Exploring a closet one bug at a time

NICOLE KING
NEWS EDITOR

"Making a discovery is the equivalent of having someone hand you $5 million in a suitcase," Smart Fullerton said. "You just get the feeling that 'Here's something nobody has ever seen.'"

Fullerton, 58, works Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. classifying bugs in a 7-by-12 foot room. No police report was made because Meagan admits to willingly taking Ecstasy and GHB.

I could burn myself with a cigarette, and not even realize it. Ecstasy brings people closer together, even if it is fake.

Users take Ecstasy for the sense of well-being it gives them, its hallucinogenic effects, or to dance all night at an hours-long rave party. Ecstasy stimulates the central nervous system while it produces hallucinogenic effects. The price depends on the supply and demand in the local area, but usually fluctuates between $20-$40 per dose.

Ecstasy has been proven to cause brain damage in animals. It depletes serotonin, a necessary chemical in the brain. Serotonin affects one's thinking process, mood, aggressive behavior, sleeping and eating.

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**UCF Bookstore will buy back books at any time during the semester.**

**Book Buyback doesn't always make cents**

SHELLEY WILSON
STAFF WRITER

UCF senior Stephanie Hill bought two textbooks this semester for $80. But when she went to the bookstore to sell them back earlier this month, she received $1 for each.

"I was told they were old editions, but how are we supposed to get our money back when new editions seem to be coming out every semester?" Hill said. "I would just like to see instructors choose books that are already in circulation and to use them more in class so that they're more affordable for the students."

Some students, such as Kelly Savage, feel better.

"I got about $75 back on the $300 I originally spent, but the books were from a few semesters ago," Savage said.

It's been a busy month at the bookstore as students line up with hopes of getting a return on their purchases. Marc Eckhart, general manager of the UCF Bookstore, said book buyback is based on demand.

"A professor chooses a book for his or her class and communicates that to us," he said. "We estimate how many of those books will be returned at the end of the semester and will be used for the next semester.

"If there is a high demand for a book and the book is in good shape, we give half price back to the student. If there is not a great demand for the book, the return price caps out at publications."
79-year-old graduate says “better late than never”

Nicole King
NEWS EDITOR

One of the graduates during this fall’s graduation is 79-year-old Elmer Kundinger. Kundinger was awarded a degree in liberal arts from the College of Arts and Sciences after first coming to UCF in 1995. He had begun his college career in Michigan but had his education postponed by his service in World War II and a 45-year career in the construction industry.

“This is basically finishing something I started 60 years ago,” Kundinger said. “It’s a great let down. It took me so long to get here.”

Kundinger said he will continue to take classes at UCF although he won’t work toward any specific degree.

“Now I can take the classes I want to take. I made a lot of friends at UCF, mostly among the teachers because of my age,” he said. “They have been so wonderful to me. I don’t want to leave. I thought I would come back and take a course just to be around them all.”

Now that he’s out of school, Kundinger will spend his time learning to play the tenor saxophone “just because I’ve always wanted to” and volunteering at a local elementary school as a teacher’s helper. “I also bought a tennis racket. I used to be a pretty good player and I thought I’d take it up again.”

“I’m the type of person who is always looking for new mountains to climb. I’m just that way. I’ve got to look forward to something.”

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During the four services, bringing the total number of degrees awarded by UCF to 96,496.

Commencement ceremonies were held December 19 at the UCF Arena. Approximately 2,360 students graduated during the four services, bringing the total number of degrees awarded by UCF to 96,496.

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Tuesday, January 14

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The College of Arts and Sciences graduated 721 students, the Engineering and Education colleges, 567, the College of Health and Public Affairs, 502, and the College of Business Administration had 570 graduates. Bagpiper Stewart Meredith (left) announces the entrance of the president and the platform party.

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UCF bug collection is becoming nationally recognized

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ify it.

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"This little collection is now known on a national basis, not because it is a big col-

lection but because it is very regional. We know more about this 1,

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he began volunteering at the UCF

Arboretum. "That brought me back into

contact with the little bits of an insect col-
lection they had," he said. "I was doing

some other stuff and I opened up a drawer and said 'Gosh, this is a mess. Let me fiddle

delight with it.' And after about a year of that, I was doing all of that full time at home

and bringing it to school. So I stopped vol-

tuneeering at the arboretum and went into it

full time."

Fullerton said working on the collec-

tion is his way of giving back to other peo-

ple. One of his biggest thrills, he said, is

inspiring the same kind of enthusiasm in

students he works with as the people at

the California Academy did in him. "There

is nothing like seeing the excitement on the

students' faces after they have just seen

something that has never been seen before.

I like to give back to others like those peo-

dle did to me.

"This is an ongoing study that will be

going on long after I'm dead and that's one

of my goals, to make sure it goes on. It's not about me, it's about the collection

now."

Fullerton's plans for the collection

began to become a reality in 1993 when

the head of the Biology Department decid-
ed to offer entomology to students on a

regular basis. Fullerton was asked to help

out with the lab. The Bug Closet opened

the following year with little support from

the university. "The students in the class

that year came in and we bought the sup-

plies, built the table. One of them provid-
ed the little refrigerator and I bought the

materials and put up the shelves and

things. The equipment that I didn't pur-

chase, I beat up on my friends to donate or

I threatened to come visit them."

Fullerton said the Bug Closet is almost

totally self-supporting. The collection has

an endowed fund and a small scholarship

associated with it. Fullerton said the only

expenses the Biology Department has are

the electric and telephone bills.

Fullerton said he doesn't mind the lack of

support by the university, but he does fault

UCF for destroying bug habitats with its

constant expansion. He said both of the

two species of wasps he discovered on

campus have had their habitats destroyed.

One species was found under what is now

the parking garage and the other's habitat

was bulldozed to make a retention pond and a new road. "Two extinctions in one

year might be a record," he said.

A rare species of spider was also discov-
ered about 20 years ago in what is now the

parking lot for the UCF Arena Fullerton

said. "It's never been found any place in

Florida again—not that anyone has ever
gone out to look for it. It's too like hunting

elephants which are fairly big and you can

hear them coming. You're working with

things that are half as inch long."

Fullerton said he often feels as if he is

"running in front of bulldozers trying to

find out what's there before it is destroyed.

I fully expect that with the work we're doing here, we will find many new species

and we'll say, 'Well, where were we when

we found it?' And then we'll say 'We were

under that parking lot over there.'"

"We have no right to destroy species.

We're usurping the position of whatever

we consider our creator or higher power to

be and that takes a lot of ego for a human

being to do. I was 14, but if we deliberately
do it all over this place."

Despite his frustration, Fullerton said he

continues to look for new bugs because he

is constantly surprised by the insect world.

"They are the largest single group of liv-
ing creatures in the world. There are over a

million different species of insects named

and probably another 10 million that

haven't been named. They are such an

enormous group! Every day there is some-

ting new to look at."

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Ecstasy popular in downtown rave scene

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habitual emotional function, and sensitivity to pain. Experiments on monkeys display the use of Ecstasy can reduce a person's serotonin levels in the brain by 90 percent for at least two weeks.

Ecstasy is normally bought and sold in "raves", all-night underground parties playing techno music. Raves, which can be found locally on Church Street, are quite popular among college students. Ecstasy was an underground drug in the 1980s, to be found mostly in off-campus bars. This changed when a wave of Ecstasy appeared in city clubs between 1992 and 1994.

The drug is created by changing the molecular structure of an existing drug or drugs to create an entirely new substance. These drugs are created in clandestine laboratories and are extremely dangerous.

There have been rumors circulating as to where Ecstasy originated. Some old ravers claim that Ecstasy first appeared in London, during the 1980s. Others say the drug was made commonly by bodybuilders. The compound was used to stimulate muscle growth. Since the early 1980s, GHB has also become popular as a recreational drug. Liquid or powdery forms of GHB are often mixed with other hallucinogens. It is sold underground in Orlando for approximately $10 per dose. GHB is odorless and has a cinnamon-like taste. Users say it induces a state of relaxation and lasts about an hour and a half to three hours.

The adverse effects from GHB can be respiratory depression, respiratory arrest, low blood pressure, coma, or death. In the 1980s, the U.S. government approved GHB in clinical trials for narcolepsy treatment. Some European countries formerly used the drug as an anesthetic. It was declared illegal in 1990 by the Food and Drug Administration.

Ecstasy, Rohypnol, and GHB are commonly used in date rape because a person may not remember what happened to them while under the influence of the drugs.

Recently, UCF's Alpha Delta Pi sorority had a speaker who discussed such mind-altering drugs. Audience members were instructed never to accept "bunch punch"-mixed drinks.

"We learned that keeping your hand over the top of your cup can prevent anything from being slipped into your drink," said UCF marketing major Natalie Natale.

"We are trying to educate people to make logical and reasonable decisions in their life," said Sgt. Tom Gabrus of UCF's Crime Prevention Unit. "We want to teach two things: one, that date rape is a criminal offense. And two, we are trying to get people educated that no means no."

These days drug pushers are making Rohypnol so that it will fizzle up and change the color of a drink. This is intended to end the use of "roofies" in date rape.

"That's why GHB will be the "date rape" drug of the future," said Laura, a UCF undergraduate.

"One time I had some GHB slipped to me at a bar on Church Street," said Jennifer, a UCF elementary education major. "It was probably one dose. I don't remember anything from the bar or coming home. All I remember was puking in the bathroom." UCF has been doing its share in the fight against these drugs. CADIC (Drug Information Center) is a group on campus that makes an effort to promote responsible decision-making regarding alcohol and illegal drugs. Their primary concern is simply to advise and educate students of all the possible dangers.

The UCF Police Department is making an increased effort toward the fight against drugs on campus. With nearly 30,000 students, the potential for drugs will always be present.

"Only with community awareness and training our children, can we squash future drug problems in our state," said State Trooper Marcus Ferrari.

In 1997, UCF reported 22 arrests for drug related violations. This is the highest reported number in the last five years. The 1998 statistics will be released in the second week of January.

In June, Federal District Court Judge Maurice Paul handed down a life sentence to an international drug dealer in Florida. Paul explained his feeling about giving a drug pusher this serious a sentence.

"Pushers are the lowest kind of criminal. Not only are they infected, but they try to pass on their sickness to the rest of the population. A pusher would sell drugs to his own mother if he could," Paul said.

Despite the risks of drug use, some students contend that is a normal part of college life.

"I think that it's normal for students to try mind altering drugs once or twice," said UCF psychology major Jen. "But no more. I don't like how it gives someone a false feeling and it's just not worth the harm it does to your body. Also, I wouldn't want to mess with the law when it comes to these drugs. I can find ecstasy in a natural way. I can blow up just having a great time with my friends or by being in love."
How to pick the right graduate school

TAYLOR SIKES  
STAFF WRITER

The hardest part of going to graduate school is research. Begin this by finding out as much information about a school as possible. Write or email potential schools and request departmental information and catalogs. You can also use research directories, like Harold R. Doughty’s “Guide to American Graduate Schools and Research Facilities.”

"Research the Internet to familiarize yourself with the past publications of the faculty," said Marline Nilsson, a 22-year-old student who's put back her masters in political science. "It is good to know what kind of research they are doing to see if you are interested in the same things."

Nilsson also said a good resource for finding information about colleges is your college advisor or a professor from your university. Professors know which programs are generally like and can give you a feel for the school. They can provide advice on which programs are the highest quality available. Faculty may also have contacts or colleagues at other schools that provide insight into their programs.

"Speaking with an advisor gives insight into which school will give you the most opportunities," said Fensh. "If you get a job lined up to fit your classes, if you anticipate working in the day, make sure night classes are offered."

"The Guide to American Graduate Schools" said prices for a resident at state universities range from $1,800 to $2,600 per year, and from $2,400 to $15,000 for an out-of-state student. Private colleges range from $4,000 to $21,000 annually.

Some state institutions are even waiving fees for in-state graduate students, or allow students to establish residency in a shorter amount of time. Find out if the colleges you are looking at offer these options.

"It's important to be careful when looking at numbers concerning graduate schools. Despite large enrollment numbers, classes may still be small. Find out specific information about the size of departments you are looking at and the availability of the professors that you want to study with."

"You need to try to match yourself up with a school as close as possible," said Fensh, a 22-year-old student in Liberal Studies at Rollins College. "The size of the school doesn’t always reflect what classes will be like. Ask specific questions in reference to size."

"A good campus visit is getting an appointment with at least one adviser and getting as much information as possible about the programs," said 39-year-old Lee Anne Kirkpatrick, a graduate student at UCF, who’s working on a master’s degree in Statistical Computation.

Kirkpatrick said to meet with the faculty, see their facilities and see what kind of programs are enrolled in their program. It puts faces with statistics and real people, instead of just names and numbers.

Nilsson said the campus visit gives you a feel for the atmosphere of the school and allows you to check facilities like libraries, labs and class rooms. This will give a good picture of how well the department is financed. Remember that this will be the environment you study intensively in.

"She also said to make it a point to talk to current students currently enrolled in the program. There is a lot to tell from these students. Note their academic abilities, achievements and skills and see if they are similar to yours." "See if other students are happy with what they expected out of the program," said Nilsson.

Meeting the faculty

This allows you to ask specific questions and helps to give a feel for the people you will be studying under said Kirkpatrick.

"The faculty is very important," said Kirkpatrick. "The reputation of the faculty influences job placement and represents the quality of the program."

"Meeting potential professors provides an opportunity to see if you will get along with the professors, you are going to hate graduate school."

Tying it all together

Once all of your information has been accumulated, you have met with the faculty and visited each campus, sit down and go over your information. Look at the pros and cons of each school and why you or disliked them.

"Find the six to seven universities that match your interests and desire educational goals the best, and apply to them. When you are accepted, go back through the process and make your decision."

Remember, the most important part of choosing a graduate school is to make sure you are content with where you choose, so invest time in your search.

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\* College of Arts & Sciences
3333 | INP 314C | 0054 | Advanced Applied Psychology | 03 | MW | 1330 1515
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1732 | CSE 3711C | 0054 | Internet Applications I | 01 | T  | 1730 1915
1735 | CSE 3711C | 0054 | Internet Applications II | 01 | T  | 1730 1915
6303 | ENG 445E | 0054 | Leadership through Oral Communication | 01 | T  | 1730 1915
\* College of Business
6946 | GEB 3051 | 0055 | Management | 06 | M  | 1000 1215
4522 | MAN 3205 | 0054 | Management of Organizations | 03 | M W | 1000 1215
6965 | GEB 3051 | 0054 | Management | 06 | M  | 1300 1415
4846 | MAN 3504 | 0054 | Quality & Productivity Management | 03 | T  | 1400 1530
4200 | GEB 3051X | 0056 | Management Discussion | 00 | R  | 1830 2115
\* College of Engineering
8095 | ENG 3420 | 0054 | Engineering Analysis | 03 | M  | 1500 1615
6909 | EGN 3434 | 0054 | Thermodynamics | 03 | M W F  | 0815 0850
4985 | ENG 3210 | 0054 | Engineering Analysis and Computation | 03 | T  | 1800 1915
4927 | EGN 3212 | 0054 | Engineering Analysis-Dynamics | 03 | T  | 1830 1915
8736 | STA 3023 | 0054 | Probability & Statistics for Engineering | 03 | T  | 1800 1915
6942 | EGN 4644 | 0054 | Engineering Administrations | 01 | T  | 1330 1425
7903 | EGN 3413 | 0054 | Engineering Economic Analysis | 02 | T  | 1600 1700
7354 | ENG 5301 | 0054 | Solid Mechanics | 01 | R  | 1730 1845
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\* College of Health & Public Affairs
6648 | CHG 4165 | 0054 | Cultural Diversity in Criminal Justice | 03 | M  | 1800 2015
6511 | PLI 3003 | 0054 | Civil Practice & Procedures | 03 | M  | 1800 2015
6561 | PLI 3004 | 0054 | Property & Real Estate Law | 03 | T  | 1800 2015
6622 | SOL 0242 | 0054 | Clinical Practice with Groups | 03 | T  | 1000 1215
6626 | SOL 4242 | 0054 | Clinical Practice Supervision | 03 | T  | 1000 1215
6572 | PLI 4003 | 0054 | Careers in Legal Studies | 01 | T  | 1000 1215
6988 | SOL 5002 | 0054 | ST Career Supervision | 03 | T  | 1000 1215
6219 | PDA 4446 | 0054 | Multiculturalism in Public Administration | 03 | W  | 1800 2015
6430 | SOG 4665 | 0054 | Clinical Practice with Children and Adolescents | 03 | W  | 1800 2015
7040 | PLI 4018 | 0054 | Law of Contracts | 03 | W  | 1800 2015
5087 | PLI 4794 | 0054 | Advanced Legal Applications Computer Software | 03 | R  | 1800 2015
8225 | PD 4101 | 0054 | ST: Vocational Public Administration | 03 | R  | 1800 2015
6434 | SOL 6994 | 0054 | Research Project | 02 | R  | 1800 2015
6586 | PLI 4763 | 0054 | Law Office Practice | 03 | R  | 1800 2015
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Americans have forgotten how to spell. Why not? Take the typical American day. You get up and enjoy your breakfast, maybe some Trix cereal, or if you really don’t know how to spell, a few Krispy Kreme donuts. You get dressed. Don’t forget to put on your Soft’n’Dri deodorant.

On your way to work, you stop at the local All-Nite Quickee Mart to buy gas for your Infinity. You’re in a hurry, so you go through the drive thru to get some coffee. At work, you need a snack, so you run to the vending machine to buy a Knackel candy bar or maybe a Rice Krispy treat. And how about taking a break at a place called Kasual Kuts? I don’t know. And how about taking something called Cold-Zeeze when you don’t feel good. You can’t. No thanks. This trend is only going to get worse. After all, how are the future generations supposed to learn to spell correctly when nobody around them can?

We especially send them to a day care center called Kiddie College. We’re the ones who go and see movies called Autz. And instead of creating our own slang, we’ve just misspelled words to make them into new ones. We’re the ones that have plays.

And if we like you, we’re either phat or kewl. Some businesses misspell to be cute. Or is that kute? I can’t tell anymore. For some strange reason, they think all the words in their name should start with the same letter. Take for example the name of a restaurant in rural Ohio, Korner Kafe. Then again, if they had spelled it right, it would be Corner Cafe. I guess I’m wrong.

Spelling mistakes must be kute. I wonder why none of my professors think that. One would think that with all the technology we have today, misspellings would never happen.

After all, everything is done on computers, which can highlight all the misspelled words for you (like in done for about half of the words in this article). Then again, in the future we won’t need spell check.

At some point, misspellings are going to be so common that nobody will even notice. People will only take notice when things are spelled right.

Imagine this: Little Johnny: Teacher, why did you mark this word wrong?

Teacher: Johnny, you spelled it S-C-H-O-O-L. Little Johnny: But that’s right.

Teacher: Johnny, we don’t spell things right anymore. Therefore your right answer is actually a wrong answer. If you spelled it wrong, it would be right.

Businesses need to start realizing that they are doing more harm than good. They need to realize that spelling things incorrectly doesn’t make them look good. It makes them look stupid. Businesses need to start giving us more credit. We’re smarter than they think.

Most Americans recognize when something is spelled wrong. They laugh at it. After all, Americans use common sense.

Bill and Tom: 2 of a kind?

The Daily Cougar

Americans everywhere were probably busy this week at putting together theirьян-яи replacements of Monticello, cutting the picture of Thomas Jefferson out of their commemorative bicentennial placemats and hastily making their photo albums ready for the Jefferson Memorial to the back of the scrapbook. Why the uproar, you ask? Recently, a tea-leaf reading from my crystal ball told me that it is highly probable that Thomas Jefferson fathered one of his mulatto slave’s children. If that’s not true, I don’t care. It’s interesting to know that one of our founding fathers actually had dirty hands. But other than the fact that we can all view Jefferson in an interesting new light and say things like “Way to go, Tom!”, the findings were not monumental.

Disguing enough, though, people immediately compared Jefferson’s situation to that of President Clinton, who gave a special Oval Office tour to portrait intern Monica Lewinsky. People rushed to classify Jefferson and Clinton as victims. “Do we really have to scrutinize Clinton’s behavior when Thomas Jefferson fathered an illegitimate child?” they asked. “Leave them be.”

Well, there are a couple of differences in the two cases. For one, Thomas Jefferson had, at press time, been dead for 172 years. And Jefferson didn’t try to obstruct justice in hiding his affair. “But we’re being unfair to Clinton,” you might say. “Jefferson’s contemporaries didn’t make a big deal out of his private life.” In fact, they did. The newspapers were full of savage, and often disastrous, political cartoons and editorials discussing Jefferson’s iniquity. Opponents declared Jefferson’s son to be the biggest, brightest, worst Indian — Satan in a powdered wig.

If 24-hour news networks had existed in Jefferson’s time, he probably would have been impeached, too. But they didn’t. Clinton, on the other hand, is unfortunately not only capable of living in an age of instant information, but also one in which the American people seem to be worried about morals. But should we be any easier on him because of it? No.

The fact remains that Clinton deserves his people, his party, his family and his colleagues. If he’s guilty of a crime, he should be held accountable for it, no matter what Thomas Jefferson — or any other U.S. president — did years ago.
Former student questions proposed tier system

Through my local paper, The Tallahassee Democrat, I understand that two "to the death" enemies have agreed on something. That something must be something that is so good for them that they can't believe it's true! Please don't tell me adults and professionals who are alumni of these schools aren't as competitive for legislative dollars as they are for touchdowns, because I know they are.

Florida and Florida State have agreed to the recently proposed Tier system. I understand this will mean:
1) The end of the per pupil parity funding for UCF if this proposal goes through. In short, we will receive less money per student.
2) UCF will become a second class school. The political-legislative "spat" will not admit this. Furthermore, if UCF is in the 2nd tier, this will be used against us when we are recruiting scholars as well as when we are recruiting athletes.

The Gators and the Seminoles are fierce competitors. I want my university to compete with them and not be placated with their leftovers.

Knights, please be brave and bold enough to consider a very non-politically correct position and fight for UCF's status and future. When I served on the UCF Alumni Association Board of Directors, "per student parity funding" was one of the major issues that was fought for and won, but only after many years of labor. Please don't give up on this issue without an all-out war with the Board of Regents!

Unless the BOT can show us how the "new" tiered system is better for UCF, we should fight for status quo!

Don't stand at the door with your hat in your hand hoping for an invitation to the "Feast of legislative funding." Once we are officially a second tier school, our expectations must be lowered to left-overs.

" Fight 'em Knights, Fight 'em"!

-Gregory D. Wilson, UCF Class of '81

UCF alumna wants to turn knights into manatees

I graduated from UCF in 1985 with a Bachelors of Arts degree in Criminal Justice and a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Management. My father and two sisters also graduated from UCF (FTU for some).

I would appreciate clarification on a matter that has puzzled me and my family while attending and since graduating from UCF. Is there anyone who can explain why UCF's mascot is a "Knight"? I have heard a story that since UCF (FTU) was such a big commuter school, it was considered a night school. Oh, that is clever. I believe that several individuals made a hasty decision and came up with Knights. When you think of central Florida, you do not think of medieval knights, I also cannot remember ever seeing a female, black, or other ethnicity knight. The women in the medieval times were often, shall we say, ladies in waiting. I would like to see UCF adopt a new mascot, a strong figure to represent our university that also identifies with our central Florida lifestyle.

The names of the other Florida university mascots ring out with power and strong Florida symbols: Gators, Seminoles, Hurricanes, and Panthers.

I am open to different ideas for a new mascot. I would like to see the current student body and registered alumni association members contacted for input for a new mascot. This could be conducted through the Internet, on campus displays, the "FUTURE," and through the alumni magazine. Suggestions...well, my personal favorite is to be the Manatees. A creature that is strong, unique and associated with our state. This would also make people aware of the animal and its quest for survival. UCF, like the manatee, is going to have to stay strong for recognition and survival. Picture the crowd at the football games doing the wave at manatee speed.

Many colleges and universities have unique mascots that are not some blood thirsty fandoms or fierce animals, the Maryland Terrapins, Utah Utes, Syracuse Orangejays, Temple Owls, Purdue Boilermakers, Lehigh Engineers, Tufts Jumbos, and many more.

Other suggestions, the UCF Crackers: No, it is not a racial slur or meant as a slam. It's a cowboy. During the late 1800's, the Florida cowboys would communicate with each other by cracking a whip. Hence, they came to be known as Crackers, much like the Indian Hoosiers, Oklahoma Sooners, or the North Carolina Tar Heels.

How about the UCF Storm? Now, since we're considering changing the mascot...I think some consideration should also be given to changing the school colors. Whoever picked black and gold has never watched an outdoor sporting event in Florida. I challenge anyone to wear a black shirt to a UCF soccer, baseball, or football game. I am proud to wear my UCF shirts, but try wearing one on a local golf course. Unfortunately, I can only wear them when I know I will be indoors with air conditioning.

I realize that UCF is in a position where people across the nation are taking notice of us. If you watch ESPN or any other major sports network, they do not say the Wolverines played the Buckeyes. They have the state or private name of the university, not the mascot. I know there are many people out there with the same opinion as myself. I know this because I have talked to numerous alumni and students at sporting events and alumni parties. Many of them have agreed with me.

I do not believe that changing the mascot will have any adverse reaction on the university, only a positive one. Knights reflect a strange time in the world where there was one non elected ruler who taxed citizens for his own benefit, cruelty, and savage punishment. While we are moving our university into the 21st century, let's bring the mascot with us.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

-R. Ellen Pierson, UCF Class of '85

Let's fight for survival!...
Murphy and Fox head for the projects

Riding on the wave of an increasing number of viewers, the Fox network has teamed up with comedian/actor Eddie Murphy to executive produce "The PJ's," the first animated television show featuring an all-black cast. Working with the legendary Will Vinton Studios, they have put together a satirical look at a family living in a big city project that promises to break cultural stereotypes and taboos.

Murphy is the voice of Thurgood Stubbs, the cranky superintendent of the Hilton-Jacobs Project. While not kicking back in his recliner watching "Wheel of Fortune" with a "forty," he's busy fixing the plumbing and handling numerous complaints from the tenants. Thurgood's wife Muriel (Loretta Devine) claims Oprah to be her hero and keeps her secret fantasies locked away in her diary. They play surrogate parents to Calvin (Crystal Scales), an overweight but bright 10-year-old, and his friend Juicy (Michele Morgan).

Rounding out the cast is Muriel's older sister Bebe (Jennifer Lewis), her Korean husband Jimmy (Michael Paul Chan), the elderly Mrs. Avery (Ja'net DuBois), Thurgood's chess buddy Sanchez (Pepe Serna), who speaks through a broken voice box, and Haiti Lady (Cheryl Francis Harrington), who uses voodoo to solve everyday problems.

These characters come to life through a form of animation called Foamation, which uses large, puppet-looking creations similar to clay figures. This is the first weekly stop-motion animation production to ever take place, with four or more episodes in production at one time. According to producer Vinton, "It's going to be a challenge... but I'm excited about bringing these characters to life each week."

The other challenge will be how well audiences take to a show dealing with such strong stereotypes in a controversial setting. In the past, shows like "Good Times" and "Sanford and Son" managed to entertain while showing people who lived well below middle-class standards. More importantly, they were situational comedies that carved a place for blacks in the television industry. Along the way there have been many hits and misses, but what sets "The PJ's" in a separate category is the ability to exaggerate through animation, a factor that could leave people, regardless of race, laughing for more or irreversibly offended.

"I wanted to do the type of show where people sit around and talk about it afterward, the way they did with shows like "All In The Family,"" says Murphy. "I want people to watch "The PJ's" and say "Oh, man, I've never seen anything like that."

In the past, Murphy's humor would easily command such a reaction, but considering his move towards more family oriented films such as Dr. Doolittle, he's toned it down quite a bit. So maybe "The PJ's" won't be so bad after all. The creative aspect of the show is already turning heads, and when the show premieres this Sunday after "The Simpsons," there's potential for "The PJ's" to start another merchandising trend like "The Simpsons," "Beavis and Butthead," and other adult-oriented animation shows have created in the past. It's a bold step for Fox, something viewers should be used to, and also one for Murphy. The only question remaining is if it will be a welcome step forward... or an unfortunate step back.
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ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

It's difficult to knock a film that makes you feel good all over. You know, that uplifting, warm and fuzzy, get-out-of-your-seat-and-cheer feeling which is the result of endless tugging at your heartstrings and, in the case of Patch Adams, numerous bumps to the funny bone. But if you're anything like Robin Williams, there's a tendency to keep tuggin' and bumpin', which sometimes gets a little played out.

Patch Adams is based on the true story of a medical student who practices an unorthodox form of medical treatment, one that causes him to risk his education and career. Firmly believing that laughter is the best medicine, Patch dons clown costumes and other assorted props to keep patients smiling and increase their desire to recover. Of course, not everybody agrees with such a personal and unusual method, and Patch must prove himself to all who doubt him if he ever wants to be a doctor. This includes his biggest opponent Dean Walcott (Bob Gunton), who does everything in his power to keep Patch from graduating.

In the opening scenes we get a brief glimpse of the old Patch, a sad and depressed man being admitted to a mental hospital for attempted suicide. Of course, our hero can't look like too much of a schlump, so the reasons behind this are magically replaced with a humorous scene of Patch reaching out to his first 'patient,' his hallucinatory cellmate. And then.... Poof! Patch magically appears in the next scene strolling on campus as an enthusiastic, energetic freshman (we'll just assume he had all that money for med school stashed in a Swiss bank account somewhere). All we know about Patch from the beginning, and pretty much the whole movie, is that he really, really, really wants to be a doctor. As far as introducing a main character goes, it's pretty weak.

What audiences will get plenty of, though, is Robin Williams whooping it up in front of cancer patients, nurses, classmates, and anyone else he feels could use a good laugh. The emotional range of these scenes go from hilarious to flat-out outrageous, and since this is the kind of stuff Williams does best, it makes Patch Adams fun to watch.

The only time things get to be a little too much is during the heavier scenes. Numerous tragedies pop in and out during the course of Patch Adams (remember, we're dealing with hospital patients), and each one has a manipulative way of being dropped unexpectedly, and then quickly blown off to make room for the next plot point. This form of storytelling is very popular with, say, Melrose Place and other emotionally hollow television shows. This would be much easier to point out if it wasn't for the intense performance of Williams, who maintains a screen presence almost as strong as in Good Morning Vietnam. But what starts out as Oscar mate-rial slowly borders on grandstanding, and Williams dominates practically every frame he's in (I lost count of the number of times he bust-ed a tear). The well-played supporting characters, including love interest Carin (Monica Potter), roommate Mitch (Philip Seymour Hoffman), and buddy Truman (Daniel London), are all given equally complex personalities but only a fraction of the time to expose the audience to them, condemning years of their educational frustration into poignant monologues that are blown off to make room for Williams.

But as said before, you can't knock a movie that makes you feel this good. As much as the movie seems to unwillingly steer you to whatever emotion is appropriate for the moment, you have to appreciate the fact that Patch Adams is based on a true story, that Williams really goes all out for it, and that audiences are exposed to a trend in the medical community that is insightful, incredibly compassionate, and could potentially revolutionize the medical community. Patch is the mack daddy doctor that everyone's going to love.
Katzenberg looks to heavens for 'Prince Of Egypt'

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Jeffrey Katzenberg hopes God's on his side.

Katzenberg, the guru of the animated film and one of the head honchos at the still-beguining DreamWorks studio, is going all out with his latest film, "The Prince of Egypt." The movie sheds the cute creatures of the family films he oversaw at Walt Disney and tackles no less ambitious a story than the saga of Moses. It's a risk of biblical proportions: a (reportedly) $90 million on an animated religious epic with no obvious promotional tie-ins, on a film that may be too kid-friendly for adults and too adult for kids.

