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 Statue 604.1.C, which states that "there shall be no bids for campaign materials... during voting hours."

After the Election Commission posted the fine, Patton and Cupicha had 10 school days to pay it, according to the Election Statutes, giving them until March 5. However, the commission counted Saturdays, giving the candidates only until March 3. Patton and Cupicha paid the fine on March 4.

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.

**Judicial Council to determine Student Body president, vice president's fate**

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**Improper water sampling to blame for contamination**

Nicole King
NEWS EDITOR

Sampling mistakes are being blamed for the elevated levels of lead and copper found in UCF's water 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 facitets that will be deleted from UCF's water system before the samples are collected. This is done to recreate a scenario in which water sits in pipes overnight before people take their first drink.

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

"Shutting the valves off caused metal particles to dislodge and contaminate the samples," Sarae Sekula, STAFF WRITER.

This summer think globally. Flee from the interstate traffic and hectic schedules. Just leave the country and immerse yourself into the Caribbean culture of Antigua, study frescoes in Italy, reside in a Mexican pueblo or visit the rainforests of Puerto Rico. Traveling overseas this summer may be more feasible than you think if you participate in one of the many study abroad programs offered at UCF.

Most of these excursions are reasonably priced and financial aid is available to those who qualify. University professors design and direct the programs and accompany the students on the trips. These programs tend to be quite intensive and give students the chance to earn six to eight credits within a four to six week period. All of the programs are offered during the summer A and B terms.

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 exchanges more relevant than ever before.

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Greeks vote to postpone Homecoming changes

KELLY BRYANT
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 is 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 200-300 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 that 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 nonetheless," 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/or 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 leaking 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 like, ‘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 been 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.”

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SHELLEY WILSON

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 again was the topic of discussion at last 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 has grown so much because it's housed through the volunteer program.

"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 and tissue donor program and is home to Florida Hospital's Kidney Transplant Center, Carol Rushney, the Public Relations Coordinator for TransLife, explained how the program was started.

"Julie Williams, the student director for Volunteer UCF three years ago, started this program because of losing a personal friend due to waiting for a lung transplant. Since then the program has grown so much because it's housed through the volunteer program."

Guest speakers at the Kickoff to share their experiences with transplantation or donation: Kane and Barbara Lamberty shared the story of their 9-year-old daughter; Lindsay Rose received a new heart.

"Our Lindsay is here today because of another family's brave decision in their time of grief," Barbara Lamberty said.

That decision is the key, according to Kane.

"You can have all the training, the money, and the facilities possible, but until one person makes that decision you can do nothing. Unlike other organizations you are not asked to give your money or your time, but only the greatest gift, the gift of life."

The Kickoff also paid tribute to the organ donors and their families. Mary Carpenter discussed losing her 16-year-old son Shawn.

"My son came in from washing his car holding his head. I thought something was very wrong with him. I called 911, and through a CAT scan, I saw cerebral hemorrhage was discovered in his brain. There were no warning, no trauma, and no money, and the facilities possible."

"Each day in the U.S., 55 people receive an organ transplant, while 12 will die waiting."

"Currently more than 61,788 children and adults are waiting for lifesaving organ transplants."

"Every 16 minutes another name is added to that national list."

"Last year in the U.S., 20,000 people received an organ transplant, while 4,000 people died waiting."

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"This is only the second year the Kickoff Dinner has been held and also the second year the UCF Student Nurses and UCF Athletics have adopted the program."

"The UCF Student Nurses' campaign "Get Carded" in community clinics throughout Central Florida and the UCF Football team dedicated a game last year to the cause. Jay Bergman, the head coach of the UCF baseball team, spoke on behalf of his team's dedication to the cause this year."

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

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Students should contact Dr. Emanuel Blanes at 823-5445.

The Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures will offer a study-abroad program in Mexico from May 9-23. Participants will earn three credits in addition to learning social work, the Spanish language and Mexican culture through a cultural immersion experience in a Mexican city and in a rural pueblo. Students should contact Dr. Dennis Poole at 823-2967.

The Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures will sponsor a combination travel and language immersion program in Italy from July 4-Aug. 8. The students will earn three credits in addition to learning the Italian language and culture. Students should contact Dr. Maria Fraro at 823-5445.

The Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures will offer a study-abroad program in Quebec from May 15-June 12. Students will be able to earn eight credit hours. The program is designed to give the students a better understanding and grasp of the French language as quickly as possible. All participants must speak only French during their four-week stay in Jonquiere. Students should contact Dr. Karl-Heinrich Bauch at 823-2473.

If you don’t make it out of the country this summer, there’s always a chance during a semester or even an entire academic year. A junior or senior with a 3.0 GPA can sign up for an exchange program. The student will have the opportunity to study abroad at universities in England, Canada, Finland, France or Germany. Students should contact the Office of International Studies at 275-4397.

Or you can opt to stay state-side. This fall, UCF began offering the National Student Exchange program to juniors or seniors with a 3.0 GPA. Students may choose from 150 United States universities in which they want to study. Other programs available are an English and Irish literature study in England and Ireland, studio arts at the Edinburgh College of Arts in Scotland, language immersion in Spain and music performing workshops in France. For more information and prices, call the Office of International Studies at 275-4397.

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Getting rid of the ‘crud’

TAYLOR SIKES
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Last week I woke up with that 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-featured aching throat, but only an irritating, tingling pain. Just as a storm moves off the coast and onto land, 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 coughing, sneezing, and talking about their illness. Actually, tipping more likely creates positive karma, not positive karma.

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Term 'man' almost gone

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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 that 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.”

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On Kosovo: a failure to communicate

Trudy Rubin
KNOX HOGGER

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 then throw it into the same coffee on a bunch of letters. Afraid his nosiness would be discovered, he hid the damaged letters. The lives of the addressers were traumatized because some urgent messages were never delivered.

The confrontation in Kosovo has become more dangerous because of messages that went undelivered. The recalcitrant "postmen" mainly work for the Clinton administration; they include the president himself and much of his top foreign 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 Serbs and Albanians, and the American public: Serb repression of ethnic Albanians threatens to spill over into neighboring countries and could cause a wider war in southern Europe, and NATO can't permit that to happen. The best preventive is to pursue to Kosovar autonomy within Serbia that was rescinded by Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic. But NATO opposes independence for Kosovo (unless it is peacefully negotiated), because that would open the door to the kind of politics of ethnic purity that caused the Bosnian war, and could destabilize Europe.

Up to this week, the messages to Milosevic have been a study in ambivalence. Warning after warning about bombings lest if he didn't stop the violence in Kosovo evaporated. Who can blame him for not taking the latest ones seriously? Even the current ultimatum was followed by yet another visit to Belgrade by U.S. ambassador Richard Holbrooke, which gave Yugoslav troops the extra time to carry out massive attacks on Kosovar 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 Kosovar autonomy, western leaders may be forced 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.

But the message to the Kosovar Albanians has also been less than categorical. Kosovar fighters want independence, 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 bombing national Serb elections and join forces with Serb opposition parties, even though this might move the opposition to victory.

The Kosovars did sign on to NATO's peace plan, calling for three years of autonomy, but they are hoping Western military action will facilitate the very outcome that NATO wants to prevent: their independence. And if the guerrillas would go further, provoking Serb attacks in hopes of massacres, which in turn would draw NATO ground forces into battle.

However hard it is to talk frankly to the victims, U.S. officials should have clarified that NATO won't fight for Kosovar independence. But in order to persuade Milosevic to sign on to NATO's peace plan, this tough message was dangerously blurred.

And then there is the depth of clear messages on Kosovo to the Congress or the public. The administration could have prevented the debacle of having Congress debate funding the NATO bombing, even as the pilots were reviving up their planes. This certainly must have heartened Milosevic, until the legislators dropped their challenge at the eleventh hour.

