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Governor cuts proposed tuition increase

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Gov. Jeb Bush's budget proposal released on Feb. 2 cuts the Board of Regents' suggested 10 percent tuition increase for all Florida universities to 6.5 percent. Florida's tuition has gone up an aggregate of 24 percent over the past three years. The highest increase the BOR can ask for in one year is 10 percent.

Bush considered the BOR's request, passed in July, and included his own recommendation in his proposal. Bush's budget must be approved by the Florida Legislature, but more than likely will pass.

"My guess is that the governor's recommendations will have a lot of weight with the Legislature. This is the first time in a long time the governor and the Legislature have both been Republicans," Kevin Mayeux, executive director of the Florida Student Association, said.

This is also the first time a governor has given the BOR the option to divide the increase among Florida universities. If they choose not to do so, the increase will be longitudinal meaning every school will have a 6.5 percent increase.

According to Mayeux, there are two ways the increase may be accomplished. The universities may pay varying amounts of the increase, some schools may have a larger increase than others depending on how the Board decides it should be divided.

Or, universities could stop charging a flat rate for all classes and start pricing classes depending on what they cost to provide. Mayeux said students may see a financial differ-

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Moore said he doubted the Board would break up the increase for this year because the budget is due by July 1.

"Since it is so late in the year, I think more than likely everyone will have a 6.5 percent increase for this academic year and the division will go into effect next year," he said.

David Siegel, chair of UCF's Organizations, Appropriations and Finance Committee, said the board's 10 percent proposal was a bargaining position.

"I don't swallow this that the university system is broke," he said. "At this point, my position is no more increases until we take a good look at priorities. It's time to say 'Stop the madness.' I'm personally tired of the increases, it has just been going up and up and up.

"We should not just roll over and take it. There are much better solutions than a 6.5 percent increase down from 10 percent. "Oh we should be so happy.""

Fred Piccolo, director of Governmental Affairs, said a possible explanation for three years of increases is that Florida's tuition is ranked about 48th in the nation. Piccolo said the BOR is concerned about the state system looking cheap in comparison to other U.S. universities and they want to raise costs to get tuition to be about the average.

Ultimately, Piccolo said, the BOR wants to "divert" what they are getting at the larger schools to the community colleges and restrict access to the four-year universities to have them be more selective.

"Florida Statutes subsection 204.209(3)(E), commonly known as the 25/75 law, states that students can pay no more than 25 percent of what it costs to provide undergraduate education to students. According to Mayeux, the state is currently at 23.3 percent."

Piccolo said members of the Florida Student Association suggested to him that the cost of undergraduate education may be raised by expanding programs and increasing funding and hiring programs to allow room for a tuition increase and still be in compliance with 25/75.

University officials are calling the possible increase necessary.

"White increases are never welcome, resident Florida undergraduates at state university system institutions should understand that they pay less for their education than their counterparts in every state except Idaho," Dean McFall, director of Public Relations, said. "Even with an increase, students will be receiving more value for their dollar than others will receive almost anywhere else."

University Provost Gary Whitehouse agreed with McFall. "Florida's tuition is among the lowest in the country and increases are necessary to assure continued improvement in the quality of our education. If the increase is approved, it will be used wisely and will benefit our student body."

Mayeux said he is working to keep the increase at the lowest level possible. "If the BOR's 10 percent increase is passed, seniors next year will be paying 36 percent more than when they started college."

Mayeux is encouraging students and parents to call and write members of the House of Representatives' Education Appropriations Committee and the Senate's Budget Subcommittee for Education to let them know their feelings about the increase. Students may also e-mail legislators by logging on to the FAA's website at www.FSA1.org (Don't put a period after this because it screws up the address).

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"$37.2 million in lump sum funding is given to the BOR for graduate and undergraduate education. The formulas distributing these funds will be determined by the BOR."

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"Increased financial aid with $9 million added to the Florida Student Assistance Grants Program, increasing the award to $1,000 per qualified applicant."

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A visible improvement to the campus, or if they gave out more scholarships to those who needed them.”
—Kee Beeley, 18, social work major

“Something everyone would benefit from, maybe more money given to the individual colleges.”
—Jake Ayers, 18, undecided major

“Fund programs that everyone would benefit from, not just certain organizations.”
—Mary McCullough, 19, early childhood development

“If we had better quality teachers, reduced class sizes, funded different programs and added to the campus.”
—Jennifer Peterson, 19, marketing major

“If they paid the teachers better, took out the portables, gave more benefits to the students, and added a bigger gym and more recreational facilities.”
—Laura Snel, 19, Spanish and political science

Q: Under what circumstances would you approve a tuition increase at UCF?

A:
Activity and Service Fee increased a topic at forum

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said. "Compared to other state university
systems, as far as funding goes and the
amount of money we pay here, we are get­
ing the best deal in the nation."

An increase or decrease in the Activity
and Service Fee was also a topic addressed
by the candidates.

"I don't really favor an increase, but I
also don't think a decrease will be doing
anybody good service," Mike Sloton, a can­
cidate for president, said. "If we're not using
the funds every year and the funds roll over
for next year that will be fine. Somebody
will benefit from the fund next year, but if
you decrease the fee somebody will be cut
from it."

"I definitely don't favor an increase in
the fee," said presidential candidate John
Deeb. "There's a lot of money right now
that's not being spent properly because if it
was spent properly there wouldn't be a need
to increase the fees at all."

According to presidential candidate
Jaime Halscott, a decrease in the fee is not
permitted in the statutes.

"In the Florida Statutes there's no provi­
sion for decreasing the Activity and Service
Fee. There is only recommendations for an
increase," he said. "In a few years we will be
opening up a multi-million dollar recreation
services building that will cost thousands of
dollars just to run every year. We're going to
need an increase eventually."

Supporting four-year term limits for seni­
or was a split decision between the can­
cidates with two tickets opposing and two
supporting.

"There's a lack of continuity in the lead­
ership of Student Government. If you have
term limits, you make continuity harder to
achieve. If someone wants to serve five, six,
or seven years that's great because we need
that experience in our Senate," Sloton said.

Patrick Dougan and John Deeb are not
in favor of term limits for senators and said
they want to represent the students that they
feel members of Student Government have
not been representing.

"We support term limits because more
students will be getting involved and get a feel
of what Student Government is about.
The senators that want
to stay can always vol­
unteer for Student
Government because
there are plenty of vol­
unteer opportunities," Patrick,
dougan, can­
cidate for vice president,
said.

Hodgdon asked the candidates how
they would foster collaboration between
teachers, staff, and students of the university
as the first administration of the next millen­
num.

One of our biggest platform ideas on
how to get the University of Central Florida
together is bringing in an education and
leadership series for each major," Fred
Piccolo said. "By bringing in leaders from
each field and letting them sit down with the
majors in that field and work together on a
project will make UCF more known so that
the perception of UCF as a being a great
school will become a reality."

Deeb said their ticket's connections to
the students would help carry their adminis­
tration.

"We feel we're in touch with the com­
mon student, not the ones that are in Student
Government right now," he said. "We want
to help the concerns of the common student
and get what they need done."

