Students get hands-on experience at 'murder' scene

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 Dupras, 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 the police by a serial killer. The students were tasked with figuring out the circumstances of the "murder."

Getting a facelift

The reflecting pond has been allotted $500,000 for renovations that are expected to be completed in early May. The pond’s new fountain will have three jets and a new filtering system. The renovations were paid for in part by UCF’s Student Government.

CAB director decided for new semester

STAFF WRITER

On April 3-4, the Campus Activities Board had 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

Computer whiz wins scholarship

STAFF WRITER

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 whiz and former track star at Titusville High, is one of 1,176 applicants and one of 309 winners of the scholarship. The applicants for the scholarship were nominated by faculty from colleges and universities across the country. In Florida, there were 12 winners.

The Goldwater Scholarship will give Smith a stipend of up to $7,500 for his senior year to cover tuition, fees, books, and room and board.

Last summer, Smith took part in the "Research Experience for Undergraduates" program sponsored by the National Science Foundation. During this summer program held at UCF, Smith and nine other students worked on computer vision research, which entails getting computers to see and understand what is happening in the real world through cameras.

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. He hopes to conduct his research in language theory, which is used in compiler research to study the limits of computer languages; system software; and artificial intelligence, an attempt at getting computers to think.

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.

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

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

Smith’s interests reach beyond computer science as on his off-time, he prepares for the marathon, a 26 mile run. Smith

Saying good-bye to seniors

Banners line Greek Park supporting graduating seniors. Graduation is scheduled to be held May 5-6 at the UCF Arena, and will include a record number of seniors.
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 to help them learn all that UCF has to offer, to learn about themselves and what they are capable of accomplishing, and the extra-curricular activities and entertainment 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 the Emerging Knights Student Director, Heather Stevens, Erin Breen, Shelley Coursey, Kim Saunders, and Graduate Assistant, Julie Erlandson.

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.
6. 'Communication Experience', by Dr. Mike Meeske, Director, School of Communication.
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 affect the children, it will affect 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 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 CAB Office at SU 215.

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Students gain leadership experience with Volunteer UCF

DIANA MARTIN
STAFF WRITER

Volunteer UCF is an informative 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 VUCF 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 Carded 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," said Blanchard.

"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."

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The 2000-2001 VUCF board is:
- Student Director: Renee Blanchard
- Graduate Assistant: Ryan Lovett
- Kenny Calder
- Brian Engineer
- Faraz Kureshi
- Larcy Macon
- Ricky Middaugh
- Carina Morales

All applicants were great and had a lot to offer the board, however, we simply want to make a difference in the community.

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Murder "victims" were scattered throughout campus for Professor Korosy's Spanish Honors final exam.

Students experience 'killer' final

Becki Panoff
Staff Writer

Students in the Spanish honors class got a chance to do 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."

This 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 uses 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 class 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 continents. 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.

Sacramento County Superior Judge Gerald S. Bakarich quashed a subpoena of the records on April 7.

"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.

Bakarich originally denied Sommers' motion to quash the subpoena and then held Sommers in contempt for refusing to hand over the material. An appeals panel refused to review the contempt ruling. Sommers' attorneys renewed their motion once they learned that local television stations had supplied defense attorney Lisa Franco with videotapes of her client's arrest. Sommers' attorneys argued that Franco could go to other sources to get the information she wanted from the Hornet.

Bakarich ruled that Franco had not exhausted all other ways to get the information. "If he (Sommers) thinks it's over, he's wrong," said Franco.

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A recent change in course numbers may impact registration

ADAM SHIVER
STAFF WRITER

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, Biological Principles Lab
- BSC 1030 changed to BSC 1050
- Biology and Environment Lab
- BSC 109L changed to BSC 1050L, Biology and Environment Lab

Looking toward the future

Futurist, Francis Fukuyama, will be speaking May 1 at 7 p.m., and will be held in the Poindexter Ballroom. For more information contact UCF's Office of International Studies at (407) 425-3807.

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Pi Beta Phi’s Rock the Arrow

KRISTA ZILIZI
STAFF WRITER

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 Arcmont School of the Arts in Tennessee, one of Pi Beta Phi’s national philanthropies. Childrens books for all ages were also given to underprivileged children.

