Students get hands-on experience at 'murder' scene

Becky Panoff  
Staff Writer

An exercise in learning became a foray into the world of forensic science on campus this month. Two bodies were buried on the grounds of UCF, and it was up to an anthropology class to figure out the circumstances of the "murder."

The bodies were those of pig carcasses, buried by professor Dr. Toshia Depree, and they were for her class of 26 students to study forensic science. The premise of the exercise was this: the students in the web-based course received a "letter" every week from the killer's journal, which didn't tell them where the bodies were placed.

"The police, documenting the investigation into the deaths of two people by a serial killer. The students working on computer vision research, which entails getting cameras to see and understand what is happening in the real world through cameras."

The Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship and the Excellence in Education Foundation announced April 5 the recipients of the Goldwater Scholarship. UCF student Paul Smith, a junior in the Honors College, is one of them. Smith, a computer science major, was nominated by faculty members and has a 4.0 grade point average. Smith intends to earn a Ph.D. in computer science and pursue a career in research.

"The end goal is to publish papers," said Smith. "These publications will aid Smith, and other participating students, in determining if pursuing Ph.Ds and research is the next step."

"It's given me insight into what research is really like," said Smith.

In conjunction with winning this prestigious award, Smith's research will be presented at the International Conference on Pattern Recognition in Barcelona, Spain this coming fall.

On April 3-4, the Campus Activities Board held a panel made up of CAB Directors, OSA and SGA representatives and the CAB Advisors to interview two perspective students for the position as the CAB Student Director. Then on April 5-7, and April 10-11, the new CAB Student Director sat in with the panel and interviewed the 21 applicants for the remaining director positions.

Each applicant's resume and answers to questions were looked over before their interview session. Specific qualifications and experience were looked at to fill each CAB position. CAB Student Director Phil McDaniel, who was the 1999-2000 CAB Cinema Director and has been...
The Emerging Knights is a student-run program within the Office of Student Activities. The program is designed to provide both first-year and transfer students the valuable opportunity to learn all that UCF has to offer, to learn about themselves and what they are capable of accomplishing, and the extra-curricular activities that are available to them.

From April 11-12, the Emerging Knights Executive Board held interviews for the 22 hopeful mentor applicants. The Executive Board is made up of Julie Erlandson, Director Heather Stevens, Shelley Breen, Shelley Coursey, Kim Saunders, and Graduate Assistant Julie Erlanson. Student Director Heather Stevens has been involved with the Emerging Knights Program since spring of 1999. “Emerging Knights is a chance for incoming and transfer students to be paired up with a current student leader who serves as their peer mentor. Not only does this program benefit the incoming students, but it also creates an environment of growing and learning through the mentoring process,” she said.

During the interview sessions, the Emerging Knights Executive Board looked for various qualifications in each applicant. Each applicant was required to turn in with their application a recommendation and their answers. The board was looking for students with previous leadership experiences, a welcoming demeanor, and a strong spirit for UCF. The overall impression of each applicant helped to influence each board member’s decision.

After much debate and thorough thinking of each applicant, the Emerging Knights Executive Board announced their new mentors on Thursday, April 13. Choosing who would become an Emerging Knights mentor was tough for the executive board. The mentors were selected based upon an evaluation score that each board member filled out about each of the candidates.

“Every student knocked our socks off during their interview and I wish we could have taken everyone, but in reality we could not,” said Stevens.

There are many goals for the new Emerging Knights mentors. Student Director Heather Stevens wants to make the program thrive. “Above and beyond, I want the Emerging Knights program to become a staple in the UCF experience. We are meant to be a friendly and useful point of contact and support for the new Knights. Finally, I want to promote rewarding relationships between the mentor and the mentee, since interpersonal relations is what makes this program thrive,” she said.

Other questions about the Emerging Knights program can be directed to the Office of Student Activities at 823-6471 or stop by Student Union room 215.

The following items will be on display in the Library in May:

2. 'Hospitality Management', by Dr. Abel Pizam, Interim Chair; and Dr. Ady Milman, Department of Hospitality Management.
3. 'Philippines': Art and Culture, by Ven Basco, Reference Department, Library.
4. 'Essence of India', by Uday Nair, Sangam-Indian Student Association.
5. 'Book Preservation/Conservation', by Carole Hinshaw, Acting Chair, Reference Department, Library.
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Phil McDaniel named Student Director

The Campus Activities Board is a student-run organization for the UCF community.

To CAB Advisor Laura Waltrip, who has been with the board since Homecoming 1998, the Campus Activities Board is important to her. "CAB is important to me, personally, because it's my career and interest. I love working with CAB students in helping them fulfill their goals and ambitions, as well as in providing them leadership opportunities as they learn to plan and coordinate the programs they choose."

The 1999-2000 CAB Director, Kristen E. Murphy, is returning to CAB as the new Dance Marathon Director. Murphy, who is a sophomore at UCF majoring in Advertising and Public Relations, was also the 2000 Dance Marathon's Director of Morale. Kristen Murphy is responsible for putting together a board of directors and committee that will plan out the annual 24-hour Dance Marathon event. This director does this annual event to raise funds in conjunction with Children's Miracle Network.

"I chose (Dance Marathon) because it will have the most effect on people. It won't just effect the children, it will effect the participants as well. Ever since I participated in my first Dance Marathon I knew one day I wanted to lead it and now I have the opportunity to lead the FIRST Dance Marathon of the century! It's exciting because these children are so important to our future and now I have the opportunity to save part of our future. My goal for the year is to pass on the excitement. I want to sign up more dancers committed to this cause and make people more aware of what we're trying accomplish."

As for Student Director McDaniel's goals, he wants to bring what the student body wants to UCF.

"My goals for next year's board are to bring more diverse programming to UCF, and to build and expand on our present programming. (I also want) to work together with our advisors, clubs and organizations, bring in events that the student body wants, and to have more people notice CAB and recognize the events we put on."

If student's are interested in participating in one of the 12 committees that make up the Campus Activities Board, call 823-6471 or stop by the CABOSA Office at SU 215.

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Students gain leadership experience with Volunteer UCF

DIANA MARTIN
STAFF WRITER

Volunteer UCF is an informational and referral source that is dedicated to community service.

This organization helps students and student organizations link up to the various community service agencies. Volunteer UCF also matches projects to interested people that best fit their talents and interests.

The 2000-2001 Student Director for Volunteer UCF is Renee Blanchard, who has been on the UCF board for the past two years. "VUCF is an agency that is dedicated to getting UCF students involved and getting them into a position to make a difference in the community. VUCF allows the community to see all that we as students have to offer. We also bring important issues onto campus and spread valuable information to the students," she said.

There are several special events that VUCF sponsors throughout the year, such as the Hunger Banquet, the Get Carried Banquet and the Volunteer Expo.

Students can volunteer for an agency that suits their needs. There are also numerous monthly volunteer projects that students may participate in, such as SPARK (a volunteer program that offers different service projects once a month) and Habitat for Humanity. Students can also choose to experience volunteerism by joining one of VUCF's numerous committees to help plan and staff events. Several events that VUCF's committees take part in are the Hunger Banquet and the Are you My Type Blood Drive.

The fourth way that VUCF encourages students to get involved with the student-run organization is by taking part in the VUCF Board of Directors. There is an application and interview process that takes place during the spring. The VUCF Board of Directors has already been chosen.

The previous VUCF Student Director, Ricky Middaugh, has been involved with the board for the past two years as Special Projects Coordinator, Assistant Student Director, and then Student Director. Middaugh, along with the interviewing panel, was looking for certain qualities in each of the six applicants.

