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Honors College to have its own building

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UCF's Honors College recently received a $1.5 million donation that will allow for the construction of a building to house the college.

The $1.5 million building will feature classrooms, a computer lab, offices, lecture hall and a study lounge. With the aid of this donation, construction of the college is scheduled to be completed in 18-20 months.

The new building will be located off Pegasus Circle between the Visual Arts Building and the bookstore. The circular, 12,490 square-foot college will be named after the donors to the project, Al and Nancy Burnett.

The Burnetts, former owners of Contemporary Cars of Maitland, donated the money from part of the proceeds after selling a Mercedes automobile dealership they owned. Their donation will be matched by the state under a legislatively funded program that encourages private giving for capital construction projects in the State University System.

Over the years, the Burnetts have given UCF $2.5 million. UCF Public Relations said they are the university's most generous donors.

"The Burnetts have once again demonstrated their commitment to higher education in general and to UCF in particular," said UCF President John Hitt.

"I can think of no more fitting way to honor the generosity, friendship and leadership of the Burnetts than to name our Honors College after them."

The UCF Honors College, which has more than doubled in the last three years, has 964 students. Students enter the program by achieving high academic marks in high school or by coming out of an honors college at a community college. UCF honors classes are restricted to 20 students and feature faculty mentors from each of UCF's five academic colleges.

2 UCF students compete for Man of the Year title

BETH SHAW
STAFF WRITER

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The entire process took about three months.

Both Corliss and Hook have received praise for their pictures.

"I feel uncomfortable when these young girls call me," Hook said. "Then again, it's somewhat flattering."

"I think it's cool," Corliss said. "Not many people have this opportunity. It's fun."

Corliss is a criminal justice/pre-law major and Hook, a theatre performance major. Both students said they plan to act after college.

"I want to finish school and I want to start acting," Corliss said. A Hollywood agent who saw his picture called him shortly after the magazine came out and talked to him about getting work.

"A lot of people don't get going until they are older, and I think it's better to get an education first," Corliss said.

The final winner will be announced in the October issue. To cast a vote for man of the year, pick up the current YM magazine. Voting ends April 30.

Marc Corliss (left) and Jason Hook are finalists in YM's Man of the Year Contest.

Debate rages on over Greek Council funding

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The Activity and Service Fee Committee's proposed budget has angered many organizations and agencies over the distribution of money. The Greek Council is just one of these organizations. The Council is questioning the budget from a legal standpoint.

Since 1983, the Greek Council has received money from the Activity and Service Fee in its annual budget. Last year, Student Government zero budgeted the Council for the first time. The reason given then was that most of the money allocated to the Council by Senate the previous year had not been used.

This year, the Council was zero budgeted again in the proposed budget and the reason now is that the state will not allow funding. The OAF (Organizations, Appropriations and Finance Committee) is telling us it's a decision made on a state level, but when we talked to people at the state level there was no problem with funding the Council," said Junnon McBride, of Greek Council. "The events we're holding are not discriminative and I don't understand the conflict here since they've done it in many years past."

The chair of OAF, David Siegel, said the decision is in the law itself and that the committee was just going with what the Board of Regents allows.

"The limitation is within the law because it specifically restricts funding organizations whose membership is not open to all students," Siegel said. "In the most liberal interpretation of the law, those organizations that vote on membership or use personal opinion to discriminate against members are prohibited from receiving funding. If Greek organizations wish to receive funding from A&S Fees, OAF, Page 3
Female condom, male pill latest in contraception

Todd MclAuthor STAFF WRITER

Every student has been preached to about safe sex since middle school. But how many are having sex and not concerning themselves with contraceptives? Who actually is responsible for practicing safe sex since middle school.

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SARC open 24 hours

NICOLE KING NEWS EDITOR

Student Academic Resource Center (SARC) will be open 24 hours a day from April 19 - May 2.

SARC may be used as a place to study, use on-line computers, and group or individualized tutoring sessions for practice tests.

SARC is located in PC102, the trailer with the red door near the Biological Sciences Building.

In other news:

UCF's Downtown Academic Center will host two seminars during April:

1. "Type Directors' Club of New York Show" by Dr. Robert Davis, School of Communication
2. "Culture of the Philippines" by Ben Vasco, reference librarian
3. "UCF Celebrates Leadership" by Edward Hampton, interim director of the LEAD Scholars Program
4. "Essence of India" by Christina Singh, president and jignesh sonchhatra of the Indian Student Association
5. "Are you ready for Hurricane Season?" by James Uhlir, director of Environmental Health and Safety
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the real issue is that the law must be modified to specify a greater flexibility in funding of organization.

The 1998 Supplement to Florida Statutes 240.235 (2) read, “The student activity and service fees shall be expended for lawful purposes to benefit the student body in general. They shall include, but shall not be limited to, student publications and grants to duly recognized student organizations, the membership of which is open to all students at the university without regard to race, sex, or religion. The statute goes on to say that the fund may not benefit activities for which an admission fee is charged to students, except SGA sponsored concerts, and that allocation of the money is to be determined by the university's SGA.

The question in debate now is whether or not Greek Council discriminates according to race, sex or religion. According to attorneys on both the state and UCF level, the Council does not.

There is nothing in the Board Rule for Florida that would prohibit or prevent the funding for the Greek Council,” said Greg Gleason, head attorney for Florida's Board of Regents. “I don’t think the rules are specific and there has been no changes to them in regards to this matter.”

UCF’s attorney, Mary Beth Liberto, pointed out that even though fraternities and sororities reserve their respective membership, Greek Council does not.

“Greek Council does not discriminate by race, religion, or gender, so therefore, it is eligible for funding,” she said.

Liberto drew a comparison between the Greek Council and other organizations that could be in the same situation with regards to funding.

There have many student organizations that are associated with a particular religion or race or even a particular activity, but to my knowledge, anyone can join such organizations without regard to the student’s actual sex, race, or religion,” Liberto said. “In other words, whether or not a student is a Christian, Muslim, Hindu or a particular ethnicity or race will not preclude membership in such organizations.

“Yes, the interest of such a student organization is focused, but as long as there is no requirement that the member be a certain faith, gender, or race/ethnicity, these organizations are eligible for these fees too.”

The request made by the Greek Council is dated January 8 and asks for funding for Greek Life Information which is publicity and brochures given to anyone who asks, and the Extravaganza and Halloween Knights which is open to the entire student body and community.

There is also a question if only the programs can be funded.

“When we looked at the budget, we looked at the club asking for money,” said Charlie Lee, member of the A&S Committee. “If the club is not eligible to receive funding, it doesn’t matter what programs it’s putting on.”

The executive director of the Florida Student Association, Kevin Mayaras, said that a solution to the problem is to co-sponsor the programs and they may receive money that way.

“To get another organization to co-sponsor the programs would give an opportunity for everyone to be involved in that program,” he said.

Other Greek systems in Florida, such as Florida State University, Florida Atlantic University, and the University of West Florida, has or does receive funding from their student governments.

According to the director of Greek Affairs, Greg Mason, other universities have adopted similar principles as that of UCF's Greek Council. Mason said the Council could be funded to promote Greek life on campus independent of funding individual Greek organizations.

Mason added that the programs that made requests for the budget are open to all students and that almost every club or organization that is funded in some way by the A&S Fee selects their members to some degree.

“From the marching band holding auditions to select members to academic clubs that are based on majors and scholastic achievements, everyone has the right to at least ‘audition’ or apply for these organizations,” he said. “All students have the right to attend Rush as sponsored by one of the Greek Council bodies.”