But bringing Congress along would have required careful briefing of congressional leaders as the Kosovo crisis worsened. We all know that the White House has been preoccupied with other matters over the past year, but more attention could have been paid to wooing key legislators, if the administration had had a clear message to sell.

Nor has the president prepared the American public for the gravity of this crisis. Instead of making a prime-time address to explain why NATO military action in Kosovo is needed, he made brief Kosovo remarks before a news conference last Friday. Since this was his first news conference in months, the Kosovar message got diluted. Again, Kosovo remarks got sandwiched into another presentation: a speech to a government workers' union Tuesday.

It takes more explaining for Americans to understand why Kosovo matters enough to justify what may be a long NATO involvement (in which many more European forces will be involved than Americans). There are solid reasons, but they shouldn't be presented as an afterthought.

What's so worrying about the administration's missing messages is that they aren't a result of a spilled cup of coffee. Our worry is that their absence reflects a policy move that still hasn't been thought through.

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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 wives and girlfriends to watch the Watergate hearings. Fast-forward twenty years. Rooster is now a homeless alcoholic, his estranged wife Millie struggles to make ends meet as a waitress, and Frankie concentrates on getting a job; they at last have a roof over their heads. The story drifts from character to character, hardship to triumph, as the reader wonders what relevance to the overall plot, and make it difficult to get close to the characters or their situations.

Frankie Bower’s plight offers the most poignant moment. His sister has spoken to any family member in over twenty years and Frankie travels to visit in an attempt to reconcile. He stops at a bar for a drink and we learn the story of her estrangement through a series of phone calls to his sister. Exasperated, Frankie finally blurts out, “Well, who the [expletive] gave you the right to hate the war more than I did?”, a burning question that remains unanswered.

True to form, Gologorsky leaves Frankie behind and concentrates her efforts around Millie, Sara-Jo, and Rooster. We are left to learn from his friends that Frankie will return to Vietnam. Sara-Jo eventually falls for an older man, Serge, a photographer who specializes in veterans. She criticizes his pictures, telling him that “in none of your pictures is there a child, a wife, a sister, no one but them, only them. Selfishly alone.” She eventually maneuvers him into the bedroom, but Serge turns the tablet and forces her to beat him while he masturbates. Sara-Jo leaves in disgust, apparently free of any lingering attraction for Serge. Is this supposed to be some metaphorical exorcism? We are left wondering as Gologorsky once again rapidly shifts to another character.

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 the returning veterans, but The Things We Do To Make It Home is one of the first to address the legacy. Hopefully those that come later will provide some insight.

—the Wallnuts
Computer music maker magic (almost)

Stephen Unger
STAFF WRITER

Frederic Chopin spent hours slouched 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 splotched 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... unless you have a Magix Music Maker.

For under $100, Magix Music Maker simplifies the wiring and lowers the cost. Before using Magix, the artist has to do is drag the sounds from the disc and onto each track. All the musician has to do is change the effects of the sound, a computer is given a digital message to play a certain sound with instructions to give that note certain characteristics: loudness, pitch etc.

By using a sequencer like Magix Music Maker, the musician can arrange the notes and sounds in any fashion. MIDI has the capability of creating its own sound. Magix uses wave files which are samples of pre-recorded sounds. Rather than having the task of creating original sounds, Magix makes with thousands of pre-set sounds stored as wave files on several compact discs.

There are pools of drum rhythms, guitar, keyboard, chord and bass sounds to choose from. Some of these functions is relatively easy. It takes fifteen minutes with the instructions, but the graphical interface is very colorful and user friendly. The program is easy to use, contains many sounds and it's a great way to begin a computer based musical career.

However, Magix does have its limits. They claim their system is fully compatible with all the 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 song, 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 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.

