Meetings held for budget

Shelley Wilson
Staff writer

For the first time clubs and agencies were given a chance to speak to the Committee of Organizations, Appropriations and Finance (OAF) last Tuesday about their funding in next year's budget.

Eleven agencies such as the Greek Council, the SG Computer Lab and Campus Activities Board (CAB) were scheduled to speak at that time to ask the Committee about the budget requests they made for the '99-'00 Activity & Service Fee Budget.

As the meeting progressed, the committee ran over an hour late so many decided to come back the following week.

Most of the eight clubs were upset about the cutting of their requested budget in the proposal, while others questioned why they were not put on the budget at all.

We were always told to go through the Clubs and Organizations (C&O) Committee, but then the C&O


Golden key unlocks doors for students

Nicole King
News Editor

Dr. Bob Ballard, the man who discovered the Titanic, spoke at UCF on April 16. Ballard is trying to bring his Jason Project to the university.

The project is designed for middle school children to travel with Ballard on his expeditions via computer. Ten universities in the United States participate in the project, three in Florida. Ballard said so far, five million children have participated in the project.

It was his successful mission to find the Titanic that prompted the idea for the project.

"When I came back from Titanic," he said, "there were thousands of letters from kids asking me how they can do what I do and the next time I went, could they go with me. And that's how we thought of this."

His hour and a half-long presentation was filled with slides and illustrations from some of his 110 missions over the past 30 years.

Most of the audience found the presentation entertaining and informative.

"He kept you interested," said Brevard Community College student Christy Fisher. "He's really interesting and funny."

UCF student Richard Lecco agreed.

"Everything I learned here was brand new," Lecco said. "He did a spectacular job. He's got all this knowledge and he presents it in a way that the average everyday audience can understand."

During the presentation, Ballard described what it is like to be in a submarine.

"They [submarines] are less than 6 feet in diameter. I'm 6 foot 2, I can't even stand up in them."

"So you show three people inside this claustrophobic thing, then you shut the hatch on them."

James Combs
Staff writer

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UCF dance team and coach selected

BETH SHAW
STAFF WRITER

Tryouts for the UCF dance were held April 16-18. Along with a new dance team, a new coach was also chosen.

UCF senior Courtney Reditt was selected for the position. Reditt qualified for the position because she has been on the team for two years and is an instructor for the United Dance Association. Reditt has also been in dance commercials and print advertisements. She is a senior and will graduate next semester with a degree in early childhood education.

The UCF dance team performs at men's basketball games, pep rallies and various UCF activities. They also compete in the UDA's College National Dance Championships, which is held in January at the Disney-MGM Studios. UCF dancers placed 17th in the nation last year.

Those who tried out for the team were expected to know basic leaps, turns and possess a level of flexibility. These included triple left and right pirouettes and right and left switchleaps.

All candidates were also taught a dance which they had to perform on the last day of tryouts. This dance was composed of hip-hop, lyrical, jazz and pop. Two cuts were made before the final decision and each girl was interviewed individually to find out their personality and what they were looking to contribute to the team and UCF.

"I have seen girls who could do five pirouettes but not look as clean as a girl who could only do two," Reditt said.

Sixty girls tried out last year and 16 were placed on the team.

"Tryouts were really hard and there were a lot of talented girls," Jessica Weinberg said.
Students encouraged
by ‘Matlock’ actress

**Shelley Wilson**

Actress Nancy Stafford came to UCF April 12 to speak to students about acting and to encourage them in their future endeavors.

“Don’t fear failure and don’t be paralyzed by the past,” she said. “When Thomas Edison was asked if he thought he failed by the 200 times it took for his discovery, he replied that he didn’t fail. He just took 200 steps to get there.”

Stafford has taken many steps to become a well-known Hollywood actress and achieve happiness in both her personal and professional lives.

Stafford has a journalism degree from the University of Florida and studied Marketing in her Graduate Program. Owning her own public relations agency was her goal, but while working at an agency she went on auditions and saw her interests were in the performing arts.

“When I realized how much fun I was having and the money I could make, I turned more and more into the acting business,” Stafford said.

The fun and the money were hard to come by for many years she said.

“My boyfriend at that time told me to get up every day and do as much as I can. The money will eventually come. Usually you wait for your agent to call you for work, but every morning I was dressed with make up on, making phone calls at 8 a.m. by myself.”

Audition after audition, including the preacher’s wife role in the show “Matlock,” Stafford said professionals often would have been hard to take if she hadn’t been mentally prepared.

“There can be a hundred different reasons why you didn’t get the part. You may be too tall, too short, not the right look.

Unless you come from a place where you don’t need approval to operate, it can be tough to take.”

Stafford said that she has proven what it takes to keep coming back, as her acting experiences would show. She co-starred in the show “Matlock” for five years, and also co-starred on the shows “St. Elsewhere”, “Sidekicks”, and “The Doctors.”

She was a guest star in the television series “St. Elsewhere”, “Babylon 5”, “Quantum Leap” and “Who’s The Boss.” In addition to acting, Stafford is also the host of “Main Floor,” the internationally syndicated network series featuring the latest beauty and fashion trends. She also works for many charities including People Assisting the Homeless.

Stafford stressed individualism and the beauty lying within students, and told them that you getting a higher education because these days it’s more needed.”

Stafford said professionals in any field can use her advice about their careers.

“Don’t ever plan your career. Not every road you take will be beneficial. Sometimes you have to take the road you really don’t want to take and do things you really don’t want to do in order to get to where you want to be.”

“Don’t be afraid to try new things and fail at them. That will benefit you to understand what it meant to go through it more than someone who never tried.”

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Adventurer favors history over underwater wrecks

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Ballard said the story he will never forget from the Titanic is of the 17-year-old boy who refused to get into a lifeboat.

"He turned 17 the day before the ship hit the iceberg. He wouldn't get in the boat because he said he was a man, and he died. That one always sticks with me."

His experiences from the Titanic taught Ballard some lessons about the limelight, and at least one very painful one.

Ballard’s discovery of the ship revealed her whereabouts to the world and to the entrepreneurs who are now selling sightseeing tours and souvenirs from the ship.

Ballard has refused to divulge the whereabouts of his latest find, World War II aircraft carrier the Yorktown.

"I don’t give out locations any more because of the salvagers and the Titanic. It’s just how it’s being done, it’s very disrespectful."

Ballard said it is an emotional experience for him to find a ship, particularly when there are survivors still alive.

"When you find a ship like the Yorktown, and you have these survivors sitting by you, you are filled with professional joy at having found the ship, but then personal sorrow because these people are sitting there crying.

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"I learn about the sea constantly. It’s like a creature, a wild animal; cuddly at times, a killer at others."

"It is almost like a detective story, you feel like Poirot or Colombo. But it is a wonderful thing to come back successful. There’s nothing like it."

Ballard will be working on finding ancient villages at the bottom of the Black Sea this summer. He also hopes to look off the coast of the Middle East for lost ships of the fabled “Sea People.”

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Students walk for good cause

Erinn Fournier Staff Writer

UCF students, faculty and staff will put on their walking shoes to benefit the March of Dimes. The UCF Walk America Team will hold a fundraiser on April 24 at Lock Haven Park.

Betty Conklin, captain of this year’s team, has been with the organization for eight years.

“Walk America is a great way for students to do community service,” Conklin said. “A lot of the sororities and fraternities need service hours and this is a good way for them to get those.”

To encourage walkers, the March of Dimes gives everyone who raises at least $25 a team shirt. Other incentives include a weekend trip, theme park tickets and dinner for two.

The walk will begin at 8 a.m. “Look for us,” Conklin said. “We’ll be the ones in gold.”

To participate students should contact Conklin at the UCF Community Relations Office. They can call 317-7725 or email her at bcconklin@ucf.edu. The team already raised $100 for the charity.

Juniors, seniors, in top 15 percent of college awarded

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grades up, and it is nice to be recognized for that. Being a member is something that I will be proud of long after I’m out of school.”

“Joining this organization will provide these students with great leadership abilities and allow them to work with a diverse group of people who will help prepare them for the real world,” said Kim Fisher, regional director of the organization.

Two of the inductees will be awarded undergraduate scholarships. The new inductees will also have opportunities to participate in many Golden Key activities. UCF’s chapter has participated in activities from health and wellness fairs to attending Golden Key conventions around the country.

UCF student Alex Poiras won first place for web design at the national convention in California last summer. This year, the Golden Key International Convention will be held in Orlando from Aug. 5-8. More than 2,000 members from the United States, Canada, Malaysia and Australia will attend. The convention will give officers, advisors, and the opportunity to learn more about Golden Key and their responsibilities. Members can also network with corporate sponsors to nurture future careers.

There will also be workshops that cover topics such as chapter activities, leadership and personal skills.

“We are all extremely excited that the event is coming to Orlando,” Realieta said.

The Golden Key National Honor Society has more than 260 collegiate chapters at major colleges and universities in the United States, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Australia, Canada and Malaysia. It has more than 500,000 lifetime members and 8,000 honourary members, including Presidents Clinton and Reagan, Nobel Prize winner Elie Wiesel and former American Red Cross President Elizabeth Dole.