According to the director of Governmental Affairs for the General Council Chancellor’s Office, Lucy Hamilton, the final decision of whether or not Greek Council will receive funding from SG is not made by the state, but rather by SG.

“There is no Board of Regents policy that would prohibit funding for the Greek Council,” she said. “That decision is made at a university level.”

The vice president of Student Government, Richard Maxwell, said the Council should have been funded last year and should receive money this year.

“It’s a shame that they didn’t receive it last year, which I think they should have,” he said. “This matter is still being researched now and will be presented to the Senate for review and debate before this budget is passed.”
High school seniors who are interested in pursuing an art degree at UCF can participate in a summer program that will enable them to produce material for their portfolios.

The program, entitled Summer Pre-College Art Program, was developed through Partners in Art for Visual Education (PAVE). PAVE engages the community through various art experiences, for example visiting schools, hospitals, and senior venues.

"We [the Art Department] thought it would be an interesting idea to approach the high school students and offer them a chance to work with the UCF faculty on a short-term basis," said Kevin Haran, program coordinator.

The program is eight days of courses taught by four professors of the Art Department on topics such as drawing, computer graphics, ceramics, and sculpture/casting. The cost is $300. Drawing and sculpture/casting are offered in the morning, ceramics and computer graphics are offered in the afternoon. Students can enroll in two of the four courses.

Paul Wenzel will teach the fundamentals of descriptive drawing. Students will observe studio subjects and learn the basics of contour line, gesture drawing, charcoal pencil, and brush and ink. Chuck Abraham will focus on the special capabilities of Adobe Photoshop for the computer graphics course. Since students will be working at PowerMac stations with Mac OS 8 as the operating system, it is recommended that students have knowledge of the Macintosh operating system and how to navigate the programs.

Rob Reedy will introduce students to the fundamentals of casting. Students will learn to make one and two-piece molds in creating a self-portrait cast, casting three-dimensional found objects, and making relief casts. Aadi Abbas will introduce students to the fundamentals of casting. Students will learn to make one and two-piece molds in creating a self-portrait cast, casting three-dimensional found objects, and making relief casts.

The program will run June 14-24 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Students who are interested must complete and send out an application along with one letter of recommendation from a high school teacher or counselor. Haran said he will select students for the program by their letters of recommendation.

Applications and letters of recommendation are to be mailed to the University of Central Florida Division of Continuing Education, 12424 Research Parkway, Suite 265, Orlando, FL 32826 or faxed to (407) 207-4935. The due date is May 14 to be guaranteed a space. There is a maximum number of 15 students per class. Applications received after this date will be accepted only if space is available.

Tuition is due by June 7. For an application, call (407) 207-4920, or log on to http://reach.ucf.edu/art/SpecialEvents/PaveSummer/Information.html.
Shelley Wilson  
Staff Writer

As the controversy over SG's recent presidential election continues, 1998-'99 Student Body Vice President Richard Maxwell left office on April 24. Despite the events of this past year, Maxwell said his administration has been successful.

"I think Jason and I have struggled through many obstacles this year, but overall I would say that we were a success," Maxwell said. "We could have done more because we should always strive to do more, but we have stressed to students how important it is to be involved."

Maxwell said SG has not always made the right decisions, but that people should look at the entire picture before making a judgment. "I think that sometimes you have a bad leader that makes bad decisions that reflect on SGA as a whole."

Maxwell said SG has changed over the years.

"The SGA and Senate have changed a lot over the past four years. You can't compare one year against another, though. Senate is made up of different personalities, and since the majority of senators change yearly, each senator brings a different perspective."

Maxwell said some of the lessons he has learned during the past year are that "great friendships and great achievements involve great risk" and that "change is only good after it's implemented."

SG program assistant and Senate secretary Carey Cunningham said Maxwell's success has surprised her.

"Richard Maxwell has far exceeded any and all expectations that I had of him," she said. "Like all his predecessors, he has come across political barriers, but has overcome these obstacles through ensuring that his actions are fair. Richard has also surprised us through his great willingness to participate in all events where he was needed. He has lived up to all of his commitments, and it has been a great experience to work with him."

Maxwell, 23, started developing leadership skills before he came to UCF.

"When I was a child, I led my little league team to play in the Little League World Series when I was 13 years old. I was president of my class in high school and in my second year I found out how to run for office," Maxwell said.

Over the past four years, Maxwell has served as an engineering senator for the 28th, 29th, and 30th Student Senate. He was also the first sergeant-at-arms in '96-'97, vice chair of Elections & Appointments Committee, chair of the 1997 Engineering Expo, director of 1998 Engineering Expo, and a member of the Engineering College Council, Tau Beta Pi, and Pi Kappa Alpha.

Maxwell said being vice president was different from any other position he has held.

"I would have never expected to meet as many great people over the course of a year as I have this year. I never imagined that people would tell me that they looked to me for advice in their life," Maxwell said.

"It is amazing to think that people trust me and respect me enough to listen to my advice on big issues concerning their family, jobs, and schooling."

Maxwell credits some of his success to the people working with him behind the scenes at Student Government.

"My staff has basically kept me going. If it were not for them, I would not be vice president today. I can't do everything by myself," Carey Cunningham said. "I believe that Brian Melver and Brian Melver have made me a better person and leader. I would not trade them for anything."

Dr. Tom Huddleston, interim vice president for Student Development and Enrollment Services, said he has great admiration for Maxwell, having worked with him over the past year.

"I have appreciated the opportunity to work with Richard," he said. "In the meetings that I've had with him, he's been interested in the discussion being held, and has provided good insight as a person and as a representative."

SG Advisor Ossie Palla agreed that Maxwell has shown great leadership skills.

"Richard is a dedicated and motivated student leader who sets high, but realistic goals for himself. He is sensitive to the needs of students and is not afraid to go out of his way to address those needs. He sees individual situations as opportunities for positive learning experiences and takes full advantage of each," he said. "He is an asset to SG and it has been a pleasure working with him over the past year."

When Maxwell leaves UCF next year, he hopes to be involved in the next county and state elections. His experiences at UCF have helped him prepare for the government world.

"I had a bad outlook of state politics until I became vice president. I now understand the inner workings of some major decisions, and can see the reasons why people make the decisions they do."

Looking back, he hopes that people will remember him more as a person that cared about them rather than a politician, a student leader.

"I hope my cabinet members remember me as student body vice president that cared for students as individuals. I hope Ossie and Carey know that I thank them for their support," he said. "I hope Jason [Jason Murphy, student body president] remembers me as a friend that will always be there for him, and I hope Dr. Huddleston remembers me as a student government leader who led with his greatest ability. I learned many life-long lessons during my term."

"I also hope that I will leave office with more friends than which I started because my mother always told me I can measure success by how many friends I have."
WASHINGTON, D.C. - Taking a bite out of crime is one thing, but officials at Emory University suspect this is something else.

According to the Emory Wheel, a woman who works for the university lodged an assault complaint against a male co-worker who she claims bit her on the buttocks around 2 a.m. on April 18.

The male employee was arrested and charged with assault. Photos of the woman’s behind were taken for the pending case.

MISSISSIPPI STATE, Miss. - A sophomore architecture major at Mississippi State University has been charged with murdering her newborn son.

Police arrested 18-year-old Kathryn Welch April 15 and charged her with first-degree murder after Welch’s child’s body was found in a trash bag.

Police would not say how the infant died, but they did confirm that it was not of natural causes. The official cause of death will not be released until toxicology and pathological microscopic tests are complete, investigators said.

Welch was released on a $75,000 bond. Prosecutors said they would seek the death penalty when the case goes to trial.