The issue of the possible merger of CAB
and SGA Productions was addressed by all
the candidates. The ques­
tion of CAB being the
original duty and respon­
sibility of the Office of
Student
Activities was also
addressed.

"They all work under
Student Government by receiv­
ing the Activity and
Fee which is
allocated by the Student Government. I
don't think there should be strife between
these organizations. The bottom line is we
need to fund good programs," Charlie Lee
said.

Halscott and Lee's participation on the
committee for the merger was also ques­
tioned by members of the audience.

"Whatever is going on between CAB
and SGA is going on regardless of me,"
Halscott said. "I'm just a person that sits on
the committee to make sure the merger is
smooth. As far as I know, there's only been
two meetings of that committee and one of
them was to determine when to meet again."

Questions regarding Patton's previous
administration as student body president in
1995 arose. There were questions about his
alleged cutting of club spending and minor­
ity organizations, which Patton said is a
rumor.

"I have never made a motion to cut a
club or an organization. Many minority
organizations had their funding increased
the year I left office. That was the exact
committees I served on," Patton said. "I am
in favor of funding any organization, minor­
ity or otherwise, if it is producing programs
that are enhancing student life."

Candidates Sloton and Piccolo were asked
about their experience for the job.

Neither have served on the Senate.

"I have spent the past three years in
Washington and Tallahassee lobbying," Piccolo said. "I have sat through House of
Representative and Senate meetings,
including here at UCF, so I do know how they
run. I believe that just because you are not
on Senate does not mean you're not quali­
fied to run the Senate."

Students also asked Deeb and Dougan
about how they can serve UCF with little Student
Government experience.

"We want to take the outsiders approach
and revise the current Student
Government," Dougan said. "We've ana­
yzed the budget and see a lot of funds
going where they shouldn't be going. The
Student Government now is not as effective
for the students as it should be."

Student government elections will be
held Feb. 16 and 17.

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Student Body Elections

Where: Student Union,
Health and Physics,
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and Education buildings

Election dates:

2/16 & 2/17

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The 31st Student Senate allotted
$3,466 on Feb. 4 to nine UCF
clubs. The Clubs and Organizations
Committee’s account contained
only $9,142 according to C & O
Chair Charlie Lee. However, the
Senate distributed money from a $50,000 reserve
account. The allocations went as follows:

$3,466 to the Arnold Air Society for 15 members to
attend a conference in Chicago.

$1,250 to the Physical Education Majors Club for six
members to attend the 12th Annual Sharing the Wealth
Conference in Valdosta, Ga.

$4,160 to the Association of Childhood Education
International for 20 members to attend a national confer-
ence in San Antonio, Texas.

$4,200 to the Early Childhood Club for 15 members to
attend a national conference in San Antonio, Texas.

$3,752 to Alpha Pi Omega to attend a Vietnam Veterans
Outreach Conference in Washington, D.C.

$2,360 to Pi Sigma Alpha for 16 members to attend a
national conference in Washington, D.C.

$3,772 to the Student Council for Exceptional Children
for 15 members to attend a national conference.

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for a conference in Los Angeles.

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ers to attend a national conference in New York.

$1,360 to graduate student Maria Lorna Kunnuth to
attend an international conference in Edinburgh, Scotland.

Kunnuth will present her research paper to attendants of
the conference.

Ladies first, in his case

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STAFF WRITER

Bill Hannah said it drives him crazy when he hears people say
women are the ones who have to give up educational opportunities
for their husbands.

Hannah said he has been working the last decade so that his
wife could complete both her bachelor’s and her master’s degrees.
Now it’s his turn.

“I don’t begrudge her that time at all,” he said, “but when people
say that women are the only ones who ever put their education
on hold, I just cringe. I think I’ve been very supportive of her and she has been very
supportive of me.”

The 40-year-old father of two says he and his wife decided she
should get her education first because she would have greater
career potential with a degree than he would. She recently
earned a master’s degree in electrical engineering. He, on the other
hand, wants a bachelor’s degree in English.

“I’ll start off making, maybe, $20,000 or $25,000 a year,” Hannah
said. “She’s making $78,000 now...with the potential of
making a lot more.”

For now, he said, he is working at Universal Studios making
“decent” money, but he wants to teach and, for that, he needs a
degree.

“I know I seem old to be thinking about a career change or
about going back to school, but I believe we all do things when the
time is right. It was right for Sally to get her degrees first. It’s right
for me to earn my degree now.”

He said he hopes to be in the classroom before his 45th birth-
day.

While that may be about age when many teachers are hang­
ing up their chalk and going on to other jobs, he thinks he will be
able to bring a lot of real-world experience to the classroom that
other teachers aren’t able to bring to their students.

“That’s an important factor too,” he said. “I can bring them the
knowledge of how they can apply what they learn in my classroom
in the real world because I’ve done it.”

Hannah said he and his wife have a very successful marriage
because there hasn’t been any academic or professional jealousy
between them.

“I think I’ve been very supportive of her and she has been very
supportive of me,” he said. “I think that’s been very important.”

He said their experiences have taught their son Josh, 11, and
their daughter Lila, 8, about how men and women need to work
together to make a relationship work. Hannah said they’ve also
learned some valuable lessons about not making gender stereo-
types.

“I think this has been the best thing for them,” he said. “And it’s
been pretty good for me too. After all, I’ve been able to spend a lot
of time with them while they were growing up and that’s what
women really want.”
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The CRC, located in the Student Resource Center, offers several other programs designed to help students find and get jobs.

"The emphasis of the Career Resource Center is to help students and alumni with any career problems," said Russo.

In addition to being posted on the Internet, jobs are listed on a 24-hour phone line called KnightLink. About 1,500 employers and 24,000 students used KnightLink last year.

The center also has jobs posted on hard copy. Last year 96,281 full-time jobs, 355 part-time jobs and 319 internships were posted.

Russo also said the CRC offers career reference books, counseling, mock interviews, career strategies and salary statistics. They also sponsor special career-related events.

Recently, the CRC held the Career Expo at the UCF Arena. According to Russo, it featured about 550 recruiters and 300 employers.

"This is our most well-attended event," she said. "This is the most students we've ever had, as far as I know."

"The Career Expo is a good place to talk to employers a little less formally," Russo said. "Employers know they are getting students right out of school."

Upcoming events planned by the CRC include a part-time and summer job fair on March 31, an education job fair on April 15, and a statewide job fair on May 12.

For more information about the CRC call 823-2361 or visit its website at http://www.crc.ucf.edu.

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A look at the Y2K crisis and UCF
ALEX MELENDEZ
STAFF WRITER

Every era during this century has been accompanied by a fear. During the late 1990s it is the Y2K computer glitch.

"We've all heard about it, we've all talked about it, and now, on the eve of a new millennium, we are about to face it. But does this seemingly modest programming error merit concern?"

Some experts fear that there will be a major infrastructure breakdown as a result of this glitch. The only way to determine whether the Y2K bug is a fantasy or a reality is to examine the facts.

What is the Y2K bug? Those of us not fluent in computer jargon may ask this question. There is no easy explanation, but explained briefly, it started in the 1950s.

When scientists first began to delve into the realm of computers, there were several obstacles to overcome.

Programmers were faced with the task of programming computers with little memory. One way programmers accomplished was by cutting off the first two digits of the date in the lines of the programming code. For example, to program the years 1950 to 1999 would require fifteen bits of binary code.

However, if the one and the nine were eliminated, the amount of binary code bits needed would be reduced to seven. So instead of being programmed as 1950 and 1999, the computers were instead programmed using dates written like 90 and 99.

It was a valid strategy in saving memory space. The only problem was that no one anticipated what might happen when the year became 2000. Because of the compressed fashion of programming, a computer will recognize '00 as 1900, instead of 2000.

According to UCF computer programming Professor Dr. Joel Bassouni, systems that rely on dates may or may not be affected if they are not Y2K compliant. It depends on what the computer uses the date for.

"For example, if the computer is set to send a check to every person in its database born before 1970, and the year is after 1999, and the system is not Y2K compliant, checks will be sent to everyone born before 1970, and after 1999, because the computer will recognize '00 as 1900, which is before 1970."

"Only time will tell how UCF is affected. The glitch may affect loans or schedules, or it may do nothing. We really can only guess at what is going to happen, and because of the highly skilled and labor-intensive work involved in correcting the error, we can't go searching through all of our systems now. We'll iteratively in the eleventh hour, We'll just have to wait and see."

Some UCF students take the potential of the problem very seriously.

Vincent Ordallani, a freshman, said, "Come December 31, I'm withholding all of my money from the bank, buying some canned food, and turning my apartment into a bunker. I'm no fool."
Test prepares students

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Moyer said, "Students can use the feedback so they have a clear cut idea of what they need to work on." When students come to pick up their results, Kaplan workers will help them determine what schools accept their type of scores. "We have people who take these exams and realize they don't need a course," Moyer said. "A practice test can help students look in the right place for graduate schools." Several UCF students said taking a practice exam would help them prepare for the real test. "I've purchased books and software. They also offer classes, but they are very expensive," Ryan Sentz, a senior at UCF, said. Sentz said he liked the idea of a free practice shot at the tests. "I haven't even begun to research what score can get me into where. I would go just for that information," Sentz said.

Andrew Eisinger, a 1994 UCF graduate who now attends law school at the University of Pennsylvania, recommends taking advantage of the free test and consultation. Eisinger said the practice test helped him focus on what he needed to study to get into the school of his choice. "I'm studying in a very well respected school. I couldn't have done it on my own," Sentz said. Kaplan has a testing and counseling center at University Boulevard and Rosie Road. Students can sign up in person or by phone.

Car burglaries total 8 in a week

TAYLOR SIKES
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

According to police reports, eight students were victims of car break-ins during the week of Jan. 18 through Jan. 25. Five of the burglaries were committed in parking lots around the Lake Claire Apartments, two in parking garages, and one occurred outside the Humanities and Fine Arts Building. All victims are willing to prosecute.

On Jan. 27 a female student living at the Collegiate Village Inc met with police about receiving anonymous threats during the last month. On Dec. 6 she received three threatening phone calls. The caller was male and stated he was at the victim's front door and that he was going to kill her and her roommate. According to police reports, the victim said the caller said he had a red pickup, was in classes with her and that he followed her and watched her.

On Jan. 25 the victim received an email from an unknown sender while in the library. The email said, "Sweetheart, You'll never know who's watching you!! You know, Who I am!!!"

In her meeting with UCF Police, the victim said she is not sure but suspects three people she had class with. She said all three suspects have access to her email, address and phone number. The victim is willing to prosecute.

On Jan. 28, Carlos David Grosales, 34, was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia and with possession of marijuana. Grosales was stopped after violating a traffic control device. According to reports, the officer then detected an odor of marijuana and searched the car.

CRAMPED ROOMS LINKED TO PSYCHOTIC BEHAVIOR

Scientists have discovered that living in cramped spaces may cause serious side effects, ranging from slightly paranoid to dangerously psychotic behavior. In a recent experiment, lab rats were forced to live in small room-like containers for several semesters, only coming out to eat in crowded rat cafeterias or share a bathroom with dozens of other rodents. The majority of rats suffered from an acute case of irritability, while several showed signs of aggressive behavior.

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DAVID F. MCMULLAN
STAFF WRITER

Like the swallows returning to Capistrano, or the Snowbirds descending upon Florida’s retire­ment communities, so do the campus recruiters every February. “Call the Orlando Center at 977-1009 today to reserve your seat!”

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But, back to flying gays and lesbians in “Old Sparky.” “I’d be the first one to try to save them,” Miller continued, “through repentance.” What exactly was he doing here, trying to turn people away? I mean if he really wants to attract people to the Gospel of Jesus Christ—a message I read of love, tolerance and peace—why so full of hatred?

“I represent the one who sent me—Jesus,” Miller said. “God’s eternal purpose is to make all men one under Christ. Men have created denominations.” But Christ also preached love, tolerance and forgiveness. Nothing I heard in the hour or so I hung around spoke of those qualities. Instead the 100 people present when I was there heard more about eternal damnation.

Some people listened and some people antagonized him. Unfortunately, I became one of them, if only briefly. The more vocal antagonists shouted swear words and mocked him. This, I think, had the effect of reinforcing his point that we are all sin­ners condemned to an eternal hell from whence we shall never return… Whoa, time to lighten up. “Look there’s someone listening to rap,” shouted one observer. “Pray for that man walking by listening to rap!”

Miller’s colleague, Gary Birdsong, of Raleigh, N.C., comes down to Florida to preach on campuses during the winter. He does this full time as part of the Sword and Shield Ministry. Ministry, I thought to myself. Hmm. I don’t mean the industrial rock group—which I listen to—but the United Campus-type. So I walked over to United Campus Ministries to get another point of view. They take a different approach to their mission.

They take the attraction rather than promotion method. They lead by example, not by words. Anyone can spout platitudes and read loudly from Scripture, but it takes real determination to prac­tice the principles, rather than preach them. To me it’s just the old cliche, “You can’t draw flies with vine­gar.”

Or, in this case, vitriol. One observer commented on Miller’s ability to change faces. “He’d get more vicious whenever we were talking one-on­one,” said Carlos Poydy, a 27­year-old psychology major. “It seemed like when people got­tered around, he became more controlled… more politically cor­rect.”

“But he was having trouble containing his rage,” Poydy said. Fortunately for us, they have the right to free speech like the rest of us briquettes—even though what they have to say isn’t very popular. These two men are doing more harm than good. And when they’re gone, how will we know if they follow the word they proclaimed?”

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It amazes me that for such a large, growing university, with ever-increasing tuition and ever-decreasing parking, as students know little to nothing about campus activities. For all the work C.A.B. people put into planning events on campus, there seems to be no committee for advertising. I’m tired of hearing about big names coming to campus three days prior to the event. How come they can’t get people out hanging up flyers a week prior, to let all of us take advantage of our tuition and ever-decreasing parking? Students need to know little to nothing about C.A.B. people put advertising on their web site. I must say I was not at all amazed to find out that for such a large, growing university, with ever-increasing tuition, STA Travel remains extremely competitive.

I do feel price is of extreme high importance to our student travelers, and STA Travel remains extremely competitive in an ever increasingly price sensitive market. However, I also know there is much to say about the value of purchasing something as grand as a trip to Europe. Students going on an adventure to Europe don’t want to sit at the airport waiting until the last minute to see if they’re going to be able to go on that trip they’ve been planning all semester! I’m confident that, contrary to your article, STA Travel provides travelers not just a “paper ticket”, but a valuable service to meet any travelers needs at a very competitive and affordable price.

—Greg Abbott, STA Travel
Comedians contribute to Black History Month

Stephen Unger  Staff Writer

February is black history month, and Friday February 6 was a night that symbolized this month’s theme of diversity. Two local Florida comedians, Rod Z of Orlando and Bengi Brown of Ft. Lauderdale were proud to launch the festivities. The African-American Student Union presented the show, which was free for all students. Each of the comedian’s main purpose was to sponsor the strength of diversity. Joyce Miller, president of the African-American Student Union said the show’s goal was to help students understand the differences between two groups of people. “Our goal is to promote diversity and the strength it can bring when people learn about each others’ differences,” says Miller.

Rod Z and Bengi Brown admitted they were not nation­ally acclaimed comedians, but the crowd’s reaction was very strong. Both were very funny and delivered refreshing and clever jokes. Rod Z’s main goal was to show the humor in various African-American icons. He lampooned famous sports figures like O.J. Simpson and Mike Tyson. In a Weird Al Yankovic style he also imitated musicians like Michael Jackson, and R. Kelly, by singing and joking about their hit titles.

Bengi Brown focused on humorous differences between different races-mainly Blacks and whites. But he also wanted to show that the differences between two different groups of people could help broaden their knowledge of other cultures.

The show was the first of a series of events presented by the African-American Student Union and more laughter is to follow. On February 19, the comedian Chocolate will be making his appearance at the Visual Arts Auditorium at 8:00 p.m. And Rod Z will return once again on Monday, February 22 at 7:30 p.m. in the Visual Arts Auditorium.

Each of the events reveals an effort for peace and a better understanding of new cultures. The goal is to become stronger with openness to diversity. Friday night’s event wasn’t just a time to collaborate races and cultures, but it was also a time to smile an enlightening kind of humor.

Good, clean intellectual fun

Vicki DeSormier  Staff Writer

“Only two things are infinite, the universe and human stupidity, and I’m not sure about the former.” - Albert Einstein

First let me admit that I am a sucker for new things: facts, quotes, words...any of that sort of thing. If Western Civilizations test that’s coming up). You’ll be better prepared for the future (and for that Western Civilizations test that’s coming up).

This site is a place to learn new things and a place to expand what you know. After all, what good is it to learn all that useless stuff if you can’t earn some credit for it? The best reason to expand your knowledge is to brag about it isn’t it?

Well, yes! Click on the quotes and you get to a page that will provide you with thoughts, most of them quite amusing, on just about any subject.

Don’t care what other people have to say about things? Click on the category for new words (did you even know the fear of cats is called ailurophobia?)

And that Napoleon suffered from that particular neurosis?) and increase your word power so that, maybe, one day people will quote you.

In the meantime, get to know more about the past with the This Day in History category and you’ll be better prepared for the future (and for that Western Civilizations test that’s coming up).

This site is a lot of fun. It’s not designed as a serious, scholastic site, but it can make learning a whole lot more like a game than like a class. Let’s be honest, after a long day of classes and homework, you really don’t want to log onto your computer and be made to feel like you have to learn something else.

Relax. This is a game, a fun-filled relaxation site that will help exercise your brain and keep those fun cells working too. Shhhhh! Don’t tell anyone they’re really learning anything...it’s just a game.

And, besides, when a site starts off with quotes like the one up top by Albert Einstein, how can you expect it to be anything but good, clean, intellectually-stimulating fun.
Dear Dr. Daphne,

I am a 21 year old male dating a 30 year old women strictly for fun and friendship. Do you see anything wrong with that?

—Extremely pleased

Dear Mr. Grown-Up,

Things and ideas are different to different people. Do I see anything wrong with this situation? Yes. Obviously, your older hoochie is having some issues with her messed up life if she is turning to a 21-year-old for intimate enjoyment. Why would you want to be with someone who cannot acclimate herself to life and people her own age? But if it’s only about sex, it’s probably better. Little girls your age have a hard time telling their partners what they want and just go with it to make their boys happy. So, if it feels good, do it if both playmates understand exactly what is going on. And once again, be careful!

Got a problem? Nothing is too big or small for Dr. Daphne!!Just e-mail her at DrDaphne@hotmail.com

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Dear Dr. Daphne,

I like my boyfriend’s brother. How do I ditch one & hook it up with the other?

—Faith Nomore

Well Ms. Devotion,

You seem to have quite a little problem. Lose your boyfriend, but tell him you just don’t want to date anymore. If he asks if there is a who, don’t tell him. You don’t want to break his fragile little heart. Wait a little bit, then hook it up with his brother so he doesn’t think you left him for bro. This whole concept of dating your boyfriend’s brother is f@%ked up since you didn’t like one, what makes you think you will like another raised under similar circumstances? They are brothers! But you gotta do what makes you happy.

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And yes, there was some initial friction
between Schwartzman and Bill Murray, who plays his melancholy mentor in
“Rushmore,” after Murray arrived on the set and discovered, according to Schwartzman,
“this freaked-out kid who didn’t know what he was doing. I was going to quit before I got fired. It was pretty bad.”

But hey, let’s get a grip. Yes, Schwartzman was not pro, but he hadn’t just fallen off the ocean track. His father, Jack, is an established show business lawyer, and his mother, Talia Shire, is a director and actor best known for playing Adrienne, the woman who answers when Rocky calls “Yo!”

The party where he was discovered was
at the locum of his uncle, Francis Ford
Coppola. And for the record, says Anderson, he had looked at only 1,800 candidates for the role of Max Fischer, a kid who serves as president of every non-sports extracurricular activity at Rushmore Academy, but who could “enjoy a verb if you held a gun to his fuzzy head. And although it’s true that it took Murray a while to warm up to Schwartzman “unusually because he was showing off, trying to impress Bill,” says Anderson. “By the fourth day of shooting, the two were as in sync as those characters are supposed to get.”

“The thing about Schwartzman,” says Anderson, who has helped create this teenage Frankenstein, “is that he’s an unrealizable character.

Maybe, but he is also a pretty irresistible one, and watching Schwartzman, now 18, scarf down an almond chicken salad (‘Just hold the almonds, OK?’), it’s easy to see why Anderson halted his search when Schwartzman arrived for his audition wearing a school blazer he had personalized with his own homemade Rushmore patch.

