**SG passes 2000-2001 budget**

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Approximately 6.9-million dollars is a lot of money, but it’s nowhere near the amount the Activity and Service Fee Committee was hoping to be allotted for the 2000-2001 budget.

It was originally projected that the committee would have approximately 9.4-million dollars allotted for their budget. They were not the only ones hoping for a large budget this year though. Many of the university’s clubs and organizations had hoped for a large allotment this time around.

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In the recent past leftover

**New parking for a price**

Work on the new 8.2 million dollar parking garage is progressing as planned. The new parking facility is slated to open in the fall semester of 2000. The new garage will provide additional parking for 1,300 students at approximately $6300 per space.

**UCF student competes in ‘MTV VJ-3’**

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With $50, two peanut butter sandwiches, and a pocketful of patience, UCF freshman Chris Hart waited in line for 16 hours to compete in MTV’s “VJ-3” contest in North Carolina.

"It was cold, rainy, and I only had a sweater. But it was all worth it," says Hart who became one of two finalists selected from a thousand competitors for the spot, which ultimately landed him in New York on April 29th auditioning on MTV in front of millions.

Hart was compelled to audition for the part, "I just felt like I had to do it," he said. He said he knew it was a shot in the dark, but that didn’t stop him from driving nine and a half-hours to take a chance at living his dream of being a VJ on MTV.

His longing to be in the spotlight is nothing new for Hart. As an Radio-TV major with a focus in TV journalism in high school, being in front of the camera comes naturally for him. This desire and comfort propelled him to eagerly pursue this once in a lifetime opportunity.

On April 29th, Hart and five others selected from two other nationwide competitions in St. Louis and San Francisco, auditioned in New York on MTV. He was not intimidated by the prospect of New York.

"I’m from New Jersey, so I’ve been to New York City quite a few times. I felt right at home," said Hart.

While in New York, the six contestants had to "jump through hoops" to prove their worthiness as an MTV VJ. A few days prior to the "VJ-3" competition, which aired on April 29 on national television, Hart and the others participated in many practice exercises to get the contestants warmed up. Among the exercises was a DJ scribble mix, where the VJ-Wannabes were expected to name song titles and artists within a compilation of a variety of tracks, in addition to introducing and describing videos. Technical skills were not the only ones tested; MTV also put them on the streets of New York to test their people skills.

Although Hart did not win the actual contest, which aired on April 29, the experience was not one of loss, but one of gain. Hart said that he met many great people along the way, has gained public, experience, and an even stronger drive to become an MTV VJ.

Hart continues to pursue MTV. "The VJ-3 contest was only a taste that made the flame that much bigger. I have a passion for music and journalism. I would love to broadcast news for MTV," says Hart. He is hoping this passion accompanied by his determination will be the vehicle for attaining his dream.

**UCF theater and Civic Theatre plan merger**

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The Civic Theatre of Central Florida is in debt and in trouble. The UCF Theater Department is in need of more presence in Orlando and more space. The equation is simple, troubled Civic Theatre plus fast growing UCF equals a merger.

In recent years, the Civic Theatre has had problems attracting audiences and funds. UCF is in desperate need of space to facilitate the large undergraduate program currently housed, not to mention the MFA Program in Theatre to be implemented in one year’s time. So when the Civic Theatre approached UCF with the proposal for a merger, there was great interest of course. Meetings and planning soon followed.

Currently, representatives from the Civic Theatre, UCF and the UCF Theatre Department are working on the merger. Their goal is to have something worked out in the near future.
International Students face multitude of problems

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The most common problem faced by international students at the University of Central Florida is getting financial aid. Sometimes family members cannot help international students with financial aid. A scholarship may not be large enough because students may not show sufficient evidence that they need the money.

"There are not enough scholarships for us and, with the tuition so high, it's hard to find the money to pay for college. We can't get jobs off campus because we don't have green cards, only student visas, said Asiya Qureshi, an international student at UCF.

Rose Shahi, an international student, and Qureshi agree that to help international students, we don't have green cards, only student visas, said Asiya Qureshi, an international student at UCF.

Other problems that international students face are social, cultural and academic difficulty. Students have difficulty making friends because of cultural differences. They are not used to the different social behaviors and lifestyles. "At first I felt like this is not a place for me because it's so different. I felt left out. I felt like I couldn't live in this country," said Qureshi.

