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Election decision under appeal

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STAFF WRITER

An appeal will be made this week to UCF’s administration in regards to the Judicial Council’s decision last week to sustain the decision to disqualify Student Body President-elect Darin Patton and Vice President-elect Andrew Cupicha. The ticket has until 4 p.m. Thursday (7 days from the decision) to have its appeal in the Judicial office. The appeal will be based on if the ticket received fairness and due process of the law by the Judicial Council and the Election Commission. According to Dr. Garth Jenkins, director of Judicial Programs, the administration has two options. “If the ticket of Patton and Cupicha is sustained by the administration, they will become the next SG administration,” he said. “SG has been instructed to make plans for a special election, but if the ticket is sustained, the elections are to be canceled.” Jenkins said it is not yet known who will hear the case if it is brought to the administration. A Council hearing was held last week about the Commission’s decision. It started at 7 p.m. and did not adjourn until 4 a.m. with a sustained decision from the Council. The chief justice refused any comment on the number of votes cast for or against the ticket and about any discussion that went on during deliberation. The Council is made up of 12 justices, including one justice and two alternate justices that were sworn in five days previous to the hearing. One of the alternates was asked if he had any knowledge of the hearing, ever participated in Student Government, or voted in the case if it is brought to the administration.

Council hearing lasted late into the night, from 7 p.m. to 4 a.m.

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Clubs speak out against new budget

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Many UCF clubs and agencies that are included on the proposed 1999-2000 Activity & Service Fee Budget do not view the figures as being fair. Some organizations were left off the budget completely. The budget was first introduced to the Senate on March 25. There were originally 109 submissions to be put on the budget, but only 77 clubs and organizations and 21 agencies and college programs were actually included. Members of several of those clubs stated that one reason why that happened was a lack of communication between them and the Student Government.

“We were never contacted or informed about the budget packets,” said Mike Finn, staff advisor for the UCF Rugby Team. “It is their responsibility to inform us the packets are available, but that never happened with us.”

Members of the African American Student Union agreed that SG gave no information to the organizations about its budget as the club’s Chief-of-Staff, Eugene Mansolle, explained. “It has been presented as a first reading, however we as clubs and organizations are supposed to get informed by the SGA when they’re going to review it.”

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—Dr. Garth Jenkins, director of Judicial Programs

Spring is in the air

The UCF campus wakes up to the morning sun. Students have four weeks left of school before summer break. Spring graduation is May 8.

Photo by Kevin Colber

UCF’s best

Two students selected as finalists for Florida Student of the Year.

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Mobile patrol

UCF Mountain Bike Police protect and serve – on wheels.

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The Last Rave

An ode to the O-Town late night rave scene by the UCF Theatre.

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Sitting on a bicycle seat and pedaling through campus is an experience shared by many at UCF. Most people do not do this Monday through Saturday for eight hours though. UCF Mountain Bike patrol the campus during the hours of 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. of the days of the week.

According to Sgt. Mark Berger, one of the instructors who is in charge of the police mountain bike class, trainees must be able to perform a variety of tasks before becoming bike patrol officers. The task they must know include how to get on and off in a hurry, shift gears, stop and start, brake properly and chase someone who is running on foot. She said the officers are also taught to ride slow; by this she means all officers must be able to ride without using the brakes in and out of corners. The process takes place on the UCF Arena parking lot. Besides learning how to get around on bikes, she said they are taught how to shoot while on a bike at the Seminole County Range.

Carpenter has been teaching the bike class for three years but said the program has existed at UCF since 1994. Carpenter said if a bike accident occurs, the person at fault can be determined since the bike officers know how a bike works. She said also with officers on bikes there is more one-on-one contact with students. UCF Police Officer Kevin Schwab agrees. "On a bike it is easier to interact with the public. It's easier to walk in a car because people approach a car more hesitantly," he said. Schwab has been a bike officer at UCF for six years. While patrolling on bike, he has made some arrests.

"You roll up on incidents where people are smoking marijuana and drinking underage," he said.

During the week of May 10, a class will be offered for sworn police officers. The class will begin at 8 a.m. and run until 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. The cost of the 40-hour class is $50 per student.

Students enrolling must provide a bike, helmet, gloves, appropriate for biking, under $20, and some protective clothing, such as a shirt and pants. UCF police officers say these items are the most useful equipment a bike rider can have.

The secret Success Series

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Boogie through the night for children’s charity

SHELLEY WILSON
STAFF WRITER

Do you love to dance? If so, this weekend is your chance to dance the night away at UCF. Actually you can dance the day, evening and morning away during this year’s Dance Marathon, to be held at the UCF Arena from noon Saturday until noon Sunday.

Students who love to dance will not only be dancing their hearts out and their feet off, they will also be helping critically ill and injured children by doing it. The Dance Marathon proceeds benefit the pediatric programs at Shands Children’s Hospital in Gainesville and the Arnold Palmer Hospital for Children & Women in Orlando.

The idea of a dance marathon began at Penn State University 25 years ago. In 1996, the Children’s Miracle Network and UCF’s Student Activities Office developed a partnership through Dance Marathon that would benefit children in our state. The idea of a fundraiser designed to appeal to the entire student body was proposed and accepted.

This is the third year for the event. The money raised last year doubled the amount raised the previous year.

The biggest misconception about the event is that it is only for students involved in campus organizations. Not true. Anyone enrolled for at least one UCF credit hour can participate in this event. The Dance Marathon is a subsidiary committee of the Campus Activities Board (CAB) and is a student-run event. The marathon supports itself only through donations and sponsorships.

Kim Coleman, one of the directors of the event, has seen its popularity grow since its first year. She sees it as a very beneficial program to all involved.

“Dance Marathon is a way to help people who are unable to help themselves,” she said. “Our first year we were in the auditorium and received $8,000 with less than 100 dancers. Last year we received nearly double that at $15,000 and had over 200 dancers. We hope to double that amount this year.”

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Plenty of entertainment will be on hand to keep the dancers on their feet. DJs and a band will provide the music, while video games and board games will be there for entertainment for those who are not dancing. If you don’t know how to dance there is no need to worry, because dance instruction will also be given.

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There is also no need to worry about getting too tired because the dancers will not have to dance the straight 24 hours. They will be able to sit down and rest every few hours, while enjoying free meals, which include a cookout, an Italian feast and an ice cream “Sock Hop”. Casual attire and a change of clothes should be brought.

To become involved in the Dance Marathon, you can register in the CAB office (Student Union, Room 215) until Friday. You can also go the day of the event to register at the Arena. The registration fee for students is only $10. In addition, each participant pledges to raise at least $100 in order to meet this year’s goal of $30,000. Fundraising events have been scheduled to help the dancer raise the $100. Dancer Handbooks, available at the CAB office, contain fundraising ideas.

To obtain more information on the Dance Marathon, you can stop by or call the CAB office at 823-6471.

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Budget's under funding affecting clubs and organizations

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our budget so that we can be there to justify our request numbers. That has never happened in the past four years with this organization."

The Activity and Service Fee Chair, which doubles as the OAF chair, David Siegel, said the statutes, not the A&S Fee Committee, are not really in the club's favor to informing them about the budget.

"By statutes we have to make the packets available in December, but they are written almost to imply or say don't tell anyone about it," he said.

Student Government is required by SGA statute 803.9 to have the finished A&S Fee Committee Guidelines, along with the standard Budget Application Forms, instructions, and that year's budgeting schedule distributed by the first week of December.

The funding that is proposed has angered many members of organizations and agencies. This year's budget is estimated to be $9.4 million, which is $3 million more than last year's budget. Organization and agency members expected more clubs and organizations to be funded and the Senate went from bad to worse.

"Why create another account? We send a message to the student body that the A&S Fee Committee is not concerned with diversity

issues as is evidenced in the decreased budget for the African American Student Union, the Hispanic American Student Association, and the United Nations Association. Where are the checks and balances? There has been a significant cut in funding to organizations who didn't support certain candidates."

The African-American Student Union, the oldest organization at UCF, received a cut of $19,000 to $15,000.

"According to Manolle, chief-of-staff, the budget went from bad to worse. "SG gave us a really terrible budget to begin with, but this year they've taken $4,000 more away from us. We spent more money putting on one concert during Black History Month than what we get for the entire year. The fact is the money is there and the legislative branch doesn't want to give it to student services for certain reasons."

Out of the 25 clubs and organizations that were on last year's and this year's budget, 20 were denied their full budget requests for this budget.

"Some clubs, such as HASA, was denied more than $35,000 from their request."

A&S Fee Chair Siegel said that one reason that was done was the criteria the committee used to determine how beneficial the items requested were. Siegel specifically pointed out travel accounts.

"Why create another account? We increased travel and thought that would be a better item for the Senate to deal with as the year unfolds." The SG Senate's budget increased from the $180,000 that was allocated last year to $1.35 million this year.

The accounts of the Senate Working Fund-Programming Supplement and the Senate-Union Development were not even put on the budget last year and received $300,000 this year. The opposite happened for the Other Personal Services (OPS) for SG this year in the proposed budget. On the statement of last year's budget, the account was written as receiving $50,000 while it actually received $190,088. According to Siegel, this was through line-item transfers and the SG president moving money around.

The fact that an OPS was not given to clubs and agencies that were funded last year is a concern of club members considering that OPS is money for student jobs.

The SG Copy Center is one of those agencies. It went from $35,100 available to pay employees to no mention on the budget. Seth Daub, the director of University Services, expressed his thoughts on the budget proposed for the Copy Center and the Information Kiosk.