Andrea Almeida, president of Golden Key, presents an award to Dr. Houman Sadri, right, inducting him as an honorary member.
Mishandled requests causes budget ripples

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no excuse for the handling of the situation.

"I will not apologize that something wasn’t done or just don’t do their job. People at the front desk of SG also don’t handle the situation properly. A number of requests have been routed and sitting on Jason’s desk. Jason really is not under any obligation to do anything with them."

The clubs and agencies that were not on the proposed budget questioned the reasoning behind the cut, and if quality plans could still be made for the coming year.

"To produce a good Homecoming and get it to Florida and Florida State’s standard, you need more than $25,000. The one thing all students want to attend is Homecoming, so I think it should be one of the events given more money, not the least," said Seth Daub, 1999 Homecoming director.

Siegeld was assigned to work one-on-one with Daub to look at the budget for Homecoming and to come to a decision. Siegel said the Activity & Service Fee Committee looked closely at how the money was spent last year when determining the proposed budget for this year.

"The clubs requests are estimates for the year," he said. "We look at what they spent year-to-date, and if there are funds left over in these accounts, why would you request higher?"

Members of the African American Student Union (AASU) said that clubs should not be held accountable for the way SG presented the proposed budget.

"On this budget, it’s written $138,000 was allocated for Black History Month," said Joyce Miller, president of AASU. "We were told that the money was to be used only for that event. We feel we’ve done our best to abide by every guideline set and we still get slapped in the face by being cut $4,000."

The way SG presented the budget packet in December 1998 instructed clubs to itemize their requests and gave an example of how to fill out the forms. Airfare, hotel, car rental, and students are welcome to instruct them to do. a lot of time analyzing many examples, but are not funded in speak.

The budget. Siegeld said the Committee has put a lot of effort into this budget and that the budget is not done.

"This Committee has worked very hard, and has spent a lot of time analyzing many different issues," he said. "I think we’re doing a good job so far. There’s a lot of factors that people don’t see from the outside that we deal with in making it."

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UCF Trial Team places at national competition

Nicole King
NEWS EDITOR

UCF's Trial Team unofficially tied for 14th place with UCLA and the University of Alabama at a national competition in Iowa on April 9-11. Three hundred and sixty teams competed at the competition.

This is the Trial Team's first full year in existence. The team missed placing in the Top 10 by two points.

One of UCF's legal studies students, Fermin Lopez, missed receiving the Intercollegiate All-American Attorney Award by one point.

Members of UCF's Trial Team are:

- Simone Carroll (legal studies)
- Shalena Laroque (management information systems)
- Kevin Peterson (engineering)
- Stephanie Sauer (legal studies)
- Tony Seo (legal studies)
- Melissa Zelniker (legal studies/criminal justice)
- Diane Sudia (Coach) (legal studies)
- Rob Remis (Coach) (legal studies)

In OTHER NEWS:

Six members of UCF's Phi Lambda chapter won 15 awards and certificates during the business club's 1999 State Leadership Conference March 11-14 in Tampa.

Two of the members were elected to the 1999-2000 Phi Beta Lambda State Executive Council: Mary Lynn Cossier - state president and Jeff Douglass - District III state vice president. The six will represent the chapter at the National Leadership Conference July 4-7 in Chicago.

For more information, visit Phi Beta Lambda's website at http://pegasus.cc.ucf.edu/pbl.

1999 SLC Winners

Chapter Awards:

• Chapter Website Award of Merit - 1st place
• Chapter of the Year from District III

Millionaires' Club Award Recipients:

• Katie Aviles
• Mary Lynn Cossier
• Jeff Douglass
• Jillian Gauld

Special Recognition: Mary Lynn Cossier

Florida Business Technical Education Association Award

Who's Who in Florida PBL

Rob Kelleher Memorial Award

1st Place Winners:

• Jeff Douglas, computer applications
• Robert Sounck, international business & marketing
• Christi White, business communications

2nd Place Winners:

• Christi White, word processing
• Alex Cook & Jeff Douglas, desktop publishing

3rd Place Winner:

• Thomas Hane, professional keyboarding

4th Place Winners:

• Katie Aviles, computer applications & word processing
• Mary Lynn Cossier, impromptu speaking
• Jillian Gauld, accounting II

5th Place Winner:

Jeff Douglas

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Dr. Marty Wiedelstede (right), dean of the College of Engineering at UCF, presents Roy Malove, a Bowyer-Singleton vice president with the "Best Professional Display" award.

- Jillian Gauld, management
- Matthew Buckner from Kappa Sigma earned the "Xs-Man" title for a year during Alpha Xi Delta's 4th annual Choose Children philanthropy event.

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GAINESVILLE, Fla. - Three students at the University of Florida were among 14 people arrested at a party April 10 after local authorities received a tip that more than $16,000 in illegal drugs would be at the bash.

According to the Independent Florida Alligator, deputies arrived with a warrant to search the private residence where the party was held. Of the 85 people detained, the 14 arrested were charged with a variety of drug-related offenses, including possession of marijuana, Valium, LSD and Ecstasy. Police said they recovered more than $16,400 in illegal drugs.

All three of the students were charged with possession of Ecstasy.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa. - A student at Temple University whom classmates describe as popular and friendly has been arrested and charged with beating and raping two women in what police say appears to have been a torture chamber: the basement of an abandoned row house.

Investigators also say the alleged crimes may be linked to other violent attacks.

Samar Ali, 22, a junior majoring in theater, has been charged with two counts of aggravated assault, simple assault, rape, unlawful imprisonment and narcotics possession. He was arrested April 7.

According to police, Ali pretended to be the driver of an unlicensed cab.

Police reports state that he picked up a 29-year-old woman and took her against her will to the abandoned house, located next-door to his own. It was there that police say Ali restrained, beat and raped the woman.

Reports also state the woman managed to escape from the basement and run to police. Authorities reported that they went to the house the woman described and found Ali preparing to leave the property. Officers reported that they apprehended Ali after a short chase and inspected the basement, where they found another woman who was handcuffed and who also appeared to have been beaten and raped.

LAIE, OAHU, Hawaii - Three students at Brigham Young University's Hawaii campus were arrested for setting off a bomb outside a first-floor dormitory room.

Campus police charged the three 18-year-old students with reckless endangerment April 6 after officers said the students admitted their role in the explosion.

The bomb, a homemade device constructed from a pipe, shattered the lower windows of the room and caused ear injuries to the 22-year-old student who was inside the room at the time. Police said the bomb could have caused much more damage, but the victim's drapes were closed at the time, blocking more glass from flying into the room.

NEWARK, Del. - Police at the University of Delaware have charged a student with possessing child pornography on his personal computer and posting the sexually graphic images on a computer network for students.

Police said Zachary R. Davidson, 20, turned himself in and was subsequently charged with one count of using a computer to unlawfully depict a child engaged in a prohibited sexual act. The case has been referred to federal authorities because it involves the Internet.

If convicted, Davidson could face a one to five-year suspension from the university in addition to possible jail time.

Davidson's April 9 arrest was the second made at the university for possession of child pornography. In October, university researcher Christian Mittermayer, was arrested and charged with possessing child pornography on a computer he used at a university lab.

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Students at George Washington University who have wondered why their mail never reached them may get some answers now that the U.S. Postal Inspector's Office is conducting an investigation on campus.

According to the Hatchet, federal mail authorities are investigating a former mail room employee who is suspected of having stolen about $50,000 in cash and checks stuffed into students' mail in March.

The employee, who had worked for the university for only 60 days, was fired after he was suspected of taking mail that belonged to more than 50 students living on campus, said Jim Miller, a site manager for the university's mail center.

Authorities suspect even more goods were stolen and say their investigation is continuing. So far, no charges have been filed.

The university is working to determine how to reimburse the students by the end of the school year, Miller said.

EAST LANSING, Mich. - What was originally called a tough-man contest between two fraternity brothers at Michigan State University is now being investigated as hazing.

According to the State News, a 20-year-old Phi Beta Sigma pledge was hospitalized March 5 and placed on kidney dialysis. The student, who remained in the hospital for six days, had filed a complaint with MSU officials but later recanted, saying his injuries did not result from hazing.

School and fraternity officials said the student's first story and aren't sure what to make of the second. Wiston O'Neal, the fraternity's Great Lakes regional director, said the Brotherhood is under suspension and under investigation for hazing. He said he and the fraternity's national officials will wait for MSU to provide more information about the event before taking additional action.

MOUNT PLEASANT, Mich. - Police at Central Michigan University are looking for someone who destroyed a campus police car valued at more than $30,000.

Firefighters reported to an campus parking lot in the early morning hours of April 8 to find that someone had launched a fireworks-type device into a 1996 Ford Crown Victoria police car that was parked near the campus police department. No one was injured, but the car's video camera system, shotgun, flashlights and radar system were destroyed.

CMU police are offering a $3,000 reward that will come from the university's general fund for any information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or people who committed the crime. If a student is found to be guilty, police said they would push for him or her to be expelled from the university.

