Election results disqualified

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The Judicial Council will meet tonight at 7 p.m. in the Student Union to decide whether to uphold the Election Commission's disqualification of Student Government President-elect Darin Patton and Vice President-elect Andrew Cupicha.

Patton and Cupicha were disqualified by the Election Commission on March 8 for failure to pay a $5 fine for violating campaign rules. But, the actual time frame to pay the fine and the meeting that was held to disqualify the candidates are issues that have brought up serious questions.

"We tried to pay the fine soon after the violation was given, but the accountant did not have a list of who was to pay and how much the tickets owed," Patton said.

According to various memos, the candidates' ticket was fined on Feb. 19 for violating election statute 604.1.C, which states that "there shall be no visible campaign materials...during voting hours."

Even though the commission fined the ticket on Feb. 19, on March 4 the Coordinator of Administrative Services told Chief Election Commissioner Cheryl Fox that he still had not received a list of the tickets that had been fined.

"To date, I have not received a list of candidates assessed elections fines and their totals," a memo to Fox reads. "I have had candidates ask me how to pay, but if I don't know how, then there is no way for me to post their names and respective fines."

But the actual decision to disqualify Patton and Cupicha is questionable. No meeting was held and the entire process was done privately.

MEETING

Improper water sampling to blame for contamination

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NEWS EDITOR

Sampling mistakes are being blamed for the elevated levels of lead and copper found in UCF's campus supply on Feb. 15. None of the sites exceeded the lead and copper levels upon retesting.

The University's Environmental Systems Engineering Institute conducted the investigation, which was commissioned by UCF's Physical Plant Department. The Institute's report, delivered to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection on March 17, concluded that university students, staff and faculty were not exposed to harmful levels of lead and copper. The levels were a result of DEP sampling practices designed to simulate a worst-case scenario.

DEP and Environmental Protection Agency regulations call for faucets that will be dislodged and discontaminate the samples. This is done to recreate a scenario in which water sits in pipes overnignt before people take their first drink.

In this case, shutting the valves off caused metal particles to dislodge and contaminate the samples.

Get out of the country—at least for the summer

Sarah Sekula
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Dr. Miria E. Blanes, an Exceptional Education professor who is leading a trip to Puerto Rico in June, said the reasons for becoming familiar with other cultures is endless. Changes in our nation's demographics make cultural understanding important.

CULTURAL
Greeks vote to postpone Homecoming changes

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STAFF WRITER

Greek Council voted to postpone the proposed Homecoming changes until next year, allowing them more time to look at other ways of matching up fraternity and sorority teams.

Originally, a suggestion was made last semester to change the traditional team matching process to ease the competition between groups. However, with the school year quickly coming to a close, the decision was made to allow the usual Homecoming match up process to take place, with fraternities serenading sororities all this week.

IN OTHER NEWS FROM GREEK ROW:

• Alpha Delta Pi invites all fraternities to compete in their charity, the Alpha Delta Pi 8 Ball, today at Calico Jacks. The event will consist of a two on two competitive pool tournament benefiting the Ronald McDonald house.
• Sigma Chi Fraternity will host their annual Derby Days this semester, starting today and continuing through Friday. This philanthropy benefits the Children's Miracle Network and will have the eight sororities competing in various events to raise money and be this year’s winner.
• Last year, Derby collected over $1,000 in new and used toys and made a $1,500 donation to the Children’s Miracle Network.
• Chi Omega looks forward to celebrating their Founder’s Day Eleusinia banquet on Monday. This date will mark the sorority’s founding 103 years ago. It is also the one-year anniversary of the Chi Omega UCF chapter.

Networking students

The School of Social Work sponsored a job fair on March 26th in the Student Union Cape Florida Ballroom. Students and alumni brought resumes to interview with agencies.

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No lead or copper found in samples

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Demand on campus at that time was low. Therefore, the report concludes, the samples collected were not a fair representation of normal water usage.

James Taylor and Luke Mulford, colleagues in the Engineering Institute, drew samples from 33 of the 40 previously tested buildings without turning off the valves.

Four of the previously sampled sites were tested after the valves had been shut off. Results showed concentrations 200-500 percent higher than samples taken without turning off the valves.

A revised sampling plan was submitted to the DEP suggesting that sampling be conducted during normal school hours in the middle of a week when school is in session. The plan suggests that samples be taken from water taps on the inside of the dorms instead of the outside taps that had been tested.

In the future, administrators will designate the sites that will be used as collection spots with signs prohibiting use and the valves should not be used during sampling.

The investigation also revealed that the finished water leaving the treatment facility is non-corrosive but below the minimum recommended pH level. James Uhlir, director of UCF's Environmental Health and Safety Department, said the low levels were the result of an improper electronic control setting.

"It is a secondary factor compared with the valve issue, but a contributing one none the less," Uhlir said.

The EPA conducts water sampling every six months. UCF administrators posted warnings on February 15 upon receiving the results of the original tests. The warnings urged everyone on the main campus to run the water for at least 30 seconds before drinking it.

Original results from 15 of the buildings showed elevated levels of lead and copper.

Initially, administrators thought the university's anti-corrosion system, installed about a year ago, was not working properly. The system is designed to coat fixtures and prevent metals from leaching into the water. The report found the system to be built and functioning properly.

Dean McFall, director of University Relations, said the university is waiting for the DEP to respond to the report and that university officials are "confident in the data and recommendations the university presented."

Meeting may have broken Sunshine Law

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"I didn't want it to be a big circus and have people there screaming at us, 'You're doing a bad job, good job, whatever,'" Fox said. "I called all the commissioners on the phone and we talked about it. I asked them if you feel uncomfortable with this memo [notifying Patton and Cupicha of their disqualification], please tell me. To me, it was black and white. They told me they felt fine with it."

Florida's Government-in-the-Sunshine Law requires that the meetings of all state agencies and their affiliated bodies must be open to the public, it must be announced and minutes must be taken. It also states that board members cannot meet with each other and discuss information that might be dealt with by the agency or commission.

Patton said the first time he heard about the disqualification was in the memo sent to him on March 8.

"I've spoken to individual commissioners who have stated that minutes are never put up and we check the board regularly and don't recall ever seeing any minutes posted. There was no meeting held about the issue," he said.

Some students feel that the Election Commission, Student Government and the Judicial Council need to listen more to students' opinions.

"The [Student] Government doesn't know what the majority of students think," Lee-Anne Tobia said. "We're not really informed about events and decisions they make. It almost seems like they live in their own world sometimes."

Cupicha said he feels that he and Patton are not able to effectively help students until this incident is put behind them.

"Student Government is there to do a lot more than what's being done now. A lot of work needs to be done that's not getting done now. We paid our $5 [fine] and we're ready to get to work for the students and we can't."

College students are used to waiting. At the registration office, at the bookstore, at the food court around noon, you will find students in a line...waiting. Waiting for people inside and outside Tuesday's "Get Carded" Campaign Kickoff. The event was held at UCF for the organ and tissue donation program.