Students often do not take the time to learn cultural differences, which affect their own lifestyle. They also have a hard time finding out acceptable as well as unacceptable social norms. "Initially I didn't feel part of the UCF student body because I was not treated as a native student. Once I took the steps to begin understanding the American culture and lifestyle, making friends became easier," said Shahi.

Cultural problems are another difficulty for international students. International students experience a culture shock because of the differences between the American lifestyle and their own.

Ragda Kurdy, coordinator for international Student services, said most students face multitude of problems away from home for the first time and feel they have too much responsibility. They are used to their parents doing everything for them, continued Kurdy.

"Teachers don't call international students to the board many times because of the difficulty of pronouncing their names. As long as the student can pronounce the teacher's name, the teacher should make an effort to pronounce the student's name," said Kurdy.

Many international students join the International Student Association, which has an international festival and fashion show each year. These students try to educate UCF by showing the differences in their cultures. They hope to create more understanding and appreciation of their different cultural and social backgrounds.

The Barbara Ying Center plans to build a multi-lingual center for teaching English to international students. "International students add a more international flavor to our campus which is one of the president's goals. We at the center work for the students, we are here to serve them," said Abass.

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Internships, a foot in the door

SARA WOEBER
STAFF WRITER

Graduation can be a frustrating time for students specifically if graduates are not prepared for a job in their career field. How do you get prepared then you ask? Well, for those graduating this spring it may be too late, but for those quickly approaching their graduation time still have the opportunity to seek an internship.

Students seeking jobs after graduation should consider internships and individual career counseling during the junior year explained Corinne Russo, an Associate Director at the Career Resource Center (CRC) at University of Central Florida.

Russo explained that internships give students an idea of what the career the student has chosen will be like. Russo also stated that students should be exposed to the actual industry the graduate will be involved in before graduation.

Starting the junior year in college allows students to decide if a job in their chosen field is what the student is looking for as a long-term career. She explained how a student could develop the skills that can be transferable if the student decides to switch careers.

The CRC helps prepare students for career jobs said Russo.

The CRC offers individual career counseling, free resume building workshops that are entered into a national database for employers and regular job fairs hosted on UCF’s campus.

"I met with a counselor at the Career Resource Center," said Business Management major, Jason Dragatsky.

Dragatsky added that "they helped me with building my resume and I have it online." He said graduates should use the resources offered at UCF and build contacts within the graduate’s major.

"I already had two lunches with potential jobs, one with Johnson and Johnson, a major pharmaceutical company," said Dragatsky.

Employers are looking for individuals with leadership skills, work ethics and experience in communications stated Russo. She said that these are skills students receive from internships and jobs in the students’ field of study.

"It is up to the individual to find a job. You have to find the employers. They will not just hand you a job because you have a degree. Most majors it is optional for internships. If you do not intern, you better know someone in the field you go into or you won’t get a job except at the bottom," said Jason Rubinstein, a senior health service administration major.

"I have talked to some students who don’t intern and don’t try to find a job within their major until after they graduate. They aren’t going to find a job," Russo said about one of the problems with graduates not finding jobs within their major was because the students do not know the resources offered on UCF’s campus. Russo said the CRC advertises two major job fairs a year and upcoming events regularly. CRC also contacts the advisors in every college and sends mass emails to UCF students.

The CRC tries to find new ways of contacting the students. CRC is making their services more accessible through the Internet to help get their word out. CRC sends students with 90+ credit hours flyers and informs undecided major students about CRC’s services through the campus advisors.

The Career Resource Center’s services are free to UCF students and the UCF graduates up until one year after graduation. So for those graduating it is not too late. The CRC has a website for more information; www.crc.ucf.edu.

Cyclists ride for the disabled

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Most students wouldn’t consider a cross-country cycling event as a way to spend their summer. However, three members from the Pi Kappa Phi fraternity are doing just that.

In a philanthropy event called Journey of Hope, Joseph Sarubbo, Daniel Jones, and Spencer Newman will be on a 63-day journey from San Francisco to Washington, D.C.

Journey of Hope is an event that is put on by Pi Kappa Phi through their philanthropy Push America. The fraternity created Push America, a non-profit organization that aims to aid people with disabilities through service, volunteerism, education, and awareness. This philanthropy is the only one of its kind to be started solely through a fraternity.

"Through the Journey of Hope I want to gain a better understanding of people with disabilities and let the nation know that college students can make a positive difference," said Sarubbo.

This summer Sarubo will serve as the crew member who assists in upkeep of the bicycles and the cyclists. Jones will be a cyclist. In May, Spencer will be part of a 25 man team that will cycle from Miami to Tallahassee for a special part of Journey of Hope called Gearing Up Florida.

"I chose to do the cycling to finish off my college career. It’s something I will remember and be able to make an impact on someone else’s life," said Jones.

The Journey of Hope’s aim is to spread awareness and raise funds for future educational projects and programs. Each member of the two cycling projects must raise money to qualify. Sarubbo and Jones must raise $4000 and Newman must raise $1500.

"Nothing is more fulfilling than to know that you have directly affected someone else’s life in a meaningful way," said Sarubbo.

Along with the actual ride, the team members across the nation will be holding special presentations to help others better understand issues that the disabled face.

After the two journeys the men will meet many of those for whom the ride benefited. If students or anyone would like to make a contribution to Push America on behalf of these three young men they can contact Joe Sarubbo at (407) 362-3187

Cyclists ride for the disabled
Are you looking for a way to become more involved on campus? Are you looking for a campus organization where you can meet new people, develop leadership skills and gain experience for the "real world?" Then get involved with the UCF Student Alumni Association!

The Student Alumni Association has three basic purposes:
2. Create interaction between the students and alumni.
3. For all UCF graduates to become dues paying members of the Alumni Association.

The SAA is a powerful networking resource that is designed to help all its members enhance their professional development while promoting UCF. With a combination of networking and career planning and fun, exciting social opportunities offered are invitations to mingle with UCF alumni at gatherings and a one year subscription to the Pegasus Magazine.

The Student Alumni Association also offers many campus connections to their students. The SAA Connection is the Student Alumni Association's own quarterly newsletter that keeps their members informed on campus and community events and activities. There are many leadership opportunities at local, state and national levels that SAA members can take part in as well. There are other benefits that SAA members receive.

Another campus connection that Student Alumni members can take part in is the Student Alumni Ambassadors Council, which serves as the Board of Directors for SAA. SAAC is group of appointed SAAC members who serve as a vital link between the student body, faculty, staff and UCF alumni and strive to create loyalty to UCF.

Members of the Student Alumni Ambassadors Council have more opportunities to work one on one with alumni than a regular SAA member would have.

One of the members on the Student Alumni Ambassadors Council, Clarissa Morales, has been involved with SAA and SAAC for the past two years. She joined when she transferred to UCF from Valencia Community College.

"I chose to join SAAC because I thought that it would be a great way to get involved with the school. I also joined because I like being able to interact with alumni and meet people who have entered the professional work field and can offer me some advice or insight into their experiences after graduating."

SAA members assist the UCF Alumni Association with many events such as Homecoming, reunions, Alumni Knight Oats, fundraisers, alumni campus tours and much more. An example of an event that SAA does is the semestery Success Circuit. The Student Alumni Association’s Program Coordinator, Carla Cordoba, graduated from UCF in 1994.

"Students should join SAA and SAAC to get involved with the Alumni Association early before graduation. They should join to take advantage of the many programs and seminars we offer to enhance their professional development."

To become a member of SAA, there is an application form to fill out and the $15 dues to pay for the first year (dues goes down to $10 after your first year if you chose to continue your membership with the organization.)

If you are interested in joining the Student Alumni Association and its board of directors, call the Alumni Association office at 823-ALUM or go by their office in the Administration building.
UCF graduates record number of students

The commencements were split into two separate days due to the enormous size of this year's graduating class. Both of which was simulcast live on the Internet for those who were unable to attend the graduation.

Commencements began May 5 with the College of Arts and Sciences, who graduated 978 students and featured Chief of Naval Research, Rear Admiral Paul Gaffney as a speaker.

The College of Engineering and Computer Science was honored to have a Lotti Zadeh, the father of "fuzzy logic", speak at their ceremonies. Zadeh received an honorary doctorate of science from the university.

The following day, May 6, the College of Health and Public Affairs held its commencement ceremony, and was highlighted by Lincoln University's President David Henson as their featured speaker. The college graduated 834 students. The ceremonies ended with the College of Business Administration and the College of Education. The two groups featured speakers Joanie Schrim, an environmental consultant, and Walt Disney World's Al Weiss, in respective order.

Diplomas will be available for pickup May 10-11 from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., in the Administration building. Those picking up Baccalaureate degrees can pick up their diplomas outside the Registrar's office on the 1st floor. Master's diplomas will be available on the 2nd floor in front of the Graduate Studies office. All left over diplomas after May 12 will be mailed to graduates. For information regarding diplomas, contact the Registrar's office at (407) 823-2842.

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The University of Central Florida recently held its largest graduation ceremony to date. The event which spanned two days, graduated, at last count, 3,377 students. The affair was so large it was expanded to two days and 5 ceremonies.
Big plans for UCF campus, 65 building project planned

Adam Shiver Staff Writer

Under Construction Forever is not just a catch-phrase it seems. Over the next five years, UCF has 65 building projects scheduled. These plans include a new baseball stadium, the realignment of Central Florida Boulevard, Recreational Services building, academic villages, an addition to the Student Union, and a new parking garage.

European vacation and prizes for graduates

Egrab2000 and the Central Florida Future have teamed up to bring students an online "graduation destination." They will be honoring the class of 2000 by giving them a chance to win a European trip. The trip will include round-trip airfare, hotel accommodations for the winner and 9 guests. EuroRail passes and $5000 in American Express traveler's cheques. Egrab2000 will be giving away a number of other prizes on top of the European trip. Those interested in registering to win can register at http://www.ucf.egrab2000.com/ on the Internet. The contest concludes June 10.

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 9:00am to 4:00pm, Monday through Friday. For more information contact the art department at (407) 823-5629.

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 center.

Dial-up servers change provider

UCF dialup Internet access service changed all of its servers over to a single provider on May 5. Portions of the system were under Sprint, while others portions were provided by AT&T. The three dial-up numbers were merged into a single modem pool. Effective May 5; the (407) 513-4200 and (407) 275-4200 phone lines are no longer accessible. The single line available for student dialup is now (407) 235-4201, and will has a modem pool of 336 lines. Sprint is now the sole provider for student dialup services.

Holocaust display hosted by Library

The Library is currently hosting a holocaust display through the end of April. The exhibit, entitled "The Holocaust and the Liberators," features photos and testimony regarding the holocaust. Some of the testimonies include, but are not limited to, stories and comments by American soldiers of the liberation of the Nazi concentration camps during World War II.

New telephone exchange affects UCF

With the UCF's ever expanding campus, Telecommunications is setting up a new local telephone exchange. The new exchange is to be 882. Phone numbers with this new exchange will be assigned to students, faculty and staff members according to a predetermined plan.

On-campus calls will remain as five digit dialing. Extensions with the 823 prefix will begin with a three, while extensions with the new 882 prefix will begin with a two.

Those interested in how this change may affect them, they can contact Telecommunications at (407) 823-5200.

New organization to begin productions in fall 2000

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Theater Department, and UCF College of Arts & Sciences are in task force mode according to Bud Brewer, Civic Theatre board president-elect. "We are trying out points and trying to add some Heds to the skeletal organization."

But what about the Civic Theatre's debt? According to Dr. Kathryn Seidel, Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences, "UCF does not want to assume the Civic Theatre's debt." So will this be the deal breaker? Perhaps not, it is now up to Governor Jeb Bush.

Recently, a legislative bill was referred from the conference committee to allocate $350,000 to UCF to pay off the debt. Fingers crossed, now the university waits to see if Gov. Bush will veto the bill or let it pass.

Back in March, as the 2000 legislative session was preparing to begin, Gov. Bush stated that his administration was focusing on visions of opportunities for all Floridians in the 21st century. One such vision was "to improve student achievement." The achievement of the students in theater program would certainly improve if able to work in a professional theater environment with more space and lighting, sound, and production facilities. Something for Gov. Bush to think about.

According to Dr. Donald Seay of the UCF Civic Theatre Department, the merger will be a "marvellous opportunity, a win-win situation for everybody and will enhance the Orlando theater community." Students and professional actors will be able to perform side by side in a "wide variety of mainstream productions" in upcoming years.

"We want productions that will put lots of people in the seats and create an enjoyable theater experience," says Brewer.

If all goes as planned the merger will take place and the new joint organization named, the UCF Civic Theatre Theatres of Central Florida, will begin productions in the fall.

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Police Beat

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On April 21, Kevin Donovan Nicholson was arrested for unlawfully operating a vehicle upon the roadway with a suspended/revoked license with knowledge. At approximately 12:25 p.m., a 4 door Honda was noticed, by Officer Darcey, to be parked illegally and have tags expired since January 2000. Nicholson and a female got in the car and drove onto Aquarius Agora where Officer Darcey paced the vehicle at 28 mph in a 20 mph zone. A traffic stop was initiated and Nicholson was asked for his license and vehicle registration to which he replied that he did not have either. Nicholson’s license was checked and confirmed to have been revoked twice, and suspended once for a total of 3 years.

On March 24, Marshall Vachel White was arrested after being stopped for a traffic violation. A warrant for White’s arrest had been issued out of Seminole County for DWISR, expired tag, and no insurance. White was taken to UCF Police Department for paperwork and then transported to Orange County Jail.

On April 24, William Stanley Vasquez was arrested for trespassing on UCF property after he had been given a written trespass warning not to return to the University. Officer Ingerham made contact with Vasquez for illegal solicitation. A records check showed that on February 1, 2000 Vasquez was given a written trespass warning for the University given by Cpl. Coeh. Vasquez was transported to the UCF Police Dept and then to Orange County Jail and given another trespass warning.

On April 15, Marc Corey Lawrence was arrested for resisting officer commands and for possession of cannabis under 20 grams.

Officer Johnson made the arrest after noticing two males walking through a parking lot conducting suspicious activity. Lawrence was handing something to another male when they noticed Officer Johnson driving by. Lawrence tried to conceal something and started to place his hand into his pocket turning his back on Officer Johnson. Officer Johnson asked Lawrence to put both hands in sight and grabbed Lawrence’s left wrist to keep him from turning. Lawrence tried to pull away and started walking when Officer Johnson placed him on the ground. Lawrence tried to empty the baggy that was in his pocket.

Officer Johnson handcuffed Lawrence and seized the bag and tested the substance finding it to be positive as cannabis.

On March 17, Logan George Elliott was arrested for trespassing on a structure after warning. Elliott entered and remained in the library at UCF after he had been given a warning on February 4, 2000. Officer Dentzry made contact with him on the second floor and placed him under arrest. Elliott was arrested previously on February 4, 2000 also for trespass after warning.

Clubs and organizations budgets dramatically cut

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monies from previous years had supplemented the budget, something of which there is not much of this go-around.

Clubs and Organizations were hit quite hard this year. Altogether they requested approximately 1.1 million dollars, and only received a total of $209,000.

"Groups who requested money were put in priority order," said Paine. Clubs and Organizations were at the bottom of the priority list.

Although Student Government’s allotted share of the budget dropped from 4.5 million last year down to 2.7 million this year, they did however receive nearly all of the amount of which they requested.

Although it has not been decided upon as of yet, the Senate is looking to spend approximately $40,000 of its apportioned share to purchase the Orlando Sentinel for the student body on a daily basis. Student Government would receive a discount on the price of the paper, but would not be a significant decrease. The $40,000 would come from the Student Activities fees paid by students.

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Piracy or Poor Competitor?

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The Internet repeatedly finds itself in incessant legal battles concerning nearly every issue these days. From illegal porn sites, to plagiarism, to copyright violations, it appears the World Wide Web has become a greater menace to society than crime, poverty, and war.

I wouldn't take it that far, but others have and would, including rapper Dr. Dre and metal rock group Metallica. Ironically, these accomplished, yet controversial performers have made it their personal cause to eliminate the concept of Napster is a plus for music fans, Dr. Dre and Metallica feel they have a moral responsibility to rid the Internet of this unethical practice.

Both Dr. Dre and Metallica have taken legal action against Napster through lawsuits, by demanding that their music be removed from the Napster directory. This means that users would no longer be able to access any music from the two. Metallica went further to sue three universities who eventually agreed to block access to the entire Napster site.

These performers have proven that their loyalty no longer lies with their fans. Their ultimate goal should be to reach as many people as possible with their music. Instead, these music makers have grown more concerned with the competition diminishing their already significant profit margins. Furthermore, artists now have the opportunity to win over new fans who would otherwise be unwilling to listen to their music if they cannot purchase a cd of music material they were unfamiliar with.

As far as piracy issues are concerned, this is less of a case of piracy, and more of a case of

Please refer to footnote 13.

The Gobi desert of date-land, Where have all of the dates gone?

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Well, summer is finally here and as I look back on my dating life this past semester all I can say is Gobi is back. I mean as far as actual dates go I see rolling sand dunes with not even one cactus to quench my nights of clubbing and going to the movies with girlfriends.

At first being single was fun and all but sometimes all a girl wants is a date to an actual restaurant where a young man actually wants to pay and expects nothing in return.

When I first got to UCF I dated often and the opportunities seemed endless. I thought spring was supposed to bring romance and young blossoming relationships. The only thing I have seen is a bunch of break ups. I guess things are different in college.

Maybe this happens to all of us after we settle into a routine of classes and part time work. One gets use to seeing the same faces and there is little hope of meeting someone new and interesting. A famous comedian once said that a woman can determine whether or not she likes a man within the first five minutes of meeting him, well that is definitely true.

So maybe my dry, desolate dating life is due to pickiness. I met one guy who asked me to go out and then didn't even offer to pay, after he asked. I met another guy who asked me to a formal the night before and this after I had just met him. Do my reasons for not dating them seem picky or am I right on to stop dating them? I have a good friend who I think needs to be picked. I call her the proverbial glutten for punishment. After being stood up she will give some guy the benefit of the doubt and end up getting walked all over. Then again maybe if I gave any guy the benefit of the doubt I would not be on the Gobi with no camel or cactus.

Another friend of mine always seems to be the ocean to her. She has constant dates and they all seem pretty normal for the most part. Am I just being hung up at the wrong oasis?

What is the answer? I have heard that if you look too hard you can miss a lot and if you don't look at all opportunities pop up. As for my pickiness I think it is my way of not being set but I suppose I could try to be more open-minded. Hopefully summer will bring a little moisture to the desert, even if it is a mirage.
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Jennifer Paterson
STAFF WRITER

When I came to the University of Central Florida, the day I got my ID card was the initiation into the big, bad, world of the university student. With it, held my identity as a member of the upper world of the university academics. No longer was I a high school graduate changing the required education mandated by all, I had made a conscious choice to better myself, to challenge myself, to improve myself.

Essentially this card now said that I was a part of the elite group of Americans who attended college. With it came its privileges such as access to the five-story library with countless volumes of periodicals, books, microfiche, and an array of other types of texts which seemed to hold an inexhaustible supply of information. Information that I could only hope to form a small chip in during my four years of academics. This card helped to form an essential part of my identity.

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Besides, its "official," another word which uplifts and transcends the users of this card to a somehow more unique, special category of people.

The introduction of the new UCF ID card was a major advertising campaign on campus. One may ask why, since all students are required to get it, but all students are not made to use it. "Official" functions also seem to empower students. Using plastic gives a sense of control and prestige. However, through the great variety of functions this card seems to hold, it is not the all inclusive device that its marketers would like to sell it as.

I cannot use my UCF ID number to write a check, and a policeman would not consider it a valid form of ID. A bar would rebuke me if I tried to use my status as a student to obtain liquor, and it is not an appropriate means of identification in order to board a plane. Although it has banking functions, it is not a checkcard so its usage is limited. In short, it does not allow me to do many of the truly essential things of the real world. This card empowers me in my microcosm as a university student, but not much further.

Sure, I can get a discount at the UC-7 movie theater, but go to another town without a university, and its not such a sure bet.

I thought it granted me the rights which elevated me above the average person in society, but in reality it has served as a gate way to ultimately make me one of the many whose identity is transferred to an impersonal computer chip. My physical form, interests, hobbies, feelings, no longer come into play in mainstream society. It is simply information stored on a chip, in computer language by simple binary code.

Although its appearance and its functions may make it seem only supplementary to my identity, and further empower me, ultimately it washes away my identity and power.

JENNIFER PATERSON
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By CHRISTOPHER ZAPATIER

Stupid Pills

A stupid pill is something that causes an otherwise rational, right-thinking person to think, say or do things that betray their common sense, and sometimes their humanity. Racism is a stupid pill. During World War II, racism against African-Americans was so deep-seated that many blacks who volunteered to serve in the armed forces were turned away for no other reason than having a generous amount of melanin in their skin.

Also during WWII, 120,000 Japanese immigrants were imprisoned in internment camps (glorified concentration camps) without evidence of wrongdoing, official charges, a proper defense or a fair trial. Almost half of those interred were second- and third-generation Japanese-Americans.

Similarly, religion is a stupid pill. More people have died in the name of religion than in all the earth’s wars combined. Irish Catholics and Protestants, residents of the same country who read the same Bible and supposedly worship the same God have been reciprocally killing each other for several hundred years. The Catholic Church, deaf, dumb and blind during the Holocaust, bears the dubious honor of being the largest organized religion in the world.

Long forgotten is the Inquisition, when alleged heretics were tortured (oral, anal and vaginal mutilation was a popular method of correction) until they confessed to heresy, or tortured to death if they did not. What would Jesus do? Certainly not burn Galileo (one of the greatest astronomers who ever lived) alive for his scientifically supported contention that the sun was the center of the universe. In a former republic of Yugoslavia, Serbian Orthodox Christians raped, pillaged and plunder their way across the Balkans. In Algeria, Islamic fundamentalists mercilessly slaughter men, women and children to please their God.

Certainly organized religions cannot be held accountable today for their reprehensible conduct throughout history, can they? Then certainly not all supporters of Nazi political ideology can be held responsible for the atrocities which occurred during the Holocaust.

Despite living in an infinite universe with an infinite number of planets, despite an abundance of eyewitness sightings and evidence (some as credible as NASA satellite footages), the majority of people do not believe in the existence of extraterrestrial biological entities. Yet many of those same people believe that an omniscient, omnipotent deity exists in an unseen dimension somewhere above us, frowning when we tell a lie or deriving naughty pleasure from our God-given genitals.

Why? Two reasons. Number one: because it is what their parents taught them. The same reason that I refer to any adult as “Ma’am” and “Sir” regardless of their age. My parents also told me the legend of Santa Claus, yet common sense, a lack of empirical evidence and a college education have dispelled that myth. If the person reading this article happened to have been born in China, than he/she would likely be a Buddhist or an Atheist, and believe in an infinite universe with an infinite number of planets, despite an abundance of eyewitness sightings and evidence (some as credible as NASA satellite footages).

Napster lawsuits become complicated

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musicians crying over a little competition. Until Napster begins to distribute unauthorized CDs of other artists works, or directly profits off users exchanging downloaded material from one another's hard drive, Napster’s current position is simply this. They merely provide the technology for Internet users to access free music recordings, just as Internet users would access articles free of charge from online newspapers or magazines, or information from online multimedia sources.

As unlicensed and unregulated as music archive sites may be, there exist more legitimate Internet issues that may be resolved before unjustified attacks are made against Napster and similar companies.
Where the Heart isn’t

**Mike Lee**  
**STAFF WRITER**

When I go to a movie the­atre I expect to consume a prod­uct, which cannot be reproduced significantly by my living room television. Movies are supposed to look, sound, and feel different than television programming. If they didn’t, we’d have no incentive for leaving our homes in the first place.

Matt Williams’ “Where the Heart Is” has all of the charac­teristics of a made-for-television drama. The script is heavy on coincidence, sentimentality, and stereotypcal Southern twaddle. The movie is dissected into iso­lated sub-stories. There’s little connection from one scene to the next — each scene is con­structed as though it were an episode in a television series.

Observe, too, the composi­tion of the characters. The film­makers have consciously squeezed everything into the middle of the frame, anticipat­ing the transition from wide screen to television format. Every element of the movie has been stripped of its essential cinematic qualities. “Where the Heart Is” should not be projected on movie theatre screens. It’s easily one of the worst films I’ve seen so far this year.

Based on a novel by Bill Letts, “Where the Heart Is” tells the story of pregnant 17-year-old Novalee Nation (Natalie Portman), who is deserted by her boyfriend at a Wal-Mart in Sequoyah, Oklahoma. With no place to go and no one to turn to, Novalee spends the next six weeks in the unusual name of Wal-Mart and soon becomes a media spectacle, regarded nationally as the “Wal-Mart Mommy.” She names her baby Americus. Hospital nurse Lexie Coop (Ashley Judd) takes pleasure in the unusual name — Lexie’s named her children after popular snack foods.

Indeed, it seems like there’s never a dull moment in Novalee’s life: Americus is kidnapped on her five-month birthday; Sister Husband (Stockard Channing) befriends the clueless Novalee, offering her shelter, comfort, and good luck in the form of a buckeye tree.

Novalee gives birth inside of Wal-Mart and soon becomes a media spectacle, regarded nationally as the “Wal-Mart Mommy.” She tells Novalee, “I don’t think he’s my type.” In the very next scene, Lexie and Ernie are kissing each other at their wedding. Oh, the irony. Novalee realizes that her heart belongs to Forney. They agree to get mar­ried, exchanging their vows inside of Wal-Mart, the very place where this whole slapdash mess originated.

Now that I’ve spoiled the movie, you’ve no reason to waste good money to see bad filmmaking. Portman negoti­ates her lines with genuine charm, but her performance cannot redeem a poorly written script and the mistakes of a first-time director.

There’s nothing in the movie that I haven’t seen already in “Steel Magnolias” and “Fried Green Tomatoes.” Sapless and musty and rotten to the core, “Where the Heart Is” wallows in a puddle of cinematic nausea.
Laugh yourself bonkers at Bonkers Comedy Club

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I head west on 436 in a light drizzle. As I ascend I-4, large, glowing signs appear like UFOs in the sky, each one heralding the name of a different restaurant or hotel. Alas, I arrive at the Holiday Inn in Altamonte Springs. Inside, there is a lounge where the atmosphere is casual, friendly and the $1.25 drafts flow like the Mississippi.

I belly up to the bar shortly after nine o'clock, just as the chatter of patrons subsides and the television's sporting event is superseded by one man and a microphone. The crowd is in hysteresis before the first comic takes the stage.

Welcome to any given Tuesday night at Bonkers Comedy Club, where a bevy of up-and-coming comics keep your sides splitting non-stop until midnight. National touring comics such as Daniel Tosh (host of WAMI Network's "Tens") and Mitchell Walters (former writer for "Laverne and Shirley") have recently made surprise appearances. Ricky Reyes, a regular performer at Bonkers had this to say: "Constant practice is how I stay on top of my game. I'm always trying to improve my stage presence and perfect my timing. And since I'm always coming up with new material, I need an audience to share it with or I'd go crazy." Reyes was the feature act at Bonkers on New Year's Eve and has also appeared at the Improv in Cleveland.

Dean Napolitano, a comedian who was toured with such names as Pauly Shore and Joan Rivers' M/Cs the event. His razor-sharp wit and sarcastic off-the-cuff remarks keeps the audience in an uproar and hecklers on the run. When asked why he chose to host the event, Napolitano responded, "I get a kick out of cultivating new talent, some of these guys will go on to be the next Jerry Seinfeld or the next big thing, and I like being a part of that".

On the weekends, Bonkerz books such "A" list performers as Tom Rhodes and WJRR's Larry the Cable Guy. In the past, Bonkerz has featured the comedy stylings of such diverse acts as Jerry Seinfeld, Carrot Top, Paul Reiser and Saturday Night Live's Darrell Hammond. The show begins at 8:00 PM on Fridays and Saturdays, and admission is generally only eight dollars, what you would spend on a tall glass of water at Church Street Station. And even when the show ends, the fun continues with live music and drink specials until 2 AM.

Joe Sanfelippo, who owns and franchises the Bonkerz Comedy Club name, opened the first ever Bonkerz in Milwaukee in 1984. Three years later it was relocated to Downtown Orlando. Since then, Bonkerz have sprung up in Memphis, Tennessee, Jackson and Biloxi, Mississippi. Within the next year, Sanfelippo hopes to establish new locations in California and Nevada. In Florida, Bonkerz boasts venues in Downtown O-Town and Altamonte Springs.

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

-- Seven Brigham Young University students recently organized a Fight Club, inspired by the Brad Pitt movie and periodically drawing as many as 300 screaming spectators to watch college-age men pound each other into submission. