richardson says he has gotten better at.

"Coach Cox, he was like, 'Marv, you've got to believe in yourself and everything will fit into place,'" Richardson said. "I started believing in myself and prayed and played hard, it worked out great. That's the main thing coming into this year, believing in myself."

Still, Richardson says he has yet to put it all together and become the complete player he would like to be.

Richardson, who often thought of as the "nice-guy" at defensive tackle, says aggressiveness is next on his list of goals.

"He wants to motivate the team like [linebacker] Deon [Porter]," Richardson said. "I want to go out there and get the crowd fired up and my teammates fired up, but I also want to stay in the lines of Christianity. I live my life to please God, so sometimes people are like, 'wow, Marv, why didn't you say anything or why didn't you get fired up a little bit more.'"

"There's nothing wrong with [being vocal]. I've just got to make sure I'm doing it and pleasing God at the same time."

While he may fight the "nice guy" reputation throughout his career, defensive coordinator Gene Chizik said he is more than satisfied with Richardson's progress this season. Although Richardson may not be the fiery leader the team needs yet, Chizik says Richardson still has time.

"He plays and gets 100 percent out of what he's blessed with," Chizik said. "He's going to go out there and work, and I think that's the trademark of a real winner. He's a great character kid that's always going to be there when the chips are down and he's always going to give you all he's got. He's just a hardworking kid, and he's got his job done for us. That's what he's going to live and die by."

Proving "nice guys" finishing last is a myth.
Volleyball prepares for 
TAAC Tournament

Seventh ranked University of Hawaii (24-2) 
handed Central Florida (6-14) in its third consecutive 
loss Saturday night with a 15-6, 15-9 and 15- 
8 win.

Senior Lisa Lijjenquist led the Golden Knights 
with nine kills, three service aces and eight digs. 
Michelle Sobczak had eight kills in the match 
while Piper Morgan had six along with a team 
leading 47 hitting percentage and three blocks. 

Anabel Marcus and Brandi McCollom added 
seven digs apiece for UCF. Amanda Fielding 
totaled 32 assists. Hawaii swept Central Florida 
(6-13) Friday night as well, conceiving them 15- 
15-6, 15-1. Senior Stephanie Nousoux led the 
Golden Knights with eight kills and five digs.

The Golden Knights open conference tournament 
play this Friday (Nov. 20) in Jacksonville 
with a match against Jacksonville St.

Women's basketball falls in 
season opener

Kari Gaskin and Kate Miller combined for 48 
points to lead American University to an 88-70 
win over the University of Central Florida 
women's basketball team on Friday at the UCF 
Arena. The game was the season opener for both teams.

Two free throws by Gaskin at the 7:47 mark of 
the first half gave AU a 14-13 lead. UCF was 
unable to regain the lead for the rest of the game. 
American led 45-25 at the half and shot 50 per- 
cent (20-40) for the game. UCF shot 31.9 percent 
and was out-rebounded 42-39.

UCF had four players reach double figures 
with senior guard Charli Davis scoring 14 to 
lead the Golden Knights. Davis and sophomore 
center Camille Howard each had a team high nine 
rebounds with Howard scoring 11 and senior forward 
Chat McGriff chipping in 12 points for UCF.

UCF will play next at Butler University 
Nov.21 at 2 p.m. The Bulldogs went 25-6 last 
season and went to the NIT.

Cross Country teams 
place at NCAAs' 

Anna Panaggio placed a team-high 38th 
with a time of 18:19 in the 5,000 meter run to lead 
the University of Central Florida's women's cross 
country team to a 11th place finish out of 23 
teams at the NCAAs South Regional 
Championships hosted by Sumford University on 
Saturday.

Sonji Shadden came in 62nd with a time of 
18:51 while Brianna Harrington placed 75th and 
Gemina Dimery placed 76th with times of 19:03 
and 19:03.45, respectively. GeAna Rivers rounded 
out the top five performers for UCF, placing 80th 
with a time of 19:12.

On the men's side, freshman Steven Corincho 
had the top finish for the Golden Knights—which 
placed 16th out of 24 teams—placing 59th with a 
time of 33:27 in the 10,000 meter run. John Hope 
placed 72nd with a time of 33:35 while Sean 
McCabe came in at 34:05 for an 86th place finish.

Lee Rose came in 107th place with a time of 
34:51.

The University of Tennessee-Chattanooga 
won the event as a team for the men with Nic 
Cider of UT-Chattanooga winning in a time of 
30:58. The University of Florida placed first 
in the women's event. South Florida's Minn Rasimus won with a time of 17:02.

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Central Florida Future
Lobos and Knights have changed since last meeting

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People have been hitting them on massive plays that have killed them." Offensively, the Lobos will provide a challenge for the Knights steadily improving 26th-ranked defense. Quarterback Graham Leigh leads the Lobos balanced offense that has run the ball 421 times compared to 370 passing attempts. Leigh has completed 186 of 354 passes for 2,473 yards with 18 touchdowns and 16 interceptions.