The "Get Carded" program is designed for people inside and outside UCF to sign and carry a donor card for the cause of organ and tissue donation. Although this program is barely three years old, it has already been embraced by students, campus organizations, faculty, alumni and UCF President John C. Hitt, according to Volunteer UCF's Student Director Melissa Zelinker.

"To date, more than 17,000 Organ & Tissue Donor Cards have been shared. "Get Carded" works because we work together," Zelinker said.

Members of Volunteer UCF's campaign partner TransLife were also at the Kickoff. TransLife is Orlando's organ & tissue donor program and is home to "a shared, "Get Carded" program." The program is designed to raise awareness about organ donation and to encourage people to register as donors. The program is currently hiring for Package Handlers, who will be responsible for handling and sorting packages at the TransLife distribution center. The starting pay is $15 per hour, with an opportunity for advancement.

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Cultural diversity ‘a must have’ for today’s workforce

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ural diversity the rule rather than the exception, Blanes said. As stu-
dents prepare to join the work-
force they must gain the knowl-
edge and skills necessary to inter-
act successfully with people of
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Getting rid of the ‘crud’

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Last week I woke up with this familiar feeling that makes you groan with unhappiness with the realization that you are going to be sick: a sore throat.

It doesn’t start with the full-fledged aching throat, but only an irritating, tingling pain. Just as a storm moves off the coast and out to sea, by the end of the day the common “ crud” had moved into me.

The “crud” has abounded on our campus for the last month. When you are in the Student Union you hear students talking, even the occasional hork as someone clears out their nasal passages.

And now I had it. Like the others who think they are well enough to come to school, I fought off the rational part of my brain that said “stay home and go see a doctor,” which is smarter than me. My sneezes splattered on school desks and my coughs echoed down the hallways, reminiscent of a cat with a hairball stuck in his throat.

After about four days of “fighting” the cold I succumbed to rationality and went to the Student Health Clinic. It was the kind of day that whispered to me things like “blow off school” and “go to the beach.” I don’t hear voices everyday, so I figured I had better take these into heavy consideration. Class was blown off and I headed out to Cocoa Beach where I put a blanket out and laid down to try. Similar to some of my favorite things to eat, a itsy-bitsy bit of good could be found in this.

But, as the day came to a close and I packed up my things, I became aware that I was not sniffing up the inside. The “crud” was gone.

Albeit, it was replaced with a sunburn, a small price to pay for a good day of impeccable weather with blue skies, a slight, cool breeze and a warm, shining sun. It was the kind of day that whispered to me things like “blow off school” and “go to the beach.”

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And that’s my concern. I guess I couldn’t care less about karma. But feeling good, whether it’s with an iced mocha latte or a Stryper CD, is better take these into heavy consideration. Class was blown off and I headed out to Cocoa Beach where I put a blanket out and laid down to try. Similar to some of my favorite things to eat, a itsy-bitsy bit of good could be found in this.

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And that’s my concern. I guess I couldn’t care less about karma. But feeling good, whether it’s with an iced mocha latte or a Stryper CD, is definitely the best part of being sick. The good old purines that is as potent as most liquors and the coffee shop in the bookstore, not positive karma.

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Student calls for review of financial aid law

Last October, President Clinton signed into law the Higher Education Act of 1998 (House of Representatives Bill 6). Created in 1965 to open college opportunities for all Americans, the HEA is fully reviewed and amended by Congress every four to five years. Included in the latest reauthorization is an amendment regarding college students' eligibility for federal financial assistance, sponsored by Rep. Mark Souder, (R-Ind.), that will close college opportunities for many college students. Section 483 will deny or delay federal funds, whether its grants, loans, or work-study, to students convicted of any state or federal drug offense.

Unfortunately, either by accident or by design, this law will have a discriminatory impact on working-class families and people of color. In the state of New York, almost 95 percent of those in prison for drug offenses are African-American or Latino, but the fact is that the majority of people and the majority of drug users are white. This new drug law puts at risk the education of millions of children in a misguided attempt by politicians to prove they are "tough on crime." But the children of many well-to-do legislators need not worry about losing their college opportunities; they can afford to pay for their own education. We feel that to do otherwise is simply a good society. And for far too many students, this new law will only hurt the young people who need our help the most.

Student governments at colleges across the nation are passing a resolution to reform the provision, and we are hopeful that the awareness generated will translate into legislative action in Congress. The effort is already making a difference, and just last week a bill embodying its essence was introduced in the House by Barney Frank, (D-Mass.). By passing this resolution, you will be helping to make a difference to correct this unjust law.

—Gina Carson

Tern 'man' almost gone

I recently read an article in a business journal about the efforts of a company to regain its market share using the newest Internet technology. I remember this article because it had something in it I hadn't seen in a long time. The article referred to the company's top guy as the "chairman." "Chairman" I thought, How refreshing to see that word again after such a long time. Today every major journal, book, or other publication uses the word "chairperson" or simply "Chair." It is just part of the on-going campaign to erase the word "man" from the English vocabulary. Every word that used to contain "man" or "men" has been changed to something more acceptable to everyone. You see, the word "mankind" has been largely successful in most areas of our society. Today, the only place you will find the word "man" is, perhaps, at the Selective Service Department—where only "men" are slated to be drafted and sent to war. That's right. While the government has been feverishly rewriting laws to make men and women equal, this is one law they have chosen to keep as is. You may also find the word "man" within the hundreds of "affirmative action" programs specifically designed to discriminate against men in school admissions, hiring, promotions, etc.

Why have the efforts to erase the word "man" been so successful in our country? Because American men are suckers. While other groups fight for their rights and try to increase their power in society, American men are told they don't have to do the same (unless, of course, they are a man "of color"). We have accepted the establishment's rules on this and haven't questioned it. Until we wake up and stop being such suckers, the establishment will continue to succeed in its efforts.

—Jeff Burhans
On Kosovo: a failure to communicate

Trudy Rubin
National Writer

The ugly situation in Kosovo reminds me of a movie I once saw about a postman in Egypt.

The postman was so bored he used to open and read the mail before he delivered it, and feed the postage on a bunch of letters. Afraid his nosiness would be discovered, he hid the damaged letters. The lives of the addressees were tragically altered because some urgent messages were never delivered.

The confrontation in Kosovo has become more dangerous because of messages that were sent undelivered. The recalcitrant "postmen" mainly work for the Clinton administration; they include the president himself and much of his top policy team. Despite a year of threats and meetings over Kosovo, they never communicated clearly to the public, Congress, Serbs or Kosovars the U.S. goals in the region, or how far they were willing to go to achieve them.

Those undelivered (or unclear) messages will make it much costlier to resolve the Kosovo crisis.

In fairness, it isn't easy to be clear about Kosovo, a southern region of Serbia whose population is 90 percent ethnic Albanian. But NATO's interest revolves around three points, which should have been the basis for all messages to the Congress, Serbs or Kosovars around three points, which should have been the basis for all messages to the Congress, Serbs or Kosovars.