"When we interviewed each person, we were looking for leadership experience, past volunteer experience, teamwork ability, and people skills," Blanchard said. "We were looking for students that were interested in gaining leadership experience. We want(ed) people who are dedicated, hard working, and who simply want to make a difference on campus and in the community. We also looked for good people skills and the ability to get along with a diverse group of students," Blanchard said. "I think we were very lucky. All of the people we had applied were great and had a lot to offer the board. Luckily we had a place for everyone that applied.

I have high expectations for the new board. The group we have heading the new board are all very intelligent, hard working, and have great hearts. I have no doubt in my mind that this group will be extremely successful and will produce some of the best projects UCF has ever seen."

Students may contact Volunteer UCF at 823-6471, or stop by the GSA Office at Student Union room 215, or visit their website at http://pegasus.cc.ucf.edu/~vucf.

UCF student wins $7,500 stipend

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graduated from Titusville High School in 1997. There, he represented the school at the Florida State High School Track Meet running the 400-meter dash. He also participates in campus community service and volunteer activities.

"It's good to know that we have the skills and abilities at UCF to compete on a national and international level," said Smith.

This is the first time a UCF student wins the Goldwater Scholarship. Smith feels that winning this award opens many new doors for him and will help him in future research.

"It gives me a lot of confidence," he said.

The Goldwater Foundation, named for the late Arizona senator, presents this scholarship, the nation's premier award, to undergraduates engaged in mathematics, engineering or the natural sciences. It looks intensely at undergraduate research. The Foundation is sustained by a U.S. Treasury trust fund which distributes funding for such awards and administrative expenses.
Students experience 'killer' final

Becki Panoff
Staff Writer

Students in the Spanish Honors class got a chance to do some detective work for part of their final exam. These students were part of a "murder mystery." They were given clues to find the "dead bodies" and had to come up with a motive and killer. The hard part of the exercise is that they were only allowed to speak in Spanish. "There is a specific phrase for 'I wonder' in Spanish, and I want the students to get that down," said Spanish professor Alice Korosy, who teaches the honors class. "A few years ago, I was thinking about the 'murder mystery' dinners, and I came up with this."

The exercise is in its fourth year of existence, and has evolved from the first time it was used as the class final.

"One year, there were 'bodies' left by the reflecting pond, and in the elevator. People were a little disturbed, riding up the elevator with someone who had been "shot" in the head," said Korosy. She says theatrical makeup to make the dead bodies seem more realistic.

"They have to go out and find those bodies, and tell who did it," said Korosy. They have to report back to her at the end, with a sort of "debriefing."

"What I want the students to get out of this is that they do understand the lesson, that it makes it come alive. Usually if you do something like that, students have something that they can come back to (when they need to use it)," said Korosy. There were eight students who participated in this exercise, they were in two groups of four to look for the clues and bodies. This was done during second semester so the students have the background of Spanish to speak it.

Next year, Korosy said that the exercise will include 3 to 5 groups. Students have also been asking to be able to participate as 'victims.'

Judge rules student newspaper won't have to reveal unpublished work

TMS Campus

A California student editor will not have to hand over unpublished photographs and records from his college newspaper, a judge has ruled.

"This is a very good day for journalism," said David Sommers, editor in chief of "The State Hornet" at California State University-Sacramento.

An attorney representing a man arrested at a school football game had wanted the newspaper's witness contact information and "all newsclips, films, videos, photographs, or other documents" related to the arrest.

Judge Gerald Bakarich quashed a subpoena and then held Sommers' attorneys in contempt for refusing to hand over the material. An appeals panel refused to review the contempt ruling.

"If (Sommers) thinks it's over, he's wrong," said Franco.

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Change in course numbers may impact registration

ADAM SHIVER STAFF WRITER

A recent change in course numbers may make it tougher for
than usual for students to register.

The following courses have changed numbers, and are listed
below with their new numbers:

- BSC 1020 changed to BSC 1005
- Biological Principles Lab

BSC 1020L changed to BSC 1005L

BSC 1030 changed to BSC 1050

Biology and Environment Lab

BSC 1050L changed to BSC 1050L

Biology and Environment Lab

MAC 1104 changed to MAC 1105

College Algebra

MFG 1203 changed to MGF 1106

Finite Math

Looking toward the future

Futurist, Francis Fukuyama, will be speaking May 1 on his
thoughts regarding the future of

society, business, and social

virtues. The talk will last from 9-

30 p.m., and will be held in the

Pine Room. For more

information contact UCF's Office of

International Studies at (407)

275-4397.

Student art exhibit goes on exposition

The University art gallery will be exhibiting works done by
graduating students through July

31. The works of art are those of

students graduating with their

Bachelor of Fine Arts degree. The
gallery hours are from 9 a.m. to

4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

For more information contact the

department at (407) 823-5629.

Dial-up servers change provider

The UCF dialup Internet

access service will be changing

to a new provider. For more

information, as well as to make

reservations, contact the Internet

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Writing center searches for workers

The campus writing center is currently looking for people to

fill positions for the fall semester.
The writing center, which assists

students with composition and editing of papers, is looking for

people to fill editing positions.

For more information, contact

Beth Rapp-Young at (407) 823-

2197 or pick up an application at

the front desk in the writing cen-
ter.

Holocaust display hosted by library

The Library is currently hosting a holocaust display

throughout the end of April. The
display, entitled "The Holocaust

and the Liberators," features pho-
tos and testimony regarding the

holocaust. Some of the testi-

monies include, but are not limit-
ed to, stories and comments by

American soldiers of the liber-

ation of the Nazi concentration

camps during World War II.

A walk for a good cause

The UCF 'Walk Team' will be participating in a March

of Dimes 'Walk America' on

April 29. The event will take

place at Lake Lily in Maitland

and will begin at 8:00 a.m. A

minimum of $25 must be raised by

each walker to qualify for t-shirts

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Delta Delta Delta wins Pi Beta Phi’s Rock the Arrow

By KEVIN WILSON

Pi Beta Phi held its Rock the Arrow philanthropy. This charity supports community literacy and nation-wide education programs, and included a book drive competition, in addition to a banner competition and Say What Pi Phi karaoke/dance contest.

Books were donated to Evans Family Services Center and were also given to underprivileged children in Orange County who benefit from this organization. Money raised through the entry fee, raffle tickets and sponsors was donated to Arrowmont School of the Arts in Tennessee, one of Pi Beta Phi’s national philanthropies. Childrens books for all ages were available including, Fans; Resistors; Transistors; Connectors; Diodes; Computers, Apple & PC; and all types of Hardware.

The first runner-up was Sigma Alpha Epsilon. Alpha Xi Delta and Delta Upsilon Lambda Theta Phi and Delta Tau Delta. All contestants were required to perform a talent during the event. Kappa Sigma member Jordan Reeves won the title of Xi Man by doing two monologue performances.

The first runner-up was Sigma Alpha Epsilon member Nick Peterman, who performed a martial arts demonstration. Alpha Tau Omega member Cathy Cooper was second runner-up. All of the money collected from this event went to the Boggy Creek Camp, which helps children with life-threatening diseases and chronic illnesses.

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New ideas play key role in dorm construction project

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It's not an apartment -- all he's got to cook with is a microwave oven -- but you won't find freshman Chris Jordan complaining about his dorm room at the University of Central Florida. "There are a lot of nice apartments," observed Jordan, a business student from Fort Walton Beach who lives in Citrus Hall. "But they don't have the advantages that we have."

Nor did his predecessors at UCF a generation ago. Nor will Jordan have some of the advantages being planned for UCF's next wave of residence halls, which should start opening for the fall 2001 term.