But for the most part, a single computer program that can nearly match the capabilities of a multi-million dollar production studio is not that bad.
**Wrong Place, Wrong Time**

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- 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 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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**Updates**

- In a high-profile trial in St. Paul, Minn., reported in News of the Weird in 1999, members of the well-to-do family of Gerald and Judy Dick were charged among their colleagues to the other side for as little as $17 each; the Chechens ransomed the Russian soldiers back to their families.

- 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 stationhouse in 1997 to find other officers celebrating an Easter Sunday mass. According to the officer's lawyer, visualizing the stationhouse now causes him such emotional turmoil that he is not able to perform his duties.

- With the donation would be legal; if given during the campaign, illegal.) According to Lindauer, "I said, and (my opponent) took this shot through a radio station mirror, I believe, and took one sentence I was saying." (Lindauer later explained what a radio station mirror was, lost in November, and as of March was facing an ethics investigation about the gift.)

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Claire Danes moves into action arena

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LOS ANGELES - Claire Danes is not where she is supposed to be, but she is right where she wants to be.

She is not in Hollywood, but she is in Los Angeles, reclining on a comfortable sofa while answering questions about her new movie, "The Mod Squad," which opens Friday.

This dual life - Yale 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 beautiful and delicate 19-year-old and Hollywood actress on a luxury suite at the Four Seasons MTV. It's best for me when I keep the two worlds in neat compartments."

Danes also is right where she wants to be in her career, said that includes her role as undercover cop Jude Farris, the role originated by Peggy Lipton in the 1960s TV series upon which the movie is based. Danes co-stars with Omar Epps as Lin 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 and Giovanni Ribisi as Pete Cochran (Michael Cole was the original Pete).

"The Rainmaker" for director Francis Ford Coppola and "U-Tum" for Oliver Stone. She also appeared in Foster's "Home for the Holidays" and "Waking Weddings" with Gabriel Byrne and Lena Olin.

But, in the middle of this commotion of good luck, she decided to enroll at Yale University where her grandfather was once dean of the School of Architecture. She knew 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. "We're about learning new stuff."

"It's not about being an actress in Hollywood; it is about finding yourself surrounded by an impenetrable fortress of employable people who shield 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's not seemed 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 disabused," she said jokingly in a case of self-deprecation. "My celebrity becomes an instant nonissue."

"It's really nice to play Angèle, the nicest woman near the wall covered walls."

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 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 naturally 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.

"That shocked me and made me confront this stereotype of myself, that I am this one kind of actress who does only one kind of role. That made me feel very uncomfortable."

"It was time to challenge that stereotype. It's important for an actress to test different things. Besides, I had just come off a very difficult film (the still unreleased "Brokendown 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 unwelcoming remarks she made in Premiere magazine about health and computer science.

"It's best for me when two worlds mix, like they did two decades 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."

"But where she wants to be is a proprietary who is right where she wants to be."

"I'm not worried that I'm tampering with my reputation," she explained. "If anything, I think I'm feeding my reputation by resisting it. I'm giving it more power and more weight because I'm refusing to be taken for granted."

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"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 innaturity, 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 for 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 sick, 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 fans 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 unifying 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 “I am” are very movable 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 Spinechank crap and they’ve have a twisted sense of humor without being annoying like Limp Bizquit.

-Ramiro Vazquez

Static X
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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 movable 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 inferior to the average Nothingface and Spinechank crap and they have a twisted sense of humor without being annoying like Limp Bizquit.

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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 11,000h 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 from 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 blathemous waste of paper and plastic and deport these citizens to whatever 4th rate frat party they came from.

-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 herself, singer, which is a genre based on lyrical empowerment-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 accompanying 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.

-Andrea Keegan

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College basketball coaches descended on the Tampa Bay area on Thursday and a vast majority will be crossing their fingers all weekend. The NCAA is expecting a ruling from the same judge, Ronald J. Buckwalter, who ruled against using any standardized test scores to determine eligibility. If Buckwalter's ruling stands, schools will have a window this spring to address our evaluation process, "A DYNAMITE CAST! SPELLBINDING! A Funnily Thrilling Thriller!"