“I needed someone who was really smart but really strange,” says Anderson of his protagonist, who is thrown out of his beloved Rushmore for building an unmanned aquarium on the basketball diamond in an effort to impress the first-grade teacher (Olivia Williams), with whom he has fallen in love. “Schwartzman fit that bill. But what Owen [Wilson, his writing partner] and I had in mind when we wrote the script was a young Michael J. Fox, and Jason wasn’t Mark by any stretch. So after I saw him, I started reassessing to accommodate him. Now I was thinking may be a young Howard Keel.”

It is a comparison that has been made by just about everyone who has seen

The Schwartzman sitting in the booth there isn’t arrogant, and he describes himself as “permanently nervous,” which would at least explain his twitching. With the blazer, horn-rims and braces he wears in the film, he does in fact bear a striking resemblance to the young Hoffman, though it’s hard to imagine Hoffman wearing a trash can print shirt with a New York Metropolitan Museum badge, “just because I thought it looked cool.”

Schwartzman has already accompanied Anderson, with whom he had been touring the country in a customized bus, to the headlines the day before. Asked if he had the looks or the character, Schwartzman says he wasn’t really looking: “I was just hanging out with Wes.”

Schwartzman, though, is not entirely
without guile. Raised in a family that “just thought everyone should do something,” he attended private schools in Los Angeles that were nothing like uptight, tradition-bound “Rushmore.” “It was real laid-back,” he says.

His initial artistic impulse was music, and his rock band, Phantom Planet, released its first album, “Phantom Planet Is Missing,” on the Capitol label just July. The band has just performed the album when his cousin, Sofia Coppola, introduced him to the casting agent that at first fateful role. She told him she was looking for someone to play “this really eccentric screw-up kid who likes older women.”

“I said, ‘Whoo, that’s me,’ and a few days later, he was reading for Anderson. Just right for the role.

“I guess we could have made the movie without him,” says Anderson, who filmed “Rushmore” at the same Houston, Texas, prep school he attended. “But it certainly wouldn’t have been the same movie, and it’s hard to imagine anyone else being so right for it now.” After reading Owen and I are writing a role for Jason in our next film, which is about this family of dysfunctional functionless. I feel a little responsible for him now. Like I need to keep an eye on him.”

Schwartzman sheepishly allows that his new agent has received a bunch of scripts since went got around about his performance. “But he says, he wants to be careful about his next move.

“Definitely no teen comedies,” says Schwartzman. “I’m looking at a couple of things set in the ‘70s, which I think could be cool. Maybe supporting a role in a drama, and then I could come back with some off-off Broadway comedy in which I played a really weird character. It would be pretty easy for me to get typecast, I guess, if anybody could actually figure out what type I am. Maybe I can keep them off balance.”

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**Celebrity Profile**

**Name:** Christy Haubegger

**Age:** 30

**Career:** Entrepreneur-Founder & Publisher, Latino Magazine

Haubegger has already put together a pretty impressive resume. She’s won an award for fund her neighbor “Essence,” a women’s magazine aimed at African-Americans. Christy convinced the magazine’s president to hire her and his company agreed to let her start up “Essence” the day before. Asked if she had the skills to put together a hit magazine she sat up and looked in the eye. “I don’t know what it is that you need to be. But Made for a Start-Up” launched Latino magazine in 1995, and it was an immediate hit. Today it has an impressive circulation of almost 200,000 but it wasn’t easy getting there. One of the hardest things about being a young entrepreneur is simply that fact that you are young. Potential business partners often assume you are inexperienced. Nobody ever asks me to go to a meeting and thought they were looking at a magazine publisher. “But I have persuaded. You have to know how to give people what they want, and take your confidence when you need it.”

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While there is a certain glamour associated with being the publisher of a major magazine, Christy still relishes the role of entrepreneur. "Each milepost means so much more to the young entrepreneur. It's a start-up," she says. "A major milestone achieved with us for the first time. To a larger publication, it would be such a big deal. But this digit magazine is such a big deal, we are even able to stretch up and down and stretched and crumbled. Then "we teach," we are ice cream."

As an owner of a growing company and Publisher of Esquire, Christy continues to nurture her magazine dream into a reality, having received more than 500,000 requests for subscriptions. The owner of an organization made of thousands of dynamic educated young women just like herself. She says that she hopes to inspire other young women to pursue their dreams as well.
Let's go to the living room

JONATHAN PRICE
STAFF WRITER

In contrast to the intuitive feeling that an art gallery or museum is a specific kind of place, where one is in the sacred presence of an objet d'art, the found objects and trash art of the post-modern canon problematize the question of what sort of artifacts belong there, instigating a conflict between the object and its environment. In its varied forms, the public view-a-thing of contemporary art unflinchingly directs the viewer's attention towards that grandiose public space, that paradigmatically sterile and impersonal construction of normalized value that surrounds them: the gallery/museum. In the case of the current show at the U.C.F. art gallery, Flying Horse Edition Artists, a similar (however unintentional) parody of the traditional museum/gallery space results from the amputated intimacy of hand-made books enclosed in glass.

The thirteen artists that participated in the show have either done work on the U.C.F.-based press or are planning to. In the case of the artists who have worked with Prof. Ke Francis, the director of the Flying Horse Editions, their Flying Horse prints or books are shown alongside samples of their work in other medium. Tony Etherington's offerings are marvelously unsettling and clever and Fred Burton's "Tattooed Hare and Teapot" which reinterprets an early 19th century drawing of the Maori Chief Tupai Kupa by giving the figure rabbit ears, is also a personal favorite.

But I am particularly smitten with Robert Rivers' work, which focuses on the body as a whole and not just the face as the locus of expression. He employs pattern, rather than traditional modeling, to endow the human and animal figures of his drawings, etchings, and paintings with a corporeal presence, a presence which vibrates with energy and reaffirms the hegemony of gesture, pantomime, and the tableau vivant. The headless female torso and lion's head that are the subjects of his drawing "The Wisdom of God," are delineated on three distinct surfaces, a water-color wash, a penciled sketch, and painted, white highlights of torn flesh that recall the Japanese seascapes of Katsushika Hokusai and literally dance off of the paper. A stark contrast to this attention on the full figure is Rivers' ceramic work, which explores the expansive capacity of the disembodied human head, and definitively conveys his veracity as an artist.

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What gives?

In conversation with Ke Francis, I got the impression that what sort of critical mass of capital and influence do I need to meet to be allowed the privilege of sitting in a chair with a Flying Horse Edition book in my lap, reading a page at a time, and turning those pages with my own grubby proletarian hands and not the traditional gallery space has limited applications. What sort of critical mass of capital and influence do I need to meet to be allowed the privilege of sitting in a chair with a Flying Horse Edition book in my lap, reading a page at a time, and turning those pages with my own grubby proletarian hands and not the traditional form of alienation? What critical mass of capital and influence do I need to meet to be allowed the privilege of sitting in a chair with a Flying Horse Edition book in my lap, reading a page at a time, and turning those pages with my own grubby proletarian hands and not the traditional form of alienation? What critical mass of capital and influence do I need to meet to be allowed the privilege of sitting in a chair with a Flying Horse Edition book in my lap, reading a page at a time, and turning those pages with my own grubby proletarian hands and not the traditional form of alienation?