"So, to change 70 years of perception, which I hope is not completely impossible, is a big challenge. The last time I faced this was when Steven Spielberg, Bob Zemeckis and I were involved in a movie called 'Who Framed Roger Rabbit?' We'd say, 'It's going to be animation and live-action,' and people would say, 'Oh, yeah, it's 'Pete's Dragon.'" We went, 'No, no. It's NOT 'Pete's Dragon.' It's something completely different.' Katzenberg says the time is right for something completely different once again.

"Now, it seems as though there is this unbelievably rich opportunity to take this form of storytelling called animation and tell something other than a fairy tale with it. Those fairy tales are very specifically designed. They are cartoons. They are exaggerations. They look for caricatures of their actors. The music is used in a very particular way. What we've attempted to do with 'Prince of Egypt' is to find a different path, something that's original," he says. "'Prince of Egypt' does not look like a fairy tale. We've tried to create a painted realism. We've tried to bring a painting to life using some of the digital state of the art tools that exist for us today. I don't think any of it is easy, in terms of attracting an audience. It's why we're out there promoting the movie. Maybe seeing Val Kilmer or Sandra Bullock or Jeff Goldblum talk about 'Prince of Egypt' will say to people, 'Well, maybe there is something different here and maybe we should check it out.' It's not like most animated films, so it would be wrong to market it like most animated films."

The historic plot: An infant placed in a basket and set into the river by its distressed mother (Ofra Haza) arrives safely before the Queen of Egypt (Helen Mirren). The Queen and Pharaoh Seti (Patrick Stewart) treat the child—a boy they name Moses (Val Kilmer) — as their own and raise him as the brother of Rameses (Ralph Fiennes). The brothers grow close. Then, Moses' brother and sister, Aaron (Jeff Goldblum) and Miriam (Sandra Bullock) reveal to Moses his true identity and tell him that the slaves toiling and dying as they erect the Pharaoh's pyramids are Moses' own people. Soon, God tasks Moses with leading his people out of Egypt. Brotherly strife, assorted plagues, bountiful swarms and the parting of the Red Sea all ensue with frightful speed.

To bring "The Prince of Egypt" to the screen, Katzenberg recruited hundreds of animators, many of them Disney veterans, a fact that fanned the flames of the Disney-DreamWorks and/or Katzenberg-Michael Eisner feuds. Katzenberg also secured the Oscar-winning talents of "Lion King" composer Hans Zimmer and "Pocahontas" lyricist Stephen Schwartz. Finally, he landed a top-notch voice cast that also includes Steve Martin, Martin Short, Michelle Pfeiffer and Danny Glover.

All told, four years passed since work began on "Prince of Egypt." Katzenberg's touch can be felt on every note of music, every inch of footage. There's a lot riding on the film.

"Prince of Egypt" will set a record for animation costs, Katzenberg says. The marketing campaign will be massive and the film is expected to open in 1,100 theaters on Friday, March 19.

"I don't know if it's the finest animated film I've been involved with, because that's not for me to judge," he says. "That's for others to judge. I can say that making the movie was a privilege. I can also say that there have been very few times when I look at something after the fact and feel it represents the best possible work that we can do. I do feel that we've done our best possible work with 'Prince of Egypt.'"

"What the outcome is, whether people like it or not, I can't do anything about it. But I hope they like it," Katzenberg says. "But making it was a privilege and I look at 'Prince of Egypt' with a great sense of pride. We accomplished the goal."
January 6, 1999

Lead Stories

• In December a deer hunter on upscale Nantucket Island, Mass., stumbled across the hatch that leads said he built

Leading code violations. Johnson, a painter-carpenter by brawling with rocks, clubs and firebombs over who by the weight of the capsule carrying dirty laundry. process to help power the spacecraft. monks of the Chogye Buddhist order in will lead the order. In late December, police finally pelted the cops with firebombs and bottles. ly embattled funeral homes, who were in a gunfight over custody of a recently expired corpse. And urol­
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• Clemson University animal researchers announced in October that they have reduced the - that at 2 a.m., all clocks moved ahead to 3 a.m. (Said the judge Correct, but still guilty.)

• Researchers at a large Russian biological and medical center told New Scientist magazine in December that they had begun work on breeding a combination of bacteria and plants to pro­pose the human waste accumulated on space shut­tles, but will even decompose cosmos's cotton underwear and produce enough methane in the stormed a downtown temple, but the occupying girls. (Sent your Weird News to Chuck Shepherd. P.O. Box 8300, St. Petersburg, Fla. 33738, or she@compuserve.com.)

• In November, thousands of normally tranquil monks in the Chinese Buddhist order in Seoul, South Korea, began weeks of violent internal brawling with rocks, clubs and firebombs over who will lead the order. In late December, police finally stormed downtown temple but the occupying monks had welded the door shut, and supporters pelted the cops with firebombs and bottles. 18 September, a federal judge tossed out a •UFC's this WEEK

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Compelling Explanations

• Graham W. Davis, 34, was indicted in Solidotai, Alaska, in September for murdering his cousin, Gregory M. Wilkinson. The grand jury rejected Davis' version of events, that he woke to find Wilkinson chasing, watching from a self-inflicted

ef gunshot, and rather than call 911, decided that the humane thing to do was to finish him off.

• A man whose name was not published was denied a gun owners' permit by the Philadelphia Department of Licenses and Inspections, according to an October report in the Philadelphia Inquirer. He told a department panel that he needed the gun to protect himself from "drunk drug dealers" who are "beaming radio waves" onto him by satellite and thus reading his mind. (The man had an earlier per­mit revoked when he showed up at a hospital cov­ered in aluminum foil and complaining about pain from the radio waves.) The man's lawyer, George E. Walker, argued vigorously for the permit: "There's more violence in society today before this panel that (my client) in any way is not of sound mind."
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Ralph Vigoda

College Press Exchange

Beaming parents are barely home from the hospital with their newborns before they are forced to face perhaps the most vexing question in child-raising today: How are we going to pay for college?

Babies born today are potential members of the college class of 2020. Right now, the average cost - tuition, room and board - at a four-year private school is $19,213 per year, according to the College Board in New York. But most Ivy League schools and those that are comparable cost more than $20,000.

The College Board says the average annual cost for a four-year public school is $7,572. Penn State, though, is between $10,600 and $11,000, depending on year and major.

If you look back at how rapidly college costs have risen in the past decade - 5 percent to 6 percent annually - and project ahead to 2016, when today's newborns will likely become college freshmen, it is not hard to conclude that four years of college could cost $75,000 for a public university to $250,000 for a top-notch private school.

And yet, according to a 1997 poll conducted for the Student Loan Marketing Association (Sallie Mae), which is part of the nation's largest provider of student loans, just about 18 percent of families start saving for college before their child begins high school.

"The earlier a family starts saving, the more risks it can take with its money," said William Shevlin, who specializes in college financial planning at New Century Financial Group in Princeton.

"When a child's much younger, be more aggressive," he said. "Then, when he gets closer to college age, you want to think about repositioning your money, perhaps putting it into something more stable, like an intermediate-term bond fund or a prime-rate fund. They're interest-earning, but not necessarily subject to too many wild swings."

Financial aid is an extremely complicated process, said Kantrowitz.

"It's got its own language. It's very intimidating," he said. "It takes time to learn and understand the process, and the earlier a family starts, the better-educated it will be by the time it has to engage in the process."

Financial experts almost uniformly suggest getting into stocks and mutual funds early and staying there for 10 to 12 years. You don't need thousands of dollars to start out, they point out. What you do need is a strong stomach to ride out the fluctuations.

In recent years, states have begun offering prepaid tuition plans, in which families contribute either in a lump sum or, more commonly, through an extended monthly payment plan. The state then puts the money together and invests it.

Supporters of such plans, which are in about 22 states, including Pennsylvania and New Jersey, say their biggest strengths are in encouraging families to save, and in offering reassurance that there will be money for college.

Detractors, though, point out that money can be placed in other vehicles that offer higher returns.

What happens, though, if you haven't been saving and it suddenly dawns on you that your son or daughter is just two or three years from heading off to college?