All Serb repression of ethnic Albanians has been the basis for all messages to be clear, and aren't willing to wait for the uncertain day when democracy comes to Belgrade, when they could live peacefully as a self-governing entity within Serbia. Nor are ordinary Kosovars willing to help hasten that day; they won't stop boycotting national Serb elections and join forces with Serb opposition parties, even though this move might propel the opposition to victory.

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The conflict in Kosovo has been a study in ambiguity. Warning about warNG about war after earthquakes less if he didn't notice the victims. Even the current ultimatum was followed by yet another visit to Belgrade by U.S. Negatory Richard Holbrooke, which gave Yugoslav troops the extra time to carry out massive attacks on Kosovo villages and guerrilla forces.

Now Milosevic has created such a refugee emergency in Kosovo that NATO may have to shift its goals. Instead of focusing on pressing Milosevic to sign the plan for Kosovo autonomy, Western leaders may need to focus on ending the new fighting, and negotiating with the Yugoslav leader to let more humanitarian aid workers in to help tens of thousands of refugees.

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**A vague post-Vietnam portrait**

**MARK JAMES**  
Staff Writer

Vietnam will remain a legacy well into the new millennium. Beverly Gologorsky attempts to put that into perspective in her new novel *The Things We Do To Make It Home*. The book begins not in Vietnam, but in New Jersey in 1973. A group of recently returned veterans gather with their spouses and girlfriends to watch the Watergate hearings. Fast-forward twenty years. Rooster is now a hairdresser, and their daughter Sara-Jo hates all things related to Vietnam, especially her father. Millie, Sara-Jo, and Rooster. We move in and out with friends or relatives. The story drifts from character to character, hardship to privilege, none of the veterans in the group can keep a job; they all come and go throughout the book.

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Gologorsky populates the novel with too many characters for its 211-page length. There is just not enough space to develop all of the characters and she resorts to telling about them rather than "showing" the reader about them. It is difficult to sympathize or relate to any of the characters and consequently, the only perspective offered is one of bewilderment. There have been many books and movies that address Vietnam and the trials of returning veterans. This is one of the first to address the legacy. Hopefully those that come later will provide some insight.

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**Dear Dr. Daphne,**

I have friends getting married soon and I need gift suggestions. I am broke and probably cannot afford their registry. Any thoughts?

—Short on Cash

**Dear Shorty,**

Best check out the registry first just to be sure, couples typically have some low cost items on their list just for broke folks like you. OR you can get creative. My typical low budget gift is a photo album, disposable camera, and certificate for developing. Decorative storage boxes are great, photo frames, or a basket of small stuff you noticed their home could use. And don't forget cash is also acceptable, no matter how much (or little). Honeymoons are not cheap! And always get a card and wish them your best.

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**Dear Dr. Daphne,**

My best friend hooked up with my ex-boyfriend. We only broke off a couple days ago and she was all over him this weekend. This is not the first time she has done this to me. How do I get her to stop?

—Betrayed

**Dear Friend of Trash,**

Your little "friendly" buddy has no right to do that IF you have discussed it, which I bet you haven't. You need to COMMUNICATE to her how this is not cool with you and if she doesn't want to oblige you need to move on. Girl will get herself a reputation (if she doesn't have one already) and you don't need that transferred to you.

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**Dear Dr. Daphne,**

How can I break it off with my significant other without hurting their feelings? I still care, but need some time to focus on other things.

—Needs Change

**Dear Moving On,**

Sometimes things just don't work out and you need space, it's understandable. You need to be honest and straight forward. Truth in this situation is necessary, and explain to them that you want to still be friends, but need a little distance right now. Make sure you discuss the post-break-up sex. Y'all need to decide that now so feelings don't get whacked later. We have all been there, they should be cool with that. If not, change your name and move. Nobody needs a stalker.

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Beverly Gologorsky

A host of dysfunctional characters populates this story of hard knocks in Beverly Gologorsky's debut novel, *The Things We Do To Make It Home*.
Computer music maker magic (almost)

STEPHEN UNGER
STAFF WRITER

Frederic Chopin spent hours shoehorning over a piano writing great piano music. He spent a great percentage of his life dipping a quill pen into an ink jar to sketch his nocturnes and mazurkas. He splattered dots on the page creating beautiful Waltzes and sonatas.

The cost of paper and ink is insignificant to the cost of today's music equipment. It requires thousands of dollars and a fairly broad knowledge of music theory. And the time it takes to compose great musical works are nearly as time consuming as it was 150 years ago...unlike you have a Magix Music Maker.

For under $100, Magix Music Maker simplifies the professional equipment needed to make studio quality music is compressed into a few simple sounds. According to the genre of music, there are categories that include a different collection of sounds. The list of available sounds covers nearly every category of MIDI files and other forms of sound storage. But having the Magix program all by itself will limit what you can do with the sounds you import. Sure, Magix has several options to change the effects of the sound. But standard MIDI devices, voice samplers and sequencing programs had infinite options on what can be accomplished with a single sound, and even a single note.

Finally, there is a large volume of sounds to choose from. So large it becomes time consuming-switching from one disc to the other, searching for the right sound. By the time a perfect sound is discovered, it equals the time required just to create an original sound.

Chopin’s playing is rolling over in his grave, because music is becoming easier to create. Magix not only provided numerous options for the musician, but it delivers a simple graphical environment that makes it fun and easy to use. Although the program claims to have unlimited features, the fact that it strictly relies on wave files somewhat restricts originality.

For the most part, a single computer program can nearly match the capabilities of a multi-million dollar production studio is not that bad.

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Chuck Shepherd's NEWS OF THE WEEK

Wrong Place, Wrong Time

Leo Koselka, 62, was rescued in Gresham, Ore., in November after being trapped underneath a train. According to police, he was standing between two tracks and was hit by a slow-moving westbound train that dragged him 15 feet before he broke free, but then fell into the path of a slow-moving eastbound train that dragged him 16 feet, thus leaving him in just about his original position.

In February, David Ibrahim filed a lawsuit in San Diego against several law enforcement agencies for $125,000 to cover the inconvenience and humiliation he suffered when jailed for seven days when police discovered methamphetamines in the gas tank of his Dodge Ram truck. Eventually, authorities came to realize that the meth had been placed in the truck by a drug dealer before the Drug Enforcement Administration seized it in a raid, but that DEA failed to find the stash before Ibrahim bought the truck at auction. On the other hand, police got a search warrant for Ibrahim's house, based on their truck stash, and in a startling coincidence found 93 grams of methamphetamine that did not come from the truck.

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Cliches Come to Life

In September, Jonesboro, Ga., high school science teacher Denis Walker, 43, proved her innocence of a student's charge that she had had an affair with him, by baring her breasts to show the jury a surgical scar by baring her breasts to show the jury a surgical scar which reduces time for Ibrahim's home, based on their truck stash, and in a startling coincidence found 93 grams of methamphetamine that did not come from the truck.