Willie Martinez and Germany Thompson have shared the wealth as Leigh's favorite target this season. Martinez leads the pair with 46 catches for 710 yards and seven touchdowns. Thompson has grabbed 43 balls for 601 yards and five touchdowns. Lennox Gordon leads the Leigh rushing attack with 548 yards and four scores, while Leigh is second with 265 yards.

"On offense, they have a great quarterback," Kruczek said. "Graham Leigh, you don't hear much about, has had a real good career there, but he just doesn't have the personal surrounding him like last year. They're an option team and a drop back team, and you know that combination is deadly. He does it very well."

The Knights will be looking to erase the memories of the 1996 loss, and Culpepper and his 21 fellow seniors will look to end their home careers with a bang. Hopefully, their playing days at UCF will be extended with one more game. To have a shot at a bowl opportunity, UCF must take care of New Mexico first, showing the Lobos how far it's come since that opening I-A season.

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From the Gridiron

Bowl bid provides extra motivation

For the first time this season, Coach Mike Kruczek is using bowl game hopes as motivation for his players. Kruczek, who referred to bowl games as simply the "b-word", said UCF's chances at the Micron PC Bowl, although slim, are firing up the team.

"I told the team after the game that our destiny is in our own hands and we have to come out and play particular attention to details this week," Kruczek said. "We need to focus more intently than we ever have. [New Mexico] beat us out there in Albuquerque in 1996 (17-7), and a lot of these guys were on that football team. They understand what's at stake next week. That was the plan to use it to prepare for a real good football team this week."

UCF's hopes hinge on Penn State topping Michigan State in its season finale, as well as on the strength of the other at-large teams around the country.

Liberty Bowl makes contacts for future

A representative for the Liberty Bowl was at Sunday's game, but don't get your hopes up. He was there to establish contacts for UCF's future, as Liberty Bowl officials have told Kruczek they want a 10-1 team to play in the Dec. 31 game. The Liberty Bowl, which pits an independent team against the Conference USA winner, was a possibility earlier this year, but most hope was dashed following the Auburn loss.

Kruczek is now hoping Micron PC Bowl officials will choose UCF to fill its spot, a game that would pit the Knights against the fourth team in the ACC. Kruczek said the game, which would right now pit N.C. State against UCF, is still just a hope.

"We won't talk about bowl games amongst ourselves, but I can talk about it to you guys (the media)," he said. "The only thing that exists right now is New Mexico. That's the only thing that can exist because there's nothing else. There's nothing on paper, there's no agreement, there's a possibility."

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Many feelings surround UCF’s season farewell

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There have been so many great memories the past four years. This season finale will provide some more. It’s like a Graduation Day. Excitement, love, and camaraderie with a twist of sadness.

“These guys have never seen me cry. I’m not one to cry,” said senior linebacker Deon Potts. “But this week will be so emotional. These guys are like family. I may cry this week. It’s a good possibility.”

Shed no tears for UCF’s bowl hopes, however, as they are looking a lot better. With last week’s defeat of Purdue and Minnesota by Indiana, the teams on the verge of qualification, but all have the entries to fill its fourth bowl tie in, by Purdue and Minnesota by Indiana, let alone its fifth, which Deon Porter.

Bowl Championship

With last week’s defeat of Michigan State, UCF’s situation improved dramatically. In fact, if this Big Ten teams end up in the Bowl Championship Series, which could very well happen, the Big Ten wouldn’t have the entries to fill its fourth bowl tie in, let alone its fifth, which is the Micron PC Bowl. In addition, the Pac-10 had three teams on the verge of qualification, but all of them lost last week. California, Arizona State, and Washington are all down to its final chance, which is more good news for the Knights. All UCF can do is beat New Mexico and sit and wait, but that’s fine with Kruczek.

“All we can do is take care of our situation. I think our bowl outlook has improved,” Kruczek said. “But the only game that matters is New Mexico. There is nothing else guaranteed.”

Regardless of whether UCF receives an invitation to a bowl or not, the season has still been a resounding success.

“That’s why I stayed. I knew we could have this great a season,” Kruczek said. “We had the players and coaches to make something really special happen. We believed that and we’ve made it happen.”

A pair of single season school records should be broken in this game. Culpepper has already tied the single season mark of 26 touchdown passes held by Darin Slack and Darin Himshaw. After finishing one shy of the mark last season, Culpepper will set a new standard with his next scoring strike. In a similar situation, Sinhue Burley has tied the single season record for catch-es which he fell one short of last year. Burley currently has 78 receptions, tying him with David Rhodes. His first catch Saturday will be a memorable one.

Last season, I was nervous because I knew exactly what I needed to set the record,” Burley said. “I finished one short, but this year is different. I know I’m going to get a catch so the pressure is off. It will be nice.”

UCF fans, this is your final chance to say goodbye to these trend-setters. There will be no replay. Go out and support your team, don’t sit home and watch two other schools. If anything, tape that. You won’t get another chance to experience this, nor can you tape it without being there. Trust me, it makes a big difference to these guys to see the fans out there. Kruczek has often stated that UCF fans are “the best in the world.” Prive him right. Sure, the Gators and Seminoles is a great rivalry, but this is something altogether different.