Stephen Barbara Dennis Skotov Ken Per Peter Baldwin
The Usual Suspects

Both are awful on the court already. Notre Dame should consider leaving the Big East if this ever comes to pass. The Irish, with their ridiculous, holder-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 say.

"The ruling will affect hoop prospects all over the world. With no need of a grasp on basic English, a slew of European jump shooters and big men could end up living 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 awful on the court already. Notre Dame should consider leaving the Big East if this ever comes to pass. The Irish, with their ridiculous, holder-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.

"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."

"We can't risk out their hoop dreams on a college campus this fall."

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Businesses damaged during weekend riot at Michigan State

Mary Sell
COLLEGE PRESS EXCHANGE

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 Vertis 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 scary, 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 Kroosti)," 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., when a man fled after attacking a female security guard who was trying to close the store on police request, said Dustin Rayner, a store employee.

"The student body had a lot of explaining to do," Rayner said.

"We offered part time/full time positions, free on site computer training, and incentive programs.

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A weekly look at campus crime briefs

WILL LEE
COLLEGE PRESS EXCHANGE

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 Kai-Ting Hung and charged him with assault, threats with intent to cause injury and holding people hostage.

Witnesses said Hung was screaming as he burst into a campus building that houses international education programs. They also reported that he barricaded himself in a student services-office, where he briefly held the instructor who had given him the bad grade and a program coordinator hostage with a large knife, a meat cleaver and a beer bottle.

When Hung attempted to open the door and lunge for three campus police officers, they aimed at him with pepper spray.

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 bitch."

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 17 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 Mike Terney, 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 incidents.

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LOS ANGELES - Police are searching for a man accused of posing as a casting agent and sexually abusing women he solicited between the ages of 18 and 21.

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 university's 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 inspect their bodies while secretly videotaping them.

"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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According to the Daily Bruin, university police obtained a search warrant for Peers' apartment in November and seized 65 videotapes, a video camera, a 35 mm camera and photos and slides of women in various stages of undress.
Jury acquits 2 police officers in student beating

ALBANY, N.Y. (CPX) - Two Albany police officers have been acquitted of charges of beating 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 taking him 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 evidence presented to them after they got into a fight with 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, Michael Mayer, the jury's 19-year-old foreman, told the Associated Press.

"We are not sure what happened in the garage," he said. "We went on what evidence was presented to us." Despite the acquittal, the officers and Henderson face other potential troubles. Bonanni 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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Fye leads Gold to victory over Black

David Marsters
Staff Writer

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 17-0 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 30 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 Chaos, were the stars of the game. Despite being without starting tackles Justin Moore and Jeff Mauslin, as well as linebackers Deabreiy 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 Dems 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 Maryland 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 Beorlegui, who also missed one field goal try. The offensive lines had trouble blocking for running back Omari Howard and Edward Mack. Howard picked up 59 yards on 17 carries, while Mack gained 42 yards on 13 carries, both averaging under four yards per carry. One bright spot for the offense was the depth of the receiving corps, led by the Gold team’s Tyson Hishaw who had 7 catches for 89 yards. Charles Lee led the Black team with 7 catches for 67 yards and Britt McGriff had 65 yards on 6 catches. Tavarius 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, showcasing 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.

“We lacked consistency, and that’s how it’s been all spring,” said Kruczek of the offensive effort. “We’ll get things worked out on the offensive side of the football, but this spring its been defense and it continued today.”

The Knights kick off next season with perhaps the biggest home game in UCF history, a September 4 date with Purdue and Heisman Trophy candidate quarterback Drew Brees.

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Dolphins off to such hot starts, the Knights can’t afford to lose any ground against Centenary.

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 Aaron Jackson leads the team with a .395 average and has 18 RBIs. Left fielder Merritt Hess (.339-0-11) 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 21-3 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.”