"The comptroller asked me how I felt about the copy center being moved into the computer lab in the Student Union. I said when the Union expands that'll be great, but now the lab's too small. I was not asked or informed about the decision to zero budget the employees of the Copy Center or the Kiosk. Right now I have 20 jobs on campus that I won't have next year. My employees don't know what to do for next year."

"The Student Government Computer Lab will have to run itself with $17,710. If you break $17,710 by the 45 weeks that the lab is open, it averages $394 available a week to run it. With only a three student staff to run the 85 hours a week it is open equals 255 student man-hours. By dividing the amount available a week by the student man-hours per week, the hourly wages would be at $1.54.

"Shawn Stafford, computer lab manager, said he is concerned not only with the lab, but also with the students. "I suppose the voice of the approximate 70,000 sign-ins we have accounted for in '98 will allow us to continue to be open and run the way we are. As of now, we will be open for only 13 weeks when the new budget starts on July 1. I do not think that this will happen."

"As far as the copy center goes, in my opinion, which has not been consulted, we have no room in our computer lab at this time. We would be approaching a fire hazard because of the maximum number of people allowed in this room, I do however think moving the copy center to the union is a good idea, but in order that things are done right the first time around, we should know our options, then apply them to the needs of the students."

Siegel spoke in front of the Senate last week to mention that they can announce their concerns about funding to the OAF Committee. He emphasized that this budget is only a proposal.

"What's coming out of the A&S Fee Committee is a proposed recommendation. There's a bunch of entries that need to go in there and the bottom line is they are referred to Senate."
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UCF Army ROTC cadets awarded national aviation scholarship

Nicole King
NEWS EDITOR

In mid-February, two Army cadets received a $1,500 scholarship from the Daedalian Foundation. The foundation chose Joshua Ruisanchez and Eric Petrowsky as the top two cadets in the nation who are non-scholarship students and have been selected for the Army Aviation program. It is not normal for 2 cadets in the same school to receive the award.

Ruisanchez has been in UCF's ARMY ROTC since 1995. He has been the Commander of both the Color Guard and Rifle Drill Teams, a member of the Ranger Challenge Team, and recently completed a stint as the Battalion Commander for the program.

Petrowsky enlisted in the U.S. Army after high school and was deployed in Operations Desert Shield and Intrinsic Action. He received training from both the Infantry and the Signal Corps. His last assignment was with U.S. Army Space Command. While at UCF he has been a member of the Ranger Challenge Team and has served as the Battalion S-3.

IN OTHER NEWS:

- The African American Studies Program is offering a study-travel program for students to go to Antigua, Dominica, Barbados, and Grenada. The program is worth six credit hours and is open to all qualified Florida college students. The cost of the program is regular UCF tuition per credit hour plus $2,680 which will include travel, meals, boarding and admission fees. Financial aid is available. The deadline for applications is April 10. For more information, contact Dr. Gladstone Yearwood, director of the African American Studies Program, at 823-0026 or at gyearwoo@pegasus.ucf.edu

- The Sigma Chi chapter at UCF began its annual philanthropy event, Sigma Chi Derby Days, on March 31. The event raises money for the Children's Miracle Network. Sigma Chi raised $1,500 last year and donated $2,000 worth of toys to the network. To help Sigma Chi in Derby Days, contact Danny McGoldrick at (407) 317-7700.

- UCF's Downtown Academic Center is hosting three seminars during April:
  - "Hustles or Happy?...Balancing Relationships at Work and at Home" will be presented on April 9. Dr. Kay Allen, associate professor in the College of Education, will discuss how to have healthy relationships and avoid negative stress.
  - Mindy Z. Colton, director of Publications at UCF, will present "Publication Design for the Non-Designer" on April 29. The seminar will provide tips and techniques to improve printed publications.
  - University of Southern California's IBM Chair Emeritus in Engineering Management, Dr. Gerald Nadler, will be the featured guest at a Noontime Knowledge Series lunch on April 22. Nadler's presentation, "Breakthrough Thinking: Changing the Way We Solve Problems", will focus on planning, changing, designing and improving businesses and organizations.

Each seminar will be from noon to 1 p.m. For more information, call (407) 317-7700.

- The following items will be on display during April in the Library:
  - "In Fitting Memory" by Eva Ritt of the Holocaust Memorial Resource and Education Center
  - "Spanish Across Curriculum" by Professor Maria Redmon of the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures
  - "Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Awareness Month" by Enka Pugh of UCF's Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Student Union
  - "Excellence in Computer Science" by Dr. Udaya Venkatesh of the School of Computer Science
  - "College of Education Faculty Publications" by Dr. Larry Hudson of the Department of Instructional Programs
  - "Orlando-UCF Shakespeare Festival 10th Anniversary" by Christine Card.
Dispute wages over posting of violations

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the last elections, and he answered no to every question.

The basis of the disqualification, according to the chief commissioner, was the fact that the ticket did not pay a fine by 10 school days after it was posted. Patton and Cupicha stated the posting never happened, they did pay the fine, and the due date was wrong.

More than five witnesses were called at the hearing to answer questions about the actual posting of the fine. Orlando Ortiz and Christy Harndoll, both members of the Election Commission, stated on the stand that the postings on the board are very inconsistent. Bob Williams and Kelli Belfatto both stated that the postings of the violation did take place.

David Sparano, election commissioner, said even if the posting did take place, the ticket might not have been able to see it.

"There have been times when the fines are taken down or covered," he said. The statute definition of a school day was interpreted by many different factors at the hearing.

"When classes are officially offered is considered a school day and the statutes read that a school day includes any weekday where classes are offered," said Cheryl Fox, chief commissioner.

The memo from the Registrar's Office that supported Fox's theory was attached to her disqualification memo. It stated that Monday through Saturday are instructional days.

This memo however seemed a contradiction to Cupicha,

"There's a question of ambiguity about the Registrar's Office memo because the schedule put out by them in the Summer/Fall semester includes Saturday and Sunday classes being offered and they're considered weekend courses." Attorney General Joseph Smith took the stand to answer questions about his interpretation of the statutes as he outlined in a memorandum dated March 30.

"The 48 hour grace period is interpreted as additional time to the ten days, not in place of the ten days," he said. "Webster's Collegiate Dictionary defines a grace period as a period of time beyond a due date during which a financial obligation may be met without penalty or cancellation. He/she may wait until the day of his/her swearing in before paying proper fine."

The exact same situation happened to the McDonald/Montague ticket when they were SG president/vice president during the '97-'98 school year. In a memo dated Feb. 24, the ticket was fined $15 and was given two days to appeal the decision, or 10 days to pay the fine. The receipt for the fine showed it was paid on March 12.

Counting Saturdays, it was then paid on the 14th day, not including Saturdays, it was paid on the 12th day.

Fox said that the statutes are very vague at times and need to be changed.

"The statutes need to be made clearer," she said. "They're very grey. You can interpret them a hundred ways. They need to be very specific because they're not specific enough now."

The Cashier's Office was not up-to-date with their records even up to the day of the hearing so Patton asked Fox how she was informed the ticket may not have paid the fine and her answer was Chief Justice, Mike Shutley. She stated that they had many conversations and that they were only held to clarify the meaning of the statutes.

Patton said the questioning at the hearing was important because it looked for a conflict of interest.

"The decision might have been influenced by their interpretation instead of making it on her own," he said. "It shocked me because it looked like the chief justice had made up his mind on a decision he was supposed to be deliberating on."

The fact that a hearing was not held to discuss the disqualification of the ticket for students by the Election Commission was also questioned as a possible violation of the law.

"I feel I wasn't given the opportunity to address that I had tried to pay the fine," Patton said. "There should have been a chance to give us due process of law and there wasn't."

CORRECTION

An editorial oversight last week in the story "Elections results disqualified" left some of the paragraphs out of the printed version. A biased impression was not intended.

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This, in the court's opinion, is what creates forming lewd acts on stage and singing wearing a T-shirt displaying one particular street corner at Tater Day, this might create about murder, rape and self-mutilation about the shirt. When Morgan refused to another a separately identifiable conduct to see how what Morgan did was a matter of free speech.

Morgan wore the shirt, bearing an image of the singers - who is known for performing lead acts on stage and singing about murder, rape and self-mutilation - and a six-word phrase from his song, "White Trash." The phrase contains an obscenity and the word "God."

Three people complained to police about the shirt. When Morgan refused to change her clothes, she was cited for harassment.

"Were Morgan singing the song on the street corner at Tater Day, this might create another issue," Foust wrote in his order upholding the conviction. "However, by wearing a T-shirt displaying one particular phrase from a song, she is essentially repeating this same lyric over and over. This, in the court's opinion, is what creates a separately identifiable conduct which separates it from constitutionally protected free speech."

Morgan told the Associated Press that she views the conviction as a violation of her rights to free speech.

"I think it was clearly speech," she said. "It meant something to me. I think it means being your own god, being who you want to be, unlike this community who is trying to force God down your throat."

Michigan freshman accused of distributing child porn

ANN ARBOR, Mich. - A freshman at the University of Michigan is accused of using a school-operated Internet connection to distribute child porn from his dorm room.

Aaron C. Bruns, 19, of Lima, Ohio, was arrested in March after police took a personal computer from his room and found almost 6,000 pornographic images of children on it hard drive.

Bruns is charged with possessing and distributing material that depicts the abuse of children, according to The Ann Arbor News. Police and prosecutors said Bruns transmitted the images during an Internet chat session that was monitored by an investigative task force based in Florida.