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. - A series of stings by police officers casing clubs frequently visited by students at the University of Arkansas recently led to the arrests of 17 underage students.

According to the Arkansas Tracer, the April 14 arrests in four local clubs included charges of illegal possession of alcohol, unlawful use of a driver’s license, possession of counterfeit driver’s license, disorderly conduct, public intoxification and possession of fraudulent identification.

NORTHRIDGE, Calif. - Spectators at a children’s track meet hosted by California State University at Northridge got an unexpected show when three students mooned them from a balcony overlooking the event.

Charges stemming from the April 8 display are pending.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. - Police at Harvard University are trying to determine who tossed a large rock over a ledge that hit a student as he walked across campus.

University police have classified what happened as a case of “possible assault and battery by means of a boulder.”

No one was injured during the April 17 incident.

GRINNELL, Iowa - Members of the Biotic Baking Brigade have struck again this time by launching a pie into the face of Dennis Avery, an expert in biotechnology who was speaking at Grinnell College.

According to The Scarlet and Black, the recent attack by a masked pie thrower appeared to be in retaliation for Avery’s supportive views of corporate involvement in agriculture and factory farming.

The brigade, also known as the BBB, is opposed to the genetic engineering of foods and has launched pies into the faces of prominent researchers and leaders of companies specializing in biotechnology.

When the masked “pie assassin” ran out of a side door, a student activist, senior Marianne Maeckelbergh, held the door for him and attempted to follow on her bicycle. A local businessman at the talk, believing Maeckelbergh was involved in the attack, knocked her off her bike and detained her until authorities arrived. While Maeckelbergh said the BBB asked her to participate in the “pieing,” she denies being involved in the attack.

One of the girls also told police she drank alcohol given to her by one of the students and that he knew she was younger than 14.

School officials said whether Lizardi and Boscarno are allowed to return to school next semester depends on the outcome of the investigation.

GALESBURG, Ill. - A former Knox College student charged with killing a classmate has told an Illinois judge that he wants to defend himself against a first-degree murder charge.

Clyde Best, who turned 19 while in custody for the March 1998 murder of fellow student Andrea Raciborszuk, wrote to Knox County Circuit Judge James Stewart, asking to dismiss his lawyers and represent himself. Stewart, who has ruled Best mentally fit to stand trial, questioned Best about whether he truly understood what he’s doing.

Stewart said Best had every right to defend himself but would be expected to examine witnesses, file motions and prepare evidence— all procedures where even an experienced attorney could make mistakes detrimental to Best’s defense.

Best said he understood.

Stewart said he would make a decision by May 17. He encouraged Best to consult with his family— members of whom have told defense attorneys that they don’t want Best to defend himself.

Police charged Best with murder after finding Raciborszuk’s beaten and bloody body in a stairwell of her dormitory shortly after the couple was seen leaving a fraternity party together. Investigators also reported finding bloody clothes and a bloody brick in Best’s room and car.

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America's failing criminal justice system

Recently Bill Preston, an administrator with the Victim Offender Mediation Association (VOMA) spoke with Dr. Baird, an expert on Victim-Offender Crime (VOP 4453) class. We all have a much better understanding of exactly what the program does, and I only wish that 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. When 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, which was most likely lost since early on, instead of showing them the dark side of the offender and question the offender's motives. The power to the victim, which was most likely lost since early on, instead of showing them the dark side of the offender, we may be able to stop them from becoming adult offenders.

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 our 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 adult offenders as well as juveniles. If we could only let juvenile offenders know the hurt and damage they cause early on, instead of showing them the dark side of our current system, we may be able to stop them from becoming adult offenders.

Senator voices concerns about SG

I do not understand why it is so difficult to pass into law.

The corruption that has existed over in that office has been tolerate for quite some time. Anyone who stands up against this behavior is either threatened, humiliated or bullied to leave. Over the past couple of years, students who have served as senators who came in with only good intentions who have either left or been driven out. Many have been threatened with impeachment; others have just caved in to the corruption. But the apathy among the student body has continued to tolerate this behavior—at least until recently when students discovered that the Patterson/Carusa ticket was being disqualified over a $5 violation. Not only that, but the other two tickets were willing to sit as president and vice president knowing that the student body voted for them. Many others associated with various campaigns were more than eager to partake in judicial hearings as well. Other commuters willing to go as far as not stepping down from their positions on our prestigious Election Commission while having personal/ intimate ties with some of the candidates. Are we running a "Days of Our Lives" segment or are we the governmental authority and representative of the students?

As I have stated before, my original vision has changed. Instead of empowering myself to be the voice for students, I started helping the students empower themselves. I was merely the voice—realized that I had to get them to care and get involved. But where do we go from here?

All I can say is that we need good people over there—people who will do what is in the best interest of the student body. We need people who will stand up for what is right, not for what is popular.

Throughout all of this, I have managed to finish out my term and finish out proud. I may have been tainted, harassed, and threatened, but I have not ever lost sight of why I was there. The one thing that I can find comfort in is that I got to go to bed at night knowing that I did the right thing. The rest of those people have to live with themselves knowing that what they did was malicious and wrong. I may not have had my moment on the Senate floor, but I know that they will have theirs on the real Judgment Day.

—Melissa Zelmiker

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As editor of the Central Florida Future, I occasionally have the opportunity to meet a celebrity or two when they visit our neck of the woods. So when I heard Bob Ballard was coming to town, I was pretty excited. Ballard is an undersea explorer, most famous for discovering the Titanic. I have been a history buff for a long time and have always had a special fascination with the Titanic.

The rule of thumb typically when you meet a celebrity is that you never know what you are going to get. Some are rude, some are vile, some are sweet, some are drunk.

I contacted CAB and asked for an interview with him, and of course, was met with the usual “we have to check with his people.” It seems that every celebrity has “people.” No one really knows who these people are, just that they have to be checked in with all the time.

They got back to me within the next few days and said he had agreed to an 8 a.m. phone interview.

My first reaction was “Great.” My second was “Man, undersea explorers get up early.” There are very few men I will get up at 8 o’clock in the morning for, but I figured Bob Ballard was one of them.

I remember, as most people do, when I first heard of the Titanic. It was a huge story. I actually flew out a copy of his movie “Titanic” for him and his wife to view privately. I don’t know everyone (he calls Ted Turner “my buddy Ted”) and director James Cameron actually flew out a copy of his movie “Titanic” for him and his wife to view privately.

But he was far from “celebrity-ish” or too smart for regular humans like myself.

He was nice and took pity on me when I had no clue what he was talking about, which actually didn’t happen that often because he is so good at making you understand what he’s trying to say.

I also had a lot of respect for his devotion to his family, which is easy to pick up on. I know that he originally was not going to come to UCF because he didn’t want to be away from them. His kids referred to him as “Emily Rose with the Button Nose” and “Benjemoni Macaroni.”

During his presentation that Friday night, he wore a UCF windbreaker over his shirt and tie. He told members of SG that he’d wear it on a future National Geographic Special. What a guy I thought.

He got around and talked to us at a reception after his presentation. I found out later that he had walked over to the campus early that morning to take a private tour of the place.

I guess you could say that I wasn’t disappointed at all; I was impressed. He was intelligent, personable and funny. A funny scientist, imagine that.

Being in college and it being finals week, I, like everyone else, is sick of my chosen profession and ready to quit college and move to Aruba. It did me a lot of good to talk to someone who absolutely loves what he does and wants to share it with everyone around him. I also got to meet one of my heroes. He might be an odd choice for an up-and-coming journalist to admire, but I’ll take him. Even if it is at 8 in the morning.