The ladies of Alpha Xi Delta held their annual philanthropy event on Tuesday, April 12 in the Student Resource Center.

The responsibility of the Xi-Man winner is to assist the ladies of Alpha Xi Delta with their philanthropy events and promote Alpha Xi Delta for the entire year. The chapters that competed were Alpha Tau Omegas, Alpha Epsilon Pi, Lambda Chi Alpha, Sigma Chi, Kappa Sigma, Sigma Phi Epsilon, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, 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 Hooper 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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located. He sent pictures of the site to the students, and had them do research, information such as what animals were out there who or what had disturbed the bodies.

Then the killer was "apprehended" by the police, at which time he said he would disclose the location of the bodies on one condition, that this anthropology class does the excavation.

The students were then led to the "scene," where they got to excavate the site and gather "evidence." The class got to see how things decompose in Florida, as well as work with a typical murder scene.

There were also police and members of the media on site, making it as real as possible.

This project was the brainchild of Dupras, who also does forensic research for police departments as well as teach at UCF. She wanted to integrate both the web-based aspect and live aspect of her class for the students.

"I think they really enjoyed it, it gave them a type of experience that they can’t get from a textbook or classroom. They got to experience everything, from getting dirty to the smell,” said Dupras.

"In forensic research, pigs are close to humans in decomposition,” said Dupras.

It took a lot of work, a lot of people were involved and it went extremely well, the students learned a lot that they wouldn’t have otherwise,” said Dupras.

"The students got experience working in groups, and got real life experience as well.”

"I want the students be ready to go to real crime scenes, and they have to know how to handle themselves,” said Dupras.

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New ideas play key role in dorm construction project

Scott Powers
Knight-Rider Tribune

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 7 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 2,002 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 -- most of 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 for that the school must offer inducements such as private baths and high-speed Internet access.

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Burns, for one, opted to stay on campus. Now a senior, studying molecular- and micro-biology, she lives in UCF's Lake Claire Apartments. She and other upperclassmen said they prefer the convenience of being near classes and the library, the campus spirit and the chances to remain active in campus life.

But she offered a reminder that on-campus housing shouldn't get too loaded down with extras.

"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 who 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.

I am not a scientist, but I do have a fair amount of information from this report came from a report by Edward M. Ruben, a Psy.D. in a report called "Some Facts About Marijuana." I found this report on the website Addiction and Recovery posted by America Online.

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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, David Irving's charges that Irving tried to portray himself as the historical mainstream, it was laughable.

In her book, Lipstadt attacked Irving's version of World War II and Holocaust history, including his assertions that play a major role in the history of the Holocaust, and that it is one of the "weaker drugs" what ever that means, it still has detrimental effects to people who use it frequently. It has been proven that marijuana can be addictive and people who have mental illnesses don't get better after taking it.

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 laughable. If we live 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. Are enough legal drugs screwing people up to add a new one to the list.

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Sincerely,

Andrey Kryymov

The truth about "Mary Jane"

BETH SHAW
STAFF WRITER

Holocaust denial debunked by Emory professor

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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 he was used in China medicinally. It was used in China medicinally. It was used in China medicinally.

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**GRAY MATTERS**

**By Christopher Zapater**

**Courtesy Not Found Anywhere**

Monday, April 3. It was one of those wonderful, lazy days that occur about as frequently as the full moon. I had cleaned a full-body workout, studying for a full course load and working six-and-a-half 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 appeared to me to last the entire day tanning poolside, I knew my conscience would never allow me to enjoy such opulent indolence, and I had to 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 sneaky debonairs in land-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 hobbled up the curb. As he passed the two girls at the ATM he tactfully chided them, "People need to use the access ramp when the lab is most crowded, and the lady who blocks the entryway, I wouldn't want to use the ramp and be too incon siderate." 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 snarly "whatever." Apparently, respect for their elders is a virtue 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 corps "young adults" behind me who had also witnessed the scene. They were of the opinion that the elderly gentleman was a grumpy 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 cough 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.

I am 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 when the lab is most crowded, and the lady who blocks the intersection in rush hour traffic because if 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.
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 misefire badly and the Americans kill with incredible accuracy.

The Americans ensure 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.