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**Weekly police blotter**

**Police**
Q: Are speed bumps necessary at the crosswalk between the Communications and Visual Arts buildings?

A: "No, there is already stop signs for the crossing."
—Hal Estes, 25, grad student, education

"I think people already know to slow down, but speed bumps would only help to take care of the more careless drivers."
—Keith Wasielewski, 20, sophomore, liberal arts

"No, they are not needed. They should put the money to a better use."
—Clayton Kern, 22, senior, computer science

"I feel that the speed bumps aren't needed because the traffic usually stops for the pedestrians. The speed bumps are only a hindrance."
—Bernicia Womack, 18, freshman, undecided

"No, they're not needed. People generally stop. UCF is a little too good at enforcing traffic violations. I don't feel that they are necessary."
—Carol Ljeng, 21, junior, accounting

"As a driver, I would say no because they're annoying. But as a pedestrian, I would say yes because a few of my friends have almost been hit and the speed bumps will slow drivers down."
—Michelle Younggreen, 20, senior, interpersonal communications
In support of the death penalty

A person is condemned to death for a reason. To compare the execution of a repeat violent offender with China's tradition of blatant disregard for human rights is asinine. I question if you have ever been the victim of a senseless violent crime or even know anyone who has. If you were the victim of a rape, or your mother the victim of an assault/robbery that left her comatose, the last thing on your mind would be the perpetrator's civil rights and civil liberties.

Concerning the disproportionate number of African Americans executed in the United States: This trend reflects a long standing tradition of prejudice by those in judicial power, especially here in the southern state of Florida.

However, the issue that needs to be addressed is racism, not capital punishment. Interestingly, certain relevant statistics were absent from your idiotic soapbox manifesto, including what percentage of the total homicides are committed by African Americans, despite being only 16 percent of the population. Selective use of random stats to support only your point of view discriminates you in the eyes of any mildly intelligent person.

Finally, concerning the expenditure of my tax dollars, I would much prefer they be spent on executing a menace to society than on providing him/her with a roof and three square meals a day.

-C. Crespo, UCF Junior

US criminal justice system is failing

Recently Bill Preston, an Administrator with the Victim Offender Mediation Association (VOMA) spoke with students of Dr. Baird's Victims of Crime (SVP 455) class. We all have a much better understanding of exactly what the program does, and I only wish all of America could also know.

Restorative Justice is a comprehensive theory that redirects the focus of the entire criminal justice system and inspires an innovative approach to solving today's crime problems. When a crime is committed there is not just one victim, the entire community is affected, and the offender is also a victim.

The program should be mandatory across the country as far as I am concerned. While a program offers only benefits to both parties, and has an extremely low cost, I do not understand why it is so difficult to pass into law.

I learned from Mr. Preston that healing is the main objective to the program. The mediation gives power to the victim, who was most likely lost since the criminal act took place. The victim can confront the offender and question the offender's motives. The offender in turn can explain his/her actions to the victim, which may not justify the crime, but gives the victim a step to solving today's crime problems. When a victim is also a victim.

There obviously needs to be a major overhaul of the current criminal justice system, and Restorative Justice is clearly the best route. It infuriates me that with all the precious time Congress wastes, they cannot pass some laws that would make sense and benefit the citizens of the country they are supposed to represent. If there are no major changes within the next decade, I fear every citizen's civil liberties (whether victim or offender) will be totally abolished and the future of this most "civilized" nation on the planet earth will all be for not.

-Gina Carson, senior sociology major

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Leaving friends hardest part of graduating

Dan McMullan
Staff Writer

When this edition hits the newsstands, I'll be loading up a U-Haul and getting ready for my move up north—the heat and flatness drives me nuts. I have a picture, packed away now, of four friends and myself in the Shannon, Ireland airport in March 1991. Glad in our desert camouflage, we grin broadly with our arms around each other's shoulders. We were finally coming home. The three of us, Jeff, Andre, and I had left North Carolina more than 11 months before for what was supposed to be only a six-month deployment. We were in Guam in August 1990 when Saddam Hussein invaded Kuwait and we all knew we wouldn't be going home anytime soon.

By December we were heading to Bahrain, a small island nation in the Persian Gulf, in support of Operation Desert Shield. Days after we arrived, the other two guys in the photo, Troy and Nick, reported to our squadron, All Weather Attack Squadron 533. They were fresh from avionics training and boot camp.

Since our squadron, like every other squadron, was flying almost seven days a week, 24 hours a day, maintenance personnel worked two shifts—noon to midnight and midnight to noon, every day. Everyone worked in perpetual fatigue and under the ever-present threat of war. Wind blown sand got into everything and everyone was on everyone else's nerves.

An argument broke out every day. I have forgotten what most of them were about. However, I will never forget the night the war started. I was standing on the wing of an airplane I was working on. The flight line was lit up with strips of blue and green runway lights. Tail lights of aircraft blinked for as far as I could see. Every 30 seconds another plane took off. The air shook from jet exhaust. Our planes, loaded with a formidable array of naval mines, missiles, laser-guided bombs and even 2,000-pound bombs, took off to bomb Iraq.

Within a few minutes, President George Bush made his declaration of war. We all listened to a radio inside our maintenance tents; the news barely audible over the roar of the jets. Mild panic broke out when the air base SCUD missile alarm went off. Our planes scrambled for their gas masks and protective gear. For almost two hours, we milled around in inches-thick charcoal-lined clothing and we stared at each other through our gas masks. We were all afraid that the missiles might be bearing nuclear, biological or chemical agents. None of us wanted to have practice on the countermeasures we had learned. Over the next few weeks, we all became accustomed to our bomb- and missile-laden airplanes coming back empty.

We cheered after watching, on infrared video, buildings, artillery and people disappearing in huge balls of flame. War became part of the daily routine, so we played Rummy 500 in our gas masks during SCUD missile alarms.

When the ground war ended almost as quickly as it started, we relaxed. Everyone relaxed, the missions were over. No more bombing runs and little aircraft maintenance to attend to, so recreation and relaxation became the order of the day.

The parachute riggers made a volleyball net out of parachute cord. The engine mechanics made a barbecue grill out of empty 55-gallon drums. And I turned a weapons' shipping container into a sun tanning deck.

When the five of us in the photo returned to North Carolina, we started going our separate ways. Jeff and I eventually wound up stationed together in Washington state. Eventually, though, we all left the Marines.

Andre's wife joined the Air Force and we lost touch with him. Troy, the new guy, turned out to be a talented barber. He made a small fortune at $2 a pop during the war. We later became close surfing buddies. He'll graduate from the University of North Carolina this year. I think with a degree in exercise physiology. He's married now and has a beautiful daughter. No one amongst us in the photo ever thought that would happen.

Nick, we learned in short order, is about the funniest man alive. His jokes and humorous observations neverrelented. He too is married and a father.

Jeff is still one of my closest friends. He graduated last spring from the University of Washington with a degree in Far East Studies. His mission in life is to travel to countries with a declining birthrate and reverse the problem.

I graduate next week. It looks like I'll take a job with the federal government. And I'm just a little, well, sad, I guess.

In the military, friendships form fast, especially in a war zone. But here at UCF, things are different. Ours is a disparate and diverse student body. We commute from far away central Florida towns. A few weeks ago, my friends (which took over a year to cultivate) and I were sitting behind the Student Union eating dinner. One of them said, "This is great, here we are all the same ages, eating on campus. It's starting to feel like a real university." To be sure, I miss my Marine buddies. E-Mail and Web pages help "bridge the gap in geography and life styles," as the song says. But I am going to miss my UCF friends more. It took longer to find them. And with almost 30,000 people here, it's nice to know that I matter to maybe three or four people, and they matter to me.

Thanks, friends, for making moving on so hard. Good luck and keep in touch.

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Riding the next electronica wave

CHRISTINE SELVAGGI
STAFF WRITER

When dealing with a band like Underworld, one must know what’s on the resume to fully understand the present music. It’s a similar situation for bands like Depeche Mode, or Skinny Puppy. The members have been in the music scene longer than they themselves can remember. But when one song finally opens the door to the house of mainstream music, the I-loved-this-band-all-along fanatic terminally eats the tune alive, cheapening it to be the “one-hit wonder” band of the day.

Underworld is as new to the acid-dance scene as Disney World is to Orlando. They’ve been here forever and have been major players in their surroundings. Underworld began in the 81 as Freur. Composed of Karl Hyde, Rick Smith, Alfat Thomas, John Warwicker, and Bryn Burrows, Freur released the albums, Do: Door in 1984 and get us out of here one year later.

The mid-eighties called for a line-up change as well as a new name. Baz Allen came in and Warwicker and Burrows left the group. Underworld (known as Underworld MK1) was born and in 1988, delivered Underworld’s 1993 single, “Mmm... Skyscraper I love you.” The trio has been skyrocketing in the techno scene. When “Born Slippy” was released on the Trainspotting soundtrack in 1996, Underworld became a shoe-in with dance clubs around the country. With all of Underworld’s transformation, Beaucoup Fish is going to be thought of as one of the most influential house CD’s of the 90’s. And its creator will be on the list of artists that never stop producing material for the masses.