Investigators alerted the university's department of public safety after they found six files containing images of children "engaged in sexual situations" that were code-named to a computer user who was using the university's Internet connection.

Michigan authorities followed up the findings by raiding Bruns' dorm room on March 15.

If convicted, Bruns faces up to seven years in prison and could be ordered to pay a $35,000 fine. He is expected in court May 12.

School officials, citing privacy issues, declined to comment about the allegations against Bruns Thursday. They also would not say whether plans to expel him are underway.

Ball State student survives after being dragged by train

ANDERSON, Ind. - As a freight train dragged her car along the tracks for miles, 29-year-old Amber Scott, a student at Ball State University, retained every single detail of her brush with death.

I was just sitting there, waiting for the train," Scott told the A.P. "I looked in my rearview mirror and I saw it (the truck) coming. I just gripped the steering wheel and closed my eyes."

When she opened them, Scott could see the driver's side door of her 1989 Pontiac Grand Am pinned into the side of the Conrail train and the car's front stuck under it. The train's engine, unaware of what had happened, continued onward, dragging the car and its frightened passenger.

"I was scared," she said. "But I just knew I had to sit there and not be scared. I knew I had to help myself." Scott called 911 twice, thinking that police would be able to trace the call and find her. He pleas were barely audible over the engine's noise.

"I'm in being dragged ... by a train!: Oh, please help," she cried.

Scott briefly considered rolling out of her car's passenger side door but decided against it. Authorities later determined the train was traveling at about 30 mph.

"I scooted down in my seat some, and I just waited," said Scott, who was wearing a seat belt the whole time.

She said she doesn't remember what happened after her car hit a railroad sign post at another crossing, finally breaking it free from the train. Scott said she was left bruised and sore - and her car was a wreck.

The driver of the truck that slammed into her, 25-year-old Ross Schroeder, was cited for not having insurance.

Scott's family is happy to have her home and safe.

"It hasn't really all sunk in that I've made it through a real life and death experience," she said. "I feel like it was a miracle."
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East Lansing on mend after weekend riot

CHRISTINE TATUM

EAST LANSING, Mich. - Clean-up crews and carpenters dispersed throughout downtown East Lansing on Monday to repair and restore property damaged and destroyed when thousands took to the streets late Saturday and early Sunday after Michigan State University's loss to Duke in the NCAA semi-finals.

Only minutes after the game's end, the crowd poured into the downtown area from bars, campus, restaurants and nearby neighborhoods. Hundreds of people - some wearing T-shirts printed with words celebrating the victory over things even got out of hand - were up to no good and bunched between the downtown area and sections of campus, lighting fires, overturning cars and breaking windows wherever they could. By the time police managed to get control of the situation, eight cars were torched, more than 25 downtown businesses' windows smashed and 44 people were arrested. Of those arrested, 11 were MSU students. The rest were basically out-of-towners who wanted to make trouble no matter what the outcome of the game, said Judith Taran, the city's director of communications.

The rampage frightened many who were caught in the middle of it. Witnesses tried to avoid flying bricks - one of which smashed into a fire truck's windshield - and got out of the way of ambulances trying to take the injured to local hospitals for treatment. A police officer was treated for second-degree burns, and 14 others for a variety of minor injuries. The manager of a local Taco Bell closed the restaurant when the crowd frightened him, prompting twice to smash the building's glass doors and plate windows.

The rampage didn't quiet down until 2:00 a.m. with police officers, including mounted patrols, used about 400 canisters of tear gas to disperse the crowd.

The riot stunned MSU's head basketball coach, Tom Izzo.

"It's totally embarrassing and ridiculous," he said. "That upset me more than anything.

"If Michigan State students (who were involved) hear me, if you have season tickets, I'll buy them from you, and I hope you never come to another Michigan State game again.

MSU President Peter McPherson also minced few words.

"Seldom have I been as angry as I am today," he said, promising Sunday that any student caught burning a car would be "kicked out of school" and any student who endangered the lives of others would face immediate suspension.

"Michigan State University has no tolerance for behavior like this," he said.

University and city officials hit the airwaves Monday, with a campaign, titled "Do The Right Thing," designed to encourage anyone with information that could lead to an arrest to step forward. Taran said the city and MSU already had agreed to contribute up to $25,000 toward the establishment of a special fund for reward money. Local business owners and several East Lansing residents have also pledged to chip in because they, too, are determined to find culprits, Taran said. She added that the city will make use of its Web site and fliers to post images of lawbreakers caught on film.

"We will use any means of identification that we can get," she said. "We expect additional arrests.

MSU's image has taken a beating and will suffer as the result of the weekend's riot, many city and university officials said. Izzo said anyone who doesn't think "it's going to affect our recruiting, our image and everything else, just (doesn't) understand how important image is." And in light of the melee last May that emptied when students protested against new drinking restrictions on campus, many potential MSU students may be even less inclined to head to the East Lansing campus, Taran said.

"A lot of parents have to wonder, "Do I want my child to go there?" she said. "And students who have options are probably going to look at those a little differently than they might have before this happened."
Supreme Court to decide student fee funding

JAN CRAWFORD GREENBURG

WASHINGTON - Setting the stage for an important ruling on free speech, the Supreme Court agreed Monday to decide whether public universities can use mandatory student fees to fund a variety of student groups, from Amnesty International to the Pro-Life Action League.

The dispute arose at the University of Wisconsin at Madison, where a group of conservative students sued to stop their activity fees from going to organizations they found objectionable. They maintained that the university violated their First Amendment rights by forcing them to fund private organizations that engage in political and ideological speech, such as the International Socialist Organization and the Campus Women's Center.

A federal appeals court panel in Chicago agreed and ordered the university to come up with a different funding scheme that did not require students to fund political groups at odds with their beliefs.

Other courts have seen the issue differently, however, as have several judges on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 7th Circuit. Those judges said the ruling could spell the end of student-managed activities on public campuses and said the entire appeals court should consider the issue. It declined to do so in October, paving the way for the Supreme Court appeal.

"It's not that these groups should be silenced. We've always stated they should have the freedom to expose their views," Lorence said. "What they don't have is the right to force unwilling students to fund them."

Students at the University of Wisconsin must pay, in addition to tuition, a student activity fee. When the lawsuit was filed during the 1995-96 academic year, the fee was $165.75 a semester.

The university turns over part of the fees to the Associated Students of Madison, the student government organization, which then allocates funds to various groups, service organizations and university departments.

The objecting students pointed to 18 organizations that received student fees and engaged in political and ideological activities. One group, the International Socialist Organization, advocated the overthrow of the government. Another, the Campus Women's Center, which received $34,200 in student fees, urged students to work against legislation that would impose regulations on abortion.

The federal appeals court in Chicago said that requiring students to support student government and its funding decisions meant, essentially, that every individual student was subsidizing the speech of every group that got funding. It drew parallels to the compelled-speech cases involving unions and bar associations and concluded that such spending of the mandatory activity fees violated the First Amendment rights of objecting students.

But the unanimous ruling, by a three-judge panel, inspired impassioned response by other judges on the same appeals court who believed the entire, 11-judge court should review the issue.

"It tells the university that ... you can only make people pay for speech they agree with and that there's no educational value in hearing from people you don't agree with," Lorence said. "Obviously, the groups more cut of the mainstream are going to feel the brunt of it."

But Jordan Lorence, general counsel for the Northstar Legal Center, a conservative public interest group representing the students, argued that "government can't require individuals to fund private organizations that advocate ideas the person finds unacceptable."

The Supreme Court established that principle in earlier cases involving the payment of dues to unions and bar associations, Lorence noted. The court said those groups cannot spend an objecting member's dues for ideological activities that fall outside the group's legitimate purpose.

Lorence said he believes the court will decide the student fee case much the same way after it hears arguments next fall.

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Fire forces life into focus

Daniel F. McMullan

"Do you want the good news or the bad news?" I asked my wife, Melissa, who was at work. "The good news," she replied, "is that I didn't have to go to work today." April 7, 1999

Rich enlisted his neighbor, Johnny, to help solder the pipes. We had to wait for the acetone to dissipate before we could paint the guest bathroom. He had enlisted his neighbor, Johnny, to help solder the pipes. As I lay on my bed fumbling through some homework, Rich walked outside to get some more tools. When he came back inside, he got a real surprise.


"Where's the fire extinguisher?" Johnny asked Rich.

"I don't know," Rich replied.

"We don't have one," I blurted out. I bolted for the kitchen and brought back a gallon jug of water.

"No, no," Rich said. "I'm not talking about a water pitcher." Johnny looked like he was asking me to top off his bed. That's when I spotted the flames shooting up from behind the wall. Then I panicked. I ran for a 5-gallon bucket filled with water and handed it to Johnny. Rich ran out to his mailbox for his fire extinguisher, Norma, Rich's girlfriend, ran out to the swimming pool with a 32-ounce plastic soda cup.

With all of this confusion swirling around us, Johnny was the calm at the center of the storm. It was a bad deal. I called 911 but hung up. I wasn't sure if this was a big enough deal. If the fire trucks came, they might wake up my 3-year-old daughter, who I had just laid down for a nap. If we got the fire out, there would be no big deal and she would be a grump for the rest of the day.

"Should I call 911?" I called out in what seemed like slow motion.

"Yes!" shouted several voices, I did and gave the operator the low-down.

"My house is on fire!" I shouted. She said get everyone out of the house. When I called that command out, I yelled to Norma to get my kid out of here.

The phone rang. It was 911 from the first time I called.

"Why are you calling me?" I asked, "I already told you my house is on fire!"

By then the neighbors across the street were doing the bucket brigade and drawing water from the fire. Norma whisked my daughter, Micaela, clad only in her Simba underwear, out of the room. I ran outside to see the smoke billowing from the attic and ran to the swimming pool with a 32-ounce plastic soda cup.

The realization was shocking.

"What's this?" asked incredulously. "This is my house!"

Rich stood bewildered.

"They want to know how I remodeled my kitchen?" he asked incredulously. "Me?"

"Burnning Down the House?"

When the smoke cleared, both literally and figuratively, we surveyed the damage. The bathroom, my office and my daughter's room were thick with the acrid smoke of insulation. Apparently, when Johnny was working on the pipes, the flame hit the insulation and it tossed immediately. The wall of the bathroom was charred and the white ceramic tile floor was a Jackson Pollock painting of wet bootprints and ashes.

Over pizza later we laughed about how poorly we all reacted to the emergency. Rich went out and bought the biggest fire extinguisher Home Depot stocked. As he finished the last portion of the day's work, Norma stood over him vigilantly with a hose, just in case. Apparently, when the neighbors across the street were doing the bucket brigade and drawing water from the fire, they drove a police car blocked traffic. I checked on Micaela and she was fine. In fact, she was calming Norma down.

"Go in and get her some clothes," Norma said. I ran and stopped to talk to Mark.

"Is everything fine?" I asked. "Should I get my paperwork and things?"

"I don't think so," he said almost glibly. "But I'm going to have to poke a big hole in your ceiling."

Mark had always been lighthearted, but now seemed like strange time to joke. I went in to Micaela's room and opened several dresser drawers. I must have picked up every shirt and short and short to comb, looking for a match. Somewhere in the shallow recess of my mind, it seemed terribly important for my daughter to look good as our house burned to the ground.

"What's the fire extinguisher?" the firefighters asked. I told them it was in the chair. As the firefighters exited, they all commented on my kitchen and countertops. It is actually Rich's hardwork. He used a cobalt-blue tile to cover all the counters, walls and the bar on the other side of a pass-through window above the stove.

"Wow," said one. "This is fantastic. How did he do it?"

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Anyway, my thoughts were interrupted when Rich came running out of the house.

"Where's the hose? Where's the hose?" he screamed.

"This is your house man, for crying out loud, it's over there," I told him, pointing to the hose under the guest bathroom window. "It's right there!"

"The water's turned off!" he replied. The realization was shocking. "We're screwed," I thought.

Chris from across the street was making a mad dash with his garden hose. He jetted to a halt at the end of his yard when the slack played out. The firehouse is close enough to hit with a rock on a tail wind from my front yard. But it seemed like slow motion.

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Student angry over elections

So Patton and Cupicha won the elections. Now the results may be disqualified because of a $5 fine.

What the HELL is going on here? Every semester, I'm accosted by mad campaigners as they vauntingly attempt to get my vote. This semester, I actually voted. Not because of campaigners, but because one of the platforms was making a stand that I wanted to support. So I did. I voted for them. I'm not going to say if they won or lost, but the point is that I actually went and voted.

So what happens? The vote might now be disqualified, according to the Future. Because the election committee didn't tell them where to pay their taxes.

My beef is that for the six semesters I've been here, I can't remember a time when an election was simple, cut-and-dry. This person wants to do this and that person wants to do something else, et cetera. There have been runoffs, disqualifications, problems in the election commission, the list goes on. If I was going to be here for another few semesters, instead of graduating in the fall, and if I didn't have to have a job and an internship to support myself, I'd run the elections. But I can't. I've never been able to support myself, I'd run the elections. But I want it all to stop. We need a better way to vote again this semester if Patton and Cupicha get disqualified from their positions.

Quite simply, I don't really CARE who's at fault here. Maybe it's the president and vice-president-elect. Maybe it's the election commissioner. Maybe it's Student Government itself. I really don't care. I just want it all to stop. We need a better way to do things. Since I'm not in Student Government, and with all that I have to do, I really don't have the time to be. I can't change it. But I'd be glad to vote in someone who could. Like that'd ever happen.

-Josh Roseman, senior Scholarship Chair, Alpha Epsilon Pi

Student speaks out against death penalty

The United States is ranked among the countries of China, Iraq, Iran and Saudi Arabia for having the most executions worldwide. Of the estimated 10,000 executions in U.S. history, only 10 have been for whites killing blacks. Between 1930-1967, 3,259 were executed and 54 percent of these were black, but blacks only make up 10 percent of our population.

Race is a major factor in Florida. Eighteen people have been released from Death Row because they were found to be innocent, and all of them were black.

Duffy jery selection, people who are opposed to the death penalty are excluded from selection, so mostly women and minorities are excluded. One hundred and sixty-four times in Florida history, a jury has come back with a sentence of death without saying then the judge has ruled for death instead.

Life without parole costs $900,000 per person. A death sentence costs $2,4 million per person. Forty percent of Fla. Supreme Court time is spent dealing with death penalty appeals.

Giving 320 people life without parole would save Florida taxpayers $1 billion.

These tax dollars could be better spent on social programs. Money is desperately needed for Child Welfare and just about every other social program you could possibly think of.

Starting at the root of the problem would better serve us in the future.

-Gina Carson, senior
U.S. should have acted earlier in Kosovo

DAVID PITTMAN
COPY EDITOR

Two weeks ago, the United States and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) started an air campaign over former Yugoslavia in an effort to force President Slobodan Milosevic to sign a peace agreement that would end the killing of Serbia’s ethnic Albanians.

Since then, however, the bombings have had little effect, if any. NATO said that they would step up bombings from night-time hours to all day and night. And even though U.S. officials say that sending troops is not an option, it appears to be the only way to end the genocide in southern Serbia.

When the bombings first started, I was totally against them. Forcing a country to sign a peace agreement through the use of intense military force contrasted each other like night and day. It was wrong, and I still feel that it is wrong. However, the use of ground troops is necessary to bring an end to the senseless killing of thousands of people.

The U.S. has pushed itself into a corner where they have sold too many wolf tickets and issued too many false threats. Milosevic knew the U.S. wanted to attack from the beginning but could not muster the international support to flex its military muscle.

Now, we are at a point where diplomacy is no longer a viable option and the only thing left is heavy military involvement.

Hindsight is 20/20, but the U.S. and its NATO allies could have avoided this precarious position if they had used the same strategy the United Nations used in containing Saddam Hussein and Iraq. Milosevic has been in power for over 12 years. He didn’t start executing Albanians two weeks ago. But stepping this mad man then wasn’t appealing because there was nothing precious to gain in Serbia (oil for example). We only care when it hits our pocketbooks.

This is evident in support for the Serbian air strikes. According to the Gallup Organization, American support for the current bombings is at 50 percent, as opposed to the 74 percent enjoyed during the December Iraqi bombings, or the 66 percent during the August Afghanistan bombings.

But now we are at the point where we have to do something or more people will die. And even though support for it is weak, sitting around doing nothing does not help the problem. So, in order to advert a Hitler-esque atrocity, we must destroy numerous small towns and displace millions of innocent Eastern Europeans. All of which could have been avoided if we had not preconceived and did it right the first time.

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Q: If you could do anything this summer, what would you do?

A: "I’d like to not have to go to summer school."
—Darryl Hampton, 20, freshman, undecided

"I’d fly off to Prague at a moment’s notice."
—Michael Pasis, 29, sophomore, art

"I’d go to Alaska and work on a fishing boat."
—Lorna Simac, 22, junior, creative writing

"I’d go to Europe."
—Sylvia Herbozo, 19, sophomore, psychology

"I’d go to Australia because I’ve always wanted to."
—Tracy Holz, 26, junior, legal studies

"I’d go on a trip out of the country."
—Jeremy Feinburg, 19, freshman, art

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An ode to O-town late nights

Corett Trube
ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

Want a back rub? A statement that triggers flashbacks of what was once the most exciting place to go out after three in the morning. Now that the infamous Orlando ordinance has reigned supreme in nightclubs and bars for over a year and a half, ex-ravers and club goers can now get nostalgic about the good times. For all those still trying to figure out what the heck was going on, there’s no better place to do it than for Only Productions latest exercise in interactive theater, The Last Rave: Tortoise In The Sun.

The plot is minimal. The Last Rave takes place at the final late night event before the 3 a.m. ordinance kicks in. A funky crew is along for the ride, including first-time Brud, obnoxious Danny Dreads, ever-popular club kid Biju, speed freak Malaise, and arrogant DJ Diggz, as well as every staple of the raver subculture littered throughout the show. Their carefree escapades throughout the night lead up to the finale, a performance by everybody’s favorite local act, Tortoise.

The cast, which includes over 30 extras, is made up mostly of UCF students. Everybody goes above and beyond the call of duty to recreate the happy vibe and intense level of energy that keeps everybody on their toes (literally). As well as Tortoise In The Sun, an eye-catching ending, superstar club kid Catrrian pops in to deliver a drag-style performance that would make Lady Bunny proud.

What The Last Rave lacks in a strong portrait that doesn’t compromise of what kept kids up all night; not just the sugar-coated. It’s pointless to hide the tambourine drug use that raves are unfortunately known for, and everything as up-in-your-face as it gets. It’s an honest portrait that doesn’t compromise anything in order to give the audience a true image of what kept kids up all night. Not just the drugs, mind you, but an open, friendly environment that broke down just about every social boundary. I wish I could say that environment still existed around town today (but I wouldn’t give up yet).