In "Das Boot," Wolfgang Petersen makes 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. And at times we're so engaged we forget we're watching a film. Suspense is constructed upon the characters' emotional responses, and because we've had adequate time to observe their habits and identify with their situation, the tension feels very real.

Unable to engage the audience at a personal level, the tension in "U-571" feels contrived. Suspense is entirely action-driven. We're constantly reminded that indeed we're watching a film.

Surround sound in "U-571" is like nothing I've heard before. Gunfire whizzes overhead. Leaky pipes drip nearby. The movie theatre rumbles with every explosion. Essentially, however, sound is meaningless to the narrative; it functions solely as a "shock device" for the audience's enjoyment.

"U-571" 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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Dear Nancy,

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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 tourist 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.
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 dancing. 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 Suifiers guitarist, Paul Leary. The CD is a mix of rock and swing thrown together in a funky combo. With searing guitar licks 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 Elum, 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 101.1 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 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 it's job of keeping us informed of what rocks.

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LEAD STORIES

A group of artists and administrators of the traditional Turkish sport of oil wrestling (grappling matches showed her interesting
by heavy applications of 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 about $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 “Tits,” and whose two daughters he named “Nipple 1” and “Nipple 2.”

An Urban Legend Came to Life

Two years ago, in a bogus Internet news story, a South African hospital with a high fatality rate had discovered that a cleaning lady had been
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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

Recurring Themes

—News of the Weird has regularly reported highway truck spills over the years, but a December spill in Providence, R.I., interwove

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WICOSUTA
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 (.340-8-41) 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.

Photo by Jason Kokotoff

Every run counted for UCF in this past weekend's series against Florida Atlantic, in which the Knights took two out of three, putting itself in great shape to win the TAAC regular season title.

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New coach a tough grader

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nor grade linemen individually, but instead as a team.

McFarland said a good grade for a lineman on his scale is an 80 percent, although that can be a difficult grade to attain. McFarland calls himself a tough grader, adding that one good individual performance won't carry as much weight with him as five good performances.

"The lowest you can grade is still graded as a winner, but I just don't grade individuals, I grade as a group," he said.

"I tell them that as an offensive line that they want to grade out great because that'll probably mean we'll be winning football games. If you have one grading 80 and the rest grading 60, we don't win football games."

"It can't just be one individual or two or three or four, it's got to be all five. Sometimes, you're going to have a game where a guy has an incredible game and grades 72-76, they can be picked up by their teammates. I grade them as individuals, but I grade them as a line and as a unit we have to perform at a certain level."
Rest season looks promising for surging Knights

TRAVIS BELL
STAFF 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 what UCF has to face in the final three weeks.

Troy State
(April 29-30)
Tinker Field

UCF’s productivity from behind the plate has been critical to the team’s play this season, often making the difference between victories and defeats.

After hitting 20 home runs and 74 RBIs in 1999, 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 should not 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.

Merce (May 4-5) Tinker Field

The Camels have been the biggest surprise in the TAAC. After being predicted to finish ninth 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 Magourik (347-9-51) is the only starter hitting over .300, and he is the only force in the Mercer lineup. Pressure All-TAAC outfielder Chris Clayton (237-2-17) has struggled all year after hitting 20 home runs and 74 RBIs in 1999.
Andy Johnson has followed in the footsteps of brothers Adam and Erik, former standouts for the Golden Knights, as a solid run producer and offensive threat.

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 Bats (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.

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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 Dan 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 tournament, then it shouldn’t have to worry about missing the NCAA tournament this year. But with all three teams battling for first and all three nearing 40 wins, pulling off a couple victories in the conference tournament should be necessary.

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.

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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. 24-ranked Florida Atlantic Saturday 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 fifth.

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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.

"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
Svantesson takes on another challenge en route to NCAA's

David Winberg

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 1998 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 Jansen 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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Svantesson not only uses her work ethic and willingness to learn on the court, but in the classroom as well. As an 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

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 cross-town 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. 3 (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 ranked 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 20 schools, there might be a few at the Florida State tournament, but basically it's an open schedule and it's competitive, very competitive, which I like," Cashman said. "We are going to play 10 or 11 nationally ranked teams and I think that is going to help us in the long run."