University leaders broke ground Tuesday for a new complex of residence halls that should add 1,600 beds to the campus over the next two years. The new residence complex will scatter clusters of small and medium halls into two distinct communities on former recreation fields in the southeast part of campus. The first phase, to open by fall 2001, should add 800 beds. Nearby will be a new recreation center and a retail and food complex. Other features could include such things as wireless Internet technology, allowing students to take their laptops computers outside and stay on-line.

The projected cost: almost $65 million. That means every new bed will cost about 70 percent more than those the university built 10 years ago, even after inflation is factored.

"This represents the largest construction phase UCF has ever undertaken," said William Merek, UCF vice president for administration and finance. UCF plans to finance the project by selling bonds and paying them off with student room and board fees.

"We view this project as not trying to leverage great size, but to enhance student learning," said Tom Huddleston, vice president for student development and enrollment services. "Student learning begins in the classroom, but there is another type of student learning -- student life, including residence life." Research shows that students who live on campus at least one year are less likely to drop out, he said. And they are more likely to plug into other student activities, increasing school spirit.

Another reason UCF wants more residence halls: much of the surrounding community has lost patience with sprawling, private apartment complexes notorious for loud, rowdy students. On Tuesday the Orange County Commissioners passed an ordinance limiting apartment complex construction in the area.

New residence halls on campus should help, Huddleston said. Through 1992, UCF had only 879 dormitory and 392 Greek house beds, enough to house about six percent of the students. In the 1990, the university added 2,163 more beds. By 2002, the dormitory bed total should top 4,600, enough to house about 15 percent of all UCF students.

Meanwhile, UCF has gradually attracted more out-of-town students. "We always have far more applications for residence halls than we can accommodate," Huddleston said.

Attracting freshmen is easier now that the dorm rooms are set aside for them.

"My parents said you're going to live on campus for your freshman year," said Denise Burns of Indialantic. UCF wants to see more upperclassmen and graduate students living on campus as well, and that the school must offer inducements such as private baths and high-speed Internet access.

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"Most of us are poor college students, so we can't afford a lot anyway," she said.
I'm an avid racquetball player, as are several of my friends. In fact, there are a large number of people on this campus that enjoy the sport. The UCF intramural racquetball tournaments are a lot of fun and a great way to meet other players. When I came here, I was disappointed to discover that the only racquetball courts on the UCF campus were outdoors, only partially covered, and disgustingly dirty. In the summer when it's either ninety-five degrees outside or raining, it's almost impossible to play in those courts.

It amazes me that a university the size of UCF doesn't have decent facilities for the sport. If a small school like Valencia Community College can manage to provide quality, indoor, air-conditioned racquetball courts to its students, why can't UCF? The original plan for the expansion of the athletic facilities near the Recreational Services building included the construction of indoor courts, but somebody decided there wasn't enough money for it.

In addition, due to that construction, the old racquetball courts are being torn down. Racquetball on this campus is becoming a victim of finances. This is why I am completely inaccurate that UCF and Student Government are spending $500,000 on upgrades to the Reflection Pond. This university can't justify spending money on decent racquetball facilities, but they can spend half a million dollars on something that absolutely nobody on this campus can actually use. There is some very interesting logic at work there. UCF may be growing rapidly, but as long as this type of logic prevails, UCF will continue to remain a second rate school.

Sincerely,

André Krynowos

The truth about "Mary Jane"

Beth Shaw

Staff Writer

Lately the topic of legalizing marijuana has come up and it has often left me pondering whether or not this drug is as harmful as some claim. Like the good, "investigative reporter" I am, I decided to do a little research.

The majority of my information came from a report by Edward M. Rubin, a Psy.D. in a report called "Some Facts About Marijuaana." I found this report on the website Addiction and Recovery posted by America Online.

As it turns out, marijuana has been around for centuries, actually it dates back to 2700 BC, when it was used in China medicinally.

Queen Victoria used it for menstrual cramps and headaches. Marijuana's active ingredient is delta-9-Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC). Yeah, that means absolutely nothing to me too, but hey at least you will look smart in trivial pursuit. This hard to pronounce ingredient is what causes the "high" in the drug. In short, it effects marijuana makes a user giggle or talk more, which is due to the feeling of euphoria.

As far as this may be the drug wears off in a couple of hours and it reduces the users short-term memory, impairs the ability to think logically, and it also impairs the ability to perform complex tasks such as operating a car. It can also effect reaction time, depth perception, and peripheral vision. Gee, this just keeps sounding better and better. A new drug to try and regulate and set limits on. I can't wait to see the new kind of DUI's that get issued.

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So why all the controversy? I don't get it. I am sure that there are many drugs that have positive effects on people as well as detrimental ones, so why don't we just legalize those too? The idea that legalizing marijuana would somehow make the world a happier place by helping tax payers save money is ridiculous. Sure if we lived in a perfect society and we could legalize drugs without them getting out of hand then I would say go for it. But we don't. There are enough legal drugs screwing people up to add a new one to the list.

As far as saving money goes, I would rather pay tax money to be sure that my children (future children that is) are not faced with the same types of problems. Just imagine trying to buy a ticket to a concert or buy a beer, and/ or smoke cigarettes, drink, and/or smoke pot, simply because it is legal.

Holocaust denial debunked by Emory professor

The Emory Wheel

Emory University

This week, Deborah Lipstadt, professor of modern Jewish and Holocaust studies, and one of the world's leading authorities on the Holocaust, came out on the winning end of her day in court. Because of her, Holocaust denial has been dealt a major setback.

The case involved historian David Irving's charges that Irving tried to portray himself as simply the proponent of a different claim. He also impairs the ability to perform complex tasks such as operating a car. It can also effect reaction time, depth perception, and peripheral vision. Gee, this just keeps sounding better and better. A new drug to try and regulate and set limits on. I can't wait to see the new kind of DUI's that get issued.

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Monday, April 3. It was one of those wonderful, lazy days that occur about as frequently as the full moon. I had crammed a full-body workout, studying for a full course load and working full-time hours all into one weekend. I awoke around noon to find myself with a wholly vacant schedule. I opened my blinds and gazed upon a picture-perfect representation of a spring day. Although it occurred to me to use the entire day tanning poolside, I knew my conscience would never allow me to enjoy such opulent indulgence, and I'd run at least one errand to consider it a productive day. I decided that grocery shopping would satisfy that criterion.

Upon arriving at Publix, I encountered old ladies in moon-moons and navigated the grocery cart obstacle course before docking my car. Crossing the parking lot I kept a careful look-out for the macho jerks on Japanese motorcycles and the wacky demeanors of in-tree model dad-bought cars who made it into a university but can't read speed limits or stop signs.

When I reached the curb, the access ramp was cordoned off from end to end by an SUV as big as a beached blue whale. The SUV's owners had docked their tugboat of a truck in the fire lane simply to avoid the 20-foot walk to the ATM machine. With the ramp blocked off, an old man with a cane had to avoid shuffling and other pedestrians as he hobbled up the curb. As he passed the two girls at the ATM he tactfully chided them, "People need to use the ramp that your car is blocking, you shouldn't be so inconsiderate." These two blockheads were obviously suffering from an advanced case of shamelessness, a quality which the playwright Euripides referred to as "A disease, the worst of all kinds". Rather than rectify the act of inconsiderate idiocy they had committed or even acknowledge that they were in the wrong, the girls responded with a nasty "whatever". Apparently, respect for their elders is a virtue as lost on my generation as reading books. I walked by and simply shook my head in disgust. As I entered the market I overheard the conversation of three UCF computer cops "young adults" behind me who had also witnessed the scene. They were of the opinion that the elder gentleman was a bratty old man who should mind his own business. I could hardly believe my ears! These kids were criticizing the senior instead of publicly applauding him for having the nerve to say what every other passerby with class and composure was thinking.