That's a situation that Jack Joyce, now part of the financial aid division of the College Board, saw time and again when he worked at colleges in Massachusetts and New York.

"We tell them it's better to start early - and if they have younger children, to start thinking about saving for them - but it's never too late to put something aside, even if it's only a minimal amount," he said. "It's something they'll be able to draw on and earn interest on, rather than having to pay interest on a student or parent loan."

If you did get into the savings game when the child is 12, 13, 14 years old, still look for growth for at least a couple of years, but stick with lower-risk investments, experts say. Bonds are attractive, they say, because there is less risk that they will fall sharply in value. Government securities are fairly safe, but have a lower return than many other investments.

When the college candidate turns 16, advisers will tell you to look at money-market funds, certificates of deposits, or savings bonds that protect the principal and still earn money.

Everyone agrees that it's crucial to save money in the parents' names, not the child's.

"There are slight tax benefits by saving in a child's name, but it's outweighed by loss in aid eligibility," said Kantrowitz. The formula used to determine financial aid is much harsher on a student's assets than on the parents'. A student is expected to contribute 35 percent of his or her assets toward the cost of education, the rate for parents, though, is 5.64 percent. (Remember: assets include savings and investments, but not retirement plans or the value of a home).

In other words, if a student has saved $4,000 from summer jobs, a college will expect $1,400 of it to go toward tuition. Parents' assets would have to be just under $25,000 to require that much.

Kantrowitz gives an example of a family of five today (two parents, three kids, including one about to start college), in which mom and dad have $66,000 of income and $55,000 in assets. The student has no assets, except for $3,000 from a summer job. At a state school that costs $11,200 for the year, the family would be expected to pay $4,500, leaving $7,000 in financial aid that would come in a mixture ($55,000 in aid was distributed.)

But for all the talk of risks and investments and permutations, the way to pay for college comes down to a pretty common-sense formula.

"For every dollar somebody saves," said Jack Joyce, "it's a couple of dollars somebody doesn't have to borrow."
Go figure: math's popularity is increasing

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tapped into the new allure of mathematicians
and, by extrapolation, brains.

Next year, Givenchy will introduce
nationwide a fragrance for men it calls Pi.
Named after the Greek symbol, it represents
the number 3.1415 (ad infinitum) and, pro­
claims its marketers, "never-ending explo­
rations."

Earlier this year, the company test-mar­
keted the computer-generated scent in
Miami, a location chosen not so much for its
intelligent men but for its number of shoppers
who wouldn't think twice about paying $50
for 3.3 ounces of a musty/spicy cologne.

Nevertheless, Givenchy has declared
Pi the thinking man's fragrance.

But what's a fragrance without sex
appeal? Givenchy has worked hard to equate
intelligence with sexiness. The ad campaign
in Florida features an astronaut - not the likes
of John Glenn, but a young, cute model, RJ
unknown.

Students at Philadelphia's George
Washington Carver High School of
Engineering and Science think math's new
odor is cool to the nth degree.

"It's about time," says student body pres­
tent Anwar Jackson, 17. "I don't have any
muscles."

The mathematician as hero has gotten a
hefty boost from Hollywood.

"Good Will Hunting" featured sexy Matt
Damon as the troubled young genius, and
"Contact" starred Jodie Foster as an
astronomer in search of extraterrestrial intel­
ligence.

In "Pi," the award-winning summer ar­
thouse thriller, math genius Maximilian
Cohen (Sean Gullette) verges on madness as
he studies patterns in the stock market.

"People are looking for keys to uncover
the secrets of life," "Pi" director Darren
Aronofsky has said. "Pi is being rediscovered
as a way to look at the universe and find pos­
tible answers to the eternal questions."

Our universe has metamorphosed at the millen­
ium mark, bringing with it a technical
Armageddon in the form of that computer
glitch known as the Y2K problem. It's only
logical that we yearn for the surety of mathe­
matical formulas.

That desire for universal answers helps
explain the popularity of books like
"Fermat's Last Theorem" by Amir D. Aczel.
The book tells the tale of the enigmatic theo­
rem that obsessed English mathematician
Andrew Wiles proved in 1993.

"Everyone was taken by surprise at how
well that book did," says Jeff Zaleski, an edi­
tor-at-large at Publishers Weekly.

Since then, books about math have piled
up, like so much computer data, and have
inflated the minds of even those who don't
know pi from pie.

Earlier this year, the life of Paul Erdos, an
eccentric but immensely respected mathe­
matician in the field of number theory, was
the subject of two tomes: Paul Hoffman's
"The Man Who Loved Only Numbers"
(Hyperion, $22.95) and Bruce Schechter's
"My Brain Is Open" (Simon & Schuster,
$25). Sylvia Nasar's "A Beautiful Mind"
recounts the life of John Forbes Nash Jr.,
the handsome mathematical genius who went
mad at 30, only to make a recovery and win
the 1994 Nobel Prize for economics.

"I think there's a certain romance
attached to mathematics," Zaleski says. "It's
like a priesthood ... because only a few peo­
ples understand it."

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school tools!
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think its called "Knight's Corner".
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Inside the TAAC —

**CAMPBELL CAMERL**

Coach Billy Lee has had his problems in his 11th season at the helm of the Camels. Mississippi State and Vanderbilt, while also having to deal with injuries to key starters Darrin Hackles (mammarycoliosis) and Eddie Walker. The Camels limped into the UCF Arena without starting center Jason Smith, who had recorded his first double-double in an upset win against UNC-Ashville, but was suspended for the game against the Knights for violating curfew. As a result, UCF dominated inside, winning 76-52, in the conference opener for both teams. However, Campbell faced much better against FAU on Monday night, winning 72-70. The Camels (4-8, 1-1) get UCF at home on Thursday and will also host a rematch against Florida Atlantic on Saturday.

**CENTENARY GENTS**

Centenary’s pre-conference outings were filled with near upsets at Texas A&M, Mississippi State, and New Orleans. The Gents ended the non-conference schedule with a 77-48 loss at Missouri, but bounced back in the TAAC opener at Jacksonville, pulling off an 83-71 road win and spoiling the Dolphins return to the TAAC. The Gents shot 63% from the field in the win, and got 34 points from Player-of-the-year candidate Ronnie McCollum. Freshman Ed Dotson, who has been very impressive in his first season, added 15 points and 5 rebounds. However, the Gents failed in their bid to open the conference season perfect on the road, dropping a decision to Stetson, 68-55, despite 20 points from McCollum. Centenary (5-7, 1-1) gets both Jacksonville and Stetson on its home court on Saturday and Monday.

**FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY**

**Florida Atlantic Owls**

Undoubtedly the most unpredictable team in the TAAC, FAU pulled off another upset in the conference opener, shocking pre-season favorite Georgia State in overtime, 97-90. However, in a home game it was expected to win, FAU fell to Campbell, 72-70. The Owls’ strong non-conference slate featured Miami, Ohio State, South Florida, SMU, and Oklahoma State. They lost in blowouts to four of those five teams, but pulled what arguably is the most unlikely upset to date in college basketball, beating then 19th-ranked Oklahoma State in Stillwater, 83-81. Darnel Annette is the TAAC’s leading scorer (22 ppg) and ranks second in rebounding. FAU played much of the year with 6’5 guard Gary Durrant at center, but finally got Houston transfer Ashley Burmardner eligible to add size to its frontline. Annette scored 31 in the upset of Georgia State, whom FAU (4-8, 1-1) visits on Thursday. A rematch with Campbell awaits on Saturday.

**Georgio State Panthers**

Lefty Driesell got his 700th win in coaching, but also suffered some headaches in the non-conference season. Post guard Kevin Morris was injured, forcing freshman walk-on Henry Nieves into substantial playing time. GSU lost to Georgetown, Kansas State, Hawaii, Miami (FL) in tough contests, but also lost to the likes of Norfolk State and Southern. Their TAAC debut was shaky as well, as the Panthers suffered an overtime loss to FAU before Monday night’s blowout loss to UCF. However, with Morris back and Quincy Gause returning from an academic absence, Driesell’s team remains the favorite in the conference chase. Alabama transfer Anton Reese is second in the TAAC in scoring, Georgia State (5-7, 0-1) will look for revenge against Florida Atlantic at home Thursday and against UCF on Saturday.