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Leading Economic Indicators

In March, Cairns, Egypt, school superintendent Maryanne Maurice, 37, was jailed for illegal street begging, after she was found guilty of the offense. She is reportedly being kept under guard at a downtown MoscOW bank; he had pulled a shotgun in an unsuccessful attempt to withdraw about $22,000 from his own account, which, like nearly everyone else's, is frozen. According to the officer's lawyer, visualizing the situation now causes him such emotional turmoil that he is not able to perform his duties.

Compelling Explanations

Among the reasons given by an unidentified Buffalo, N.Y., police officer in February in his request for full disability pay based on psychological injury was his having walked into a department store in 1997 to find officers celebrating an Easter Sunday mass. According to the officer's lawyer, visualizing the situation now causes him such emotional turmoil that he is not able to perform his duties.

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Updates

* In a high-profile trial in St. Paul, Minn., reported in News of the Weird in 1997, members of the wall-to-wall family of Gerald and Judy Dick were charged with hiring a personal shopper to steal expensive goods from Dayton's department store (although ultimately only Judy was convicted, and on a lesser charge). In February 1999, the Dicks' son Jim, 34, who had been accused in 1997 of paying a shopper $10,000 for $8,000 worth of Dayton's clothing and who now works as a professional model, was hired for Dayton's new spring fashions advertising campaign, apparently without Dayton's executives realizing it.

* News of the Weird reported in October 1998 on the on-the-job death by snake bite of serpent-handling preacher John W. (Pinkin) Brown Jr. Because Brown's wife died three years earlier (also a snake handler) (in Kentucky), the Browns' three children were objects of a custody fight between the two sets of grandparents. In February 1999, the wife's parents won primary custody, in a Newport, Tenn., hearing, in part because Mr. Brown's parents had allegedly violated an earlier court order never to take the children to a snake-handling church.

(send your Weird News to Chuck Shepherd, P.O. Box 8300, St. Petersburg, Fla. 33738, or Weird@con­servere.com)
Claire Danes moves into action arena

Barry Kolt
College Press Exchange

Los Angeles - Claire Danes is not where she is supposed to be, but she is right where she wants to be.

Where she is supposed to be is Dayton Beach, Canmore or Palm Springs, frolicking in the pool with her college friends, changing endless mugs of frothy beer and trying to win a wet T-shirt contest in front of thousands of screaming young men.

Just like all the college kids are doing on spring break, if I am to believe MTV.

But where she wants to be is a luxury suite at the Four Seasons hotel in Los Angeles, reclining on a comfortable sofa while watching questions about her new movie, "The Mod Squad," which opens Friday.

This dual life - yoga undergrad and Hollywood actress - works fine for Danes, as long as she keeps them separate.

"I don't miss being down there on spring break at all," the beautiful and delicate 19-year-old actress said as she slipped out of her shoes to get even more comfortable after a long day of interviews.

"I realize that a lot of kids my age are doing that, but I enjoy doing this. Believe me, I don't have to go down there to act stupid. There is plenty of room to act stupid in Hollywood.

"It just gets weird when the two worlds mix, like they did two weeks ago when I was in the middle of midterm exams and doing a press junket at the same time. Then I got a little schizophrenic. It's best for me when I keep the two worlds in neat compartments."

**Celebrity Profile**

Danes also is right where she wants to be in her career, said that includes her role as undercover cop Juliet Bowers, the role originated by Peggy Lipton in the 1960s TV series upon which the movie is based.

Danes co-stars with Omar Epps as Linc Hayes (originally played by Clarence Williams III) and Giovanni Ribisi as Pete Cochran (Michael Cole was the original Pete).

To veteran Danes watchers, who see the young star of "William Shakespeare's Romeo & Juliet" and "Little Women" as a serious artist in the Jodie Foster mold, this role in a teen action flick came as something of a jolt.

"That made me feel uncomfortable," she said.

"I felt it was time to challenge stereotype. It's important for an actress to test boundaries and try different things. Besides, I had just come off a very difficult film (the still unreleased "Brokedown Palace"), and I just wanted to have some fun on a movie set.

By the way, Danes did not want to discuss the controversy that surrounded the unfaltering remarks she made in Premiere magazine concerning health conditions in the Philippines, where she filmed "Palace." She has since apologized for the remarks, and the matter apparently has been dropped.

As for "The Mod Squad" which also features Dennis Farina in the Capt. Adam Greer role apparently has been dropped.

"The plot of the film hardly matters; it's all about the chemistry among the three young stars, Even Danes has to agree. "It doesn't focus on the story," she acknowledged. "It relies more on these three people and on the tension between the youth and adult cultures. Oh, it's just a lot of fun."

Danes gives an apologetic shrug when she is asked if she knew at an early age that acting would be her life.

"I know it's weird but I always knew," she said with a sheepish smile. "But I don't take any credit for it. It was innate. I just seemed to understand acting naturally. It just always made sense to me."

The New York native began acting classes at 10, appeared in numerous theater productions and even worked repeatedly in episodic television before landing the dream role of Angela Chase in the network show "My So-Called Life."

The well-written and well-received show was off the air after one season, but it continues to live in reruns.

"I understand why people still hold on to that show so tenaciously," she said. "It was a really impressive show."

It also launched Danes to the next level, and she buckled up for the ride to the big screen.


But, in the middle of this cornucopia of good luck, she decided to enroll at Yale University, where her grandfather was once dean of the School of Architecture.

She knows that such decisions have permanently disrupted acting careers before her, and she hopes it does not have the same effect on her career. Yet, she feels it is worth the risk.

"Grades are irrelevant and diplomas are irrelevant," she said. "I think it's about learning new stuff."

(Her classes for the spring semester included design, modernism in the city, adolescent psychology, women's health and computer science.)

"It's healthy for me to be around people my own age. It helps me to be independent. The destructive thing about being an actress in Hollywood is that you find yourself surrounded by an imperious gang of employees who tell you from life experiences. That encourages stagnation."

Danes said she has had no special problems adjusting to college life (she started last fall), and speculated that that might have something to do with the school she chose to attend.

Yale doesn't seem to be impressed with the movie stars in their midst.

"Once people hear me speak, or get to know me a little bit, they are immediately disillu-

sted," she said jokingly in a case of self-deprecation. "My celebrity becomes an instant nonissue."

"This is especially true at a place like Yale," she added. "They have some impressive legacies of their own at that school, and some pretty healthy egos to go along with those legacies."

Danes said the only downside to her celebrity outside Yale is the loss of anonymity, but that is not a problem within the ivy-covered walls.

"There is this woman near the school who works at the store that does the color reproductions of my work from graphics class. She is the nicest woman and has absolutely no idea who I am."

"Whenever I see her, she hands me my stuff and we have this ongoing private joke. I thank her and she says, 'When you get done, tell the world about me.'"