In addition to being parked in what was clearly marked as a NO PARKING FIRE LANE, the vehicle was blocking any and all access to the entrance for handicapped customers. Parking in a handicapped spot is an offense punishable by a fine of $150 dollars, and parking in a fire lane is downright dangerous, so where were the police? Probably busy arresting a student in Knights Crossing for stepping out of his apartment with a beer can.

Am I the only person on earth who was taught consideration for the 6 billion people who share the planet with me? Every time I leave the house I find myself surrounded by folks who believe they have replaced the sun as the center of the universe. For example, the guy at UCF's computer lab who prints up 50 copies of a 50-page document while the lab is most crowded, and the lady who blocks the intersection in rush hour traffic because she didn't make the light then no one should.

Call it a belated New Year's resolution, call it a random act of kindness, call it whatever you want, but let's try to reintegrate courtesy into our daily routine, because I have heard that it is contagious.

Holocaust topic of heated debate for professor

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for future court cases. The judge in the trial took special care to include a scathing criticism of Irving and his "research" methods in his ruling. This makes the job of any author confronting deniers in the future that much easier, and puts pressure on anyone wishing to follow in Irving's footsteps.

The timing of Lipstadt's victory is especially sweet; Emory had designated this week as a time for Holocaust remembrance, even before the verdict came in. Now, instead of just a time of sober reflection and regret, this week can include a touch of joy, that truth has prevailed over falsification.

With Lipstadt's victory, the truth of the Holocaust will remain in the world's memory hopefully for a long time to come. If history doesn't learn anything from the tragedy of the Holocaust, those millions of deaths will have been in vain.
The story sinks initially and never manages to resurface. In the opening sequence of the film, German U-Boat U-571 is heavily damaged, effectively disabled in the middle of the Atlantic Ocean. Aboard the stranded vessel is Enigma, the Nazi’s top secret decoding machine.

Naturally, the Allied forces become aware of U-571’s status. An American submarine crew is assigned to seize Enigma. Disguised as a German rescue unit, the crew is to board the Nazi sub, overtake the vessel, and destroy any evidence of its existence. As one might expect, the mission doesn’t follow as planned. The American crew is about to board the Nazi sub from their inflatable boats when a German soldier suddenly spots American weaponry underneath German uniform. The soldier informs his captain. The captain orders his men to fire their weapons. And in a classic example of high-action cliché, the Germans misfire, badly and the Americans kill with incredible accuracy.

The Americans secure Enigma. Mission accomplished. Now, all they have to do is get back to their vessel and go home.

But what action movie would be complete without the predictable plot twists? A Nazi destroyer torpedoes the American submarine, and the crew is forced to escape in U-571. Their first problem is a big one: all of the control panels are written in German. Of course, there is the sovereign hero, the American soldier fluent in German who translates the language for the crew.

That’s the formula for the rest of the movie. The Americans are faced with a problem. They resolve the problem. Another dilemma emerges. Another solution.

The final sequence of the film yields no surprises. Because of the structure of the script, we’ve been conditioned to anticipate success no matter how bleak the situation may seem to be. Attempting to recreate the under-water excitement of “Das Boot” and “The Hunt For Red October,” Mostow, who also wrote the screenplay, packs every scene with so much action that little room is spared for character development. There are no personalities aboard U-571, the characters exist only to drive the plot forward. Sups Captain Dahlgren (Bill Paxton) to Lieutenant Tyler (Matthew McConaughey), “You can’t hesitate. You have to act. If you don’t, you put the entire crew at risk.” In other words: act first and think later.

In “Das Boot,” Wolfgang Petersen mishits a concerted effort to get us to know his characters. As the film progresses, we are able to ascertain their distinct and distinguishable personalities. We are encouraged to “listen in” on their conversations. “Das Boot” is not like that. It uses the same elements of irony and pastiche that made last year’s “Deep Blue Sea” implicitly entertaining.

Both films draw upon the works of master texts — “U-571” vs. “Das Boot”; “Deep Blue Sea” vs. “Jaws” — and in a way it’s fun to watch the present emulate the past. “U-571” can only be appreciated in mindless entertainment. Purposefully constructed for a movie theatre audience, the film is clichéd and predictable and will probably make a boatload of money. Now that’s an enigma.
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-Annoyed

Dear Annoyed,

Screening your calls works fine for a short-term plan but it will eventually cause more harm than good. You're going to have to lie to her when you do talk to her. Because she'll probably ask where you were the four out of five times you didn't answer your phone. And that will lead to more problems in your friendship.

I would come right out and say what's on your mind—in a nice way of course. When she calls for the second or third time say, "I just talked to you, what could have possibly happened since then?" Try to sound like you're joking and play it off like that for awhile and see if she gets the hints.

If she doesn't get it try yelling "prank caller" into the phone each time she calls. And if she still calls, get a new number and a new friend with a life.

Dear Nancy,

I have a problem with guys—every time I meet someone I like I act like I don't want anything to do with them. I just can't bring myself to let someone know that I like them. Maybe I'm afraid of rejection or not confident enough, I don't know, what do you think?

-Confused

Dear Confused,

You're not confused, you figured out your own problem. Now you just have to do something about it. I say you start working on that self esteem problem of yours. Go to the gym, keep a journal with all of the things you like about yourself, watch Oprah—find out what makes you feel confident and do it.

I'm glad to hear you're not throwing yourself at every guy you meet. It means you have self-dignity. You're actually lucky with your problem—you could be the other way around. Guys probably see it as playing hard to get anyway, and that never killed anybody.
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Universal beefs up attractions

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It's summer time again and what does that mean to us, the inhabitants of Orlando? Besides sweltering heat, tourists! The ever-expanding theme parks that neighbor UCF attract thousands upon thousands of guests every year. But what keeps the people returning year after year? In the quest to attract the most patrons, the theme parks are constantly coming up with the most innovative and futuristic attractions.

Of course, the most recent demonstration of these attractions would be the building of the latest theme park, Islands of Adventure. Offering the latest in 3-d adventure, thrilling roller coasters, and immense fun, Islands of Adventure promises to be one of the busiest hot spots this summer.

Along with the new theme park, Universal Studios has been improving upon its original park. Your mission is to save the streets of New York from the invading aliens while your vehicle spins out of control. If you succeed in saving the earth you too can become one of the Men In Black. The Men In Black Alien Attack just open this past April and was inaugurated by the MIB stars Will Smith and Rip Torn.

But Universal is not the only park to keep its guest on its toes. Disney has just recently announced the construction of a new attraction at the Epcot Center. In the place of the Horizons ride will be a new space adventure. Now you don't have to be an astronaut to experience the thrill of a space shuttle launch. The new attraction will simulate a shuttle lift off as well as simulating the feel of re-entering earth! Unfortunately, the ride will be under construction till 2003. But until then you can experience the latest ride the test track. Feel the intensity of a 50-degree curve going 60 miles an hour, hairpin turns all the thrill of a test track but on this ride you're the test dummy.

Although the theme parks only attract more tourists causing traffic congestion, longer restaurant waits, and so on; the bright note is that with the growth of these theme parks comes more jobs. These parks supply a great number of students with well paying, beneficial employment.