**Jacksonville Dolphins**

The newest member of the TAAC was greeted rudely by Centenary in the conference opener, 71-70, but it’s a long haul to the conference tournament, which the Dolphins will host in late February. Forward Calvin

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Mercer Bears

Georgia, Kentucky, and Wake Forest gave Mercer a study in at the beginning of the year, which has Coach Mark Stokstel. His team will be battled tested and ready for the TAAC wars. An 80-73 overtime win at Jacksonville State was a step in the right direction, as Auburn transfer Earnest Brown scored a career-high 28 points. The Bears boost the conference’s leading rebounder in Mark Adamson, who averages over nine boards a game. Mercer’s big test came Monday afternoon as they hosted Samford, but came up short, 72-59. Mercer (4-8, 1-1) hosts Jacksonville State and travels Samford on Thursday and Saturday of this week.

Samford Bulldogs

Samford has achieved a reputation of being very good, and has moved into the pack of TAAC teams most likely to capture the conference crown. The Bulldogs were the lone conference team to finish over .500 in non-conference action, upsetting Tulane and falling a basket shy at UTEP and Chattanooga. Forward Reed Rawlings and swing guard Will Daniel continue their solid play, but it has been the production of sophomore center Marc Salyers that has pushed them over the top. While Rawlings averages 17 points per game, Salyers is averaging 14, right along with Daniel. The Bulldogs, notorious for their slow-paced style and half court offense, scored an uncharacteristic 105 points in their 105-75 win against Troy State to open TAAC play. They got back to their normal playing style in a 72-59 win against Mercer behind 22 cents from Rawlings and 17 from Daniel. Samford (8-4, 2-0) hosts Troy State and Mercer on Thursday and Saturday.

Stetson Hatters

Stetson was the lone TAAC team not to open its conference schedule last Saturday. Instead, the Hatters opened up on Monday against Centenary, winning 68-55, behind 18 points from swingman Garrett Davis. Stetson has had a rocky first half of the year, but has gotten solid contributions from JUCO transfers Sebastian Simplotry and Santos Hampton, currently third and fourth in the conference in rebounding. Davis has been streaky to this point, but should get a lift with the arrival of Maryland transfer Kelly Hite, who should take some of the pressure off him. Stetson (5-6, 1-0) is at Jacksonville on Thursday and at Centenary next Monday.

Troy State Trojans

Troy State is taking up tempo to the next level. The Trojans have allowed over 100 points in all but three games. They have only beaten one Division I school, however, and allowed 105 points in a 30-point loss to Samford in the TAAC opener. At least they’re exciting to watch. The Trojans toned down their up-tempo act and slipped past Jacksonville State at home, 70-68, to pull even in the TAAC standings. Troy State often stars four guards and are led by newcomers Robert Rushing and Eugene Christopher. Rushing, a freshman, attempts over 11 three-pointers per game, while Christopher is averaging 16 points per game despite shooting just over 30 percent. Troy State (4-8, 1-1) will take its gunners to Samford and Jacksonville State for rematches on Thursday and Saturday.

If you’ve been paying attention, you’ll notice that teams that just played one another last week will line up and do it again in an instant rematch this week. This quirks of scheduling is caused by the defection of FIU to the Sun Belt, leaving the TAAC with an odd number of teams. Although nobody likes the situation much, Campbell Coach Billy Lee put it into perspective best when he said, “I guess you just have to dance with who you brought to the party.” And so, the dance must go on.
Wyatt returns Bethune-Cookman football to glory

GEORGE DIAZ
COLLEGE PRESS EXCHANGE

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. - The little demons always dropped by after dark, beckoning Alvin Wyatt to join them for another night of misery. He knew them well: Frustration. Emptiness. Doubt. Embarrassment.

Often overwhelmed by emotional upheaval, Wyatt stared at the ceiling in his one-bedroom apartment, praying for a blessed night of sleep that never would come.

Tears rolled off his cheek and onto his pillow. He moaned softly. The demons continued dancing in his head.

This is what happens to a compassionate man who loves his school and sees a football program crumbling. He was an innocent bystander in the early '90s, watching another man destroy something he cherished.

Wyatt would pray for an opportunity, for his time. Just a chance to lead the football team, Lord ... please.

"I was so afraid that all the knowledge and ability that I had, I would never be able to use it," he said. Alvin Wyatt always believed in himself.

He just needed for Bethune-Cookman College to believe in him.

Those seeds of trust are firmly rooted since 1985. A berth in the Heritage Bowl in Atlanta, where the Wildcats faced Southern University. And, oh, yes ... Wyatt is in the house.

Finally. He always has been there, really. Wyatt has lived on-campus for 19 years, blending in comfortably among the 2,300 students and casting a compassionate eye on student-athletes who share Bronson Hall, a building adjacent to the university's football practice facility.

From his dorm room, Wyatt literally saw the football program almost run into the ground.

Much of the controversy focused on head Coach Sylvester Collins, whose two-year reign ended in 1994 when Collins was fired by the school after he was charged with raping a 17-year-old girl who lived in his Daytona Beach apartment complex.

Although Collins would be cleared by a grand jury, he was sentenced to six months probation after another incident — soliciting an undercover police officer for oral sex in May '94.

Improper financial aid given to student-athletes through the "President's Leadership List" led to NCAA sanctions that stripped the team of 32 grants-in-aid beginning in 1994. A serious deficit at the school resulted in a committee of seven trustees being given a mandate to research the B-CC athletic program and consider dropping football.

With the program in shambles, players felt the sarcastic sting from passersby who would hook their horns to mock a pathetic team that was throttled by several rival schools in the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference, including in-state neighbor Florida A&M University.

After re-hiring Cy McClaren in 1994 to begin the rebuilding process, B-CC President Oswald Bronson eventually appointed Wyatt to succeed McClaren on Nov. 26, 1996. Wyatt, a former B-CC standout under McClaren in the late '70s, was promoted from his position as defensive coordinator/assistant head football coach. Wyatt had been coaching in different capacities on campus since 1975, though he relinquished his assistant's position on the football staff between 1991-93.

"It was hurting so bad, sitting up there in that room looking at the way our football program was going down and knowing that I had been a part of that success," Wyatt said. "And I just couldn't take it anymore."

On a campus just a few miles east of the Daytona Speedway, Wyatt embraced a NASA work ethic, taking B-CC from a lazy crawl to a pedal-to-the-metal pace.

He has yet to slow down.

A few weeks past his 47th birthday, Wyatt remains an athletic, older reflection of a solid defensive back who graduated from Bethune-Cookman in 1970. Drafted by the Oakland Raiders that same year, Wyatt also played for the Buffalo Bills, roaming across the hall from O.J. Simpson during training camp.

"He was very likable," said Mike McLaugh, a former teammate and now a senior vice president at PainWebber in Orlando. "A 100-percent and flamboyant leader. Some guys you hardly notice they're around. Not Alvin."

After Wyatt's NFL career ended in 1974, he returned to the B-CC campus a year later, joining the football staff as defensive backs coach. Wyatt also coached the women's basketball team, but running the football program his way continued to tug at him incessantly once the problems at the school escalated.

"When the opportunity came I just got hump-old!" Wyatt said, emphasizing the word to punctuate his desire. "Real hump. Hum-ly. I just refused to let it not be successful."

Wyatt and B-CC appear to be a perfect match, reflecting the low-maintenance demands of a man of modest means.

He insists he is comfy in his one-bedroom apartment (no answering machine on his phone), able to bond with his players in a special way. He is there round-the-clock, just a knock-on-the-door away from helping a player sort through girlfriend problems or a difficult English essay. "We can talk to him about anything," defensive end Antwon Wright said.

A divorced father of four with a limited social circle, Wyatt rarely strays far from campus. "His wife," Wyatt said, is the football team.

The marriage appears to be a prosperous pairing.

"The players can walk out into the hallway any time and see me sitting in the lobby, reading the paper or watching TV," Wyatt said. "They'll see me coming out my door and going next door to get an edge (haircut). Everything is there for me."