Especially because, on average, the Flying Horse work that I've seen so far, I hope that with subsequent shows, Prof. Francis will surprise me and drastically alter the chosen mode of presentation, to (if I may be allowed the cliché) think outside the box.

Robert Rivers is one of the artists featured in the current exhibition at U.C.F's art gallery.

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The Denny's restaurant chain, which paid $45 million in 1996 to settle a lawsuit by black customers who claimed they were denied service, launched a $2 million corporate anti-racism campaign on Jan. 12. On the same day, in San Jose, Calif., a Denny's was sued by 17 Hispanics who claimed they were refused service in April 1998. A few days later, Abdusalam Sipes and fellow Muslim Clarence Watson's complaint to a Montana human rights agency was made public, revealing that several employees of a Helena Denny's deliberately added bacon (impossible in the Muslim diet) to their food as revenge for the same day, in San Jose, Calif., a Denny's was sued by 17 Hispanics who claimed they were refused service in April 1998. A few days later, Abdusalam Sipes and fellow Muslim Clarence Watson's complaint to a Montana human rights agency was made public, revealing that several employees of a Helena Denny's deliberately added bacon (impossible in the Muslim diet) to their food as revenge for

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"In December, workers for an AIDS awareness campaign convicted did not offend a condition as long as 10 football fields in large enough mass to allow sufficient protection. The condemn was part of a parade in Cali, Colombia."

Fetishes on Parade

"In December in St. Paul, Minn., John O. Section, 43, was sentenced to 45 days in jail for cutting off 50 of his genitals on a busy street in Angola (after being released in his offer to purchase the locks). He apologized for his "urges about hair" and vowed to get counseling..."

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Recent Rages

Worm Rage: Rawle Trottman, 21, Simcoe, Ontario, August, charged with stabbing a fellow uphill in an argument over a worm. Swamy Rage: Brian Hagedorn, with a list of Warner's rambler's, shooting his sister (leaving her paralyzed below the waist) because she beat him in a wrestling match. Teacher's Rage: Dennis Mezzich, 52, Canadian, Trace, December, was charged with burning a destroyed-grade book because he was asked a peak at her grade book.

"A Price Check Rage: An unidentified "big black" female customer was sought by Oakland, Calif., police in December for allegedly pawning out a 55-year-old female clerk at a Hudson's department store when the clerk rolled her eyes at the customer's request for a price check on a dress. "Don't you ever roll your eyes at me," were the last words the clerk recalled before being docked. Yakubu Rogers, William Fugay, 82, was charged with stabbing his wife, Eleanor, 84, in the chest in Crown Point, Ind., in December because, according to police, she "was not in the Christmas spirit." [Forkland, Dec. 12-23-98] [USA Today, Dec. 12-23-98]

"Only-in-California Rage: In December, Ms. Catharina Starbird, a member of the school board, and 43 in San Jose, Calif., pleaded guilty to misdemeanor assault for allegedly punching, jumping on and biting another woman in April 1998. According to police, Ms. Starbird, her husband, and the other woman had gone out for one for the couple's houseboat, and the other woman refused to perform oral sex on Ms. Starbird's husband.

Latest Religious Messages

"In November, Pope John Paul II announced that the year 2000 would be a special holy year in which Catholics can obtain special indulgences for their sins in a single act, called to speed up their ascension to heaven. According to policy, dating back to the 16th century, Catholics who visit the sick or the elderly, or who contribute to charities, or who fast from dawn or until dusk in one day may get special dispensation, so long as the act is accomplished by penance. [Globe and Mail, Reuters, 11-28-98]

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Weird, But Not True

"Continuing an occasional reader-advocacy series of recent stories that were reported elsewhere as real news but which were probably just made up... A November New York Times report on the difficult job of rewriting American movies for the Asian market has been found by a list of Warner movies' melodies..."
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Williams will compete for action in UCF backfield

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Tailback Terrance Williams (5-10, 195) was another outstanding pickup for the Knights from Hills JC in Mississippi. He was referred to as the "Heisman Trophy winner out of junior college." He is an elusive runner, but he can run through defenses as well. He will provide immediate improvement in the backfield and will challenge Edward Mack and Oman Howard for the starting job.

"We're excited to have him to John Avery of the Dolphins," Kruczek said. "He has tremendous hands in the open field, and he can take it for the distance with his great speed."

Corey Baker (5-10, 185) averaged 10.6 yards per carry in high school, and he should be a nice addition to the Knights backfield, although he'll probably redshirt due to UCF's running back depth. Sean Gandolfi (6-2, 243) is the first true fullback recruited by UCF since Pige Sessions, and he will allow the Knights to go into power sets for short yardage.

UCF added four players at the positions that they have the deepest returning core of players: wide receiver, however, the new additions will be able to learn to systems from Charles Lee and Kenny Clark. Thad Ward (5-10, 155) and Deon Porter (6-4, 185) are the two key additions. Ward, a JUCO transfer who runs a 4.4, has big play ability and should fit into the Knights' offense immediately. Meanwhile, DeBrown scored 16 touchdowns last season in high school and earned All-Southeast honors. Jermay Fryed (5-11, 175) and Derek Ponder (6-1, 180) were also key receiver recruits.

"Not only did we sign quality athletes, but tremendous speed in our skill position," Kruczek said. "Ward will play receiver for us (right away), and Ellis DeBrown is a big-time receiver." The Knights also got a lot bigger and stronger with the offensive line and tight ends. Amarii Farrow (6-5, 300) chose UCF over Auburn and Alabama because he thinks UCF can help him win the Lombardi Award. John Wintersley (6-4, 310) adds more size for the Knights, while Ernest Holley (6-6, 240) is small and quick. Late addition Jesse Schrider (6-6, 320) probably won't qualify and will be placed in a junior college by UCF.

UCF added three tight ends with Taylor Robertson (6-6, 265) probably being converted to a tackle. Robertson was an early signee and is joined by Chris Decker (6-7, 240) and Mario Jackson (6-2, 230).

"Another issue that we had to face was graduation being three very talented offensive linemen," Kruczek said. "At tight end, Mario Jackson brings tremendous strength and athleticism to the position. Chris Decker is a gifted athlete."

Similar to the situation at receiver, the defensive line returns all four starters but signed five new faces. Each of the following five players will have a year to develop before they figure into the mix on defense: Brent Bolar (6-3, 235), Larry Brown (6-2, 300), Jason Hallion (6-4, 245), Ryan Huffman (6-5, 225), and Elton Patterson (6-2, 252).

Dwight Perkins highlights the signings at linebacker. Perkins (6-2, 210), who originally committed to Clemson, went to prep school before joining UCF. He is expected to help fill the void left by Mike Palmer and Deon Porter. Kenny Arnold (6-2, 195) likely will step in immediately for the Knights. Brandon Greenlee (6-1, 205) was the other signee.

"The best signee that we had this year is Dwight Perkins," Kruczek said. "He will probably do a lot of playing this season. He's a seasoned guy, and a very mature individual."