Another important aspect of the show that contributes to its strength is the lack of moralizing. There is no reason to judge the actions of anybody in the show. The Last Rave is designed as pure entertainment and should only be viewed in that manner. As real as it tries to be, the experience is all for fun, which it undoubtedly succeeds in.

In order not to give away all the good stuff, I can’t go much further than to describe The Last Rave as the ultimate in interactive theater and nothing more. Performing for the next two weekends at Icon nightclub, this is no ordinary show. Following in the tradition of their previous hit Halloween Resurrection, Only Productions has crafted a highly atmospheric kaleidoscope of dancing, music, cracks on Orlando, and plenty of drug references. Don’t be surprised if you find yourself dancing by the end, and wishing you could go back and do it all over again.

Rave on...

A special benefit performance for D.A.R.E. runs this Thursday. Regular performances continue on April 9, 10, 15, 16, 22, 23, 24, and 29. Icon night club is located on 20 E. Central Blvd. Doors open at 8:15 p.m., show at 9.

For ticket prices and more info, call Only Productions at 975-2875.
A sushi bar for addicts

Stephen Unger
Staff Writer

Japan is filled with exotic elements of nature like lotus flowers floating with a subtle current or mist concealing a volcanic crater. Japan is where food fits the atmosphere and atmosphere fits the food. Japanese food is a delicacy in where presentation makes all the difference. The environment of a Japanese restaurant must reflect the art of sushi: presentation, quality, and good service. An example of this tradition is at Yae Sushi (2050 North Semoran Blvd).

To some, sushi is like a drug. Every couple weeks or so a craving radiates throughout the body. It makes food fit the atmosphere where it makes sushi, and pieces consist of uncooked ingredients like seaweed, cucumber, and avocado. There are a few terms that are useful to know before eating sushi. First, sushi comes in a variety of different forms. Nigiri sushi, which is the nucleus of good sushi, makes this well and everything applied to the rice has a fresh flavor. This is the secret ingredient in sushi that makes it so addictive. It’s that sweet and sticky taste that clings to the taste buds with each bite. Sashimi are the thinly cut pieces. Sashimi are the thinly sliced fish without rice, and Maki are fish slices packed into rolls of rice, cut into six pieces. The fish can be substituted to the taste buds with each bite. It’s that overwhelming selection of a fairly expensive price, a must-have. But like other sushi bars, Yae doesn’t offer any special breaks or bargains; even for college students. Sushi is always relatively expensive, and there just aren’t enough sushi joints in the Orlando area to boost competition and lower the cost. But after getting hooked on sushi, money doesn’t matter anymore. Who can resist?

Yae Sushi (2050 N. Semoran Blvd) offers an overwhelming selection of tasty sushi in an attractive atmosphere.

The most enchanting characteristic of Yae is their huge selection. It’s common for sushi bars to have a relatively limited number of choices, but Yae offers twenty-seven different selections. This doesn’t include the 40 different rolls that can be ordered as well.

Unfortunately, customers will be heavily bombarded with a huge menu. It is common for Sushi restaurants to offer a list of available items in which cus-tomers can tally the order. Yae doesn’t offer any lists, so the overwhelming menu may often cause the customer to lose track of the order.

The water fountain at the entrance of Yae is a symbol of constant satisfaction. It adds to a cozy environment, while the food comes out in an artistic presentation. It’s a place with respected service, huge selection, and a convenient location in Winter Park. But like other sushi bars, Yae doesn’t offer any special breaks or bargains; even for college students. Sushi is always relatively expensive, and there just aren’t enough sushi joints in the Orlando area to boost competition and lower the cost. But after getting hooked on sushi, money doesn’t matter anymore. Who can resist?

Crossword

ACROSS
1. Arrive
2. Werewolf
3. Kay
4. M.K. gpm
5. Pin of land
6. Rice easily
12. Stout wine
13. Pastrami on rye
19. Vicinity
26. Yum's pock­
volve
27. According to
29. Lumber
35. Reef
37. Not in resi­dence
39. Guth­en
40. Dressed (e)
44. Business abbr.
45. Deep draft of beer
48. Enemy
49. Spac­en­e­­eurs
50. Font du ___
51. Glib high
52. Dill­gar­age
53. Cap­illa
54. "Vivacious" letter
56. Leslie "_"
57. Ringmaster
58. Beatie or Blyth
59. Yarn loop
60. Switch positions
62. Creating a cavity
65. Veloc­ity
66. New York canal
67. Fire
68. View take
69. Rose and Flamingo
70. Gene autry
71. States with confidence
72. Flap kick
74. Play lead
75. Fight against
76. Herson, e.g.
77. Gathered together
78. Other­wise
79. Elena
80. Eve, pref.
81. L. Roberts, Jr.
82. Having a second
83. Hit with open hand
84. Grouper
85. Umpire's ___
86. English noun
87. Atlan­tic and Koch
88. River College
89. 1968 Olympics host
90. Newspapers
91. River periods
92. Mint's best island
93. Potential odd
94. Tie stopper
95. Unlatching
96. Beer brand
97. Most anterior
98. Vessel with e
99. Spell it
100. Lady of Spain
101. Check an­other
102. Also known as
103. Hobbies, noise
104. Ingeniously
105. "20.14" Towner
106. La Louisa
107. N.T. book

DOWN
1. Fight against
2. Harrison, e.g.
3. Gathered together
4. Ceramic
5. Tentacle
6. Tangerine
7. Fortunes, e.g.
8. Numb
9. Most anterior
10. Consonant
11. Vessel with e
12. Legal
15. Formula only
16. Fries' name
17. Most anterior
18. Call forth
20. "Coast to Coast"
22. "...a gem in the middle..."
24. "Be my Valentine"
26. "...crooked path..."
27. "...a living thing..."
28. "...a pride..."
29. "...a glory..."
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34. "...a gem in the middle..."
Chuck Shepherd's News of the Weird

Lead Stories

• The Human Fertilization and Embryology Authority of Edinburgh, Scotland, announced a cutback in services in March because there was only one sperm donor left in the city, and even he will face mandatory retirement after 10 pregnancies. Although the donation was voluntary, the agency described official donors as "warmed couples to lower their expectations about their genetic choices."

• In March, the Seattle Police Department ordered the 26-year-old driver of his driving license, which he had accidentally left in an Edmonton hotel room. And in Charlotte, N.C., at his February sentencing for launching money others had taken in a robbery, John Charles Williams Sr., 42, found that indeed he had declared his $40,000 laundering fee on his IRS return and had paid the tax on it.

New Frontiers in Bearing Arms

William L. Strater, 26, was arrested in Durham, N.C., in December and charged with robbing the Centra Bank. The robber had presented a teller with a note demanding money and containing a finely detailed drawing of a gun, but Strater did not actually have a gun and was not charged with armed robbery. However, Terry Williams, 23, was arrested in Oakland, Calif., in March after a road-rage collision in which he allegedly climbed his empty hands as if he had a gun, pointed at the other driver and yelled "Bang!" The prosecutor charged Williams with making a terroristic threat, in violation of the city's sick leave policy.

Government in Action

• The Nuclear Regulatory Commission announced in February that it would scale back its terrorist-combating safety inspections of nuclear power plants, despite the fact that the companies had passed 45 inspections almost half the time and that in 14 of the 57 inspections since 1991, the breaches have been so severe that terrorists could have caused a core meltdown. (Furthermore, in its inspection, the power company even knew the exact date of the "surprise" inspection, although it did not know exactly what area or tactic the NRC would use to test the plant's security.)

• In November, the mayor of South Gate, Calif., adjacent to Los Angeles, proposed an ordinance banning the colors "wild orange, rose, lavender and turquoise" on houses. One resident said he'd paint over his house only if the mayor had a good reason, "like if cars were crashing into each other because the drivers were looking at (my house). Or if it hurt people's eyes." However, in January, the Joliet (Ill.) City Council passed an ordinance requiring builders to make houses less boring by mixing up their aesthetic features and colors. Said City Councilor Joseph Gigante: "Men don't support the ordinance because too many row houses look alike. (You go home drunk, and you'd never know which house was yours.)"

• The February Associated Press report described the 18-point, government-designed tests that injured Israeli civilians must fail before they can be granted disability payments. A medical exam by itself can prove disability for any other occupation, but married female homemaker (men and single women are not eligible for the test) must step into a simulated home and, in front of three officials, men, that they cannot wash or iron laundry, mop the floor or slice bread, among other tasks.

• While the IRS Has Become Kinder and Gentler: In December, the Hungarian parliament created a special tax-collection unit to go after recalcitrant citizens and which will be equipped with cattle prods, Ma­ce and handcuffs. And in November, the Agence France-Presse wire service reported the death of Lao Changlong near Chongqing, China, as the result of a beating by eight avenue officials who had gone to his home to collect back taxes of about $60.

• Recent Proposed Legislation: Missouri state Sen. Sam Gullik's bill to require hospitals to provide a neck-to-knee "dignity gown" instead of the standard, open-back gown. And a Tennessee Alcohol Beverage Commission's rule to allow liquor stores to conduct "consumer education" "seminars," basically consisting of a free tasting. And Arkansas state Rep. Stephen Simon's bill to allow licensed gun-owners to bring weapons to church. And Vermont state Rep. Robert Kinsey's bill to require CPR training as a condition for a marriage license. Kinsley said he has no idea why such a law is necessary but that he routinely introduces bills at committees requests.