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Knights close third season with familiar foe

By TRAVIS BELL
Staff Writer

Since last meeting on September 14, 1996, UCF and New Mexico have experienced a role reversal. New Mexico was the first meeting in Albuquerque, 17-7, showing the new 1-A team the ropes.

The Lobos finished last season 2-4, losing in the Insight.com Bowl to Arizona 20-14. However, New Mexico is now 3-8 this year. As for the Knights, they have improved from that first Division 1-A season (5-6) to a team in contention for a bowl game at 8-2. Coach Mike Kruczek understands the difference between the two schools over the past two seasons.

"We are entirely different. Going into New Mexico two years ago, we didn’t practice one minute outdoors offensively," Kruczek said. "Daunte didn’t take a snap all week, and we shouldn’t have played him. But we started him in that game unfairly. We played very poorly. I don’t see any similarities between the two ball games. Those were two different teams. We had a very young football team."

Culpepper was knocked out of that game by halftime by a relentless New Mexico pass rush. Still, UCF was on the rise and Culpepper would have better days. Now he prepares to play his last regular season as a member of the Golden Knights.

"Even though it’s my last game, it really hasn’t hit me yet. I know I’m gonna have a knot in my throat at times during this week," Culpepper said. "I think it has been a very memorable time over the past three and a half years. It’s been great, and I’m just glad that I’ve been able to go through it and experience it."

UCF is coming off a 37-14 victory over Ball State, but struggled to a 7-7 tie at the end of the first half. Also, it was the first time UCF had been outgained in total yards, 409-402, but the result was much the same for the Knights.

New Mexico is coming off an 41-7 pounding at the hands of Utah. The Lobos are yielding 32.6 points per game and are ranked 99th in the country in that category. Also, the Lobos defense has allowed 388 yards per game, and now must face the seventh ranked offense of the Knights that is averaging 490 yards.

Junior free safety Brian Urlacher leads the defense with 159 tackles, and he has 15.5 sacks (55) to provide some difficulties for UCF receivers. Linebacker Kenny Lewis is second with 60 tackles, while defensive linemen Bill Borcher and Jason Purvis lead the squad with 4.5 and four sacks, respectively.

"Defensively, they are off the wall. They are a 90 percent pass football team," Kruczek said. "They are gonna try to lock up with you and apply great pressure, but you never know who the hell is coming. If you could figure that out and get it protected then you’ve got a chance. That’s why they give you up points.

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Basketball takes its shot at Auburn

By TONY MEJIA
Sports Editor

The Golden Knights are headed back to the Plains. Two weeks ago, the football team was handed the most painful loss in school history by Auburn. UCF’s men’s basketball team will look to gain its own upset win and build off their season opening win when they face the Tigers Thursday night at Beard-Eaves Memorial Coliseum.

Auburn was UCF’s season-opening opponent last year at the debut of Mark Jones. Jones was spectacular as the Knights nearly pulled the upset, losing 70-63. Needless to say, things are much different this year. Jones is gone, and Auburn should be much better.

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Directions to the UCF South Orlando Center

**FROM THE NORTH**
1. Take 1-4 to exit 32 (John Young Parkway (423) South).
2. Take John Young Parkway south 4 lights to Oak Ridge Road - turn left (heading east).
3. Take Oak Ridge Road 2 lights to Rio Grande Avenue - turn right.
4. Rio Grande Avenue is a 4 lane road that becomes a 2 lane road called Lake Ellenor Drive.
5. Stay on Lake Ellenor Drive all the way. Pass the 7200 building (on your right) and turn right into the UCF South Orlando/Professional Development Center just past the Dead End sign.

**FROM THE SOUTH**
1. Go to Sand Lake Road (exit 29 off 1-4).
2. Take Sand Lake Road to Orange Blossom Trail (441) and turn left, heading north.
3. Go two lights to Orlando Central Parkway (there will be a Wendy’s on the right) and turn left.
4. Go to Lake Ellenor Drive and turn left.
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**FROM THE AIRPORT**
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2. Get on 482 (Sand Lake Road) West.
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# Important Dates

- **Early Registration**
  Through December 4

- **Early Fee Payment**
  December 4
  (Continuing Undergrad students only)

- **Regular Registration**
  January 4 - 5

- **State Employee & Transient Student Registration**
  January 5, 4:00pm

- **Classes Begin**
  January 6

- **Late Registration & Add/Drop**
  January 7 - 8

- **Payment Deadline**
  January 8

- **Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday**
  January 18

- **Class Withdrawal Deadline**
  February 26

- **Spring Break**
  March 15 - 20

- **Classes End**
  April 26

- **Final Exams**
  April 27 - May 3

- **Commencement**
  May 8

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# New Spring '99 Classes at

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**0051 - 0053** = Courses for Admitted Students
Students seeking admission to the University are encouraged to apply by posted application deadline dates. To apply, students must submit admission applications to the Office of Undergraduate Admissions or Office of Graduate Studies. Non-degree seeking students may register for selected open enrollment courses at the first class session. Course audits and credit by examination are also available. For more information about admissions call 823-6110.

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