Travis Fisher (5-10, 185) committed to UCF in December, surprising Alabama. He runs a 4.31 and will step in at cornerback for the Knights. Comer Rackey (5-9, 170) is smaller, but will also play cornerback. Asante Samuel (5-11, 185) played corner in high school, but could be moved to safety.

"Travis Fisher is probably the best coverage guy in the JCs," Kruczek said. "He will play immediately next year, probably in Paul Miranda's spot."

Gabe Lezonti was ranked as high as ninth by some recruiting magazines as a kicker. He kicked and punted in high school, much like current UCF punter Xavier Backsford. He was signed to replace the graduating Fred Waczewski.

Two players were signed but probably will not come to UCF until January. Antoine Poe, a tackle who originally signed with Florida State, will take time to rehab an injured knee. Chris Weeks, a defensive lineman, will wait a semester to join the Knights. Both will have the benefit of going through two spring practices and a red-shirt year without it affecting their eligibility.

This year's recruiting class is an indication of the impact that ColCreper had on this program. Previously, top athletes would consider UCF, but then choose other schools and some very prestigious programs."

"I don't know how many (of the new recruits) are going to contribute to next year's success," Kruczek said. "But we set a standard that we are going to be held to in the future."
BASEBALL NOTEBOOK

UCF loses 2 of 3 to Nicholls State

The Knights baseball team entered the three-game weekend series on a high from their performance in the Olive Garden Classic the previous week. However, UCF struggled in every aspect of its game in dropping the first two games of the series due to poor pitching, poor fielding, and lack of hitting.

"We kind of scrambled around a couple of nights trying to find ourselves," Coach Jay Bergman said. "Early in the season you’re gonna experience that. We had to shuffle the lineup around and give some guys a chance to play that hadn’t played."

The Knights ran into a problem they had yet to have faced—defensive struggles. UCF committed 10 errors this weekend, resulting in seven unearned runs.

"This has to be a team that plays good defense," Bergman said. "And ‘we’re not really gonna hit the ball out of the ballpark.’"

However, after consecutive losses, Sunday proved to be a whole new ballgame for the Knights. They got a solid start from Troy Satterfield—minus the seventh inning—from three different players. They also got clutch hitting for the first time in four games.

"I thought it was a must (win) game for us," Bergman said. "I think we were a little more relaxed and in the flow. Particularly early in the season, it takes a little while to get going and get moving."

Fortunately, UCF has nine more games before it travels to Troy State for the opening of TranAm Athletic Conference play. The Knights will also be able to see how far they’ve come when they travel to Baton Rouge to face collegiate powerhouse, Louisiana State. Next up, however, is a series against St. John’s, where UCF will look to put things together.

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Red Storm blows into Tinker Field for three games

TRAVIS BELL
STAFF WRITER

Following Tuesday night’s contest at Bethune-Cookman in Melbourne’s Space Coast Stadium, UCF will look to get more acclimated to its new surroundings. The Knights will be tested with a three-game series against Big East member St. John’s this weekend at Tinker Field.

While the Red Storm are best known for a Top 10-ranked basketball program, their baseball team is not far behind after a 28-17 record last year, including 11-7 in Big East competition. St. John’s strength, although rare for a team from the north, is that it’s a pitching-dominant team.

“I know that they have two real good pitchers,” Coach Jay Bergman said. “We’re gonna have to pitch well and play defense.”

Junior Pat Collins and sophomore Kevin McGerry are the “two real good pitchers” referred to by Bergman. Both were selected as pitchers on the Preseason All-Big East squad by most publications.

Collins led the team last year with 79 strikeouts in 75 innings of work. He compiled a 4-3 record with a 4.20 ERA. Still, it’s McGerry who is the gem. He earned Baseball America Freshman Pitcher of the Year and selected him as the Preseason Pitcher of the Year.

With two dominant hurlers, St. John’s is picked by most baseball analysts to finish second in the conference behind Notre Dame. Baseball America ranked the Red Storm 46th in the preseason poll and selected them as a team that will earn a NCAA Tournament bid.

Fortunately for the Knights, they have seven games under their belt heading into the series with St. John’s, who will be opening its season in Orlando. As with most first games for college teams, it can always be an adventure. But that can be an advantage and a disadvantage for the Knights because they don’t know what to expect.

“This will be their first game of the year,” Bergman said. “So we’ll just take it one game at a time. Hopefully, we can take advantage of some mistakes and get out there and play hard.”

St. John’s will be looking to set the tone for its season with a team that features just two seniors: catcher Robert Fierro and pitcher Scott Heiling. Junior third baseman Mike Drzulla should lead the offensive charge this season. Selected on most all-conference teams, he batted .427 with nine home runs and 49 RBI’s last year, adding 20 stolen bases.

St. John’s is the fourth of 11 teams ranked in Baseball America’s Preseason Top 10 that the Knights will face this season.

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Despite coaching change, UCF tennis remains strong

DAVID MARSTERS
STAFF WRITER

UCF tennis has seen a vast improvement during the last seven years, and this year's team looks to continue that trend. Despite losing well-respected Coach Gaal Falkenberg to the Sports Club of Las Vegas in January, the men and women's squads are looking good early in the season. The men have gotten off to a 2-0 start, defeating Bethune-Cookman College and conference foe Jacksonville University, while the women have begun the season 1-1, beating Jacksonville and losing, 5-4, to highly regarded South Florida.

"There seems to have been a smooth transition," said acting head coach Michael Dubin, who has inherited the task of leading a men's team which has gone 107-53-1 over the past seven seasons, and a women's team who is the two-time defending TAAC champion.

The women's team returns five starters from last year's 21-3 squad, including reigning TAAC Player-of-the-Year Veronica Woydulbehrn. Also returning are sophomore Daniella Prokopec and former Gouttefarde, who has already stepped in at the #2 singles spot and the #1 doubles team, while Guerin is playing #3 singles and #2 doubles. John Welson is the lone freshman on this year's squad.

"I expect to have some great things happen with our players," Dubin said, "and I expect to have some great things happen with our players."

The men's team looks to improve on last year's second-round loss to Florida International in the TAAC Tournament. Gone from last year's team are Pelle Brinsson, who curated All-TAAC honors in each of the last two seasons, and doubles specialist Teddy Tandjung. To make up for those key losses, UCF has added three transfers to complement their four returning starters, resulting in one of the deepest UCF men's teams ever.

Davis Winberg, who went 15-5 last season and will play in the #1 singles spot, returns along with veteran doubles partners Greg Novak, Pedro Pacheco, and Robert Muzzo. Federico Camacho and Fernando Martinez have transferred to UCF after one season at South Carolina State, and William Guerin joins the Knights from William Carey College. Camacho will play in the #2 singles spot and the #1 doubles team, while Guerin is playing #3 singles and #2 doubles. John Welson is the lone freshman on this year's squad.

"The team is looking pretty strong," said Martinez. "We have some great chemistry on our doubles teams."

The women should once again be the favorites to win the TAAC Championship, and have a tough road to the conference title a little smoother for the men's team. Dubin echoed his player's positive outlook.