• In March, the animal control officer of Pickens County, S.C., threatened to enforce a county snake-handling ordinance against collector Roy Cox, proprietor of the Reptiles of the World exhibit of rattlesnakes, boa constrictors and cobras. Cox, said the officer, needs a county license, which he can get only if the federal state reptile-handling permits. However, as an Associated Press reporter pointed out to the officer after investigating, no federal or South Carolina agency issues any such thing as a reptile permit.

Recurring Theme

In February, a 17-year-old, 300-pound girl in Baltimore had a benign ovarian tumor the size of a beach ball and weighing 80 pounds removed at Franklin Square Hospital Center. Four people were needed to carry the tumor out of the operating room. Three weeks later in nearby Lancaster, Pa., a 52-year-old woman had a 75-pound benign tumor removed. The largest ever reported, which made News of the Weird in 1991, was the 303-pound cyst taken from a 34-year-old, 513-pound woman at Stanford University Medical Center.

The Only Way Out

A 46-year-old bass-baritone for the Cleveland Opera hanged himself in December, reportedly dis­tracted over a bad rehearsal for "Lucia di Lammermoor." And a 58-year-old man shot himself to death in Anderson, Ind., January because, according to a 911 tape, he thought his wife was hav­ing an affair on the Internet. And in November, a 24-year-old man in southern Thailand leaped from a sixth-floor window to his death, reportedly because his wife had refused to let the additional two wives he had just brought home stay with the couple.

(Send your Weird News to Chuck Shepherd, P.O. Box 8306, St. Petersburg, Fla. 33738, or Web@compuserve.com.)
Moore wants you to know 'The Awful Truth'

Christine Tatum

CHICAGO – This frumpy, dumpy guy badly in need of a hard cut walks onstage wearing sagging jeans and a ball cap, and hundreds of people packing an auditorium at the Illinois Institute of Technology go nuts.

They’re cheering for Michael Moore, the folk hero from Flint, Mich. The underdog, Everyman, regular Joe whose guerrilla filmmaking tactics have forced the stiff-upper-lipped crowd to shut up and take notice. They’re cheering for a guy whose groundbreaking 1989 film, "Roger & Me," bounded bigwigs at General Motors about their decision to close factories in Flynt. A guy who uses cheap Indonesian labor because he doesn’t want to make "ed TV." A guy who walks onstage wearing sagging jeans and a ball cap, and hundreds of people packing an auditorium at the Illinois Institute of Technology go nuts.

Moore recently said after a night of tap dancing along New York’s ritzy Fifth Avenue against those of a blue-collar crowd from the streets of Pittsburgh, "How do you change the bag in this vacuum cleaner?" "What’s a share of IBM stock going for these days?" He manages to poke fun at both groups but ultimately declares those with the smallest bank accounts the winners.

There is probably more penetrating humor in one half-hour of "The Awful Truth" than in a season of just about any popular sitcom these days, but Moore makes it clear that he’s not continuing his forays in television just for the laughs.

"I really want people across the country to see the things that we think are important," he said. "And I want them to be so angry about some of this stuff that they get off their asses and do something. One person really can make a difference."

Yet Moore’s biting sense of humor often compromises his mission to inspire. Nevermind that he visits his hometown every six weeks or that he’s given money to help independent filmmakers and liberal social causes. Many people find it tough to swallow Moore’s jokes about the wealthy and then watch him fly first-class at his publisher’s or film distributor’s expense to his posh home in New York City’s Central Park West, where he also sends his teenage daughter to an elite private school.

Then there are all those cracks that could alienate an awfully large segment of Moore’s audience: Republicans.

"I’d love to see a headline that says 'GOP B.L.F.' " he told one studio audience. "And yes, we are going after Henry Hyde and his hypocritical ass. It’s a two-part story."

They were jokes sure to get laughs — especially given that Moore’s handlers were careful to pack the house with college students from campuses scattered throughout the Chicago area. It was a crowd filled with folks known for their left-of-center views and bowdler senses of humor — the perfect audience for any of Moore’s endeavors. But are college students avid fans of the Bravo channel, the film and arts network that features dance, classical music and jazz? Moore said the network, currently reaching 35 million homes, is hoping "The Awful Truth" will become an anchor that will attract a new — and yes, younger — audience.

Whether that strategy works without driving away the channel’s current viewer base remains to be seen.

"It’s too bad that it’s not on a larger network," said Grey Wendling, a senior at Goden College, who drove to Chicago from the Indiana campus to see Moore in action. "I don’t have the money for this."

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—Ramiro Vazquez

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**Hole-less Manson goes all out**

RAMIRO VAZQUEZ  
**STAFF WRITER**

By looking at the line outside the O-rena it was clear that a lot of kids skipped school that day in order to dress up and get in line early last Monday for the Marilyn Manson show. As expected there were a lot of guys with makeup on and girls dressed just a tad bit suggestively.

I was disappointed that there weren't that many psycho preach- ers interrupting the show; only a couple of bums that got paid to hand out flyers.

The first band that played was Jack Off Jill. Lead singer Jessica looked like Ann Wilson (you know the fat chick in Heart) on crack. The music wasn't bad but I can't say I was impressed. During their set Jessica cuts her forehead and chest (who knows maybe she could work for ECW if the band doesn't work out) and challenges some guy whom was yelling at her to fight.

Monster Magnet are a true rock band, not some pretty boy Matchbox 20 crap that dress up like Bon Jovi and play like Hootie's Blowfish. Singer Dave Wyndorf looks like a biker version of Paul Stanley. In true rock star fashion he performed with an endless amount of obscene gestures, the occasional guitar playing and obvious stage raps. He even took time to comment on Hole's departure and saying that the tour was better without their negative attitude. Who the heck needs Hole? Her last album sounded like Left-Eyed Susie's comeback from a Sex & Drugs record. Courtesy is all that a fake breast. To Dave's credit he is the only person that I've seen laying down his guitar without looking like a wimp for not breaking it.

Their music has always been a psychedelic rock version of Black Sabbath. The band focused mostly on material from their Powertrip CD. On stage the songs sounded raw and larger than life. If a band is any good they should be able to prove that they're good every time they step on stage and Monster Magnet passed the test. The only disappointment was that their set was too short. Since they got bumped up to Hole's place, I thought they would be able to play longer.

The time was now for Manson's show. The people rushed forward, the lights went down and the madness began. Manson came out in a cross made of TVs, his outfit is mostly see through except for a little G-string that covers his member. Half of his face is painted white and he has some feathers that make him look like a killer peacock.

On stage Manson laid off the bastard son of Ziggy Stardust impersonation. He seems to have finally found a balance between the glum Marilyn and the darker Manson. He started the show out with "Reflecting God" and the crowd went wild. By the time that Manson did his Bowie impersonation on "Speed of Pain" the crowd settled down a little and concentrated on watching the show. To my surprise Manson did not talk bad about Courtney Love during the set. Instead he focused on his two favorite subjects: drugs and Christianity. On Christianity he commented about people in O-town who refused to offer him service because they were "born again." Manson said, "if they were born again why don't they die again." On the drug subject he had his little speech were he saw a vision in which God told him that Jesus brought Marijuana to the earth among other things in order to justify his drug use.

For "Impossible Hate Anthem" Manson came out dressed as a cop with their version of the American flag in the background. At the end of the song the back up singer they had come out dressed as a cop and shot Manson in the back. After that Manson came out in a big podium and said "you can't kill me (explicative)," and did his whole bible ripping routine before the song "Antichrist Superstar." Manson finished the set with "The Beautiful People" and for an encore he did his version of Patti Smith's "Rock And Roll (racist explicative)."

At a time when mainstream music is filled with so much teeny-bopper mediocrity, when listening to N'Sync slowly kills people's braincells, it's nice to know that Manson is still around. Marilyn Manson is the only band within the proximity of cMTV that is making music that's still worth listening. Love him or hate him Manson is born to be a rock star. Beneath the make up and the lights there is a man who gives his 110% in each performance.
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Women salvage one of three matches in Shootout

Tony Mejia
Sports Editor

Following losses to higher-ranked New Mexico and Texas-El Paso, the University of Central Florida women's tennis team went home with a hard fought victory against Alabama-Birmingham to close the UTEP Spring Shootout at the El Paso Tennis Club.

UCF ran out to a big lead and held off a UAB rally to defeat the Blazers 5-4, last Sunday morning.

After trailing 3-1 early in the match, UAB took a 4-3 lead when Sjouke Liem and Monika Schmid defeated Daniela Okal and Sonja Prokopec 8-2. But the Golden Knights came back strong, winning the last two matches.

UCF got off to a great start when the 60th-ranked Widyadharma had her second major upset of the season, defeating 17th-ranked Mirela Vladulescu at number one singles, 7-5, 6-0. Widyadharma defeated #21 Elisa Penalvo of Marquette earlier this season.

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The Blazers came back with a win at number six singles to cut the lead to one until Ashar put UCF back up by two with a 6-4, 6-3, win over Spouke Liem at number five singles. UAB's Michell North came from behind to defeat Sonja Prokopec at number four, 2-6, 6-2, 6-0, and Mary Anne Martin came from behind to defeat Ann-Jeanette Svantesson, 6-3, 6-0, at number three to tie things at 3-3 going into doubles.

The win came as a much-needed remedy to a two-game losing streak suffered in the first two days of play at the Shootout.

In opening day action, the 21st ranked New Mexico Lobos swept the three doubles matches to come from behind and defeat the Golden Knights, 6-3.

The Golden Knights got off to a good start with Gouttefarde rolling to a 6-1, 6-1, win over Aimee Hites at number three singles. Gouttefarde notch ed her 16th victory of the season, second most on the team.

UNM's Ana Friganovic then defeated Widyadharma, 6-2, 6-0, to tie the match at 1-1. Hadas Ronen gave the Golden Knights a 2-1 lead with a 6-4, 6-1, win over Courtesy Choate at number six singles. Prokopec was defeated by Neza Kurnik at number four singles, 7-6, 6-1, to tie the match at 2-2. Natallia Alekhova then gave the Lobos their first lead of the day with a 7-5, 7-5, win over Svantesson at number two singles. Okal won probably the toughest singles match of the day, a 6-7, 6-3, 6-3, come-from-behind win over Nicoleta Spika at number four singles to tie the match at 3-3 going into doubles, where it was all New Mexico.

Host team UTEP handed UCF another 6-3 loss the next day, but it was the singles portion that hampered the Knights, as only one individual, Widyadharma, registered a victory.

The Golden Knights returned to action on Tuesday at the University of Nevada Las Vegas at 3:30 p.m.
New NCAA standards may be in place by September

CHRISopher K. Hepp

PHILADELPHIA - The NCAA could have new freshman-eligibility standards in place by September, regardless of the outcome of a lawsuit challenging the current standards, an NCAA official said on Wednesday.

New standards probably would place less emphasis on standardized test scores and more emphasis on high school grade-point averages, said Graham B. Spanier, president of Penn State University and chairman of the NCAA Division I board of directors.

Spanier said it was hoped a new model could be ready for adoption by the board's August meeting. That would allow it to be in place by Sept. 1. Spanier said the review had been going on for months and was independent of the lawsuit brought against the NCAA.

Using standardized test scores as part of the eligibility rules led to a suit by African-American student-athletes, who said the tests were racially discriminatory.

Earlier this month in Philadelphia, U.S. District Judge Ronald L. Buckwalter struck down the eligibility rules, citing a July 27 memo by NCAA officials to Division I member schools that showed that African-American and low-income student-athletes have been disproportionately impacted by the standards.

Buckwalter ruled in a lawsuit brought by Simon Gratz High School students Simon Gratz who did not obtain sufficient SAT scores. One, Leatrice Shaw, sat out her freshman year of competition at the University of Miami, where she is now a junior, and the other chose to attend a Division III school, where the test requirement does not apply.

On Tuesday, a federal appeals court panel issued a stay of Buckwalter's ruling while the NCAA appeals the decision.

The stay restores the eligibility rules that were struck down by Buckwalter. The three-year-old NCAA rules required freshman student-athletes at Division I colleges and universities to have scored a minimum of 820 on the Scholastic Assessment Test (or 680 on the American College Testing Assessment, or ACT), and have a 2.5 grade-point average in 11 core high school courses, to play intercollegiate sports and qualify for scholarships.

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Spanier said that any new standard most likely would continue to employ standardized test scores.

"By having no test scores at all, you run the risk of allowing teachers, and counselors in high schools to simply use grades to make the determination," he said.

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Panaggio sets school record

SPECIAL TO THE FUTURE

Anne Panaggio broke the University of Central Florida school record in the 1,500 meters, leading the way at the 1999 University of Central Track and Field held on Monday, Jan.29 at the UCF Arena Track.

Panaggio, a junior from Bettendorf, lowa, ran a 4:50.06 to take second place in the 1,500 meter behind Nienna Lynch, who with a time of 4:34.68. Golden Knight Brainsie Harrington took third place with a 4:50.63.

Several other UCF athletes took first place at the meet. Christy Turner won the 100 meter dash with a time of 12.71. Nathana Garner won the 400 meter with a 59.56. Takeia Mcclower took first in a tight race in the 400 meter low hurdles with a 1:09.84. She edged out Shaina Zamaris of Bowdon College, who ran a 1:10.24. Amber Twyner won the shot put with a distance of 39-7.5, won the javelin with a 114.6 and took second in the discus with a 113-6.

The Golden Knights also swept the two relay races, winning the 4X100 meter relay in a time of 48.83 and the 4X400 meter relay in a time of 4:08.10.

Less than a week later, the women's track and field team competed at the 13th annual Miami Gatorside Invitational on Saturday, April 3 at Greentree Track on the University of Miami.

UCF was led by Turner, who placed first in the pole vault with a 11.90m toss and Katara Beard (11.30m) while Yvette Ash and Takeia Mcclower placed fourth in the javelin (26.72m). Turner also placed second in the javelin with a throw of 113-6. Twyner placed second in the javelin with a throw of 10.24.

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LTagard placed 11th in the 1,500 meter run (4:56.86) and Garner placed 11th in the 400 meter dash with a time of 58.58. Shar Lammers and Sarah Kureshi competed in the 800 meter run, placing 17th and 18th with times of 2:23.28 and 2:26.99, respectively.

UCF will compete next Friday on April 16-17, at the Trans Atlantic Athletic Conference Championship at Troy State University.

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Women take second in Florida Championship

DAVID MARSTERS
STAFF WRITER

After holding the lead for the first two rounds of the Ryder/Florida Women's Collegiate Championship, the Golden Knights dropped a spot on the final day to finish second in the team competition. However, junior Line Berg shot a six-over-par 222 to win the individual championship.

The tournament consisted of twelve Florida schools including Florida, Florida State, Miami, and nationally ranked Florida International. Playing at Don Shula's Golf Resort in Miami Lakes, the Knights recorded some of their lowest scores this year.

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Berg led the tournament wire to wire, and finished four strokes better than her closest competition. She followed an opening round 72 with a 1-under-par 71 on second day, and then cruised to victory with a final round 70.

Entering the final round, the Knights stood at 608, holding a six-shot over Florida State. The Seminoles who shot a tournament-low 216 in the second round, benefited from UCF's worst round of the tournament and finished third shooting three strokes better than the Knights to take the team title. FSU finished at 926 to UCF's 928. Close behind was South Florida at 935 and Florida International at 938. Florida, who had won the last four state championships, rounded out the top five with a 939.

The second place effort came on the heels of a runner-up performance at the River Wildness USF Invitational in which Faanes, Berg, Gundersrud, and Aichison led the Golden Knights. Hartley and Tatiana Landonso also delivered solid efforts.

Next up for the UCF women is the Trans American Athletic Conference Championship in Atlanta, Georgia from April 12-14. The tournament, hosted by Georgia State, will determine the Knights' chances of earning a trip to the NCAA Women's Golf Championships.

NOTE: The UCF Men's Golf team was also in action last week, finishing third out of 15 teams at the Southeastern Louisiana Mardi Gras Invitational on March 29-30. The Knights shot a two day total of 599, 23-over-par.

The tournament, which was shortened by rain, was won by Campbell University. The UCF men return to action in the TAAC Championship on April 17-21. The tournament is hosted by Campbell in Bates Creek, North Carolina. After that, they travel to Wofford College in Spartanburg, South Carolina for the Wofford Invitational on April 22-24.

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Richter built UCF into a top level program

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about four months after.
"I took it over as an interim and my contract was for 10 months. I didn't know if I was going to take it for just those 10 months or if I was going to stay on. My goal was to leave the program in better shape than when I got it. I definitely think I've achieved that."

Richter guided UCF to TAAC championships from 1994-96 and a co-championship in her first season. The Knights defeated Jacksonville in the TAAC Tournament last year and earned an automatic berth into the NCAA's; its first since 1991. UCF lost to Wisconsin, 2-0.

But it was last year's TAAC championship that stands out as her all-time favorite.
"It was the first time to automatically qualify for the NCAA's," Richter said. "That single moment, when the whistle blew to win, was the best moment in my UCF career. When I was a player, we got to in the NCAA's by invitation. We didn't win it on the field."

Richter's final contribution to the women's soccer program is one on par with all of her other accomplishments. She leaves behind a team that loves five players to graduation but returns seven starters. The team also is bolstered by Richter's best recruiting class ever. She said that factor should make the UCF job very attractive to her replacement.

"It's a great job and we're giving somebody a gift," said Richter, who was named TAAC Coach of the Year in 1998. "The team is in place to be successful again next year. We far and away had the best recruiting class in the conference and one of the better ones in the Southeast. It's a prime job for somebody."

She said telling her team, plus her newly-signed players will be difficult. Richter signed eight, including some who can make an immediate impact. Her message to them is to stay at UCF.
"I'll encourage them all to stay because the team is going to be successful," she said. "Heck, it'll probably be more successful than my Auburn team next year."

Auburn is coming off a 5-12 season. But Richter feels the Tigers can turn it around through recruiting.
"They had a very poor year but I don't think they're recruiting the right kids," Richter said. "It's a high-level athletic department. They're top-notch, everything they do."

"We can recruit the right-level kid. A lot of the kids I signed in this first year's class would have helped Auburn and are SEC-level kids."

In fact, Richter is confident she can add women's soccer to the list of Auburn teams that annually contend for a national title. That was one other factor in leaving UCF.
"We've enjoyed some great success here but eventually, yeah, I would like to win a national championship and Auburn being in the SEC is a step in that direction," she said.

UCF will conduct a search for a replacement immediately. Mott will remain at UCF for two more months to coach through spring before joining Richter. Richter doesn't care who replaces her, only hoping that the person puts forth the same effort and dedication she did.
"I just want to see UCF funded over to the best possible coach that we can find, male or female, alum or non-alum," Richter said. "I just want somebody who's going to be committed to the program and has the ability to maintain our success."

Richter's success was not limited to the playing field or coaching arena. She graduated Magna Cum Laude with a degree in psychology and earned Adidas/ISSAA Scholar-Athlete honors as a junior and senior. As a senior, she was a finalist for the prestigious Honda Award for her success in the classroom and on the field.

Richter has been inducted into several national honor societies, including Golden Key, Omicron Delta Kappa, Phi Kappa Phi and Psi Chi. She also served on the 1991 College Student-Athlete Project: Women and Athletics Sub-Committee.

A native of Napoleonville, Ill., Richter was a three-sport star (soccer, basketball, softball) at Napoleonville Central High. In soccer, she earned All-America honors and was a member of the National Youth Team in 1986. She also was a member of the North squad at the United States Olympic Festival in 1987 and 1990.

Richter came out of "retirement" in 1997 when she joined the Tampa Bay Extreme of the United Systems of Independent Soccer Leagues (USISL) "W" League as the team's starting goalkeeper.

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Cambell hungry to get back into the TAAC race

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Bradley Coates (.343-1-26), and outfielder Keith Sears (.328-1-16) are among the team’s best hitters. Along with Barker, first baseman Mike Campbell and third baseman Dan Krause are power threats with seven and six home runs, respectively.

“They’ll be prepared because they are well coached,” Frady said. “They have better players than in the past, and they’ve had some good non-conference wins.”

While David Rankin and Justin Pope are locks in the UCF rotation, Brian Freeland may get a chance as the third starter against Campbell depending upon his performance Tuesday against South Florida. As for the Knights pitching staff, 11 players have seen action with seven different starters.

Righties Byron Batson, Corey Byrd, and Daniel Hall throw alongside Wes Hepler, the lone left-handed starter. Hepler (4-0, 3.35 ERA) leads the staff and has struck out 34 in 48.1 innings. Batson (4-4, 4.03) leads the team with 60.1 innings and has thrown three complete games. He has started nine games and recorded 48 strikeouts.

Byrd (3-2, 4.47) and Hall (3-5, 7.07) have started six and seven games, respectively. Byrd has recorded 48 strikeouts in 48.1 innings. Hall has struggled with 27 walks in 42 innings but has added 34 strikeouts.

Right-hander Chris English (0-2, 4.15) has taken the role as closer with three saves, and has 29 strikeouts in only 21.2 innings but has 18 walks.

“We’re just gonna take it one game at a time because Campbell is a very improved team,” Frady said.

UCF needs to take advantage of Campbell’s struggles because Florida Atlantic (12-0) and Jacksonville (13-2) have pummeled the race in the TAAC standings. With the Knights at 8-4, they can’t afford to lose any ill-advised games.

“We don’t get caught up in what they (FAU and JU) do, but we are very respectful of what they’ve accomplished,” Frady said. “Our focus is on ourselves and what we are doing. That’s all we can worry about.”

Taking care of business this weekend would ease some of that worry, not to mention put the Golden Knights back in the race for the conference crown.

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The Golden Knights took advantage of Centenary’s pitching struggles and its own timely hitting to take two of three from the Gents in Shreveport, Louisiana.

Assistant Coach Greg Frady knows that UCF (23-11, 8-4) is close to putting everything together, but it just takes time.

“We needed to keep pushing closer to sweeping the three-game series in the TAAC,” Frady said. “We just took one game at a time, and anytime you can take three of three on the road it’s a plus.”

The Knights did take each game one at a time, unfortunately losing the second game of the Friday double-header. But they recovered for a solid 16-8 win in the rubber game on Saturday.

To the coaches’ surprise, Pete Gavillan RBis, Frady said.

“When we do our pitching, we’re gonna face a lot more lefties, and they need to take advantage of his dominance of the TAAC in Friday’s 9-1 doubles and three.

Matt Meath, Mike Fox, and Brent Spooner added the other RBIs.

UCF had a 4-2 lead after six innings in the nightcap, but Jason Arnold struggled for the first time out of the bullpen this season. He gave up four runs on three hits and four walks in 2.2 innings. UCF took a 5-4 lead after losing the lead in the seventh, but Arnold gave up a two-run home run to Jim Voisin for the 6-5 loss.

Bowser and Brisson each had two RBIs, but the rest of the lineup only combined for six more. Bowser had two RBIs, and Fox added another. Centerery (11-22, 7-8) starter Jacob Haney held UCF to only five hits in six innings.

UCF plays South Florida on the next two Tuesdays to conclude the four-game series against the Bulls. Frady expressed the importance of these games. UCF got off to a good start in the first of the contests, winning 7-4, in Tampa.

“We must continue to win these mid-week games to get into the NCAA Tournament,” Frady said.

**Golden Knight win streak surpassed**

UCF had held the Florida and TAAC record for consecutive wins with 15, but Florida Atlantic surpassed both accomplishments on Saturday with its 30th straight victory in a 7-4 win over Campbell.

FAU is 36-1, with their only loss being a 3-1 close call against Miami. UCF set the record in 1995 en route to a 49-13 finish. It began with a 9-5 win over Vanderbilt, and ended with a 2-3 loss against Mercer. UCF won 11 games by two runs or less during that streak, but fell five short of the NCAA record of 34 held by the University of Texas.

**Who’s hot...who’s not**

Matt Bowser led the team in hitting (.474) through the first 12 conference games and has six home runs and 16 RBIs. Dustin Brisson has paced Bowser by hitting .467 and leads with eight home runs and 22 RBIs.

Matt Meath and John Johnson were 4-for-6 with three runs and two RBIs, missing a rare cycle by just a home run.

“Ivan Trujillo and Dustin Brisson showed off their power, hitting their second and tenth home runs, respectively. Tim Boeth also went 3-for-5 with three runs and two RBIs, missing a rare cycle by just a home run.”

**Around the TAAC**

Florida Atlantic (36-1) continued its dominance of the conference with its fourth consecutive conference sweep to improve to 12-0. Campbell (19-15) was the unlucky victim, falling to 3-12 in the TAAC.

Jacksonville (25-8) improved to 13-2 after taking two of three from Georgia State (13-19), who evened its record at 6-6.

Sixton (17-16) took two of three from Mercer (20-15), and both teams are 8-7 in the TAAC.

Troy State (14-21) lost two of three against Sunfurd (14-20), TSU is 4-10 in the TAAC, while Samford is tied for last at 3-12 with Campbell.

—TRAVIS BELL
Campbell struggles
must continue for
UCF to be contender

**Travis Bell**
STAFF WRITER

If an NCAA Tournament appearance is going to materialize, UCF needs to defend its homefield advantage down the stretch, as well as display its dominance over the lesser teams in its conference. A prime opportunity to accomplish both presents itself this weekend.

The Campbell Camels travel to Orlando for a three-game series on Friday and Saturday as they look to try and move back in to contention for the sixth and final berth in the Trans America Athletic Conference Tournament. The Camels have completed half their TAAC schedule and have struggled to a last place 3-12 record, but are only three games out of sixth place.

That means a hungry team looking to stay alive will take the field against the Knights at Tinker Field.

"Their coaches will challenge them to stay in the race," Assistant Head Coach Greg Frady said. "They'll do some things that you wouldn't normally see because this is their playoff."

Georgia State, Jacksonville, and Florida Atlantic have swept Campbell in three conference series after it started 10-1 in non-conference games. The Camels went 2-1 against Mercer and lost two of three against Stetson before the current collapse.

Campbell is hitting .306 and has hit 36 home runs, while averaging 7.5 runs per game. Second baseman Ben Barker leads the Camels offense with a .397 average and nine home runs. He also leads the team with 12 doubles and has scored 33 runs while driving in 25.

Catcher Chris Wiley (.368-2-13), shortstop Dustin Brisson continues his torrid hitting heading into this weekend's series against Campbell.

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Richter leaves UCF to fill
Auburn coaching vacancy

**Tony Mejia**
SPORTS EDITOR

After 12 years as a player and coach at UCF, Nancy Richter has resigned to become head coach of Auburn University. Richter compiled a 64-44-9 record in six seasons as head coach, including an NCAA tournament berth last year.

"The most important thing was to take the emotion out of the decision and do what's best for my career," Richter said. "It's certainly a positive step for my career."

So positive in fact, that the situation that caused Richter to resign was a perfect fit to what she desires in a soccer program.

"They have a lot of great things to sell," Richter said. "Those were three things that persuaded me. For me to leave UCF, a job would have to be perfect."

This isn't the first time Richter has been sought after. She has been approached by other schools, including Miami and Kansas, but Auburn presented three factors she said were hard to pass up: facilities, conference and academic reputation.

Richter, 29, will be joined at Auburn by assistant Matt Mott, who has been at UCF for four seasons. Her other assistant, former player Amy Jones (1993-96), will pursue a career in criminal justice, a field she majored in at UCF.

With her departure to Auburn, Richter ends an association with Central Florida that has spanned over a decade. Richter was a standout goalkeeper for UCF from 1987-1990. She was named the NCAA's Goalkeeper of the Year in 1990 and helped UCF reach the NCAA Tournament twice, including the Final Four in 1987.

She spent two seasons (1991-92) as an assistant at UCF and took over as head coach in 1993 with one simple goal: to one day leave the program in a better condition than how she inherited it. She succeeded, leading UCF to a national ranking as high as 19th and in the Top 10 regionally each season.

"When I took over in '93, it was just a mess," Richter said. "There was an interim coach in the spring and no coach for Richter, Page 25