The Golden Knights open up their 2001 season with a road game against Florida, currently ranked No. 2 in the nation. UCF plays the Florida State Seminole Classic, a tournament that includes home team 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 Captures Third Track TAAC Title

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Senior thrower Katara Beard (Ahmanette Springs, La./LSU) won both the shot put (13.12m/43.00') and hammer (37.00m/121'). She threw and took second in the discus (35.94m/117.11') and fourth in the javelin (41.00m/134.50') to claim the women's TAAC Athlete-of-the-Year award. Beard, who has won the shot put 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 beat 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."

Head coach Marcia Mansur-Wentworth was honored as the women's TAAC Coach-of-the-Year for leading her team to a 24-point victory over second place Jacksonville. Mansur-Wentworth already earned Coach-of-the-Year honors in the fall after the women's cross-country team took second in the TAAC meet and earned Coach-of-the-Year honors in the winter as well. "We were just proud of the efforts of everyone on the team," Mansur-Wentworth said. "We had a goal of winning it all when we came in, and luckily the team as a whole stepped up and contributed to making that goal happen."

Senior Corliss Cade (Calumet Park, Ill./Richards HS) contributed a first place in the 100-Meter Hurdles to the winning effort. Her time of 13.87 not only broke the 100mH record set earlier this year by teammate Kellie Marzetta (Gilbert, Ariz./Arizona State), but it also replaced the TAAC meet record of 14.06, set in 1999 by S.E. Louisiana's Nadia Lamb.

Freshman Randi Chapman (Birmingham, N.C./Northern HS) and LaTricia Firby (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') to lay claim to the long jump title while Firby leapfrog a distance of 12.25-Meters (40.02') to win the triple jump.

Natasasha Samuels (Pensacola/Escambia HS) and Erica Garcia (Miami/Miami Sunset HS) joined Chapman and Firby 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**

**Special To The Future**

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 Goluba (New Port Richey), Sarah Stafford (Orlando)- Lindsay Hoffman (North Ft. Myers), Mandy Werkman (Satellite Beach), Amanda Ream (Orlando), Jill Ascarno (Winder Park), and coxie Sara Miller finished a team-best second place (7:9.5) behind Washington (7:3.6) while 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 Kennedy (Naples), Lisa Puckey (North Palm Beach), Amanda Bland (Live Oak), and coxie Bill barsby (Jacksonville) rowed the Freshman/Novice 8+ to a fifth place finish in 8:09.5 while the JV 8+ of Mary Kate Paez (Boca Raton), Janet Poole (Apollo Beach), Jody Hart (LaGrange, Ky.), Susan McCullagh (Oviedo), Sarah Gray (Nokomis), Shota Ajiay (Miami), Dana Sawyer (Andover, Mass.), Sonja Grotjan (Burnham, Maine) and coxswain Margaret Capps (Satellite Beach), finished sixth in its race in 7:29.9.

UCF's Fin 8+ finished first in the petit final, giving it a seventh place finish overall while the Varsity 8+ and JV 4x finished second in the petit final, giving them an eighth place overall finish.

UCF is off until May 12 & 13 when it competes at the prestigious Dad Vail Regatta in Philadelphia, Pa.

**UCF finishes fourth in TAAC tournament**

**Special To The Future**

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 Tri-State American 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 7-over-par second round of 77. He got back among the leaders with a final round 73, finishing up for the 10th time at 283 to tie for fourth in the TAAC title. Sainz also tied for 10th after shooting his best 54 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 top three teams all were ranked among Golfweek's 100 losers. No. 34 Georgia State finished 2nd-862 to win the tournament.


Other UCF finishes: 11 Ben Osbrach 79-73-71-223; 12 Jeff McPherson 76-76-73-72-225; 14 Jeff Whitten 80-77-84-241


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Troy State visits TAAC-leading Knights

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STAFF WRITER

Troy State will visit the University of Central Florida Thursday night, April 26, in Orlando in anticipation of the Golden Knights' first challenge of the season.

The Golden Knights were 9-5 overall and 2-1 in the TAAC last year. The two teams met in Orlando on Oct. 20, 2000, and the Golden Knights won, 27-21.