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TAYLOR SIKEs
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Imagine yourself reading in the library when the door is flung open. Two teen-agers, 17 and 18, wearing black trench coats, walk in and begin shooting people at point-blank range with automatic weapons.

The first thing you hear is wild laughing; the second: "If there are any jocks in here, and that we did not pick on those teens, but this massacre is not limited to Littleton. If anything, it is a wake-up call that it can happen anywhere. Some of the thousands of questions that I have to ask when I see something like this are: What pushed these boys to do this? What did the world do to drive them to carnage? What could I have done to help them? I guess we will never really know what drove them. We do know that they were picked on, particularly by athletes. Have you ever picked on anyone? It seemed pretty harmless at the time, didn't it? I've done it. I admit it. I was wrong. And I am sorry.

Our species seems to live on putting others down. It makes us feel good about ourselves, in a sick kind of way. I'd call it the most powerful of the defense mechanisms our psyche creates. Hurting others is easier for us than caring for them.

There is no excuse for the deaths, so please don't think I am saying that. What I am saying is to forget about blaming Marilyn Manson, or Adolf Hitler; the blame falls on us. The American society needs to look inward on this one, into its very soul. We spurned these kids. We raised them, we lost them, and now we will bury them along with the victims of their rage.

I am asking you to drop the defenses, and care. Care for the families, for the murdered students and even for the boys who did this. Let your heart break over this tragedy. But don't let this end in sorrow; that does the victims no good.

Instead, decide to make a difference in the people around you; decide to care for them. If you see someone walking along, smile and ask them how they are doing. Make it a point to care for people.

No, make it your mission in life.

More Columbine news and opinions online, updated throughout the week!

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Q: Should financial aid be given to convicted drug offenders?

A: “It depends on the offense and the sentencing. People should look at the individual, not just their record.”

—Wynter Dollack, 23, senior, psychology

“I think so, because if someone is trying to get an education, why stop them from receiving it because of drugs?”

—Michelle Jackson, 24, senior, exceptional education

“Yes, they should have the same opportunity as everyone else; but they shouldn’t get a special privilege over others.”

—Helyn Luisi, 21, junior, theater

“I think financial aid should be available to anyone who qualifies.”

—Ross Turner, 21, junior, psychology

“Yes, everyone should be allowed to start over if they’re willing to change their lives.”

—Neal Fischer, 29, grad student, history

“Yes, as long as the individual concerned has received counseling and has been rehabilitated.”

—Matthew Smith, 23, junior, psychology
After Columbine: no quick fixes for what ails us

April 28, 1999

Nothing any of us can say to try to give solace to dead, gone forever from this earth.

The Colorado students' bodies were still lying in the school library a day after the rampage at Columbine High School, dead, gone forever from this earth.

Nothing any of us can say to try to explain the unexplainable can make those people come back to life, can give solace to their families.

Nothing will make this horrid chapter in American history disappear from our national psyche.

Nor will it erase the lingering pain - the sense of loss, the emptiness, hurt.

We wonder: What kind of supervision were those two kids and others, who were part of a clique they called the "Trench Coat Mafia," were allowed to wear black trench coats all day, every day.

We hear people on talk radio go so far as to blame President Clinton's war in Kosovo for "setting a bad example for our children." Or they blame women for working outside the home. Or they blame people who are law-abiding and will use any time a teacher or principal tries to discipline a child.

We want to cast blame - on the easy availability of guns; on the filth, anger and hatred that can be found throughout the Internet, on a pop culture that idolizes violence in video games, television shows, movies and music lyrics.

We ask: Where were the parents of the two teen killers, Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold?

Did those parents never notice the young men's fascination with Adolf Hitler, their hatred of Christians, Jews, blacks, Hispanics and school athletes of any ethnicity? Did those parents not notice their children's bomb-building, their fascination with violence, our laissez-faire attitude about guns, has desensitized young people to the gore they see on the tube today. No doubt music lyrics or Internet sites that glorify violence against women, cops, anyone, contribute to some young people's skewed view of the world.

But we must remember that most young people really don't think that violence is cool. Most young people don't love to hate. Most young people go about their lives to try to better themselves for the future.

We ought not to give up trying to find ways to prevent another tragedy, but we ought not to be so foolish as to believe that there's one quickie solution that a law will provide.

What happened at Littleton, Colo., cuts right to the heart and soul of who we are. As a nation, we are only as strong as our weakest link, and it will take much time, patience and love to begin unraveling the chain before it snaps again.

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MITCHELL L. MOSS
KNOTT-RIDAL

It’s no accident that a suburban high school in Colorado was the scene of a massacre two days ago.

After years of hearing about the dangers of big-city high schools, Americans are finally waking up to the fact that small-town and suburban schools with their manicured lawns and elaborate sports programs can be incubators for mass murderers.

Just look at the long list of small towns besides Littleton, Colo., that have seen school killings in a little more than two years: Springfield, Ore.; Fayetteville, Tenn.; Potomac, Calif.; Eustis, Fla.; Jonesboro, Ark.; West Paducah, Ky.; Pearl, Miss.; and Bethel, Alaska.

In small-town and suburban America, the high school, along with the shopping mall, is the center of social life for adolescents. There are rarely other venues for kids to hang out, to perform for their peers, to establish their reputations.

For kids who cannot make it as athletes or scholars, suburbania has few routes to status and identity.

Urban communities are far more tolerant of marginal kids who cannot make it on the playing fields or in traditional classrooms. Weak students can succeed outside the school in the local neighborhood. They can choose their own interests and aspirations.

Furthermore, New York City teenagers aren’t confined to the neighborhood high school. They can choose their public high schools, big and small, near or far from home. New Vision School, one of the city’s educational successes, offers small high school alternatives for kids with unconventional interests and aspirations.

As Columbia University Professor Jeffrey Fagan has observed, big cities offer adolescents a multitude of outlets to work through their painful and dangerous teen years.

And for the kids who cannot resist the lure of guns and trouble, big cities are far more active in trying to prevent crime than small-town sheriff’s departments.

For example, Brooklyn District Attorney Charles Hynes has been a pioneer in crime prevention and in getting guns off the street. Soon after taking office, Hynes established a Guns for Sale program in which he used money confiscated from drug dealers to purchase guns from Brooklyn kids. More recently, Hynes established five centers in Brooklyn to help youths meet with social workers and work through their problems so that they can find their way back into school.

In small-town versus big-city difference, it’s hard to imagine how New York City teenagers could stockpile weapons without being detected by friends or family. Real estate is too valuable to be used for gun storage, and most apartment buildings are too crowded for a bomb-making laboratory.

Single-family suburban homes, with their spacious lawns and elaborate sports facilities, are a rare combination of privacy and space that doesn’t exist in urban neighborhoods.

Plus, unlike big cities, in the political environment of small-town America, gun possession is not a punishable offense. No wonder the National Rifle Association is having its annual meeting in Denver next week.

Clearly, small-town and suburban high schools demonstrate that it is possible for a school to succeed educational­ly but fail to fail to recognize the mental health problems and criminal pathology that can breed in a sterile and socially stratified environment. Big-city schools have lots of problems, but we should be glad that they don’t dominate the everyday lives of urban teenagers.

Certainly, there was something profoundly wrong with the Colorado killers but when Middle America public schools repeatedly are sites of mass murders, it’s time to look more carefully at what has gone wrong with suburban culture.