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Summerteeth, Wilco’s third offering of original tunes, is a further musical departure from the band’s country-rock roots. Lyrically songwriter Jeff Tweedy fums the same fields that dominated the first two albums, 1995’s A.M. and Being There from 1996. Most of the songs are love songs, not the blossoming of first or inying love, but that of lived in comfort, the kind that is easier to stay in than to leave. “Via Chicago” and “ELT” are departures from the love theme with lyrics such as “I dreamed about killing you again last night / and it felt alright to me.” Musically, Summerteeth is pure pop. Tweedy brings in pianos, keyboards, and synthesizers to expand the sound range. There is he is at home with the down home lyrics and the pop. Tweedy brings in pianos, keyboards, and synthesizers to expand the sound range. There is

—from the same author

—Mark James

Citizen King
Mobile Estates (Warner Bros.)
www.citizenking.com

I liked them better when they were called Sugar Ray. Not really, but at least Sugar Ray used the write a decent rock song every once in a while before they “flew” away to top 40 radio. Citizen King is the 11,000th band who thought it was a good idea to start a band with turntables. Once they got the almighty deal they made a video that looked like a bad rip-off of Jane’s Addiction’s “Been Caught Stealing.” Thus the band was ready for mass consumption. Their mix of bad funk, trendy techno, awful disco, lame rap and paper thin rock is disposable at best and annoying at worst. Any self-respecting music lover should ignore this blagorous waste of paper and plastic and deport these citizens to whatever 4th rate frat party they came from.

—from the same author

—Ramiro Vazquez

Static X
Wisconsin Death Trip (Warner Bros.)
www.teamstatic-x.com

www.estimate.com

These CD reminds me of last two Prong CDs and that’s good thing because I like Prong. Like Prong before them Static-X tries to mix the heaviness of bands like Pantera with electronic music. Songs like “Push it” and “I am” are very moshable while others like “Lover Dump” and “December” have darker undertones. The weak link of the CD is the vocals. I wasn’t really impressed by the Rob Zombie on crack vocal style. I’ve had enough of hearing wannabe Korn bands do the screech and growl thing. If that’s your style I suggest you listen to Static-X the music has enough heavy grooves and weird noises to appeal to the baggy pants crowd. Their songs are superior to the average Nothingface and Spinetail crap and they have a twisted sense of humor without being annoying like Limp Bizquit.

—from the same author

—Ramiro Vazquez

Penelope Houston
Tongue (Reprise)

This chick rocks! She is all about honesty and that “in your face” style which makes this CD so impressive. Houston made it all by herself, which is a genre based on lyrical empowerment—very personal and poetic. Tongue is no different, except that its backdrop is totally fresh and modern with a variety of rock, pop, and electronic music accompanied by the amazing lyrics. If you have ever loved, hated, lusted after, or laughed at anyone you will love this. Everyone has that one person they absolutely despise and Houston is no exception. After listening to her song “Scum,” I would not want to be that person. “Why don’t you just crawl beneath a rock and die, I doubt even your Mama would defend you, you’re the worst, mistake God has ever made.” Pretty harsh, huh? In On the flip side, “Frankenstein Heart” uses a very unique set of words which boils down to picking up the pieces and learning to love again. Frankenstein wouldn’t be the first person that comes to mind when I think about love, but hey, whatever works.

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Watch out for new players if ruling stands

- Kevin McNamara

Knight Ridder

TAMPA – You are a college basketball coach and your job is to find talent. You lost a ton of games this winter. Your job is in jeopardy.

Two weeks ago, a federal judge in Philadelphia may have answered your prayers. You now can see the future and it includes a lightning quick point guard with a killer jumper and an aircraft carrier-size big man who cleans the glass. Neither one has a chance to score anywhere near $200 on his SAT, but guess what? That no longer matters.

College basketball coaches descended on the Tampa Bay area on Thursday and a vast majority will be crossing their fingers this fall even next fall. Perhaps this fall will be the boulder holding teams back. Perhaps this fall will remain in place until the group's standards, the vast majority in high school are easy. That portion of the NCAA's standards will remain in place. The SAT or ACT have become the boulder holding teams back. Roll that away and coaches across the country can dream big dreams.

If the appeal is upheld, the old rules will remain in place until the group's membership comes up with a new set that satisfies the court. Even the NCAA regards this as a long shot.

"If the appeal is successful, it gives us some time to address our evaluation process," NCAA president Cedric Drumgoole said. "We are cautiously optimistic, but at the same time we're making preparations if it is rejected."

Although most coaches insist they'd like to see some standards stay in place, the vast majority are praying any semblance of the standardized tests are thrown out for good. Getting a super player 2.0 or even a 2.5 grade-point average in high school is easy. That portion of the NCAA's standards will remain in place. The SAT or ACT have become the boulder holding teams back. Roll that away and coaches across the country can dream big dreams.

"It's going to dilute college basketball even more," said Gonzaga coach Don Monson. "There's going to be so many of them that the big schools can't take them all. That of it helps the mid-majors conferences."

Most schools are playing the waiting game, fearing the NCAA might win its appeal. If that unlikely scenario plays out and a school admits three or four players who couldn't qualify under the old rules, they might lose them when the season starts in October.

"We need guys who can play," PC assistant Steve DeMeo said. "We can't risk losing anyone right now."

Others won't be so cautious. There are no doubt many coaches who always had a B-list tucked away in a drawer. That list contained names and phone numbers of the super high school and European talents who were long shots of ever achieving a strong enough SAT or ACT score. Now those players are in the mix. Forget prep school, junior college or some other pit-stop kids use to brush up on academics. Now you can suit up for Cincinnati, Fresno State, Louisiana, Mississippi State, Miami or some other school that will no doubt look the other way and roll out the red carpet for a player with great skills.

URI is involved with at least two players who fit the bill. Jim Harrick, signed point guard Tony Cole last fall. Cole has the ball-handling ability the Rams need, but he's also jumped from high schools in Los Angeles, Massachusetts and Louisiana in the past three years. That's apparently cut down on his ability to post a strong enough standardized test score. Also, Rhody is hot after Milwaukee guard Marshall Williams. He's also short on the score. The ruling will affect hoop prospects all over the world. With no need of a grasp of basic English, a slew of European jump-shooters and big men could end up living out their hoop dreams on a college campus this fall.

Other schools aren't so happy. Some colleges won't swing open their doors to the academically challenged, no matter what the standards say. In the Big East, Boston College and Notre Dame come to mind. This is not good news for those two programs. Both are in the mix. Forget prep school, junior college or some other pit-stop kids use to brush up on academics. Now you can suit up for Cincinnati, Fresno State, Louisiana, Mississippi State, Miami or some other school that will no doubt look the other way and roll out the red carpet for a player with great skills.

"We can't get those kids into school here," said BC assistant Tim O'Shea. "Even if we could, they probably wouldn't be able to do enough to stay here. This could have a big effect on some schools."