Hyde and Smith are founding members of Tomato, the creative media group that has been hired by mega-companies Nike and Volkswagen for commercial production, and takes credit for the title sequence in such movies as Trainspotting and The Jacket. Underworld has mixed for such artists as Bjork, Orbital, and Simply Red. Their work can be found on over a dozen compilation CDs. Simply put, Beaucoup Fish is another notch in Underworld’s belt.

Such tracks as Push Downstairs, (a culmination of tracks from Push Upstairs), Caps, and Kittens are sure to hit the Firestone-esque clubs with a hammer. Fish is one of those CDs that will make every Top 10 list at the end of year, but no one will recognize the name.

Sort of what The English Patient did at the Oscars a couple years back. Except Fish is worth three hours of a persons time. Maybe even more.

U.K.’s Underworld has created another techno opus on their latest release Beaucoup Fish.

Dear Dr. Daphne,
I have a friend who thinks they are a lot cooler than they really are. Do I tell this person? Really Embarrassed

Dear Embarrassment,
This is a really easy answer. Tell your friend. If you really care about them tell them what you feel, but don’t try to push your goals and expectations on them. If you respect them, communicate your feelings in a nice and casual way. Communication is key. Then again, if your friend has really set himself or herself up for some embarrassment, you might just want to keep your mouth shut and let them learn the consequences of their foolish behavior the hard way. When that happens, then they’ll really need a friend.

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CD set is a compilation of tracks re-mixed by
on the
installment of the
player
DJ in Europe is like the race to be
down. With that in mind, the race to be the best
and some of America's roots are founded on rock
acid music, the Europeans
to fret. We do the alternative thing
April 21, 1999
Northern Exposure: Expeditions (Sony)

The Hellacopters
Super To The Max!
(Mans Ruin Records)

It's a fact. If there's quality house music being
played, the artist isn't American. Hey, no need
to fret. We do the alternative thing
Nickel Henderson got fed up with playing
drums for the Swedish death metal act Entombed.
So the gods of all that is rock and roll urged him
to start his own band. The result was The
Hellacopters. These guys mix the raw power
of Iggy and the Stooges with the larger than life
attitude of Kiss and kick out the jams like the Mc5.
"Gotta Get Some Action" and "Bone Me" are fine
examples of rock and roll mayhem at its rawest.
"Born Broke" is ideal bar brawl music
"Tab" sounds like a garage band tribute to Black
Sabath, Fans of REAL ROCK are advised to
order this CD from your local record store and
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-Ramiro Vazquez

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Behave (Redline Records)

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would not need a big-time record contract. Even
though their sound is similar to that of "G" band,
Brainiac's Daughter has the potential to create
their own sound. "Give Myself To You" success-
fully combines heavy guitars with techno. Singer
Kristy Jo Haima has the look down and her
voice has a girlish charm to it but she is lacking in the
attitude department. Maybe she should take more
lessons from the Shirley Manson School of Stage
Presence. Behave is a decent effort for a first try
but it's missing something. I can't put my finger
on it but it's that little something that separates the
Guns N Roses from the Faster Pussycats. Maybe
next time they'll find it.

-Ramiro Vazquez

Crossword

Across
1 Ignore deeply
2 Binding device
5 Beer ingredient
8 Game played on
11 A hand (hinted at)
16 New Haven campus
17 Topham's bird
18 A hard hand
19 "The Man" of baseball
20 Outbursts
22 Look after
23 Shadow maker
24 Ceremony and O'Neill
25 Ported ends
29 Excellence
30 Weston's Silence, briefly
34 Swallows
36 Stairway's
38 Audacity
40 Completed
41 Bill and ERA winner
44 Value of "Love Lock"
46 Venetian blind
47 Veil of mystery
48 Fabric of clothing
50 Accordion player
51 "Hi" star
53 Mammal's bands
56 Gershwin and Lenn
58 Small accordion
59 Fuzz
60 Block
62 Opposed to
66 Microphone device
67 Blasian colortwin
72 Hipster
71 Redhead
73 Teacher
74 Tuna delicacy
76 Gentlemen
77 Down
78 Heart's engine
79 Hebrew text
83 I'm... Can
84 Sharpened

Down
5 Wagone
6 Rough journey
7 Clan of City
8 Mr. Agassi
9 Daddy
10 Mild laughter
11 Like Cherries
12 Aircraft
13 Diaphysis
14 Hand holiday
15 Element classification
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18 Hadley's Band
19 Ammonite Day no.
21 Garment of "Oh the Beach"
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28 Hadley's Band
29 Ammonite Day no.
30 Garment of "Oh the Beach"
31 Large group of musicians
32 Black
33 Large group of musicians
34 Large group of musicians
35 Lead actor
36 Tobacco
37 East
38 Tap on color
40 Audacity
41 Scream
42 Whiteface
43 Rearview mirror
44 Deceptive
45 Auditory organ
46 Venetian blind
47 Future
49 Andrews
52 Bushwa
53 Window on a
54 Center
55 Big name in
56 Name Rights
57 Male deer
58 Mount of Moses
59 Parentals
60 Windmill blades
61 Rocket top
62 Support group

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Widespread Panic
the next great tour band

Mark James
Staff Writer

Widespread Panic has made its name as a live band and is in the second week of a mini-tour that will last through the end of June. Widespread Panic played at the House of Blues in Orlando on Monday and Tuesday night. Their new CD, Till the Medicine Takes, will be released July 27, after which they will return to the road for an extended tour. Guitarist Michael Houser spoke freely in a slight, southern drawl about life on the road, musical influences, and baseball.

CFF: Do you pay much attention to the faces in the crowds?

Houser: I never look at the crowds. I like to close my eyes and play.

CFF: Is that shyness?

Houser: It's fright.

CFF: How does all that traveling affect performances?

Houser: Well, you know we're used to it. A lot of people say that they don't know how we do it but they're not used to traveling. But we know because you're really cut loose from every day news if you don't want to.

CFF: The Rolling Stones weren't in there so many other songs that we insert.

Houser: Yeah, we really missed that whole thing so I don't really know that much about it.

CFF: What kind of influences did you have for all of us. It doesn't matter if you're talking for us was the definition of

Houser: Well I didn't even throw in Rush, Ted Nugent, The Doors.

CFF: That's a pretty eclectic set of bands you turned down an opportunity to open for The Rolling Stones. Houser: Yeah, that's what we enjoy as a band and the fans seem to like that.

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CFF: How does all that traveling affect performances?

Houser: Well, you know we're used to it. A lot of people say that they don't know how we do it but they're not used to traveling. But we know because you're really cut loose from every day responsibilities. You don't even have to watch the news if you don't want to. You're kind of in a bubble and I think it's probably good for the music.

CFF: From what I've read you don't have a standard set list or it changes every night.

Houser: Yeah, we play a different show every night. We try not to repeat a song until the third night, so we play 3 different shows. And even in those shows when songs come up again we don't necessarily play them because we've got so many other songs that we insert. So we try to keep it constantly changing for ourselves and we have a lot of fans who go from show to show so they don't want to see the same show.

CFF: Do you have different renditions of the same songs?

Houser: Yeah, we have some songs that have 2 separate versions, not many songs. I'd say most of our songs have places that are not the same any night and a lot of songs if we feel like it that night we'll not end it or in the middle of it somewhere just take it out and maybe bring it back or maybe not.

CFF: So it sounds like from what you said that you go off into impromptu jams?

Houser: Yeah, that's what we enjoy as a band and the fans seem to like that.

CFF: You turned down an opportunity to open for The Rolling Stones.

Houser: Yeah, I really missed that whole thing so I don't really know that much about it.

CFF: The Rolling Stones weren't in there after those shows when songs come up again we don't necessarily play them because we've got so many other songs that we insert. So we try to keep it constantly changing for ourselves and we have a lot of fans who go from show to show so they don't want to see the same show.

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chuckles softly. I think what happened was they wanted us to open in Atlanta and we have such a big fan base and they were only going to give us like 30 minutes to play which is typical for opening bands. So it just wasn't in our best interests to do that.

CFF: What kind of influences did you have back then (when the band came together), or what bands were you listening to?

Houser: We all bring a different set of bands that we loved and that influenced us. We all come from different states and sort of similar back grounds, but each of us brought a different set of bands into the mix. But I've had to say that all of us were strongly influenced by the rock 'n' roll of the 60's and 70's. That's the common theme for all of us. It doesn't matter if you're talking about Neil Young or The Dead or Black Sabbath or Steely Dan or whatever. Just that era of music for us was the definition of it. It's a 'roll.

CFF: That's a pretty eclectic set of bands you named.

Houser: Well I didn't even throw in Santana and Rush, Ted Nugent, The Doors.

CFF: The Rolling Stones weren't in there either.