Letters to the Editor
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Short stories depressing but powerful

MARK JAMES
ASSISTANT EDITOR

Driving the Heart and Other Stories is a collection of thirteen short stories, most of which deal with dysfunctional families. Virtually all of Jason Brown's stories have a young male trying to come to terms with a neglected childhood and dissatisfaction with his current life. There is often a depressed or suicidal mother and a father who is a Vietnam veteran. Despair is an overwhelming theme. In the title story, the main character is a driver for a hospital who delivers unidentifiable body parts. "The only thing that will happen differently in the world if I quit my job is that I will not be able to eat!" The main characters often remain anonymous and have jobs that would not be considered mainstream such as the hospital driver or a coroner. In "The Coroner's Report," the main character observes what he considers "normal" people as he picks up unidentifiable body parts. "To take a second job you would want to have to get ahead. This is the wrong place for that." But Brown's characters never seem to be in the right place for that. In "Thief," an adolescent boy wishes for a "normal" family. His mother had been a teacher, a dog trainer blinded in Vietnam. "I think there may be things I know about despair that even he does not understand." For the generation of the parents in the book, there was the promise of the Eisenhower years, the debacle of Vietnam, and the shattered dreams that the sum of the two. For their children, there are no promises or dreams.

Brown's writing is sharp and to the point. He does not waste time with grandiose descriptions or unnecessary dialogue. The darkness can be overwhelming at times, but the power of the stories makes it difficult to put down the book. These stories are a must if you are a lover of short stories. If you are not a fan of short stories, try this book. There may be hope for you yet.
Opting for smaller profile could help Anderson

FRANCESCA CHAPMAN
KNOX RITTER

Playboy photo director Gary Cole has a statistic he likes to cite: "On any given night in America," he says, "there are 10,000 topless girls dancing."

"My guess is that means there are 50,000 plastic breasts bobbing around."

With figures like that — and we do mean figures — what's the point of Pamela Anderson Lee?

It's a question we suspect the syndicated TV star has been asking herself lately. Maybe it's what led Lee, the former "Baywatch" babe who built a career on her curvilinear out-of-proportion shape, to surgically remove the breast implants that created her infamous figure.

Lee — whose surgically enhanced breasts reportedly peaked at a size 34 DD — isn't yet saying why she recently took the radical step of returning to normal.

Last week, she issued an appropriately small-scale statement: "It's something I've been wanting to do for a long time, and I'm very happy with my decision."

A spokeswoman added only that Lee didn't ditch her implants because of health concerns, as many women have.

So we could only speculate why Lee chose to remove those Michelin Girl implants — implants which, undoubtedly, helped millions of Playboys fly off the shelf, moved thousands of sex videos and pin-ups and made the leggy lifeguard show the world the full depths and heights of her charms.

That work led to Lee's Playboy pictorials, her hit-pants stint as "Home Improvement's" Tool Time Girl and on to "Baywatch" and her latest TV venture, the syndicated action series "V.I.P."

Along the way, she starred in a best-selling pornographic "honeymoon" video with husband Tommy Lee. She may have the chops for more serious work, but we'd never know, so long as her breasts remained her most notable feature.

"They said Jayne Mansfield had a genius IQ, but because of her breasts, she was always cast as the busty blondes," mused casting agent Mike Lemon. "She never had an opportunity to do anything else. I can't imagine that's very satisfying in the long run."

Lemon, who runs a Philadelphia agency bearing his name, thought Lee's career move made sense.

"It is like she got the attention, and now she'd like to be taken a little more seriously," he said. "Especially if she wants to have a lifelong career — you can't be a bathing beauty forever."

There's no question the 31-year-old Lee, a curvaceous lovely even before she went pneumatic, can look like a star for years to come. Her new, less-ridiculous silhouette could give her access to a wider range of acting roles, Lemon said.

She could do "TV movies of substance," he said, citing Farrah Fawcett's transition from "Charlie's Angels" jiggler to actress in 1984's "The Burning Bed."

Playboy's Cole, who worked with Lee before her first implants, likened the star to a young Brigitte Bardot — absolutely a bathing beauty, but someone also considered to be a real actress.

"She has a kittenish, sensuous look about the eyes, a kind of charisma on camera that reminded me of the Bardot we snuck into cinemas to see in 'And God Created Woman,'" Cole rhapsodized.

That kind of star quality "has really got nothing to do with breasts," he said, citing the preponderance of aspiring stars who've had implants.

Cole said some 15,000 women have auditioned to be Playboy's "Playmate of the Year." And after he looked at all their photos, Lee's big chest didn't seem so special anymore.

"As jaded as I am, I was shocked at the number of women who've had breast aug­mentation," he said. "A lot of women have had this surgery, and a lot of it has not been well done."

Even Jackie "The Joke Man" MarlIng, gag writer for "The Howard Stern Show," feels the new Lee — an oc­cational guest and frequent sub­ject of merriment on Stern's radio and TV shows — will remain a hot commodity.

Pamela Anderson would be a desirable guest on The Howard Stern Show, even if she had been dead for two months," he said.

For now, the living Lee remains miffed at being a "pin-up, because — isn't this ironic! — everyone wants to see her new, smaller breasts."

Some think it's the most of the short-term opportun­ity. "But you do pose made again in the next six months," said Seth Warshawsky, whose Internet Entertainment Group has sold 300,000 copies of the Lees' dirty honeymoon video.

IEG's site is merely one part of an Internet hunger for Lee that the Wall Street Journal estimates has helped generate $77 million in annual sales for businesses using her name or image.

Warshawsky isn't worried that a downsized Lee will hurt business. "We'll probably sell more tapes," he shrugged.

Playboy, too, stands ready to work with the new Anderson.

"She sells magazines," said Cole, who has put the blonde in Playboy seven times. "Maybe this gives us the excuse to do this the eighth time."

Well, OK. But even before her big breasts reduced, having her name associated with Lee this year took positive steps, if baby steps, to shed her porn­star image.

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Nubira™ CDX 4-door Sedan

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**Crib Sheet**

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- Guaranteed trade-in value
- 3-day test drive
- Special college financing
- Well-equipped at no extra charge
- No hassle pricing
- Insurance Answer Center
- 24-hour emergency roadside assistance for 3 years/36,000 miles

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College graduates* low interest, long term financing | Yes
Low interest, long term financing | Yes
1 year deferred (interest only) payment followed by equal installments up to 4 years' | Yes

Junior | Low interest, long term financing | Yes
2 year deferred (interest only) payment followed by equal installments up to 4 years' | Yes

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(727) 323-5900
Widespread jams at the House of Blues

MARK JAMES
STAFF WRITER

Widespread Panic recently played two sold-out shows at the House of Blues in Orlando. As one of the premier “jam bands,” they needed no introduction and no warm-up band; they merely strolled on stage shortly after 9:00 and did what they do best ... play. The show was split into two sets; the first lasted about an hour and ended with their lone semi-hit, Hope in a Hopeless World.

The thirty-minute break was followed by a second set of about 1-1/2 hours and ended with a three-song encore. Although a bit short by Widespread Panic standards, the audience seemed satisfied. Many had been in attendance for both shows and some were even headed for Boone, North Carolina to catch the show the next night.

The band drew freely from its vast repertoire. They have developed an art of progressing through their material; sometimes breaking between songs, sometimes segueing, and sometimes seeming to just happen upon the next number. The sound system was well honed and the band was tight. Vocalist/guitarist John “JB” Bell occupied center stage. Bell’s voice is instantly recognizable but at times was difficult to understand; a result of his style and not the sound system. Guitarist Mike Houser remained seated during the entire show. His playing was crisp, and he moved easily from playing to jamming and back again. Drummer Todd Nance and bass player Dave Schools maintained a steady rhythm that drove the songs. Keyboardist John Hermann and percussionist Sonny Ortiz round out the band with Hermann occasionally adding vocals to offset Bell’s growl. Ortiz was allowed an extended solo during which the rest of the band left the stage. The solo was a bit long and left even the most devoted fans restless and somewhat bored.