"The men's team has an enormous amount of talent and a lot of discipline," he said. "We have some great chemistry on our doubles teams."

"We're going to have some good things happen with our players," Dubin said, "and I expect to have some great things happen with our players."

There seems to have been a smooth transition, Dubin said, "and I expect to have some great things happen with our players."
Knights look to avenge prior loss to Gents

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selected as the Player-of-the-Year.

"Certainly, I'm a little surprised that they've played so well, but they do have a solid team in place," Speraw said. "McCollum is a terrific shooter and one of the best players in the TAAC, while in Ed Dotton, they have probably the conference's top freshman."

Dotton scored 24 points and grabbed 10 rebounds in the earlier meeting between the two schools, while McCollum, who is ranked second in the TAAC in scoring with a 20.0 points per game average, also put up 24. UCF was without Traina and Granberry for the game, as they have been for most of the last three weeks, while the game marked the first contest in which the Golden Knights were affected by a flu virus that struck the team late last month.

Traina remains a game-time decision in every contest he plays in, while Granberry, although still bothered by shoulder problems will probably be able to play. However, the virus is gone, and barring any unforeseen injuries or illness (which is very possible the way things have gone this year), the Knights should be in better shape this time around that they were back in the first meeting in Shreveport.

"We've had to deal with a lot of unexpected things this year, injury-wise, but we haven't used it as an excuse," Speraw said. "That shows good character on the part of this team. They've kept plugging away at it."

This will be the Knights next-to-last home game of the season, and UCF has taken advantage of its home court. It has lost only once at the "Dungeon", including a perfect 6-0 record against TAAC competition.

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UCF sits atop TAAC
twice as hard."

The next improvement for the Knights may be defeating Samford and JSU. The Samford women's basketball team has improved from last season's dismal 3-23 campaign and is trying to lock up a spot in the conference tournament. Samford's (5-15, 4-6 TAAC) record may not show much improvement, but it has gone from a TAAC pretender to contender, thanks to leading scorer Jodi Morris, who averages 17.8 points a game, has taken some of the scoring burden off Aimee Cochran from a year ago. Cochran, who led SU in scoring in its first year of Division I play, is averaging 12.2 points a game, second on the team. Junior college transfer Clarissa Tomlinson caps the Bulldogs high-scoring front court, as she is third on the team with a 12.2 scoring average.

If the Knights take care of business against their lesser opponents, a perfect home slate will be in their grasp. It will be twice as sweet with Jacksonville State, the lone TAAC team to defeat UCF this season, standing in the way.

JSU led the TAAC standings for most of the season, but UCF's five-game win streak combined with JSU's three-game losing streak helped propel the Knights into first place.

JSU won the first game against UCF 77-70 on Jan. 21 in Jacksonville, Ala., but the Gamecocks may not be as strong as they were in January.

The Gamecocks are still among the best shooting teams in the TAAC, as they are second in field goal shooting (43.6 percent) and first from the free throw line (72.4 percent). JSU also shows 33.7 percent from three-point territory, but allows its opponents to shoot 30.7 percent against it.

"We've had that game circled on the calendar since they beat us," Howard said. "That's the game that we need all our family and fans at. They are the only team to beat us and we resent that. We have to defend our home court."

The Knights have every reason to believe they can defeat JSU. In the Jan. 21 loss, UCF shot only 43.7 percent from the field while JSU hit 50.9 percent of its shots. JSU was outrebounded by UCF by a 41-33 margin, but beat the Knights inside with 23 free throw attempts and had the perimeter game working, as the Gamecocks hit on 45 percent of their three-point attempts.

The upcoming week should give Bria one final look at the likely contenders her team may face for the TAAC Championship. But, knowing Bria, she won't be satisfied with just one last look.
Knights make waves in recruiting pool

TRAVIS BELL

"What a difference a year makes." Those were the sentiments of UCF football coach Mike Kruczek when he announced last year's recruiting class. Last season, the Golden Knights were victimized by a lack of stability in their coaching situation. However, with UCF President John Hitt removing Kruczek's interim tag prior to this year's recruiting period, competing schools lost their advantage over the UCF program. The move paid tremendous dividends.

"Overall, by far and away this is the best recruiting class we have ever had," Kruczek said prior to announcing his new signees.

The recruiting war for the Knights has been underway since midway through their 9-2 season of a year ago. It resulted in three signings in December, followed by 26 more announced last Wednesday.

"We had some critical areas that we had to fill athletically due to graduation," Kruczek said. "We have 20 seniors graduating, and we feel as though we've filled each one of those slots."

Of the 29 players signed by the Knights, 15 are slated on the offensive side, 13 on defense, and one on special teams. But most important, UCF beat out a number of quality programs because of the success of Duante Culpepper and the Knights since joining Division I-A in 1996.

"I know that one of the biggest questions is who's gonna take over for Duante Culpepper," Kruczek said.

Two quarterbacks were signed who can adequately fill the void left by Culpepper's departure. Victor Peno (6-1, 175) was "one of the critical signees" according to Kruczek. He got big game experience against Clemson, Tennessee, and Florida while earning SEC All-Freshman honors at South Carolina. Meanwhile, freshman Brian Miller (6-5, 225), a quarterback from Johnson City, Tennessee, signed with UCF after visiting Clemson, Florida, Kentucky, and Tennessee. Miller will probably redshirt next season to learn the offense while Peno, Kelvin Robinson, and Brad Banks man the Knights offense.

"What he (Peno) brings to the table is tremendous experience against great opponents. He's a seasoned quarterback mechanically," Kruczek said. "He (Miller) throws a 93-mph fastball and can throw a football 80 yards. He has run our offense (in high school). I think he'll be the quar-

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-Mike Kruczek

Knights aim for TAAC perfection

at UCF Arena

JEFF CASE

The UCF women's basketball team (13-9, 9-1) is sitting atop the TAAC standings with six games left in its conference schedule. The Knights have all but assured themselves a seed in the TAAC Tournament March 4-6, but refuse to be content with their success.

"If you're happy where you are, things start to go downhill," said coach Lynn Bria. "There's always something to work on and improve upon. I'm never satisfied."

First on the list of improvements is finishing the home TAAC season without a loss. The Knights are 4-0 this season at the UCF Arena and close out the home schedule this week against Florida Atlantic on Feb. 11, Samford on Feb. 13 and Jacksonvile State on Feb. 15.

The Knights have never finished a season undefeated and need all they can muster to keep their home court advantage. FAU (3-17, 1-9) is having a difficult season and is likely looking forward to the season's end on Feb. 27. The Owls rank near the bottom of the TAAC in scoring defense, allowing 77.8 points a game, while also ranking last in free throw percentage (38 percent).

But what the Owls lack in scoring they make up for in defense. FAU is third in blocked shots per game (2.60) and fifth in steals per game (9.4). UCF defeated FAU 77-62 in Boca Raton on Jan. 4 and should be able to take advantage of the Owls shooting and scoring woes. The Knights average a third-best 69.2 points a game and hold opponents to 66.6 points a game.

"We're confident, but we can't afford to have big egos," center Camille Howard said. "We have to play..."