Houser: I don't know if any of us are big Rolling Stones fans to tell you the truth. I know I've never seen a Rolling Stones CD on the bus. I don't know why that is... I think most of us
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60s. Or 70s that. I didn’t start playing the guitar from the blues, I started from the bands of the CFF: What do you think about the harp player. I’ve listened to a lot of Black our career. That was the most exciting single Steve Howe CFF: I would have never guessed that free? Houser: Well my favorite guitar player is Houser: You know one of the things that people are getting your music for has a bad day line “Real life’s a game and Baseball is we really love a bout it. It’s very close to baseball. . . The other thing is people are getting your music for has a bad day line “Real life’s a game and Baseball is we really love a bout it. It’s very close to Houser: Yea, I’d say that all of us down to the last one are baseball fans. CFF: What about ReBirtha? There’s a Houser: Well you know that that’s what says but I’ve always loved Yes I’m happy that we pulled it off. I told my Houser: Well my favorite guitar player is Houser: I don’t know .. I think it was closer to Houser: Well, for a band like us, we live and die on the road. We make records because we like making records and because we have a record company that wants us to make records. I think people come to see us live because that’s what they enjoy the most and I don’t think MP3 can hurt us in that respect; and I think the record companies are going crazy trying to figure out how to make people pay. So knowing the record companies they’ll figure out a way.

CFF: About a year ago there in Athens you played in front of 50 or 60,000 people. What was that like? Houser: It was the most scared I’ve ever been and also the happiest I’ve ever been. I think it was closer to 100,000 and I’m happy that we pulled it off. I told my wife that may have been the high point of our career. That was the most exciting thing that ever happened to our band. CFF: What do you think about the MP3 technology? Does it bother you that people are getting your music for free?

Houser: Well, for a band like us, we live and die on the road. We make records because we like making records and because we have a record company that wants us to make records. I think people come to see us live because that’s what they enjoy the most and I don’t think MP3 can hurt us in that respect; and I think the record companies are going crazy trying to figure out how to make people pay. So knowing the record companies they’ll figure out a way.

CFF: You mentioned baseball once before, are you guys baseball fans? Houser: You, I’d say that all of us down to the last one are baseball fans. CFF: What about ReBirtha? There’s a line “Real life’s a game and Baseball is really real.” Have you found that?
**Chuck Shepherd'sews of the Weird**

**Lead Stories**

- According to an April New York Times report, the purchase price in Japan of giant stag beetles has dropped recently to about $300 from a typical price in the early 1990s of about $60,000. The beetles, which resemble such movie monsters as Godzilla, are considered popular Japanese pets that, according to insect salesman Katsuhiro Misaki, "have different personalities."

- One breeder said a rare pet beetle sold for $227 for failing to supply a certain nerve in the foot might, therefore, be the nerve damage. According to the same report, a New York Medical College researcher announced in February that Alvin had enslaved Virginia Rillo in 25 years, and because Alvin was an

**Things Are Not as They Seem**

- In January, a jury in Ringgold, Ga., acquitted Alvin Riceley, 36, of murdering his wife. Because most neighbors and relatives of the couple had not seen Virginia Rillo in 25 years, and because Alvin was an ex-con living in a trailer park, the police were convinced that Alvin had killed Virginia. The jury believed the couple had run away together.

- In February, a judge tossed out Chouinard's lawsuit against the school district, saying the school district had acted reasonably in its dealings with boys' names on them with photographs inside. The judge ruled that Alvin had enslaved Virginia Rillo shortly after their wedding and eventually killed her. However, Alvin said Virginia died of an epileptic seizure and persuaded the jury of the couple's love by showing Virginia's prolific diaries, which describe her simple lifestyle, passion for privacy, and intense, almost high school crush-lock obsession with her husband.

**Recurring Theme**

- In 1999, an April 21, 1999 report in a Missouri newspaper about a woman who had shot her husband and then shot herself into a coma (and killed her fetus) because she nevertheless loved him and had since married him (and produced a replacement child). In San Francisco in January 1999, Anthony Tyrone Davis, 42, was sentenced to 35 years in prison for smashing a woman with a hammer, so severely that he left a skull indentation in the shape of the logo of the hammer. The victim subsequently married Davis and refused to testify against him, but he was convicted on a doctor's testimony and the 911 tape of the incident.

**Thinning the Herd**

A 54-year-old woman was run over and killed in February by an Amtrak train while walking on the tracks wearing headphones listening to the radio. And an unidentified middle-aged man was run over and killed in January by a train while crossing the tracks. The victim was 56 years old.

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Timothy Olyphant passes 'Go' on way to fame

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Timothy Olyphant thinks "Go" has a lot going for it.

Certainly, insists the actor — best known for his role as the killer’s apprentice in "Scream 2" — has new film deserves to be considered far more than "Pulp Fiction" for teens, as it's been dubbed by way too many sound bite- loving journalists.

"It would suck if all there was was a simple catch-phrase for the film," he says. "The fact is that it IS in the "Pulp Fiction" genre. The perspective, though, is that of an 18-year-old girl (Sarah Polley) trying to pay her rent. You've got this celebration of your life when you just feel invincible. You're unaware of how your actions affect others and are only aware of how other people affect you. There's a beautiful innocence to that period of life.

"So, what the film does is blend the story elements in a way we haven't seen before. Yes, it's in that genre, but most of those films are told from the perspective of a character that's a bit older, male and a bit of a bad-ass. My character, basically, 'Go' is not that." OK, more specifically, "Go" casts Polley as Ronna, a supermarket clerk who tries to make her first drug deal. The deal goes down badly, putting in motion interlocking stories involving Ronna and her pal Claire (Katie Holmes), a drug dealer named Todd (Olyphant), two would-be drug buyers (Scott Wolf and Jay Mohr), and Simon (Desmond Askew), a road-tripping co-worker of Ronna and Claire's and an associate of Todd's.

For his scenes, Olyphant strived to imbue Todd with equal parts menace and charm, particularly as Todd first holds Claire as human collateral, then romances her. "I try to make my job as simple as possible, and good writing makes it even easier," Olyphant says. "The writing in 'Go' is really good. All of the characters — and there are 10 or so — really pop. Each one goes beyond a stereotype and takes you somewhere you didn't expect. Todd is one of those characters. When I first read the script, I was happy to see that he comes full-circle, that you see him be a little vulnerable, a little human. He starts as a cliche, but he doesn't end as one, which I liked."

Olyphant, who's 30, married and lives in Los Angeles, also liked his sexy scenes with Holmes. Thanks to "Dawson's Creek," the young actress is all the rage.

"She's just a sweetheart," Olyphant praises. "She couldn't be more solid or grounded. That impressed me. We shot the movie before she exploded into the huge level of fame we see now, but we did some reshoots after that. In that time, maybe five months, she'd become a huge star. Man, it was amazing to see that transformation happen so quickly. And it's amazing that Katie remains so level-headed about everything."

As for Olyphant, he's not a major star yet, but it could still happen. He works steadily and has appeared in the likes of "A Life Less Ordinary" and "The First Wives Club" on the big screen, the cable TV movie "When Trumpets Fade" and the series "High Incident."

Going back a bit more, he was born in Hawaii and raised in Modesto, California, then attended USC as an art student. Olyphant picks up the story. "Near the end of my run there I needed a basic elective class, so I took an acting class," he recalls. "I'd always thought about acting and I was in Los Angeles, so it seemed reasonable to romance the idea. I loved the class and decided to follow the passion. I went to New York City and studied for two years, then got on the pavement and hoofed it. I auditioned for anything I could get my hands on."

Olyphant won a number of roles and here we are, at "Go." Next up is "Advice from a Caterpillar," an indie flick with Cynthia Nixon as a woman who falls in love with a bisexual, out-of-work actor (Olyphant) she meets through her best friend, a homosexual played by Andy Dick.

"It's very funny," Olyphant says. "It's basically about Cynthia coming to grips with the feelings she has for this guy who is just not marriage material."

After "Caterpillar" there's "No Vacancy," a romantic-comedy co-starring Christina Ricci. And after that?

"The plan is to do this for as long as they invite me to the party, as long as they let me be part of the party," Olyphant says. "I like the job."
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Women's golf beats pressure, wins TAAC Championship

David Marsters
Staff Writer

The UCF Women's Golf team shattered records en route to winning the TAAC Championship last week at Southernmost Golf Club in Stockbridge, Louisiana. The Knights took the lead after the first day of the tournament and never looked back, finishing the three-day event with a school record low score of 896. The previous mark of 307 was set back in 1992 in the Sun Belt Conference Tournament.

Beginning the tournament with a first round 307, UCF took a one shot lead into the clubhouse over Campbell University, while Georgia State trailed by only two strokes. Line Berg led the Knights early, firing a first day 74 which put her in 2nd place overall. On the second day, Campbell improved upon their first round score with ten strokes, shooting a 10 over par 296. UCF was up to the challenge, however, and extended their lead over the Fighting Camels by two strokes after firing an eight over par 296.

Freshman Monica Gundersrud led the Knights with a one under par 71, while Line Berg remained in 2nd place with a 72. In the individual competition, Berg was up to the challenge, however, and extended her in 2nd place overall. After ten days in Norway, Line returned to UCF, only to depart two days later for the Dominican Republic for the Casa de Campo Tournament. She hadn't picked up a club during that time period, but came back to take 9th place in the tournament after challenging for medalist honors.