Notre Dame should consider leaving the Big East if this ever comes to pass. The Irish, with their ridiculous, holier-than-thou attitude, are digging a huge hole. Earlier this week, the Irish could have filled their coaching vacancy with Utah's Rick Majerus, one of the elite coaches in the country. Sources here insist that Majerus was ready to move to South Bend if offered the job. Instead, the school determined Majerus didn't meet their academic standards and Majerus didn't meet their academic standards and Majerus didn't meet their academic standards and Majerus didn't meet their academic standards and Majerus didn't meet their academic standards and Majerus didn't meet their academic standards and Majerus didn't meet their academic standards and Majerus didn't meet their academic standards and Majerus didn't meet their academic standards and Majerus didn't meet their academic standards and Majerus didn't meet their academic standards and Majerus didn't meet their academic standards and Majerus didn't meet their academic standards and Majerus didn't meet their academic standards and Majerus didn't meet their academic standards and Majerus didn't meet their academic standards and Majerus didn't meet their academic standards and Majerus didn't meet their academic standards and Majerus didn't meet their academic standards and Majerus didn't meet their academic standards and Majerus didn't meet their academic standards and Majerus didn't meet their academic standards and Majerus didn't meet their..."
Businesses damaged during weekend riot at Michigan State

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As shards of glass are cleared away and boards replace broken glass windows, East Lansing business owners and MSU students are wondering how a basketball game resulted in property destruction.

"College students get drunk every weekend, but they don’t riot," said Kristyn Hausauer, a journalism senior and shift supervisor at Bruegger’s Bagels, 505 E. Grand River Ave. "It is hard to believe that college students could act so irresponsibly."

The bagel shop’s glass door was shattered when rioters threw a wooden barricade through it. It was among at least 24 downtown windows damaged in this weekend’s riot, according to statistics released Sunday by East Lansing police. The riot began as fans flooded city and campus streets after MSU lost the men’s basketball game. Fires and destruction continued until nearly dawn.

"We already lost a couple hundred bucks just to put that wood in there," Hausauer said of the plywood board that replaced the glass.

Hausauer said the only thing businesses can do to prevent broken windows is "pray that it never happens again."

Attempting to avoid destruction as crowds swarmed the city, Joel Lichty, owner of Veritas Wine Shop, 110 Division St., kept the lights off Saturday night. He stayed in the business in case rioters broke in, but his store was untouched.

"It was really angry, but you don’t know who to focus your anger on," said Lichty, who has been at the Division Street location for two years. "This is the worst yet."

Connected to Lichty’s store is Footgear, 108 Division St., where a large window was broken and single shoes were taken from a display.

"This store is not a chain," said Sharon Waldron, an English senior and employee. "There are only two people who work here so this is going to be a big expense."

"We’ve worked here for three years, so it is kind of like my store, too. You’re not hurting the city, you’re hurting the individual store owners."

Waldron said students’ reaction after the game was ridiculous.

"People are more worried about a basketball game than (the fact) we are bombing people (in Kosovo)," she said.

Businesses weren’t the only victims of property damage.

Animal science freshman Claire Lowe was sleeping in her residence hall when someone woke her to tell her her 1981 DeLorean had been flipped on its roof on Abbott Road near Campbell Hall around 11 p.m. A DeLorean is featured in the "Back to the Future" films.

"This place is full of such intelligent people, and people have such ridiculous actions," Lowe said.

Windows also were broken at Quality Dairy, 1109 E. Grand River Ave., where two windows were smashed; Student Book Store, 417 E. Grand River, where three windows were smashed; Tony’s Restaurant, 235 E. Grand River Ave., where a window was broken; Footgear, 108 Division St., where a window was broken; and Jacobson’s, 333 E. Grand River, where display windows were broken. A window also was broken in the MSU Federal Credit Union, 533 E. Grand River.

"It’s just a mess," said Laura Griffin, a University of Michigan biophysics sophomore, said she lent her 1989 Ford Tempo to her boyfriend for the weekend. Griffin’s car was among the eight vehicles destroyed this weekend by rioters.

"My boyfriend has a lot of explaining to do," Griffin said.

"I feel kind of mad," she said. "I just spent this weekend with a bunch of State people from a sorority. (The University of Michigan) lost a hockey game last night and I don’t see anything damaged around here."

Other damaged businesses included: Taco Bell, 565 E. Grand River Ave., where two windows were smashed; Student Book Store, 417 E. Grand River, where three windows were smashed; Tony’s Restaurant, 235 Ann St., where a window was broken; and Jacobson’s, 333 E. Grand River, where display windows were broken. A window also was broken in the MSU Federal Credit Union, 533 E. Grand River.
A weekly look at campus crime briefs

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SEATTLE - A student who was apparently upset about receiving a second failing grade in his English class brandished weapons and held two people hostage at Seattle Central Community College.

No one was injured during the March 17 ordeal. Campus police arrested Kui-Ting Hung and charged him with assault, threats with intent to cause injury and holding people hostage.

Witnesses said Hung was screaming as he hurled insults at police, demanding to see a stuck-in-the-box, and threatened to shoot police officers.

According to police reports, Hung continued to hold the weapons and scream as he tried to leave the building. He was arrested before he could get out.

School officials said program directors will evaluate whether Hung, who is a Taiwanese student enrolled in the college’s international studies program, should be discharged. He has twice failed a class focused on English as a second language and could have difficulty keeping his student visa because he has failed to demonstrate satisfactory academic progress, school officials said.

TUCSON, Ariz. - A student at the University of Arizona called police March 17 after finding a threatening note on her car.

According to the Daily Wildcat, the message stated: “You stole my man you whore. I know who you are and know where you live. I’m going to come and get you later this afternoon.”

The student told police she had no idea who left the note and was frightened by what she called an apparent mix-up.

PALO ALTO, Calif. - Stanford University’s oldest fraternity was shut down March 8 after being connected to two alcohol-related incidents.

Marc Wais, dean of students, revoked Phi Delta Theta’s charter for the next five years. His decision was backed by a unanimous recommendation from the university’s Greek Judicial Board.

The fraternity’s troubles started last April when then-freshman Kevin Smith, who was rushing the group, was seriously injured during what was later determined to be an act of hazing involving alcohol. The fraternity was ordered to ban alcohol at all events.

Michael Smith, 21, of Pennsylvania, was found not guilty by reason of insanity in the case of his brother’s death, according to the Daily Stanford.

Michael has relatives.

But while on probation, the Phi Deltas managed to screw up again in October when senior Michael Howard fell 20 feet from a balcony at the house. He was hospitalized for several weeks and has not been able to return to school since the accident.

University officials investigated circumstances leading up to Howard’s fall and determined he had been drinking at a house gathering in violation of the probation’s restrictions.

LOS ANGELES - Police are searching for a man accused of posing as a casting agent and sexually abusing women he solicited near the University of California-Los Angeles.

Prosecutors filed a 31-count indictment March 16 charging Peers, 50, with sexual battery, videotaping without permission and penetration by a foreign object.

Police departments across the state have been alerted to be on the lookout for Peers, who ran what are believed to be two bogus businesses, the Showbiz Club and Casting Studios of America, out of his apartment. Campus police also are in touch with New York authorities, where Peers, also known as Mario Perez, has relatives.

The indictment names 14 alleged victims, all of whom are students at UCLA, between the ages of 18 and 21.

Investigators say Peers approached the women on or near the campus and invited them back to his home, purportedly to discuss careers in modeling, dancing and acting. Court records state that many of the women told police that once inside Peers’ apartment, he would insist that they remove their clothes.