Last year, UCF's offense was led by quarterback Todd Gates, who was named TAAC Offensive Player of the Year. He has since moved on to the National Football League.

This year, the Knights are expected to have a strong defense, with standout players like defensive end Brian Townsell and linebacker Michael Wilson.

The Knights have high expectations for the season, and are looking to win its first regular season title. UCF has never been seeded first or second in the TAAC Tournament, but this weekend can begin its run toward remaining on top.

“Troy State is a good team, and they have a lot of talent,” said Foolen. “We need to be prepared and focused on the task at hand. If we can play our best, we have a good chance of winning.”

Following a tough April stretch in the season in which UCF played Jacksonville, Boston College, Florida Atlantic, and Florida Atlantic, the Golden Knights now face two of the four lowest teams in the TAAC Beginning with Troy State. But this is an unfamiliar spot for the Knights in their third season in the TAAC.

TSU has lost in the TAAC championship game each of the past two years, but the Knights are looking to win its first regular season title.

UCF's number of the past two years, winning three of the four games between the two teams.

However, the Trojans have not had any stable production from last year's three teams. TSU is hitting only .282 as a team, and their team ERA is 4.87.

"We don't take anyone lightly because you can't take any game for granted," Foolen said.

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McFarland hired to mold UCF's offensive line

JEFFERSON CASE
STAFF WRITER

Robert McFarland, the newest addition to the UCF football coaching staff, says his knowledge of Golden Knight football can be summed up by two words: big, tough linemen.

"I've known about UCF for a long time because of the fact that they were a Division I-AA school," said McFarland, who joined the Golden Knights' offensive line coach, accepting the job after serving in a similar position at Division I-AA Stephen F. Austin.

"We had some common opponents so I got to watch them on tape. It's been a while since we played them, but I just remember looking at some big, tough linemen and that was like four of five years ago."

If McFarland can make it happen, he'd like to experience a renaissance in the offensive trenches of UCF football this fall. McFarland, who previously served as an assistant at Clemson University, Notre Dame and Kent State, says his gotten his first impression of UCF's line
despite being on campus for less than one week.

"I've met the guys and I like what I see, and they all have good size and are good looking physically for the Division I-A level." McFarland said. "I'm excited about working with them. They're going to give forth the effort to be good and they want to be good."

The wooing of McFarland to UCF was an unusual trek. McFarland was visiting his mother in California on spring break when current UCF defensive coordinator Gene Chizik contacted him. Chizik, who worked with McFarland at SFA as the Lumberjacks' wide receivers coach, told McFarland he was interested in an offensive line coaching position at UCF.

"Coach Chizik gave me a call out there and told me I'm an offensive line coach," McFarland said. "Paul Lounsberry had been contacted by South Carolina and was going there," McFarland said. "They asked if I'd be interested and of course I told them definitely."

"I sent in my resume and all that stuff and he called the people I had known. He talked to the coaching staff and assistant coach Alan Goech, who I've known for a while, and that's how it got started." McFarland said he has helped several of his former offensive linemen get into NFL training camps, which in turn led to a handful of former athletes landing spots on NFL rosters. Despite having to recruit against Rice, Baylor, Texas A&M and Texas, McFarland was able to land quality recruits to SFA and keep the team as a quality opponent in Division I-AA.

"He said he hopes to help attract quality recruits to UCF and plant to provide a fair system for grading his offensive line men each week. Unlike some offensive line coaches, McFarland said he plans to

UCF signs two-game pact with Marshall

SPECIAL TO THE FUTURE

Two schools which moved up to Division I-A a year apart will get a chance to measure their progress against one another as UCF and Marshall have signed a contract for a two-game series beginning in Huntington, W.Va., Oct. 11, 2003. The Thundering Herd will travel to Orlando for a return game Oct. 2, 2004.

UCF, which competes as an independent, has a 23-21 record since moving up to Division I-A in 1996, including an 8-2 record against teams from the Mid-American Conference. Marshall, which finished 10th in the nation last year after defeating BYU in the Motor City Bowl, has won the Mid-American title every year since moving to I-A in 1997.

The Marshall game in 2003 gives UCF a tough road schedule with games at Virginia Tech, Syracuse, West Virginia, and Tulane already scheduled for that year.