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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 Cade's Cadenza'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. Natasha Garmet (Douglasville GA/Alexander HS) finished seventh in the long jump, 18'05.75" and placed sixth in the triple jump with a 37'05.27" jump. Cherry Turner (Perry, Fla./Taylor County HS) finished fourth in the pole vault with a jump of 10-0 and Amber Turner's (Bettendorf, Iowa/Pleasant Valley HS) throw of 118'' was good enough for an 118' place finish in the javelin.

The Golden Knights placed seventh in the distance medley relay with a time of 12:07.88 and placed fifth in the 4X1000 meter relay with a time of 21:13.97.

UCF competed on Monday, March 29 against Bowdoin College and Trinity College at Florida State University.

UCF women continue to ride hot streak

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match of the season, 6-2, 6-0, over Carmen Garcia at number two singles.

Prokop defeated Camille Bourke at number three singles, 7-5, 6-1 to improve to 14-5. Okal picked up her 16th win of the season, which is second on the team, a 6-2, 6-2, decision over Manda Martin.

Rachna Ashar continues to have the best winning percentage on the team (38%) with a 15-2 record. She defeated Emily Gong at number five, 6-4, 6-2. Hadasi Rosen defeated Christy Pietro at number six singles, 6-2, 6-3. The Golden Knights completed the win with a sweep of action in doubles.

Beginning Friday, April 2nd in El Paso, Texas, the women will take on #21 New Mexico, #6 UTEP, and Alabama-Birmingham on three consecutive days. UAB, while not ranked as a team, boasts the #47 singles player in the country, Minela Vidojelese. From there, the Knights will move on to Las Vegas to take on UNLV, which is their last regular season match before the TAAC Tournament on April 15 - 18.

Culpepper to be drafted next month

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pay attention to, there is the NFL Draft and late signing period to look forward to. Daunte Culpepper will be the first Golden Knight to be selected in the first round by the National Football League this coming month, while future athletes who will thrill us on the hardwood make their college decisions beginning April 24.

Some people may consider this the dormant period of the UCF sports year, but if you look hard enough, there is always something worthwhile going on. And if that's not enough consolation, just concentrate your energy on cheering against Purdue in early September, as the Boilermakers become the highest profile team ever to visit the Citrus Bowl to play the Golden Knights. So keep your eyes open, otherwise you are liable to miss something.

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WHAT IS CAB?

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CAB is funded by Activity & Service Fee as allocated by Student Government Association.
Men's tennis breaks into national rankings

David Marsters
Staff Writer

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 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 6-1.

"Hopefully we'll learn from the toughness of their 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 lopsided win against Jacksonville State on Monday. UCF won its eighth match in the last nine outings, 6-1, at the UCF Tennis Complex.

UCF got 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 first 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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Knights and Bulls renew rivalry

UCF played South Florida Tuesday in Tampa. The two teams meet again on Thursday, April 5 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 10-7 and 10-5. UCF split the two games in Orlando, winning 10-7 and losing 11-6. The other meeting had UCF winning 5-2 in the Olive Garden Classic.

—TRAVIS BELL

Baseball Notebook

Arnold takes one for the team

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Playing alongside Matt Bowser and Dustin Brisson, who have combined for 18 home runs, 64 RBIs, and are batting .398 and .386, respectively, could often overshadow the performance of many teammates. However, second baseman Tim Boeth has been a significant reason for the success of the two players who bat behind him, as well as UCF's overall record.

Boeth is the lead-off hitter, and has one major responsibility: to get on base in front of Bowser and Brisson. It's his perfect role for the senior, as getting on base and disrupting the opposing pitcher is what he enjoys most and does best.

"That's an important part of being a lead-off hitter and an offensive player. You have to maximize your strengths, and my strength is my ability to get on base," Boeth said. "Especially with Bowser and Brisson behind me. If I can work hard enough to distract the pitcher, maybe I can get them a good pitch. That's invaluable to the team."