Some of the women alleged that Peers photographed them when they were nude, applying oil to their bodies, and in some instances, stimulating their breasts, a statement released by the Los Angeles City Attorney’s office said.

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Jury acquits 2 police officers in student beating

ALBANY, N.Y. (CPX) - Two Albany police officers have been acquitted of charges of choking a college student, prompting cheers from police and requests for a police review board from community activists.

The officers, William Bonanni, 31, and Sean McKenna, 30, were cleared March 24 of second- and third-degree assault charges against former Albany college student Jermaine Henderson, 23, of Sharon, Mass. The officers were in a bar and off-duty when they encountered Henderson in October 1997. Prosecutors said Bonanni and McKenna abused the authority entrusted in them after they got into a fight with Henderson. The officers arrested Henderson and were accused of giving him a ride to a nearby police garage, where prosecutors said they beat the student in retaliation for the dispute.

The seven women and five men serving on the jury were forced to weigh the testimony of a civilian van driver who said he momentarily saw the officers kick and punch Henderson against testimony from McKenna, who said they didn't. Henderson didn't testify because he was not granted immunity from prosecution, leaving much of his claim hinging on the driver, who took the officers and Henderson to the police station for booking. When first approached by investigators, the driver said he didn't see anything, but at the trial, testified that he watched the officers attack the student.

The driver's changing story convinced jurors there wasn't enough evidence to convict the officers without a doubt, said McKenna, who said they didn't.

Despite the acquittal, the officers and Henderson face other potential troubles. Bananni and McKenna remain suspended from the force without pay and still face felony perjury charges for allegedly lying to a grand jury that was investigating their conduct. There is also an open federal investigation into whether the officers violated Henderson's civil rights. The city of Albany settled a civil rights claim the former student filed against it for $60,000. The city also is pursuing departmental charges that could result in both officers' dismissal from the force.

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UCF, known for its defense? On Saturday, March 13, the UCF football team finished their spring practices with the annual Black & Gold Game at the Citrus Bowl. This year’s installment of the contest was in stark contrast to last year’s offensive shootout. In a game where points were hard to come by and defenses dominated, the Gold team came away with a 17-6 victory over the Black.

The game was an opportunity for the Knights to show they could perform on offense without Daunte Culpepper, but it was the defense that provided the highlights. Senior cornerback Jeff Fye, scored both of the game’s touchdowns on defense for the Gold. The first came off an interception Black Team QB Chris Ryan. Midway through the second quarter, Fye stepped in front of Ryan’s pass intended for Britt McGriff and went 36 yards for the game’s first points. Late in the third quarter, Fye picked up a fumbled snap by Ryan and went 82 yards untouched to close out the scoring.

“I was in the right places in the right times,” said Fye about his spring game heroics.

The defenses, coached by second-year defensive coordinator Otis Chlor, were the stars of the game. Despite being without starting tackles Howard and Edward Demps, as well as linebackers Deanthroy Devine, Tito Rodriguez and Chris Gunn, the two squads allowed only one offensive score—a field goal. Sophomore tackle Josh McKibben, also a member of the Gold team, closed out a strong spring with a performance that included a sack, a number of tackles, and constant pressure on Ryan.

Walk-on linebacker Chris Polinko had eight tackles, while junior safety Damian Demps provided some highlights with a couple of big hits. “Defensively all spring we’ve been dominant and they were dominant again today,” Coach Mike Kruczek said. Everyone flew around on defense and made great plays.”

The offensive units for both sides struggled. When they were able to sustain a drive and move the ball down the field, they stalled in the red zone. “We’re definitely going to have to be the ones to hold the team up,” said senior defensive end Mary Richardson. “Our offense is young, and we’ve got to be the ones making the big plays.”

The only offensive points scored all day came on a third quarter field goal by Javier Bourregé, who also missed another field goal try. The offensive lines had trouble clearing a strong arm with some nice deep throws and passes over the middle, but missed a lot of open receivers and was lucky not to have thrown more interceptions.

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Fye leads Gold to victory over Black

David Marsters
Staff Writer

Black team with 7 catches for 67 yards and Britt McGriff had 65 yards on 6 catches. Tavarious Davis added 23 yards on 4 catches for the Gold squad. Projected starting wide receiver Kenny Clark wasn’t a major factor in the game, but Coach Kruczek singled him out after the game for his leadership and efforts in trying to make things happen even when the ball wasn’t coming his way. “We moved the ball downfield in the second half,” said Clark. “In the first half we struggled...but we weren’t playing with our first team offense. We’re going to straighten everything out in camp and come out ready to play Purdue.”

Even the play of the defense couldn’t overshadow the question of who will be under center when the season starts next year. As UCF recruit Victor Penn looked on, neither senior Chris Ryan or junior Kelvin Robinson were able to impress. Ryan took the snaps for the Black team, completing 16 of 36 passes for 167 yards and two interceptions. Robinson quarterbacked the Gold team, completing 11 of 22 passes for 122 yards and one interception. Ryan, who has had numerous shoulder surgeries, was able to throw short screen passes effectively, but looked uncomfortable with throwing the deep ball or anything that required a strong throw. Robinson looked better, showing a strong arm with some nice deep throws and passes over the middle, but missed a lot of open receivers and was lucky not to have thrown more interceptions.

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First baseman Jim Voisin is the Centenary’s top threat. He has seven home runs and 30 RBIs with a .295 average. Other than Voisin, the Gents rely heavily upon moving runners around.

The Gents have a .287 average and have hit 40 sacrifice bunts in only 29 games. Right fielder Austin Wickenheiser leads the team with a .395 average and has 18 RBIs. Left fielder Merritt Hess (33-for-97) and center fielder Ralph Hicks (.363-2-9) anchor the rest of the outfield.

“They’ve got a lot of left-handed hitters, and they’re playing very well at home,” Bergman said. “We’re gonna have a real tough three-game series up there.”

The Gents pitching staff is anchored by right-hander Jake Haney (5-4, 4.53 ERA), and has had very little stability beyond him. Haney has thrown 59.2 innings, and no other pitcher has thrown more than 26.2.

Aaron Jackson (1-4, 9.79) and Hess (1-1, 7.06) are the other likely candidates to start against UCF, but Coach Ed McCann has thrown nine different starters this season because he uses his pitchers by committee according to who matches up best against opponents.

Both teams have played two common opponents this year, Louisiana State and Nicholls State. Centenary lost to LSU 21-1 and lost a two-game series against NSU. UCF lost two games at LSU and dropped two of three against NSU.

The Gents and Knights played six times, but all of the games were in Orlando. UCF swept a three-game series in March, and then won two of three in the TAAC play-in to advance to the TAAC Tournament. But Bergman knows it will be a different situation this weekend.

“The games were at home and not on the road,” Bergman said. “They’ve got a new coach, and they’re playing pretty good. They’re playing well enough to win a game or two against us.”
Cade’s impressive showing leads UCF in recent meet

SPECIAL TO THE FUTURE

The University of Central Florida women’s track and field team was one of 46 teams to compete at the 36th Annual Florida Coca-Cola Relays on Thursday at Percy Beard Track on the campus of the University of Florida.