SPECIAL TO THE FUTURE
The reverend can keep you dancing

PATTY CANEDO
STAFF WRITER

He can't heal your sins or save your soul but his music can get you dance! The Reverend Horton Heat has released his latest CD, Spend A Night In The Box. Jim Heath, guitars and vocals, Jimbo Wallace, bass, and Scott Churilla, drums, are the thriving force behind the success of the irrefutable outlaw pontiff of punkabilly. Straight out of the heart of Texas the band has seven, including the latest, CDs released and has even made a few acting appearances; including a role on "The Drew Carey Show" in 1998 and the independent film "Love and a .45". The Rev's latest CD was recorded at Willie Nelson's Pedernales Studio and produced by Butthole Surfers guitarist, Paul Leary. The CD is a mix of rock and swing thrown together in a funky combo. With searing guitar lick and growling vocals Spend A Night In The Box features several distinct tracks, such as a catchy trucker anthem, Sleeper Coach Driver. The Speed Racer-styled song has a toe tapping beat and infectious lyrics. But not all of The Rev's songs are as upbeat as the trucking song. The Girl In Blue is a heartbreak ballad straight out of a cocktail lounge, with an incredible guitar solo and "cool cat slapping bass". Overall, Spend A Night In The Box has a fun swing, rock, danceable, rhythm with catchy, toe tapping lyrics. Accompanied with skilled guitar and drum playing, makes for great listening. Although the band has a rather unusual, clergy like name they do produce some blistering stage performances and musical prowess. So where did the name come from? "There used to be this guy who ran this place in Deep Ellum, Texas who used to call me Horton- my last name is Heath. Oddly enough, the crowd started to chant "Yeah Reverend" and eventually the bar owner who made the suggestion became a preacher. For more information on the band and touring dates you can hit their website, www.reverendhortonheat.com or www.timebombrecordings.com.

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Thousands crowded the streets of downtown Orlando for WJRR's Earth day Birthday concert on April 22.

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A local stage at club Cairo also showcased Orlando’s local top bands.

In between sets, WJRR’s lunchtime Fiasco host Taco Bob, Pat Lynch, The Razor, and Larry the cable guy added funny commentary to keep the crowd’s spirits up.

After a set, fans could walk down to the signing booth and purchase stuff to be signed by their favorite bands.

This was Doubledrive’s second appearance at an Earth day show, and judging by the cheers from the audience as they took the stage, they have developed a large following in the span of one year.

The acoustics were much better this year than years past. Most of the bands played flawlessly and with very little audio problems.

Our Lady Peace stole the show with excellent performances of their hits, “Clumsy,” “One Man Army,” “Starseed,” and “Is anybody Home.”

Full Devil Jacket got the hard rock fans in the crowd warmed up for Sevendust, while Three Doors Down and Double Drive provided the melodic, southern rock that Florida has embraced.

This was Full Devil Jacket’s second appearance at Earth day Birthday as well.

Last year they were playing the local stage. This time they got to play with the big boys. After going on tour with Coal Chamber and Type O Negative, FDJ was happy to return to their adopted city of Orlando.

Last year, the headliner, Godsmack rocked the streets of downtown Orlando. This time it was, Atlanta’s own, Sevendust’s job.

Sevendust’s metal sounds sent the crowd into a frenzy. Some of the crowd’s favorites were the singles “Denial” and “Waffle” off of their most recent album, Home. This was one of many awesome performances by Sevendust in Orlando over the last year.

All in all, this year’s Earth day Birthday concert was great. This concert helps to expose many budding rock bands to the masses.

Judging by the popularity of veterans Doubledrive and Full Devil Jacket, Earth day birthday is doing its job of keeping us informed of what rocks.

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**News of the Weird**

**LEAD STORIES**

A group of athletes and administrators of the traditional Turkish sport of oil wrestling (gripping nude men, greased-up and interesting by heavy applications of olive oil) protested to the government in April when they discovered that an organization of gay men was planning to attend a major tournament in July near the city of Edirne to ogle. (According to a Reuters news service reporter, "Putting a hand down the opponent's trousers to get a better grip is a common tactic.")

The chief justice of oil-rich Brunei ruled in March that Prince Jefri, the 46-year-old brother of the Sultan of Brunei, was entitled to an allowance of over $300,000 a month while awaiting trial on the Sultan's lawsuit that Jefri misappropriated $15 billion while in charge of the country's investments. A preliminary audit showed that playboy Jefri had bought himself $2.7 billion worth of toys in 10 years, including 17 airplanes, 2,000 cars, and a huge yacht that he named "Tils," and whose two dogies he named "Nipple 1" and "Nipple 2."

**An Urban Legend Comes to Life**

Two years ago, in a bogus Internet news story, a South African hospital with a high fatality rate that a cleaning lady had been plugging her floor polisher in each night by briefly unplugging an appliance that was, unknown to her, a life-support machine. In November 1999, Chicago's TV Channel 7 lost sound for 25 minutes on the final night of the crucial ratings "sweeps" week when cleaning-service personnel plugged a floor buffer into the station's master control outlet, overpowering an audio circuit and driving away 40 percent of the prime-time audience.

**Government in Action**

After Ivory Coast's soccer team was eliminated from the African Nations Cup in January, the country's military ruler, Gen. Robert Guei, had the team arrested and put in a military prison for two days. Addressing the players, Guei said, "I asked that you be taken there so you reflect awhile. Next time (if you play badly) you will stay there for military service...until a sense of civic pride gets into your heads."

In January, a Philadelphia city-funded community organization published a pamphlet on health and safety tips for prostitutes, which recommended always getting on top, negotiating price before getting into a car, and getting the money in advance.

Also in January, a member of the Canadian Parliament released a list of recent pamphlets directly funded by the government, including "How to Communicate With the Dead," "How to Stimulate the G-spot," and "How to Understand and Enjoy an Orgasm."

Despite many anti-smoking programs sponsored by the U.S. government, a Senate subcommittee found last year that the Department of Housing and Urban Development spent $2.4 million since 1996 to help American Indians build discount cigarette stores as part of the federal community block-grant program. (In April 2000, legislation was introduced in the Senate to end the practice.)

In January, a New York state administrative law judge ruled after four hearings in three years that Krystyna Maliszewska, 51, of Brooklyn was not eligible for worker compensa-

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**People With Issues**

-Wynema Faye Shumate, 65, was arrested in Lades, S.C., in March on two charges of mishandling a dead body. The case is pending when a 27-year-old Englishman flew to America to marry Shumate after a hot Internet romance but discovered that Shumate was not the age-30ish woman she had portrayed online. According to police, when the man asked Shumate if she had other surprises, she told him about the carved-up body in the freezer, which was that of her male former housemate, who Shumate said had died the year before of natural causes. Shumate was cleared of causing the death, but, according to the Englishman, the wedding is off.

-In a case unique among women who keep too many cats at home, a judge in Fairfax County, Va., told U.S. Navy program analyst Kristin Kierg in November that she could keep the 104 cats that share her Annandale, Va., townhouse because the house is apparently clean and the cats groomed and in good health. Kierg produced medical records on the cats, showed that she cleans the 101 litter boxes twice a day and keeps the 15 water bowls and 20 food bowls stocked, and said she can recognize each cat by name that she did confess that her house might have an "odor."

**Recurring Themes**

-News of the Weird has regularly reported highway truck spills over the years, but a December spill in Providence, R.I., interwove the news of the Weird with the state's wayward public. Rhode Island Department of Transportation maintenance supervisor Thomas E. Jackony Jr. was charged with larceny because, according to police, when he was supervising the clean-up of grocery-store items day an 18-wheeler's spill, he also grabbed whatever items he could and put them into his car. Police recovered 15 packages of cookies, 15 home electronic scales and 20 cassette tapes.

-Also, in the Last Month...

A man in a wheelchair and wearing a beanie robbed a Wells Fargo Bank, instructing the tellers to fill the beanie with cash (Pleasant Hill, Calif.).