Unlike many groups who arm themselves with banks of instruments and depend on orchestration for their performances, Widespread Panic just played; there were no fancy lights other than house lights and, with the exception of Houser, they all played the same instruments throughout the show.

Houser played two guitars, both Fender Telecasters, and switched only two or three times during the show. Widespread Panic’s CDs can be purchased in virtually any record store and listened to in the comfort of your living room. Their merchandise is available on their web site where you can also download their lyrics and sheet music.

But to truly experience this band you have to see them live. Although the recorded versions are well worth listening to, the energy that this group brings to the stage is missing in that medium.
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Prodigy

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The Prodigy’s latest release, The Dirtchamber Sessions Volume One, DJ Liam Howlett takes listeners back in time to the days he was turning it clubs with the 80’s band, Cut to Kill. Dirtchamber is old-school, simply showcasing influences that make Prodigy who he is today. This fact alone leaves a bit more to be desired from such a representative. No, it doesn’t fall short; it just doesn’t impress. There are no "tricks" on the disc. Rather, Prodigy calls each combination "sections," which basically sounds like extended mixes that a green DJ experiments with. Prodigy borrows from artists like Bebe’s, Herbie Hancock, and Public Enemy to create a busy, but still contained, sound.

Dirtchamber Sessions, which sold 10,000 copies in its first week, is a definite buy for die-hard Prodigy fans. The disc is a like a history of the group, which some followers are sure to enjoy. Sometimes, though, history can get boring. Listeners looking for cutting edge reverberation should move onto the next artist in the rack, like Primus.

—Christine Selvaggi

Tom Petty and The Heartbreakers

Echo (Warner Bros.)

Echo would seem an appropriate title for Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers’ new CD. After a cursory listen, it appears as if Petty is recreating the same musical territory he has become comfortable with over the past decade or so; but a cursory listen does not do justice to this CD. Petty steps out of his decade old shadow and rocks like he hasn’t since the early 80s. On songs such as “Lonesome Sundown,” “Swingin’,” and “One More Day, One More Night,” Petty allows guitarist Mike Campbell and keyboardist Benmont Tench to step up and display the talent that made them sought after studio musicians. Howie Epstein has always provided the steady bass necessary for Petty’s style. Steve Ferrone fills in well on drums, but one can’t help but think that Tom misses the spark that original drummer Stan Lynch brought to the band, and which hasn’t been present since he left. Petty has always displayed a knack for turning a catchy lyric and he doesn’t disappoint here. "Little girl don’t misunderstand me / cause there’s a rumor goin’ round / somebody’s gonna let you down / and I don’t know what it’s all about / or if it’s true / I’m counting on you." He pleads on counting on you. It looks as though we can count on Tom and the boys to keep churning out good, solid rock.

—Mark James

Soundtrack - Forces of Nature (Dreamworks)

The soundtrack starts with U2 doing an acoustic version of the discos hit “Everlasting Love,” WHEN WILL THEY LEARN? It seems that U2 is in a competition with Metallica to see who can loose their hardcore fans quicker by making the biggest ass of themselves in public. Half of the CD consists of radio friendly dance music that might appear on that techno show on MTV. There’s also a "World Tour" by Touch & Go, which is the kind of song that dance clubs love playing to death. The rest of the CD includes a remake of "Magic Bus" by athena-rejects Swervedriver. There’s also some decent contribution by Tricky and a sleep inducing one by Gomez. One of the better attempts at rap. I’ve heard in a while by Faithless. There is also an O.K. techno remix of a blues song by R.L. Burnside and it ends on a tropical note with Cubanism. At least the soundtrack didn’t include any song by Barenaked Ladies or Hootie...

—Ramiro Vasquez

Buckcherry

Buckcherry (Dreamworks)

I’ve got to give credit to a band whose first single is about sniffing coke instead of those Orgy wimpys. Buckcherry are doing their worst to make rock music dangerous again. Maybe the singer tries a little too hard to act like Axl Rose, but their self-titled debut is a solid rock ‘n’ roll statement. The riffs are raw, the beats are solid, and the attitude excessive. “Dead Again” is punkier than the average GNR song. Hell, it’s punkier than so-called punk bands like Blink-182. “Crushed” and “Dirty Mind” are every bit as raw and nasty as the “Let It Up” single. There’s even a nice power ballad dedicated to all their dead friends called “Check Your Head.” “Lawless and Live” is their unofficial tribute to Kiss (Queen of the Nighttime World?). The hype about being the next GNR might be excessive but eventually it will fade away. The CD might be as good as the first LA Guns CD but it’s no Appetite. Still, Buckcherry is the best new rock band WJRR has played in the last two years.
April 28, 1999

Chuck Shepherd's
NEWS OF THE WEEK

Wednesday 28

Lead Stories

- New Scientist magazine reported in April on how weaker males in two animal species end up fathering almost as many offspring as their more competitive counterparts. Researchers from Dublin told a conference in Newcastle, England, that strong males get more sex but that toward the end of mating season, they may literally run out of sperm, leaving females to scramble for sperm from weaker males. Researchers from Liverpool University reported that strong male flour beetles' spiny penises can scrape previously deposited sperm from females, to allow their own sperm to prevail, but that some of the scraped sperm remains on the penis during the male's next conquest (within a matter of minutes). Thus, the subsequent female is sometimes impregnated not by the current mate but by the residual sperm of a male she has never encountered.

- After marathon partisan sessions in March, the Alabama senate reached agreement to permit Lt. Gov. Steve Windom to retain his traditional presiding powers. However, during the fierce debates, Windom was forced to remain continually at the presiding officer's podium, and things got so tense on March 28 that he had to initiatives into a pitcher because opponents would have won votes if he had taken a restroom break. Afterward, the director of the state archives asked for the pitcher, but Windom said it had been discarded.

- Kicker, Calif., Councilman Kris Worthington announced in April that he would propose that the City Council pass a reparations package to heal the current male but by the residue sperm of a male she has never encountered.

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- Leading Economic Indicators

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- Chuck Shepherd's

NEWS OF THE WEIRD

This week

Amid the news in Florida of last year's mass shooting at a Florida high school that left 10 people dead, the Federal Bureau of Investigation has announced an investigation into the possibility of a hate crime. The investigation, which was launched in response to a letter sent to the FBI by a high school student, is focused on the possibility of a hate crime that may have occurred during the shooting.

- The letter, which was sent to the FBI on April 1, 1999, alleged that the shooter, a 17-year-old boy, had been targeted because of his ethnicity. The letter was signed by a student who was present during the shooting.

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Dear Dr. Daphne,
What’s a good way to de-stress after finals?

—Burnt Out

Dear Stressball,
Unless you’re Greek, I would strongly advise NOT going on any type of partying binge. Your body is already tired, and going nuts with your friends and an open bar will not refresh you in any way, shape or form.

Try putting yourself in a quiet, relaxing place and simply meditate. It’s a great way to empty out your head and really let it all out. A little drinking and socializing doesn’t hurt, of course, but remember to know your limits. Police love to set up road blocks during graduation weekend.

Dear Dr. Daphne,
My girlfriend likes to bark like a dog when I take her out in public. What can I do to keep her quiet?

—Canine Crazy

Dear Dog Lover,
If I had a nickel for every time I got one of these questions...

If you want to be nice, just give her lots of peanut butter when she gets loud. That’ll keep her busy. If the barking is chronic, just get a good muzzle. You might get strange looks from people, but in the long run, it will only benefit your girlfriend. Barking is so ‘92!

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Men's golf places 7th at TAAC Tournament

DAVID MARSTERS

The UCF men's golf team overcame a disappointing start to finish in seventh place at the TAAC Tournament, April 19-21 at Keith Hills Country Club in Buies Creek, N.C.

UCF made a run on the final day, improving from 10th place. UCF finished the third round with a 6-over-par 294 for a three-day total of 911.

On the first day, UCF shot a 306 for a last-place tie with Troy State University. Alan King led the way with a 73, while Adam Hayen posted a 74.

On the second day, UCF looked to climb back into contention but shot a 311 to move ahead of only Mercer, which stood at 624. Senior Kristian Svalheim paced the Knights with a second-day 74.

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Michael Jordan still belongs – even as an owner

RICK MORRISSEY
KNIGHT-RIDDER

CHICAGO - It’s an almost cloudless day, and Michael Jordan is in perpetual mid-dunk outside the United Center. This is a good place to be if you don’t want to be alone.

A son and his parents arrive and crane their necks to see the Jordan statue. A van full of Chinese tourists pulls up, followed by a school bus. A few lost souls wander by and move on, going nowhere slowly. They seem to know intuitively to feel sorrow for the grown man getting autographs from Blackhawks players.

Jordan is about 4 feet higher than the indistinct, nearly featureless faces he is dunking over on the sculpture. They look like Luc Longley and Jud Buechler to me, but hey, this is art and you might tilt your head and see Chris Webber and Juwan Howard.

There is muted conversation among the worshipers, but mostly there is the sound of shoes shuffling as people respectfully, reverently read Jordan’s accomplishments on the base.

I’m waiting for someone to light a votive candle.

This is the Michael Jordan Memorial, and he is dead, and if you don’t believe that, then you don’t know the Bulls scored 49 points in a game recently. And you didn’t see the Bulls celebrate like kids after a comeback.

There is a way for Jordan to come back to life, and as usual, he is seeing the impossible as just another thing he has been given. Floyd slugs, and the world slugs with him. Jordan must be spinning in his grave.

If Jordan were still alive, he wouldn’t have time to videotape a tribute to Wayne Gretzky. He wouldn’t have time to work on that long, loopy golf swing of his.

If Jordan were still alive, Chicago still would have a basketball icon on its hands, not a senior adviser to the world. Education, poverty, probably global warming – Jordan will weigh in on whatever issue he’s asked about. I’m guessing that with all his free time, Jordan is advising the Beltway insider Phil Jackson, who will have his own definitive public-policy views just as soon as Michael tells him what they are.

Jordan is better than this, smarter than this, more needed than this. He’s not good enough to hawk Essence of Spike Lee, a black Jack Nicholson. A car-pooler. Next thing you know, he’ll be a greeter at Nike Town.

There is a way for Jordan to come back to life, and as usual, he is seeing the floor better than anyone else. He is the volley of buying half of the Charlotte Hornets. This is Jordan’s future, this is where he belongs. This is his resurrection, and he knows it.

They need each other, Jordan and the NBA do, although the NBA needs him more. Besides Krause, is there anyone who doubts Jordan’s ability to judge talent? Who doubts his ability to will a team to a title? Within five years and with some luck and free agents, Jordan has the Hornets in the Finals. He’s Jerry West for the new millennium.

As for the NBA – the floundering, foundering NBA – what’s the value of having the best basketball player of all time running a successful NBA franchise? And what’s the value if it’s a black businesswoman named Michael Jordan? As high as Jordan’s vertical leap.

Look, he very easily could continue to be Michael, playing off his name, his face and his legacy. But there’s no challenge in that. He has hundreds of millions of dollars that say he’s marketable, and there’s more where that came from.

That shaved head might have brand equity, but wouldn’t it be nice to see him use what’s inside it? As long as he runs his own line of clothing or shoes or cologne or whatever else he’s selling, not everyone will believe he’s thoroughly involved in it.

I, for one, believe the only cologne Jordan is truly qualified to hawk is Essence of Locker Room by Ralph Lauren.

I hope the NBA doesn’t blow this the way the Bulls blew it with Jordan. Give Jordan whatever he wants. Give him a ridiculous low, low price to buy the team. Let him make the personnel decisions for the Hornets.

And Michael? You’re needed. And you need it.

The Bulls have yet to update the information on the Jordan statue since his comeback. It says he retired in 1994. Maybe they think he’ll retire again if they leave it alone. Yo, fellows, finish the engraving:

Only owner who can dunk, 1999.
Despite performance, UCF finishes second at TAAC

Shedden shatters record twice in six days

University of Central Florida freshman runner Sonja Shedden (Troy, PA/Troy HS) has had several outstanding performances for the women’s track and field team this year, most recently placing 11th in the 10,000m run at the 90th Annual Drake Relays.

Shedden, who had broken the Trans America Athletic Conference record and the school record with a time of 36:44.53 six days earlier, came across the finish line in 56:08.86 at the Drake Relays.

Shedden has competed in the 10,000 meter run three times this season, breaking the school record with each attempt. At the FSU Relays in Tallahassee, Shedden placed second with a time of 37:54.54. At the TAAC Championships, Shedden won the 10,000m run and shattered the TAAC record with her time of 36:44.53. The old record of 38:23.86 was set in 1997.

Her 10,000m record broke her own UCF record set earlier this season at the FSU relays. Shedden followed that performance the next day with an all-conference run in the 3,000m. She finished third with a personal best time of 10:29.20.

Unfortunately, UCF’s women’s track and field team wasn’t as fortunate, placing second at the 1999 TAAC Championships, held on the campus of Troy State University. Despite being heavy favorites after winning the 1997 and 1998 TAAC Cross Country Championship, Shedden earned All-Conference during the track and field season by winning the 10,000 meter and placing third in the 3,000 meter run (10:29.20).

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Samuels and Valerie Beauchamp placed fourth and fifth in the 400 meter dash with times of 58.15 and 58.05.

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Yvette Ash placed fourth in the 100 meter dash (12.86) while Turner placed fifth (12.94).

Katara Turner, who was a favorite by placing fourth in the 100 meter dash with times of 25.52 and 26.07, was unable to recapture the titles.

Junior Amber Twyner won her third TAAC javelin title and earned all conference by placing third in the hammer throw, shot put and discuss. Katara Turner, who was a favorite in the pole vault, was the only competitor who failed to clear the opening height. The usually strong distance squad failed to place anyone higher than fifth in the 800m, 1500m, and 5000m races.

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**Knights get swept at home**

UCF entered last weekend winning 20 of its last 23 games while Jacksonville was at a low point, losing seven of its last nine. Unfortunately for UCF both teams’ fortunes were reversed at Tinker Field. JU swept the series, winning the doubleheader 4-2 and 10-7 on Saturday before winning 8-7 in 10 innings Sunday.

“We just didn’t shut them down when we had to,” Coach Jay Bergman said.

UCF left 25 runners stranded on base in the series. The finale was indicative of UCF’s problems, as the Knights left the bases loaded in the ninth, left two more stranded in the ninth, and hit into three inning-ending double plays.

UCF took a 2-0 lead in the first game as David Rankin looked to be cruising toward his sixth consecutive victory, but an error by Matt Meath in the fourth led to three unearned runs, which proved to be the difference. Rankin allowed six hits over 6.1 innings with five strikeouts.

In the second game, one big inning for JU again proved costly for the Knights. The Dolphins scored seven runs in the third inning to take a 10-3 lead. Justin Pope struggled on the mound and lasted only 2.1 innings, allowing seven runs on six hits.

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Golden Knights have work to do in final stretch

**TRAVIS BELL**  
STAFF WRITER

UCF is heading down the final stretch of the season with a 31-15 record and 14-7 mark in the Trans America Athletic Conference. Good numbers, but with their recent three-game skid, UCF is in jeopardy of not receiving a bid to the NCAA Regional in May. The 40-win plateau has generally been regarded as the magic number to be considered for an at-large bid. And with Florida Atlantic leading the TAAC behind Mercer, the Bears are in fourth place in conference play. Mercer is on a 9-3 run over that stretch, which includes a three-game sweep of Jacksonville.

The Bears’ lineup could provide some difficulties for UCF’s struggling starting pitching. Mercer ranks second in the TAAC in average (.333) and third in home runs (68) and runs per game (8.39). Greg Schmidt leads Mercer with a .395 average and 51 runs scored. Chris Clayton is in his main power threat with 15 home runs and 56 RBIs. UCF may be able to take advantage of the Bears’ pitching. Mercer has struggled to a 6.04 ERA and is allowing 6.86 runs a game. Jeff Noble (7-1, 4.58 ERA, 78 K’s) has anchored the staff along with Jason Page (5-2, 3.33 K’s), Matt Parker (5-5, 73 K’s), and David D’Amico (71 K’s in 52.1 IP).

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UCF’s fortunes may come down to the weekend series against Mercer. UCF’s middle relievers will need to do the same to help its chances for the postseason.

**Florida (May 11 in Gainesville)**

Surprisingly, Florida has struggled after being a national preseason top 10. But the Knights will not overlook the Gators as this could be an important victory. The Gators are only hitting .277 and struggle to a 9-12 mark in the SEC. Mark Ellis (.337-10-35) is one of Florida’s top hitters and Greg Catellanato leads the team with 13 home runs.

The Gators have a 4.60 ERA and are led by Keith Brice (6-3, 4.58) and Matt McClendon (4-3, 4.76). UCF was able to steal a win last year in Gainesville, and needs to do the same to help its chances for the postseason.

**Georgia State (May 14-15 in Orlando)**

GSU has won only one TAAC series this year, but have yet to be swept, which could be a bad sign for UCF. The Panthers are 9-11 in the TAAC, but are 18-27 overall. They are considered for an at-large bid. And with Mercer at 29-18 and in fourth place in the TAAC in average (.333) and third in home runs (68) and runs per game (8.39), Mercer is on a 9-3 run over that stretch, which includes a three-game sweep of Jacksonville.

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The best scenario would be to go at least 8-2 to end the season, play solid baseball in the TAAC Tournament, and make the selection committee’s decision for them.
Brisson, Bowser assauling record books

Travis Bell  STAFF WRITER

The chase is on.

First baseman Dustin Brisson has enjoyed a breakout year and is nearing the single-season records for home runs and RBIs. Brisson has 15 home runs and 64 RBIs while hitting .396.

"I think it’s an honor (to be chasing records)," Brisson said. "UCF’s baseball tradition is outstanding. Since the program started there have been so many good players, so to have my name up there with them is an honor."

Brisson tied the school record with his 15th home run last Tuesday against South Florida. Gregg Pacitti set the record two seasons ago.

Bowser, Matt and Zawaski for the most home runs by a duo in a single season. Zawaski and Soto each hit 14 in 1987.

"They are pitching he and Bowser awfully hard because they know that’s the heart of our lineup," Coach Jay Bergman said. "Brisson and Bowser have been our main RBI guys all season."

Bower was a Freshman All-American last season, hitting .320 with 11 home runs and 35 RBIs. He has even better this year. Through two seasons, he’s hit 24 home runs, already fourth on UCF’s all-time list behind Brisson (.400 and 30), Zawaski (.400 and 40) and Bobby Kiser (.396). His home run total is the second highest in Golden Knight in his first two seasons, trailing only Kiser, who hit a combined 27 in ’97 and ’98.

Brisson continues to have a tremendous work ethic at practice, which has helped him reach his full potential. He is hitting .402 while hitting .381 and .515, respectively, his on-base percentage (.525) and slugging percentage (.788) far surpass his previous highs of .381 and .515, respectively, both set last year.

"My mental approach is much better at the plate," Brisson said. "I don’t swing at bad pitches, and I just wait for a good pitch to drive. I’ve tried to get into favoruable counts and take my walks until the pitch comes."

FAU potent at plate

Offensively, five players have at least 10 home runs, led by John-Edward Raffo’s 16. Raffo also has 47 RBIs. Dickie Hart leads FAU with a .421 average with 53 runs scored and 37 RBIs.

Ryan Withely is hitting .393 and leads in 18 stolen bases. Mick Celi is hitting .350 with 10 home runs and 45 RBIs. Zack Roper has 10 home runs and 39 RBIs with a .354 average.

Chris Winsett has a .350 average with 11 home runs. Anthony Doult has 10 home runs and 42 RBIs with a .340 average. Paul Troyhans leads the team with 52 RBIs and is hitting .327. Tommy Murphy is hitting .322 as the final starter.

So how does UCF beat Florida Atlantic?

"We have to go play hard and let it roll," Bergman said. "I don’t think there’s any magic to it or secret to it. It’s just a matter of going out and getting it done."

UCF has slipped to third in the AAC behind FAU and Jacksonville, so this series is pivotal for seeding into the Atlantic. But more important, it could have major bearing on UCF’s hopes for an NCAA Regional bid.

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UCF takes its shot at Florida Atlantic

Travis Bell
Staff Writer

After UCF registered its final out in a three-game collapse against Jacksonville, Coach Jay Bergman probably did not take solace in what awaits his team this weekend. No. 11 Florida Atlantic (44-2, 70-1), among the best teams in the country, comes for a visit. Not exactly a comforting thought for a team coming off three consecutive losses.

The Owls, midway in action earlier this season, tying a national record with 34 consecutive wins, a feat that was accomplished by Texas in the 1980s.

FAU’s only losses were against Miami (3-1 on Feb. 17) and Jacksonville (2-1 on April 17). The Owls’ success has come as a big surprise. Their highest finish since joining the TAAC in 1994 was fourth in 1995. They were picked fourth in the TAAC preseason poll after a 29-30 finish last season.

FAU leads TAAC in every major team category. Hitting .349 with seven home runs and an average of 9.58 runs a game. FAU has a 3.21 ERA and a .969 fielding percentage that has kept runs to a minimum.

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They have their whole team back from last year,” Bergman said. “They’re a very experienced team, so we’re just gonna have to play hard like we did this weekend.”

FAU starts all juniors and seniors except for one freshman. The starting pitching staff features two sophomores with juniors and seniors getting the majority of the remaining innings.

Senior lefty Todd Mover leads the TAAC with a 2.02 ERA and an 11-6 record. He has 102 strikeouts in 75.2 innings. Sophomore Carmen Cali has been FAU’s other dominant starter with a 7-1 record and 2.50 ERA with 38 strikeouts in 54.2 innings.

Sophomore Nick Mattioni is 6-0 with a 3.83 ERA and junior Dan Jackson (6-1) has 82 strikeouts in 62.1 innings.

The bullpen has been just as strong. Junior Brett Schreyer and senior Tim Burton have been dominant closers. Schreyer (2-0) has 39 strikeouts in 25.1 innings with five saves and a 1.07 ERA. Burton (3-0) has three saves and a 1.77 ERA in 20.1 innings. Senior Mike Gauger (5-0, 3.44) has 46 strikeouts in 34 innings.

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