Boeth has proven to be an invaluable commodity on a young, inexperienced team. When Boeth has graced the starting lineup, the Knights are an impressive 17-7, but without his presence, they have struggled to a 3-3 mark.

Boeth wasn't a part of the starting lineup the first five games of the season, but Boeth didn't feel that he should have been starting because of a lackluster fall, and his feeling was supported by his 1-for-10 start during that stretch.

"It was tough (to be on the bench), but looking back in retrospect it was important," Boeth said. "Being on the bench, I got a feel for what was going on, and being able to help some of the younger players was important for me. At the time it really helped me."

With the team struggling, Bergman looked toward Boeth to lead the club, and the results speak for themselves. Boeth got in to the lineup for good on February 7 against Nicholls State. Over the next seven games (UCF went 6-1), and Boeth was 11-for-26 with 12 runs scored and 10 stolen bases.

"He makes our offense go," Bergman said. "We hoped that he would be a leader of our team, and he's taken that role on very well."

Boeth has since been the catalyst of the Knights offensive firepower despite having only four extra-base hits and 14 RBIs. He understands his role and plays to fit the team's needs. That is all Bergman expected from Boeth entering his final season.

"He knows his limitations, and he stays within himself," Bergman said. "That's why he's become a better player. He's a good sensor player, and that's what you expect."

Now that Boeth has settled back in his role after earning Third-Team All-TAAC last year, he has been important to the team's recent success. He doesn't have to get a hit to help the Knights win. He just needs to get on base, and that is amplified as UCF has gone 16-2 over the past 12 games, with Boeth being a large part of that success.

During that stretch, he has gone 17-for-39 (.451) with 11 walks, 15 runs scored, eight RBIs, and 13 stolen bases. Boeth attributes his hard work and chance to play over the summer in the Valley League for his improvements at the plate (304 last year).

"The chance to play everyday really makes a difference as a hitter," Boeth said. "As you get into the season you start to hit better. The more pitches you see the better feel you have for your swing. I've changed my approach at the plate a bit, and the hard work has really paid off to this point in the season."

Boeth now leads the Trans America Athletic Conference with 28 stolen bases in 33 attempts. He is hitting .345 through 28 games, and has drawn 22 walks to improve his on-base percentage to .496. Those numbers are impressive for a lead off man, as are the 20 runs that he has scored.

His defense has also been the recipient of better fortunes. Boeth was being moved back and forth between second base and shortstop, which could often be very demanding on a player at the plate. He has a team-high 11 errors, but nine of those were made in the first 10 games, including two three-error blunders.

"I just struggled a bit little early and it was brutal," Boeth said. "Moving back to second helped, and it helped offensively. When part of your game feels good and you feel comfortable, then you focus more on the other parts of your game."

Boeth has regained confidence at the plate and in the field, and the team has reaped the benefits of a crucial player in its lineup that guys can look to for leadership.

"I take a lot of pride in the fact that I'm a player that's gonna help out the younger guys and bring people along," Boeth said. "That's a part of being in a program and building a tradition. If you don't give anything back to your program, then what kind of player are you?"

Not the kind of player Tim Boeth is.
Knights hope to continue dominance of Gents

Since joining the Trans America Athletic Conference in 1993, UCF has played Centenary in baseball 14 times with great success. UCF (20-10, 6-3) has handled the Knights 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 double-header Friday at 3 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 Jacksonvile (11-1). With the Knights rebounded to defeat Jacksonville by #35 Tulane on Saturday, but State ed off well with an 8-6 victory at #35 Green Wave, who beat the #35 Green Wave, who beat DePaul earlier in the week at #1 doubles. Gouttefaren also won her 15th singles victory against Tulane over #83-ranked Monhartova, but missed the match against Jacksonville State because of illness. Gouttefaren 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.

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Widyadharma, whose upset of #21 Maria Punavalo 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 Monhartov, but missed the match against Jacksonville State because of illness. Gouttefaren also won three singles matches and teamed up with Widyadharma to go undefeated for the week at #1 doubles.

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