A woman won $171,000 from a jury for slipping on a piece of broccoli in a Grand Union supermarket (Brimming, Va.). A Washington, D.C., police officer was found guilty of sexual assault, becoming the 16th officer on the force in 15 months to be convicted of a crime.

The Ohio liquor control agency banned as offensive the Belgian ale Mameken Pils because its label features a boy urinating. At least two viewers smashed their TV picture tubes trying to kill the high-definition cockroach crawling across the screen as part of a recent Orkin commercial.

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Inconsistent Trojans look to play spoiler

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Junior Bill Oakley said, "This is a really equal conference this year, and in the past it hasn't been that way. Now a lot of teams are going to be real close."

TSU is seventh in the TAAC with a 9-12 record, and they have seen a very up and down season, including a nine-game losing streak that has left TSU with a 20-26 record. But the Trojans have some important players that could provide UCF with some trouble. Junior shortstop Casey Smith leads TSU with a .411 average and he is second with seven home runs and 39 RBIs. Junior infielder Jonathan Smithers (.540-8-41) and senior infielder Derrel Kirkland (.327-6-41) have been the only other consistent players in the TSU lineup.

TSU has been searching for starting pitching, and Jason Bernard (5-5, 5.11 ERA), Aaron Kirkland (2-5, 5.18), and Cale Wright (2-6, 5.78) have all filled the rotation as of late. However, none of them have found any consistency on the mound. The Golden Knights run to the TAAC title begins this weekend, and TSU is the first team in the way. The Trojans pitching staff should be wary.
Rest season looks promising for surging Knights

Travis Bell
State Writer

With a series victory over Florida Atlantic last weekend, UCF regained first place in the Trans America Athletic Conference baseball standings. But now with only three weeks remaining in the regular season, UCF has its destiny in its own hands.

"We're in first place and we're not going to look back," Coach Jay Bergman said. "Nobody's going to catch us from here on out. We hold our own destiny and that's the bottom line."

And the bottom line is that UCF plays two of its final three conference series at home, so the Golden Knights have the advantage on its side. But more importantly, UCF is only seven wins shy of 40, which has always been the benchmark to receive a NCAA Regional bid.

After not playing in the NCAA Tournament the past two years, all the players and coaches have said all year long that anything less than a regional bid would be a severe disappointment.

Here is a look at the Golden Knights' season.

Troy State
(April 29-30)
Tinker Field
(See preview on Page 32)

Mercer (May 4-5) Tinker Field

After finishing in a tie for third last year in the TAAC with UCF, the Bears have had nothing go right all year. Mercer began the year with five consecutive losses, and they have managed only a 14-28 overall record, including a 6-15 mark in the TAAC.

However, they have still managed to have a few good wins, which UCF needs to avoid falling into that category since the Golden Knights only hold a one-game lead over FAU and Stetson. Mercer defeated both FAU and Stetson once during their series, and they also have beaten South Alabama, which is annually a NCAA Tournament participant.

But Mercer has not put up impressive numbers at the plate or on the mound. They are hitting .260 as a team, and they have a 7.31 ERA. Brett Jarrett and Jason Page are the only pitchers with more than one win. Jarrett is 5-5 with a 6.04 ERA. Page is 4-6 with a 7.55 ERA. This is a much different team than the one that beat UCF two out of three in Macon last year and beat the Golden Knights in the first game of the TAAC Tournament.

With only a 4-15 road record, Mercer shouldn't provide much of a challenge. However, UCF can't afford to take the Bears lightly with such a slim lead in the conference. But UCF shouldn't have a problem sweeping the Bears at home.

At Campbell (May 12-13) Roles Creek, NC

The Camels have been the biggest surprise in the TAAC. After being predicted to finish ninth in the preseason poll, Campbell is currently in fourth place with a 12-9 TAAC record, but they could be in for a tough road with FAU and UCF on back-to-back weekends to end the regular season.

Campbell has not had a winning record since joining the TAAC in 1995, and they are looking for their first conference tournament appearance. But the Camels have already had a few big wins over East Carolina and two over Stetson en route to the TAAC.

After hitting 20 home runs and 74 RBIs in 1999, Brent Jarrett and Jason Page are the only pitchers with more than one win. Jarrett is 5-5 with a 6.04 ERA. Page is 4-6 with a 7.55 ERA. This is a much different team than the one that beat UCF two out of three in Macon last year and beat the Golden Knights in the first game of the TAAC Tournament.

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Chances of NCAA at-large bid appear promising

FROM PAGE, Page 24
to their 27-16-1 record.
They have gotten solid pitching and
good hitting, despite not having much
power in the lineup with only 16 home
runs. Tony Della Costa leads them in all
categories with a .360 average, five home
runs, and 34 RBIs. Five other starters are
hitting over .300.
The Camels' rotation has been decent,
but the bullpen is the most stellar part of
Campbell's team. Wes Hepler (6-4, 4.07),
Corey Byrd (3-4, 5.68), and Matt
Kleweno (3-0, 5.79) anchor the rotation,
but Byron Batson (4-1, 2.25, 2 saves) and
Daniel Hall (3-2, 3.86, 6 saves) are the
mainstays in the bullpen.
UCF needs to avoid a slipup late in the
season against Campbell because first
place in the TAAC could come down to
the last weekend. Fortunately, UCF is
undefeated (11-0) all-time against
Campbell, and the Golden
Knights will hope to
continue that trend in the final weekend.

TAAC Tournament (May 17-20)
Jacksonville, FL

UCF, FAU, and Stetson have
separated themselves from the
pack in the TAAC regular
season, and the tournament
champion will be more than likely
one of those three teams. If the
season were to end today, UCF
would face Jacksonville in the
first round but with three
weeks remaining anything
could happen.
If UCF can avoid facing
Down
Jackson (FAU's No. 1 starter)
or Lenny DiNardo (Stetson's
No. 1), who both shut down the
Golden Knights lineup, then
the Golden Knights could be
the favorite to win the
tournament. After winning three in a
row from 1995-97, however, UCF has
slipped up the past
two years and missed a NCAA
tournament bid.
If the Golden Knights reach
40 wins before the TAAC tour-
nament, then it shouldn't have
to worry about missing the
NCAA tournament this year.
But with all three teams bat-
ting for first and all three near-
ning 40 wins, pulling off a cou-
ple victories in the conference
tournament should be neces-
sary.
Nevertheless, UCF has put
itself in good shape for the
final stretch of the season, and
it should be the favorite to win
the TAAC, especially after
winning the showdown with
FAU last weekend on the road.

Andy Johnson has followed in the footsteps of brothers Adam and Erik, former standouts for the Golden
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UCF TAKES 2 OF 3 AT FAU

Matt Bowser and Dustin Brisson for the better part of a year and a half had carried UCF, but on Saturday some surprising players carried the Golden Knights to sweep No. 25-ranked Florida Atlantic in a doubleheader to win the series. Junior Bill Oakley was the biggest surprise as he provided a pinch-hit, two-out, two-run single in extra innings to win the finale 12-10.

"That's been my role for the last few years, and I've had a couple situations (this year) where I've had a chance to do something," Oakley said. "I was glad to be able to finally cash in in a big series against FAU."

Zach Sutton earned his first career save in the ninth, but not without some excitement. With two outs, Matt Meath dropped a routine fly ball to put runners on second and third, but Sutton got an infield pop out to close out the victory in relief of Jason Arnold, who blew the save opportunity after allowing three runs in the bottom of the seventh.

UCF jumped out early with a five-run third inning against FAU, and continues to be a stabilizing presence in the rotation.

The Golden Knights scored two more in the fourth and one in the fifth for a comfortable 9-3 lead, but UCF starter David Rankin ran into trouble in the fifth. Rankin allowed four runs before Von David Stertzbach came in to record the final out to end the FAU rally that cut the UCF lead to 9-7.

"If there was ever a check in the season - what the coaches would call a gut check - it was right there today," Coach Jay Bergman said. "People came off the bench and did a great job, and we got somebody else to get somebody out besides Arnold to win a game. A lot of people played a very important part in this game."

With two outs in the bottom of the ninth on Friday and the score tied 1-1, Jason Sullivan was on first and Anthony Mongelluzzo was on third for FAU. Sullivan faked toward second after a pitch in the dirt by Jason Arnold and slowed on purpose. A designed play that has been used twice previously, freshman catcher Robby Van Kirk made a throw anyway to first baseman Matt Bowser and Mongelluzzo broke toward home. A wild throw by Bowser allowed Mongelluzzo to score the winning run.

"I don't know what happened on the final play," Coach Jay Bergman said. "We knew when we went out there that we weren't going to contest him (Sullivan) running. I think Robby, as being a young catcher, just lost his composure about what he had been told to do. It's just one of those things."

The botched play negated a comeback by UCF in the top of the ninth. Dustin Brisson led off with a single and was followed by a Richard Wallace double. With one out, Andy Johnson plated Brisson with the tying run.

However, UCF shouldn't have needed a ninth inning rally, except the Golden Knights could not lay down a bunt to advance runners into scoring position in the sixth and seventh innings. But FAU starter Dan Jackson, who threw a complete game, three-hitter with 12 strikeouts, was the main reason why UCF struggled as he took a no-hitter into the sixth inning.

"We had a chance to win offensively, and didn't cash in on them," Coach Jay Bergman said. "We should have never gotten ourselves into that particular situation (at the end of the game)."

The loss negated an outstanding performance by UCF starter Justin Pope. He allowed only one run in the first innings. Pope scattered four hits over 7 1/3 with 11 strikeouts and did a great job, and we got somebody else to get somebody out besides Arnold to win a game."

"Somebody has to make a big play because we rely so much on Bowser and Brisson to make big plays," Bergman said. "He (Myers) got a chance, and he came through (in a big way)."

UCF used a five-run ninth inning rally to overcome a 4-3 deficit in the opener. Matt Meath tied the game with an
RBI single. Then with two outs, Myers got a 1-2 fastball and hit it over the left field fence for the win.

UCF jumped ahead 3-0 in the second inning when it scored three unearned runs, but UCF starter Casey Kennedy made two mistakes that squandered away the lead. He allowed two-run home runs to Ryan Withey in the third, and then gave FAU a 4-3 lead when Zack Roper also hit a two-run shot in the fifth.

Kennedy, however, followed up the seventh inning rally by shutting the Owls down to secure the victory. He scattered eight hits with no walks and four strikeouts en route to his fourth complete game of the season. "This was probably the most emotional series I've ever been in," Myers said. "I'm drained and every player on the team is drained. It was a wild one."

**UCF MOVES ON TOP**

The doubleheader sweep of FAU (34-12, 13-5) helped UCF (33-14, 14-4) regain first place in the Trans America Athletic Conference. The Golden Knights now hold a one-game lead over FAU and Stetson. The second place teams play a three-game series next weekend in DeLand. "We're in first place and we're not going to look back," Coach Jay Bergman said. "Nobody's going to catch us from here on out. We hold our own destiny and that's the bottom line."* Doctors cleared sophomore Jeremy Frost to play nearly two weeks ago, despite the fact that his lower jaw is still wired after being hit in the face against Stetson. However, he had only played in one game before the FAU series. After pinch running in the game Friday night, he started both games of the doubleheader in right field. After struggling in the first game with a 0-for-4 performance, he responded with a 3-for-5 game in the finale with a solo home run, two runs scored, and two RBIs. "It felt great," Frost said. "I'm still a little bit timid, and that's why I'm not hitting the outside pitch very well. I'm close (to being where I want to be)."* -TRAVIS BEL

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Svantesson takes on another challenge en route to NCAA's

DAVID WINBERG STAFF WRITER

Ann-Jeanette Svantesson had no idea what she was getting into almost two and a half years ago when she came to Orlando to attend the University of Central Florida.

"I didn't really know what to expect when I first came here," said Svantesson who hails from the little picturesque town of Kalmar in the southeastern part of Sweden. "I thought of staying a semester and try it out, but after five (semesters) I'm still here."

Svantesson, a junior, came to UCF in January 1999 and made an immediate impact, contributing with over 20 singles wins in the No. 2 and No. 3 slots on a team that won its second straight Trans America Athletic Conference title later that spring. In the championship game, Svantesson clinched the victory for the Golden Knights defeating Georgia State's Nina Jarven for the second time during the season.

"It was a nice feeling to win the TAAC during my freshman year. That is something that I will always remember," Svantesson said.

It felt so nice, Svantesson and her teammates went out and won it again last year, and won their fourth straight championship earlier this month. UCF has persevered despite coaching changes in each of Svantesson’s first two years as a Golden Knight. Gail Falkenberg resigned to take a coaching job in Las Vegas, Nev., shortly before the 1999 dual match season would start. Falkenberg was replaced by her assistant coach Michael Dublin who served as the interim head coach during the spring campaign.

"It was hard for both the women and the men having only one coach and then on top of that having a new coach coming on board in the middle of the season," Svantesson said. "I think UCF did the right thing in separating the programs and hiring two coaches."

Despite the adversity the Golden Knights faced, they managed to three-peat as TAAC champions.

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"I feel that I have developed quite a bit since coach Allison took over," Svantesson said. Svantesson is 14-6 on the season after playing primarily at No. 2 and 2-3 in the No. 1 slot after Veronica Wisdalharmann’s dismissal from the team for violating team policies. "A-J has taken on the role as the No. 1 player brilliantly. She accepted her responsibility with dignity," said Allison who came to UCF from the University of Oregon. "Now though, the opponents will be tougher, and she needs to develop her game even more. A-J needs to improve her slice backhand and her mental toughness to reach the next level. Can she do that? Yes, she can. She has an outstanding work ethic and is willing to learn."

Svantesson not only uses her work ethic and willingness to learn on the court, but in the classroom as well. As a Management Information Systems major, she currently holds a 3.87 GPA. "I take a lot of pride both on the court and in the classroom. I think it’s important to set goals and strive for them really hard," said Svantesson with a smile.

Men’s tennis improves in first season under Cashman

DAVID WINBERG STAFF WRITER

Before the season started, first-year head tennis coach Bobby Cashman predicted his young team to finish its tough schedule around a .500 mark. He was right. The Golden Knights, consisting of one senior, two juniors, one sophomore and four freshmen, rolled past crosstown rival Rollins College 7-0 in the last regular season game on April 11 to reach 11-11 on the year.

UCF then lost in the opening round at the Trans America Athletic Conference Championships in DeLand to host Stetson 4-1. The TAAC is a conference that Cashman feels better than its reputation.

"The TAAC is good. I think it’s an underrated conference," said Cashman who led the Golden Knights to a 4-3 mark in TAAC play. "Georgia State is good, Florida Atlantic, Stetson beat us twice, I mean they are very competitive, Campbell and Troy State are solid. Even though we were seeded No. 5 (in the tournament), at times I think we were better than that because we showed it, but other times we were worse. We are an inconsistent, but dangerous team."

During the season, the upset-minded UCF knocked off Florida Atlantic, ranked No. 44 in the latest WingspanBank.com rankings, and No. 75 Brown. But the Golden Knights also showed periods of inconsistency losing to lower ranked West Point and Stetson, costing them a nationally ranking.