Several UCF runners brought home respectable finishes, led by Corliss Cade’s (Calumet Park, Ill./DePaul Univ.) three top 15 finishes.

Cade won the triple jump with a 39’04” mark, placed eighth in the long jump with a 18’00.25” jump and came in 14th in the 100 meter hurdles.

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Men's tennis breaks into national rankings

By David Marsters

The UCF men's tennis team (16-4) started off the week by breaking into the national rankings for the first time this season. The 63rd-ranked Golden Knights celebrated by beating Hawaii 4-2 last Tuesday, and then crushing Wright State 7-0 on Friday. However, UCF lost to another nationally ranked squad, South Florida (#25), before tasting victory again against TAAC opponent Jacksonville State.

Despite the absence of #2 singles player and #1 doubles player Federico Camacho, who has missed the last two weeks of action due to sickness, the team entered Sunday's matchup against South Florida with high expectations. The Bulls, who had already beaten five other nationally-ranked opponents this year, had other ideas.

UCF took two of the three doubles matches for an early 1-0 lead, but it was the last point the Knights would record. South Florida swept all six of the singles matches to win 6-0.

"Hopefully we'll learn from the toughness of this team," said coach Michael Dublin, "...because they're tough.

If they learned anything from the disappointing loss, they put the knowledge to good use in a busy against Jacksonville State on Monday. UCF won its eighth match in the last nine outings, 6-1, at the UCF Tennis Complex.

UCF gets off to a good start, sweeping all three doubles matches. Pedro Pacheco and Fernando Martinez defeated Kevin Essery and Olaf Gipon for their eighth straight win and 15th of the season. Despite not having number one player, David Winberg, who was out sick, UCF continued to roll in singles.

Greg Novak won his first match of the season at number two, 6-2, 6-2, over Olaf Gipon. Freshman Johan Westin picked up his 22nd win of the season, defeating Kevin Essery, 6-2, 6-1, at number four.

William Guerin, playing at number one for the time this season, defeated Steve Taylor 6-2, 7-6. Pacheco became the second Golden Knight to post at least 20 wins this season, defeating Jason Revill, 6-3, 7-6, at number three. Martinez defeated Larry Lombardo at number five singles, 6-0, 6-3.

The Golden Knights will now be off for the next 13 days before taking on Troy State in the season finale on Saturday, April 10 at 9:00 a.m. at the UCF Tennis Complex.

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UCF takes two of three from Gamecocks

UCF won two games this weekend against Jacksonville State at Tinker Field. The Knights relied on quality starting pitching and timely hitting during the two victories. UCF won the single game 7-1 on Friday and split the Saturday double-header, losing the opener 7-4 and winning the rubber game 12-3.

"When our pitchers are throwing well, then we play good," Coach Jay Bergman said. "If our pitchers struggle we kind of force things to happen rather than letting the flow of the game get us back into it."

UCF got strong starts from David Rankin and Justin Pope in the first and third games and got two victories. Rankin threw seven innings in the first game, allowing only four hits and no runs with 10 strikeouts. Pope won the finale, allowing eight hits and three runs in six innings with nine strikeouts.

Arnold takes one for the team

Jason Arnold came in relief of David Rankin in the first game of the series with a 3-0 lead, but he gave up a lead-off single. Josh Buck came up to bat and hit a line drive that struck Arnold in the head. He fell to the ground and laid there for about a minute.

However, he stayed in the game and struck out the next two batters and allowed an unearned run. He threw the ninth inning to record his fifth save of the season and finished with four strikeouts in two innings.

Who's hot...who's not

Mike Fox has struck out nine times while going five for his last 25. Matt Meath has gotten seven consecutive starts but has only gone 4-for-10 (.357) with four runs and three walks and 15 runs scored over the past six games. Ken Walsh is two for his last 27 and has struck out 13 times.

Knights and Bulls renew rivalry

UCF played South Florida Tuesday in Tampa. The two teams meet again on Tuesday, April 6 at Tinker Field. Coming into the season, UCF has played USF 64 times and the times have split the series. UCF won the season-series in 1998, winning three of five against the Bulls.

The Knights won both meetings in Tampa last year 17-10 and 10-5. UCF split the two games in Orlando, winning 10-7 and losing 11-6. The other meeting had UCF winning 9-2 in the Citrus Bowl Classic.

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Boeth sparks Knights resurgence with improved play

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Knights hope to continue dominance of Gents

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Matt Bowser’s slugging has helped UCF turn its season around after a rocky start.

Since joining the Trans America Athletic Conference in 1993, UCF has played Centenary in baseball 16 times with great success. UCF (20-10, 6-3) has handled the Gents with ease, winning 12 of those contests.

The two teams meet again this weekend in Shreveport, Louisiana for a three-game series. They play a doubleheader Friday at 5 p.m. and play the final game Saturday at 1 p.m.

“They have their whole team back from last year,” Coach Jay Bergman said. “They’re a scrappy team, and they’re gonna be tough.”

Centenary (10-19, 6-6) is the type of team that UCF should take advantage of because they are not an offensive force and their pitching is suspect. The favorable matchup comes at a good time, with UCF 6-3 and in third place in the TAAC behind Florida Atlantic (9-0) and Jacksonvillle (11-1). With the Owls and UCF, Page 23

Women’s tennis solid entering toughest stretch of season

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PHOTO BY TRAVIS BELL

Jeremy Frost has been a welcome addition, helping replace some of the off-season losses.

UCF’s women’s tennis team had its winning streak snapped last week by #35 Tulane on Saturday, but rebounded to defeat Jacksonville State by an emphatic 9-0 result two days later.

The 66th-ranked Knights had a six-match winning streak snapped after having picked up identical 3-1 victories over DePaul and Hawaii earlier in the week, but could not hang with the #15 Green Wave, who beat them 6-3.

The Knights finished the singles portion of the contest trailing 4-2, needing to win all three doubles matches. Veronica Widyadharma and Gaelle Gouttefarde won the first match started off well with an 8-6 victory at #1 doubles, but the match was sealed when Tulane’s Anna Monhartova and Masako Cook defeated Daniela Okal and Sonata Prokopcev in #2 doubles. Tulane finished off with an 8-6 win at #3 doubles.

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Widyadharma, whose upset of #21 Maria Manalo of Marquette earlier in the season vaulted her into the national rankings this week at #59, picked up three more singles wins last week. She earned one of the Knights two singles victories against Tulane over #83-ranked Monhartova, but missed the match against Jacksonville State because of illness. Gouttefarde also won three singles matches and teamed up with Widyadharma to go undefeated for the week at #1 doubles.

Even without Widyadharma, UCF had little trouble with the Gamecocks. UCF swept all six singles matches, all in straight sets to clinch the win early on.

Svantesson picked up her 15th win of the season at number one, when Sophie DeStafani retired in the second set. Gouttefarde also won her 15th UCF, Page 24

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