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Knights get plenty of chances for breakthrough win in '99

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dangerous team no one wants to face. With that reputa-
tion 7-4 would almost certainly bring about a bowl bid where 9-2 could not. Think about that irony.

UCF has gotten to the level where it is watched year-round. Aside from recruiting and the Black and Gold game, fans have this year's post-season All-Star games to look forward to, like the one at the Florida Citrus Bowl in which Culpepper, Siaha Burley, Marcus Jenkins, Cornell Green, and Ryan Giffin will play in. Of course, right along those lines comes the NFL Draft. And as always, hopes of joining a conference will be a year-round thought.

It's a new era unfolding right before the new millennium. Thankful, being left out of the bowl picture didn't cripple the program, but rather strengthened it and gave the people around it a new resolve. Like an evolving soap opera, it will be fun to watch what happens next.

AA national poll for the first time, and, most importantly, gave them precious payback for a humiliating 73-7 loss two sea-
sons ago. The booster club's fund-raising goal has jumped from $25,000 to $50,000.

There is a $3,000 specialty blocking sled crucial to the funda-
damental success of the Wyant

on the practice site. And the adminis-
tration hired a full-time.

The ubiquitous Wyatt, chal-
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21 years.

It's not easy for Wyatt to

Tears start to well up in his

tears of yesterday's
despair mixed with tears of

tears of today's promise.

When I think about the

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B-CC is a newcomer on

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Traina inspires Knights' surge

Brad Traina's father is a coach. It's in his blood. When you talk to him, you can't help but feel that he is grooming himself to follow suit.

At halftime of Monday night's game against Georgia State, UCF led by 10, 42-32. Right before walking onto the court, the senior co-captain said, "Look at the score, we can't win by less than ten points." With that UCF trotted back in for the second half and proceeded to rip up the talk to him, you can't help but feel that he is grooming himself to UCFS senior co-captain said, "Panthers, opening the lead up to as many as 25 points before finally winning by 16, 86-70."

"I didn't want to take a chance with a comeback," Traina said, explaining his desire to maintain the lead. "It's an old coach's adage, 'the score at halftime is always 0-0', and I believe that. It was important to us to move out and make a statement to the whole conference."

Traina is among the TAAC's leading scorers, averaging over 18 points per game. However, he's been injured for much of the year and actually didn't get much practice prior to the game against the Panthers. He was in the training room, getting iced down for countless hours to get him as healthy as possible for the game. He'll probably follow the same routine in preparation for Thursday's road contest at Campbell.

"Every day, every morning, every night, it's not doing too badly. Imagine if he were healthy. For a guy on one good leg, he's is playing healthy and it shows."

Coach Kirk Speraw said, "I think Bucky has played a lot better," Coach Kirk Speraw said. "His defense has been consistent all season, but he has shot the ball well of late and has come up with big offensive rebounds."

"Davin is playing healthy and it shows. He's been hurt a lot or in foul trouble and he's starting to prove how capable he is when he remains in the game."

Granberry has had six rebounds in the last two games, leading the Golden Knights in that category. Meanwhile, Hodge has also developed a tendency for picking up steals and blocks.

"We decided we want to start working," Granberry said. "It's all about desire. I think for us to be successful, we needed to step up. We have to be real strong underneath to complement our perimeter shooting."

The arrival of Seton Hall transfer Roy Leath has also helped. Leath has seen his minutes in the post extended and has come up with big rebounds, defense, and blocked shots.

"He's really helped. It's good that we have him because that gives us added depth," Hodge said. "We've got to be able to come up big for our team. That's a big step for us."
Women's basketball rises above changes

Charity Davis scored 18 points and dished out seven assists in a 77-62 win at Florida Atlantic (2-10, 0-2). Davis converted seven of eight free throws to help ice the game as UCF (5-5, 1-0) used a 37-27 advantage in the second half to pull away from the Owls and win their conference opener.

Chat McClendon added 17 points and nine rebounds, while Kelly Ely hit for 15 points. In addition, UCF dominated the boards, with LaToya Graham grabbing 12 rebounds and Camille Howard came up with nine. Sheridan Andrews led FAU with 15 points and 8 rebounds.

The win followed a home win against Penn that shed the spotlight on a gain following a loss. Don't follow? Highly-touted freshman point guard Rhonda Oten from Texas decided to leave the team after feeling homesick. But her void looks to be more than adequately filled by junior TJ Williams, who comes to UCF after signing with Auburn and spending a year at Valencia Community College.

Bria spent most of the game-day trying to get Williams, who played high school ball in Chicago, academically cleared. The reason for Bria's diligence showed in UCF's 57-54 victory against Pennsylvania on Dec. 30.

Williams, who only practiced one day with her new teammates and hasn't played in a game since March, hit a pivotal shot with 46.8 seconds remaining, giving UCF a 55-51 lead.

Bria is most thankful to have the impact Williams (6-foot-11) is sure to bring as the Knights prepare for conference play. She hit all three of her shots against Florida Atlantic, continuing to contribute immediately and make up for the loss of Oten.

"She's going to make us an entirely different team," Bria said. "I say all the time 'the Lord giveth, the Lord taketh away.' We've been given TJ and the Lord took Rhonda away."

Crossman leaves Golden Knights for Georgia Tech

Secondary and special teams coach Danny Crossman has left UCF to coach Georgia Tech's defensive backfield.

Crossman, 32, coached two seasons at UCF after leaving Western Kentucky where he was an assistant for three years.

Crossman played collegiately at Kansas and Pittsburgh and played professionally for the London Monarchs of the NFL-Europe League and also spent brief periods with the Washington Redskins and Detroit Lions.

Falkenberg leaves coaching for tennis

Gail Falkenberg has accepted a position at the Sports Club of Las Vegas and resigned her post as UCF tennis coach, effective Jan. 4.

Falkenberg, who has a 132-43 (.754) mark as the women's coach and a 107-53-1 (.669) mark as the men's coach, spent 17.2 years as the leader of UCF's tennis program. Before her arrival, the women's program experienced only one winning season in the previous 33 years, while the men's program had suffered through losing campaigns in five of the previous eight seasons.

Falkenberg also led UCF's women's team to two TAAC Championships and the team's first NCAA Tournament berth in 1997.

"UCF is heading toward new and exciting Pros and accomplishments as it moves into the next century, and so must I," said Falkenberg. "I leave with only good thoughts and experiences, treasuring always my tenure as a Golden Knight."

UCF Athletic Director Mary Kaufman said Falkenberg will be missed.

"She brought UCF's tennis programs to a new level during her seven-plus years as a Golden Knight," she said. "Her skills as a coach and administrator have contributed significantly to the success of our men's and women's tennis teams."

Kaufman said the search for a replacement will begin as soon as possible.

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Knights pound Panthers in TAAC tilt

Tony Mejia
SPORTS EDITOR

Prior to Monday night’s contest against Georgia State, the Golden Knights were adamant in saying they were playing for the role of conference favorite. Following the 66-70 victory, you can begin to paint the red and white target on the backs of UCF.

In what Coach Kirk Speraw called UCF’s best overall game of the season, the Knights took control from the onset and never let go. Opening the game on a Brad Traina three-pointer, they ran out in front 7-2, and never let go.

UCF’s defense on (Kevin) Norris was outstanding,” Speraw said. “He also did a terrific job of forcing the ball around to open people. This was the best defense we played and it started with him. It was due to mental focus and our ability to come out and control things.”

In a total team effort, for the second consecutive contest, every member of the Golden Knights got into the game and scored.

What doesn’t kill you makes you stronger

Tony Mejia
KNIGHTS WRITER

Anyone catch the bowl season this year? I realize some people decided to take a stand against the bowl tyranny that left UCF out of the mix by boycotting the bowls and refusing to watch, but to those who did tune in, did you see what I saw?

I’m not referring to TC who and their upset win over USC in the Sun Bowl. That was simply a case of the most difficult schedule in 1999. Actually Arizona isn’t offi- ciently on the itinerary yet, but all signs point to the fact that the Wildcats will add to what already was one of the most difficult schedule in school history.

Happy new year, UCF’s ‘99 squad brought the school the most