Cashman, who came to UCF from the assistant coach position at the University of Kansas last August, will give his team plenty of opportunities next year playing the toughest schedule in school history.

"I'm not bombarding us with too many top schools. There might be a few at the Florida State University Athletic Conference level and Georgia Tech, all nationally ranked. We are going to play 10 or 11 nationally ranked teams and I think that is going to help us in the long run."

UCF, the only Central Florida team in the men’s ITA rankings, will go into the 2001 season with a road game against Florida, currently ranked No. 2 in the nation. UCF then plays the Florida State Seminole Classic, a tournament that includes hosts Florida State, Middle Tennessee State, Georgia State and Georgia Tech, all nationally ranked.

"We are going to be better team next year for sure. I'm hoping to be a little above .500, but there are no easy matches on my schedule."

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Golden Knights Capture Third Track TAAC Title

The University of Central Florida's women's track and field team struck gold with six individual titles, two school records and one meet record en route to its third Trans America Athletic Conference championship title in four years.

Junior thrower Katara Beard (Altamonte Springs), who has won the shot put (37.00m/121'0") and hammer (33.85m/111'0") every year since joining the Golden Knights, scored 32 of UCF's 154 points. "I just set my mind on being focused to do the best I could and hitting everybody in front of me," Beard said. "Next year my goal will be to break all the records and win all four of my events." Beard, who has won the shot put award. Beard, who has won the shot put (37.00m/121'0") and hammer (33.85m/111'0") every year since joining the Golden Knights, scored 32 of UCF's 154 points. "I just set my mind on being focused to do the best I could and hitting everybody in front of me," Beard said. "Next year my goal will be to break all the records and win all four of my events." Beard, who has won the shot put award, said. "We had a goal of winning it all when we came in, and luckly the team as a whole stepped up and contributed to making that goal happen."

Senior Corriss Cade (Culpeper, Va.), who has won the hammer (40.02'0") and collected a personal best of 12.24'0" in the javelin, contributed a first place in the 100-Meter Hurdles to the winning effort. Her time of 13.87 not only broke the 100M record set earlier this year by teammate Kellie Marzetta (Gilbert, Ariz./Iowa State), but it also replaced the TAAC meet record of 14.06, set in 199 by S.E. Louisiana's Nadia Linn.

Freshman Rendi Chapman (Babina, N.C./Northern HS) and LaTricia Friby (Mt. Pleasant, S.C./Waldo HS) left their first conference championship as the champions of the long and triple jumps and shared champions in the 4 x 100-meter relay. Chapman jumped 5.83-Meters (19.10'5") to lay claim to the long jump title while Friby leapt a distance of 12.29'0" (3700'0") to win the triple jump.

Natasahia Samuels (Pensacola/Escambia HS) and Erica Garcia (Miami/Miami Sunset HS) joined Chapman and Friby in winning the 4 x 100m relay, marking the first time in history a UCF team has won the TAAC title. Their time of 47.67 set a new school standard, breaking the previous mark of 48.73. Garcia also dropped her own school 100-meter dash record by nearly half a second, finishing fourth in the event in 11.94 seconds.

UCF Struggles At SIRA Championship

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The University of Central Florida placed four crews in the final and three in the petit finals of the Southern Intercollegiate Rowing Association Championship on April 15th & 16th in Oakridge, Tenn.

UCF's Varsity Lightweight 8+ of Christina DePrimo (Miami), Sadie Perez (Coral Springs), Natalie Gobula (New Port Richey), Sarah Stafford (Orlando); Lindsay Hoffman (North Ft. Myers), Mandy Werkman (Satellite Beach), Amanda Reim (Orlando), Jill Asciano (Winter Park), and coxie Sara Miller finished a first-best second place (7:9.5) behind Washington (7:3.2) with Lucy Fan (Orlando) and Lorraine Blakely (Wyoming Hills, Pa.) rowed the 2-to a fourth place finish in 9:41.9. Anna Barrett (Gainesville, Ga.), Holly Koonsen (Naples), Lisa Puckey (North Palm Beach), Amanda Bland (Live Oak), finisher fourth in the 119 seconds.

Redshirt freshman Ihechi Nnakwe provided a big body off the bench and made an impact on the boards, but elected to give up basketball and pursue academic interests closer to his Illinois home.

Nnakwe leave UCF basketball team

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University of Central Florida head coach Kirk Spraw announced last week that forward Bechi Nnakwe (Normal, Ill./Normal Community High School) has decided to leave the UCF men's basketball team.

Nnakwe, a computer science major, plans to transfer to a school closer to his home in Illinois, where he will shift his emphasis to academics.

The 6-foot-5 power forward played in 31 games last season after redshirting in '98-'99. Nnakwe started against Flagler and Ohio and averaged 2.3 points and 2.5 rebounds per game last season.

With forwards Macio Lovett and Benoit Simms injured and out for the season last year, Nnakwe stepped up and gave the Golden Knights a much needed presence inside, filling holes in the post and occasionally shifting over to the middle, taking advantage of his broad, muscular frame to become an underused asset.

The redshirt freshman scored a career-high 14 points in UCF's win over Flagler and grabbed a career-high nine rebounds in an overtime loss at Jacksonville State, coming off the bench as an option behind sophomore Paul Reed and seniors Roy Leath and Davin Granberry. The loss of Nnakwe next season likely means more playing time for incoming recruit Josh Boddin, a 6-foot-6 forward from Danville.

Simms and Lovett, who are both making progress from their injuries, both return to help anchor the frontline along­side Reed. Nnakwe would have been in that mix as well.

His departure opens up another scholarship for Spraw to use during the late signing period, which ends in mid-May. Spraw has two scholarships available, but has stated that his main focus is on size, and he'll hold on to the scholarships if the opportunity to attract quality big men doesn't come about.

Top 10 individual finishes by Chris Calvert and Simon Sainz helped the UCF men's golf team to a fourth-place finish with an 890 at the Trans America Athletic Conference Championship at the Deer Island Golf Club in Tavares, FL.

Calvert started strong with a 1-under 71 in the first round, but slipped after a 5-over-par second round of 77. He got back among the leaders with a final round 76-72-74--221 when it counted most.

Sainz also tied for 10th after shooting his best 34 score of the year. The senior played a consistent tournament, registering rounds of 72, 75 and 74.

"We did as well as could be expected," UCF coach Brian Craig said. "We played against some good teams who just performed remarkably well this week."

The three top teams all were ranked among Golfweek's 100 leaders. No. 34 Georgia State fired a 2-under 82 to win the tournament.


Ucf finishes fourth in taac tournament

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Other UCF finishes: 11 Ben Osbrach 79-73-71-223; 12 Jeff McPherson 76-76-73-72-225; 14 Jeff McPherson 76-77-84-241
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Troy State visits TAAC-leading Knights

TRAVIS BELL
STAFF WRITER

After regaining first place in the Trans America Athletic Conference with a series victory at Florida Atlantic last weekend, the UCF baseball team must now avoid a letdown during the final three weeks of the season. The first challenge comes this weekend when Troy State visits Orlando.

While UCF has dominated the TAAC in the past - winning four of seven conference tournaments since joining in 1993 - the season has been a disappointment so far. The Knights (12-17, 3-1 TAAC) are in fourth place, a half-game behind Florida Atlantic and a full game behind Central Florida in second place.

"The woofing of McFarland to UCF was an unusual trek," said Gene Chizik, the Lobbers defensive coordinator. "He's a very good coach, and his knowledge of the offensive game is excellent. He'll be a great addition to our staff."