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was evident in the smiles on their faces as they made the pick. High fives all around.

"We felt that he was the best of the quarterbacks," Vikings coach Dennis Green said. "Let's just say [his rating was] about as high as you can get. He's the fastest of the five quarterbacks, he's the quickest of the five quarterbacks, he's the biggest of the five quarterbacks. Good teams rarely have a chance to pick the No. 1 quarterback.

As nice as it is to have a ringing endorsement from his coach, it's even nicer to have the man who signs the paychecks singing his praises.

"I think the Culpepper pick was gigantic," Vikings owner Red McCombs said. "You get a guy come along like Culpepper, and he'll be the outstanding quarterback in the league for a 10-year period. I think that's a huge, huge step."

Mike Eayrs, the Vikings' director of research and development put together all of the team's scouting reports. Of all the ones he saw, Culpepper's stood out the most.

"I can't recall a more impressive total scouting report on a player," Eayrs said. "Culpepper didn't have any negatives."

And aside from the early lack of playing time, this situation doesn't have any negatives either. Unless you count the cold weather, as Daunte is a Floridian through and through. At least the Vikings play their home games in a dome.

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Traina drafted 11th by USBL franchise

TRAVIS BELL  
STAFF WRITER

Former UCF basketball standout Brad Traina has the opportunity to showcase his skills to hopefully make a career in professional basketball.

The Gulf Coast Sun Dogs selected Traina with the 11th pick in the first round of the United States Basketball League Draft. "It makes a statement for Gulf Coast, because they thought enough of him to take him with their first pick," UCF Coach Kirk Speraw said.

Traina joins six former UCF players in the USBL, including three who played last year. Howard Porter, Chuck Roberts and Ochiel Swaby played together on the Tampa Bay Windmillers.

After playing behind Harry Kennedy and Mark Jones for his first three seasons, Traina stepped in as the senior leader last year, setting career highs in scoring (16.7), field-goal shooting (.494), three-point shooting (.407), and free-throw shooting (.796). Kennedy played overseas after UCF and Jones was drafted by the Continental Basketball Association and also was exploring options overseas.

"Getting players drafted gets us good recognition and proves that we have good players," Speraw said. "We had enough players having success (in professional leagues) to gain that recognition."

The USBL has been a steppingstone for many players to the NBA. Charlotte Hornets forward Anthony Mason, Orlando Magic guard Darrell Armstrong and forward Derek Strong, San Antonio Spurs guard Mario Elie, and New York Knicks backcourt mates Chris Childs and Charlie Ward all spent time in the USBL before garnering success in the NBA.

"I don't know where he'll end up," Speraw said. "He improved every year at UCF, and he'll attain the highest level that he is capable of attaining."

Traina has much to offer the professional ranks with his 6-foot-5 frame because he can play guard and forward. He has proven he can rebound, setting a single-game school record with 19 and he is a solid outside shooter (156 career three-pointers). He also can drive the lane and create shots.

"He has a good attitude and work ethic," Speraw said. "He shoots well from the outside, and he has great skill and abilities."

Traina begins his career April 30 in Sarasota against the Kansas Cagers.
Dolphins visit Golden Knights in pivotal series

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UFC sweeps Hatters with two blowouts, Walsh's heroics

Keith Walsh played the role of unlikely hero with an extra-inning three-run home run on Sunday, helping UFC record a three-game sweep of Stetson. UFC (20-12) improved to 14-4 in the Trans America Athletic Conference and dropped Stetson (21-22, 10-11) closer to not making the conference tournament.

"It was great to get a sweep on the road against a good team like Stetson," Coach Jay Bergman said. "But I think what went unnoticed is that we only gave up six runs in three games. It's great to have somebody else be the hero, and there were a lot of heroes in the third game."

Walsh, who was hitting .159 entering the final game, got his chance after UFC tied the game in its last at-bat in the seventh. Three consecutive walks led to the tying run, and Walsh belted the game-winning home run to secure the 5-3 win.

"I just tried to hit the ball hard somewhere and get it through the infield, but I got under it a little bit and it got out," Walsh said. "It worked out for the best."

Starting pitching improves in sweep

The reason UFC held Stetson to six runs in the entire series was the result of solid starting pitching.

David Rankin, Justin Pope and Troy Satterfield started the three games and threw 19 innings, allowing 15 hits and five runs with 16 strikeouts and only two walks.

Rankin held the Hatters hitless for 5.2 innings before yielding a hit to Jason Shirley in the Knights' 20-3 win.

The doubleheader, which was played Sunday due to rain on Saturday, got off to a good start as Pope threw a five-hit shutout. Satterfield returned to his old form in the nightcap, going five innings and allowing only four hits and two runs.

"I've been trying to get that first shutout all season because the pitching staff has been talking about it," Pope said after his first career complete game. "I gave everything I could to make sure we got the shutout."

Offense explodes for 37 runs in two games

UCF's offense gave its starters plenty of run support in the first two games, as UFC won, 20-3 and 17-0.

Dustin Brisson keyed the outburst in the first game, going 5-for-6 with seven RBIs and a grand slam. Matt Bower went 4-for-4 in the opener on Sunday with two doubles, two home runs, and seven RBIs.

Tim Booth was the leader on Friday at the top of the lineup. He was 4-for-5 with three runs scored and five RBIs, including a double and stolen base. Mark Batia added three hits, and Ivan Trujillo, Darryl Stephens, Mike Fox, and Brent Spooner had two hits apiece in the 22-hit barrage.

"We just had one of those nights offensively that a team dreams about," Bergman said. "Tim Booth set the tempo for us offensively. I thought our right-handed batters stepped up since Brisson and Bower have been our main RBI guys all season."

During the 17-0 win, UFC pounded out 16 hits and drew nine walks. Batia was 2-for-3 with three runs and three RBIs, and Booth scored two runs, drove in one, and stole two bases. Stephens and Trujillo had two hits apiece, and Spooner added three RBIs.

"We're just taking games one at a time," Bergman said. "We're letting the kids enjoy each ballgame because this has been a year that nobody expected us to do this. We're really overachieved."
Men's tennis falters in TAAC Championship

TONY MEJIA
SPORTS EDITOR

The UCF Men's Tennis team went into last weekend's TAAC Championships on a roll and with the mindset that they could win it all. They would have to get through some tough teams to do so, including Florida Atlantic, who had beaten them this year, and #57 Georgia State.

The Knights were the third seed in the tournament, and received a first-round bye. After a fairly easy quarterfinal victory against Stetson, UCF avenged the earlier loss to Florida Atlantic, knocking it out in the semifinals.

Unfortunately, the second tough team the Golden Knights needed to get through was just too much. Georgia State waited for the UCF men in the Monday morning final, but the Knights just had nothing left. The match started out on a positive note, with Novak and Camacho defeating the (#49) doubles team of Nicolas Brochu and Karl Lindberg 9-7 in the #1 spot. David Winberg and sophomore William Guerin won 8-6 over Mitja Pavlinic and Tadej Senk at #2 to clinch the doubles point, but it was all downhill from there. Georgia State quickly took the first four singles matches, earning the title of TAAC Champions with a 4-1 victory over the Knights.

Senk tied the match at 1-1 with a 6-1, 6-2, win over Greg Novak at No. 5. Pavlinic gave the Panthers a 2-1 lead with a 6-3, 6-1, win over Camacho at No. 2. Daniel Wajnberg put GSU on the brink with a 6-3, 6-1, win over William Guerin at No. 3. Pablo Perez-Guss clinched the win for GSU with a 6-3, 6-1, win over Johan Westin at No. 6.

In the semifinals, Florida Atlantic, who had beaten UCF 4-3 back on February 19, played the Golden Knights in a match that would prove to be just as competitive, once again coming down to the final set. Greg Novak, repeating his heroics of the day before, won his match in a dramatic third set tiebreak to vault the underdog Knights into the conference final, 4-3 victors over FAU.

Unfortunately, they didn't have much time to celebrate, losing to the Panthers less than 24 hours later.

The UCF men's season ends with a record of 19-5, one of their best seasons ever. Senior Pedro Pacheco and David Winberg ended their careers at UCF as one of the school's most successful duos. Pacheco finished with 61 career singles victories, tying him with Steve Bryant (1975-1978) for the most in UCF history. The Knights return a strong nucleus next year, bringing back six players from this year's team, including Federico Camacho, William Guerin, Johan Westin, Greg Novak, Fernando Martinez, and Houston Mazda. All made significant contributions this year and will step into bigger roles next season.
Bria leaves UCF to revive Ohio

JEFF CASE
STAFF WRITER

Lynn Bria guided the Golden Knights to several firsts last season: their first No. 1 seed in the TAAC Tournament, the team’s first TAAC Player of the Year and TAAC Coach of the Year awards and its first TAAC Championship in four seasons.

Now, Bria will attempt to reproduce her success as the new women’s basketball coach at Ohio University.

Bria, who coached UCF for three seasons, officially accepted the job at Ohio on April 13. Bria guided the Knights to a 20-11 season last year, including a TAAC title and an NCAA tournament appearance.

Bria compiled a 50-36 record, placing her second in UCF’s all-time wins category. Athletic Director Thomas Boeh is hoping Bria can duplicate her success as the Bobcats coach.

“Lynn is clearly a rising star that possesses all the necessary professional tools and complements them with a truly engaging personality,” Boeh said.

“We are very enthused to have her take over the Ohio women’s basketball program and believe that it simply could not be in better hands.”

Ohio’s program can best be described as struggling, as it completed a 4-22 season, including a 2-14 finish in the Mid American Conference, Bria will bring her assistants at UCF, LJ Jordan and Honey Brown, to help rebuild Ohio.

“The future is very bright,” Bria said. “I think the program is a gold mine. The potential is enormous. It is a good fit for me. Ohio University and I have so many things in common. . .one thing is our commitment to student-athletes.

“My two favorite types of people are coaches and players. Ohio has a true commitment to the student-athlete. There is also a commitment to winning.”

While the Knights will spend time looking for a new coach, UCF’s roster is solid. The Knights lose only three seniors. Unfortunately that group includes TAAC Player of the Year Chariya Davis.

But, Bria did not leave the Knights empty-handed. She had one of the most successful recruiting classes in school history and has signed four underclassmen. The Knights’ recruiting class is ranked in the Top 50 by The Women’s Basketball Journal.

“Lynn Bria couldn’t resist the challenge of rebuilding a struggling program in the more prestigious MAC.”

Lynn Bria

Widyadharma helps stabilize Golden Knights

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ed Samford in the finals. (#51) Veronica Widyadharma returned to her winning ways following a semi-final loss, beating Danielle Dodds 6-1, 6-1 in the #1 singles spot, while Svantesson overcame a one set deficit to win at #3 singles to win 2-6, 6-3, 6-4. Also picking up singles victories for the Knights were Guelie Gouttefarde, Sonja Prokopc and Hadas Ronen.

“Been a very tough season, had a lot of ups and downs,” said first year head coach Michael Dublin.

“Veronica Widyadharma has helped stabilize the team. It was awesome to see the team come through in the championship.”

Widyadharma, the two-time defending TAAC Player of the Year improved her singles record to 22 – 5 on the season, and she and Gouttefarde ran their doubles record to 21 – 3. They are the #47-ranked doubles team in the country. Hadas Ronen ran her record to 21 – 6 on the year, while Daniela Okal is 19 – 7. All seven of the UCF women have collected 16 or more singles victories this season.

Next up for the Lady Knights are the NCAA Regionals, beginning on May 14 in a location that has yet to be determined.

The team looks focused after trouble on the second day of the tournament when the Knights ran into some trouble.

After taking the first three singles matches from Jacksonville University, the Dolphins stormed back to win the next three, including Silvana Vargas’ 6-3, 1-6, 6-0 upset win over Widyadharma. The match was to be decided in doubles play, where UCF has excelled all season.

Widyadharma atoned for her singles loss by teaming up with Guelie Gouttefarde to win 8-2 at #1 doubles. The match was then up to the #3 doubles unit of Svantesson and Hadas Ronen, who had only played together five times this year. Svantesson and Ronen responded, and beat Greta Perovic and Tiffany Pincio in 6-4 for the deciding point.

The close call could be just what the team needed to keep them focused on a solid showing at the NCAA Tournament.

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Culpepper will wait his turn before taking purple reigns

Tony Mejia
SPORTS EDITOR

On Saturday afternoon, Daunte Culpepper became the best clipboard holder in the NFL. And he couldn’t be happier about it.

Central Florida’s pride and joy was selected 11th overall by the Minnesota Vikings, who were one chip-shot field goal away from the Super Bowl last season. They have three of the NFL’s top receivers in Jake Reed, Cris Carter and Randy Moss.

They have 36-year-old Randall Cunningham running the show, with Culpepper firmly entrenched as an apprentice, the heir to a fortune, just waiting until his childhood idol calls it a career. As he said many times on Saturday, he truly is “blessed.”

Minnesota is the best place I could have possibly ended up,” Culpepper said. “I’m going to go up there, learn a lot, and be the best player I can be.”

While he won’t get many chances to throw the football in the regular season, expect the Vikings to give Culpepper plenty of action in the preseason. In addition, with the way Minnesota scores points, a couple of wins are inevitable. Culpepper may be the beneficiary of mop-up duty. Imagine that. Daunte Culpepper relegated to mop-up duty. And happy about it.

Former Buffalo Bills quarterback Jim Kelly, now an ESPN analyst, said Culpepper’s situation probably will lead him to having one of the more productive careers of any of the quarterbacks taken in the first round.

There is no better situation than Culpepper’s. Kentucky’s Tim Couch will have the burden of the No. 1 selection and heintly fans in Cleveland, while Syracuse’s Donovan McNabb was booed by Philadelphia Eagle fans in attendance at the draft. He was in trouble before he even put on his new team’s hat.

Cincinnati Bengals’ selection, Akili Smith, is in a good situation, especially since he should be a backup after only one full season as a collegiate starter, but he doesn’t have the luxury of the offense that now surrounds Culpepper.

UCF gets plenty of attention on ESPN’s draft coverage

Women’s tennis claims third straight TAAC title

David Marsters
STAFF WRITER

It was just another day at the office for the UCF Women’s Tennis Team last week at the TAAC Championships. For the Golden Knights, owners of the past two TAAC Tournament titles, it was business as usual.

UCF travelled to Stetson University last weekend to take on ten other schools in hopes of advancing to NCAA Regionals. Last year, they did not even drop a set in the TAAC Tournament, and this year were once again the favorites and had earned the #1 seed.

After a surprisingly tough semifinal match against Jacksonville, UCF cruised to its third straight title. 5-0 against sixth-seed.

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Baseball on streak
UCF hopes to distance itself from Jacksonville in the TAAC.

From the diamond
Look for updates on UCF baseball games and news.

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Get your updates from the links and the tennis courts as UCF takes to action.

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Bria leaves to Ohio
Lynn Bria made her resignation official, taking over the Bobcats.

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Election Results:
Patton Voted New President

by Brian McMahon

Judicial Board's decision to disqualify Patton-Cupicha was overturned

After several weeks of meetings, hearings, and appeals, Director of Student Judicial programs, Dr. Garth Jenkins, overturned the Election Commission's decision to disqualify Patton-Cupicha as student body president and vice president.

Patton-Cupicha then appealed the Election Commission's decision to disqualify the Patton-Cupicha ticket. Patton-Cupicha immediately appealed to the Judicial Board citing several discrepancies with the disqualification process. According to their appeal, the Election Commission did not hold a meeting according to Florida State Statutes. There was also a discrepancy over the definition of "10 school days." According to SGA statute, Patton-Cupicha had 10 school days to pay their fine. After a long session, the Judicial Board decided to uphold the Election Commission's decision to disqualify the Patton-Cupicha ticket.

Letter From the President

Dear Fellow Knights,

This is the time of year when every student is stressing about exams. Well, don't fear, summer is around the corner! I bet all of you are envisioning a summer filled of trips to the new Universal theme park and visits to beaches. Hang in there, there are only two more weeks!

I would also like to address the issue of our past presidential election. It is our hope that you will be patient as your governing body goes through the transition of changing administration. When the new president takes office, we hope that you welcome him with open arms. I know that your support meant a lot to me and I am sure it will mean a lot to him. Although the system is not perfect, have faith that it is working for the betterment of the student body as a whole.

Since this is the last issue of the Quest, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for an incredible year. I have learned so much and grown as a person. I also want to remind you that the new president has the responsibility of leading us into the next millennium. He has the task of making difficult decisions while maintaining a positive image, that is a hard job. We must be sensitive to the thoughts and feelings of those who are in a position of leadership. We should lift up our leaders and not tear them down. Support your president and your association, they need it!

Continue to voice your opinion and vote. This is your greatest weapon in a battle where we lose more often than attaining a victory. It is your responsibility to be aware of the issues and your role in government. I wish you the best for the upcoming school year. Good luck and have a great summer.

Jason Murphy
Student Body President

1999 Presidential Run-Off Election Results
1st Jamie Halscott 1198 44%
Charlie Lee
2nd Darin Patton 1447 53%
Andrew Cupicha
Total Voters 2723
Total Invalids 78 3%

Aquatics & Outdoor Adventure?!?!

What is that you ask?!?

by Debbie Madison
Dir. of Aquatics and Outdoor Adventure

Good Question!... and it's up to you to decide! For the students, faculty, and staff, I am creating new adventures in aquatics and outdoor fun. Currently, Aquatics and Outdoor Adventure has become leisurely walks along the Lake Claire Trail, disc golf, canoeing, kayaking, tubing, paddleskiing, sailing, surfing, SCUBA lessons, Lifeguard and CPR Training, and Swimming.

However, this is only the beginning! I want to hear what kind of adventures and/or training YOU want to have! This semester is the first time SCUBA lessons have been offered by Recreational Services, and it's the best opportunity you will have to learn how to dive!

I am also working with the UCF Scuba Club and The Outlanders to develop and promote different activities such as disc golf, camel rides, canoeing, and rock climbing adventures.

INTERESTED YET? Contact me, Debbie Madison, at the Rec Services office or e-mail damadison@mail.ucf.edu. If I haven't piqued your interest, offer a suggestion... we would love to hear it and might just try it! Life is an Adventure - Live it!

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**Squishy Nighthawks vs. Squishy Cab**

**Knights**
- Born: Fall 1997
- Height: 5.75 in
- Color: Gold
- Given by: SGA

*Based on famed mascot of UCF*

**CAB Keychain**
- Born: Spring 1999
- Height: 1 in
- Color: Yellow
- Given by: CAB

*Based on the official mascot of the Campus Activities Board (CAB)*

- Looks cute, great with kids, non toxic and helps to relieve stress.
- People yell at you to get one at various school events. Knights have a small Go-Cart.
- Made in China
- Soft when hit in head. Has good throwing distance.
- Through countless research and testing the winner is BOTH! The function of both is to help students enjoy campus events. Each makes a nice souvenir of UCF and both have great functions and features. Just watch out one might be heading your way soon.

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**Volunteer UCF**

Volunteer UCF is in the process of completing another successful year promoting community service to UCF students across Central Florida. This past fall, VUCF hosted the Hunger and Homelessness Banquet. The banquet educated participating students about the hunger issues facing America and the rest of the world.

In addition to the already established programming, VUCF's Board of Directors developed five innovative programs providing more diverse opportunities for students to become involved in community service. These new programs include Adopt-an-Agency, Suddenly Service, a literacy program entitled, "Are You My Type," Blood Drive, and Back to School with the Proper Tools.

Volunteers are always needed to join no matter how little or how much time they can give. Student participation is the only way the program can be successful. If you are interested in volunteering, contact VUCF in the Office of Student Activities located in the Student Union, Room 204C or call $23-6471.

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**On Campus Around the Nation**

**University of Kentucky**
- Starting quarterback Tim Couch has been predicted as the number one draft pick in the 1999 NFL Draft. Last season, Couch led the nation in passes attempted, completions, yards per game, and completion percentage.

**University of North Carolina Chapel Hill**
- More than seventy employees and researchers have already volunteered for the 1999 Special Olympics World Summer Games in the Triangle. That is one fourth of the entire Special Olympics staff.

**Purdue University**
- College Board OK'd plans for a $38.5 million Krautwurst expansion. This expansion to the Business Management Building makes Purdue University one of the top twenty five business schools in the country.

**Princeton University**
- Though Princeton's 10.8 percent acceptance rate for the Class of 2003 appears to be the lowest in Princeton University history. The majority of Ivy League schools and peer institutions also reported more of a selective admission than last year.

**Georgetown University Medical Center**
- Two recent studies done by the National Cancer Institute at Georgetown University Center have determined that a gene in the brain may be responsible for whether or not a person starts to smoke or has an easier time quitting the habit.

**Yale University**
- Yale University prepares for its 300th birthday bash with memories of it’s bicentennial celebration in 1901 still fresh. In 1901 they celebrated by erecting buildings and throwing a huge party.

**University of Pennsylvania**
- To stop the rapid abuse of alcohol. The University of Pennsylvania has adopted a zero tolerance alcohol policy for undergraduates. This major decision was brought up by the recent death of a 26 year old alumnus named Michael Tobin.

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**Living with Grief Teleconference**

On Wednesday, April 14, University of Central Florida will join 2,000 other organizations across the United States and Canada as a local host for the Hospice Foundation of America’s sixth annual National Bereavement Teleconference. “Living with Grief: At Work, At School, At Worship,” a live-voice-satellite video teleconference, will examine the ways that grief influences us in various settings, such as the workplace, schools, or places of worship. The program will offer humane and practical suggestions for those assisting grievers and for those struggling with illness or loss.

Last year’s conference was seen by more than 150,000 people in over 2,000 communities. One participant who hosts the program noted, “the teleconference was excellent, panels were knowledgeable, topics relevant...it was a great opportunity for people from our community...to hear valuable information.”

The program will be held in the Student Union, room 218 (Key West Ballroom) from 1-4:30pm. For more information, call Karen Baird-Olson at ext 6238.
Don’t miss this hilarious movie where “Life begins at 3am”

Word of caution: For any film majors and/or resident movie critics, READ NO FURTHER. However, if you are like me and you like good movies that happen to get bad reviews from the experts, then keep on reading. It always seems that when I see a movie and thoroughly enjoy it, some critic rails it for lack of plot or character development or poor camera angle during chase scenes or some other obviously inappropriate point.

And even though I have yet to see a review of Go, I can predict 4:1 odds there will be bad reviews because I enjoyed every second of it. The movie was enjoyably unpredictable from the start and hilarious throughout.

The other thing I hate about movie reviews is the fact they run through the entire plot running every twist and turn and just like you can’t peel your eyes from the sight of that dead dog lying on the side of the road, I can never stop reading about how the big boat sank!

Well, by God, I refuse to spoil the movie for you! You will not read about the death of Katie Holmes or how Jay Mohr kisses another man or anything relating to the movie save the fact that it would be well worth your $29 at the movie theatre ($26.95 with student ID). Editor’s note: That was a feeble attempt at sarcasm.

So please, take my word for it. Go is an entertaining movie full of laughter, suspense and twists. Whether it’s romance, comedy, action or suspense, Go has it all! Do not listen to the reviews - only mine. You will not regret it!

Go was presented through Network East Theater on Tuesday, April 6 in the Student Union’s Cape Florida Ballroom. Go is currently showing in movie theatres across the country.

How to Stay Informed and Make a Difference

by Fred Piccolo

If I was to tell you that this year, your tuition might be raised another 10%, would you know about it? If I were to tell you that if you have been convicted of a drug offense you would be ineligible for financial aid, would you know about it? Lastly, if I was to tell you that you can be heard and actually influence votes, would you know how?

Well, the plain fact is that the state legislature, while similar to the U.S. Congress, has a tendency to be more responsive to correspondence. On average, a legislator receives 20 calls on a single issue and half as many letters. In essence, that is akin to the smallest clubs on campus, spending 2 minutes to make a phone call or write a letter.

If we wanted to take a step up, let us look at a single fraternity or sorority getting together for this. If your organization has 100 people, that would mean 5 times the normal amount of correspondence on a single issue. Whether the real interest is there or not, the perception that there is interest remains on the brains of your representatives. At the state level, this is a unique opportunity to use your voice, and make a difference. Perception is reality, and perhaps that clarity and truth in that statement is not better exemplified than in the legislature.

If you want to know more, or want to get together on an issue, call 823-2191. Take the initiative even further and visit the legislature on-line and get all the information you need to make an informed choice. The address is http://www.leg.state.fl.us. Either way, know that “the price of freedom is eternal vigilance.” I encourage you to stay vigilant, informed, and heard.
UCF is now accepting bids from architects to design the $11.6 million building.

Recreational Services is one step closer to a brand new $11.6 million facility as they accept bids from architects to design the building.

“We are so excited to get this much needed space,” said Mr Loren Knutson, director of Recreational Services.

The Building Program calls for a 96,000 square foot building with 65,000 square feet of assignable space including a 4 court gymnasium, weightlifting room, indoor track, indoor pool, indoor racquetball courts, and classrooms. However, after the architects are selected, they will go through a program verification to decide the specifics of the building.

“Right now we are at the decision of do we build a lot of a few things or a few of a lot of things,” says Mark Hall, director of the Student Union.

The decision to include several different types of recreational facilities will be made according to costs, needs, and desires of the university students.

With some of these freshmen and not so experienced returners anchoring the 1999 squad, the season was thought to have been a struggle, but with a 13-4 March record, the Knights are 23-11 for the season with six games left.

Anchoring the Knights offensive power is 1998 third team All-TAAC and all-Tournament selection Dustin Brisson and freshman All-American Matt Bowser. Batting .407 and .394 respectively, they have combined for 49 extra-base hits including 24 home runs, (Bowser - 11, Brisson - 13).

The Knights need you though. Come out and support your 1999 UCF Knights baseball team at the last 3 home games of the season. They take on South Florida April 20 and Jacksonville April 24 and 25. Watch for the SGA Spirit Patrol handing out free T-shirts and other promotional items.

Ground breaking is scheduled for Christmas of 1999 with the completion slated for the fall of 2001. However, according to Knutson, the building could not have come at a better time.

Currently we have 4000 square feet of usable aerobics and weightlifting space. A university of our size needs at least 10,000 square feet in weight lifting space alone. In phase I, we will hopefully have half that and another 5000 square feet of aerobics space.”

Other plans for Phase I include a possible climbing wall, miniature golf course, 2 courts designed for floor hockey, and a snack bar/lounge area. Phase II will include 4 additional basketball courts, an indoor soccer field, an expansion to the weightlifting area, and any other facilities needed at that time.

All of these plans are still very preliminary. “It all depends on the costs of certain facilities as well as the needs of the students as to what is exactly put into the building,” said Knutson.

However, even if half of the planned facility is built, it will be a much needed addition to the UCF campus. Expect to see some exciting new changes to Recreational Services in the coming years!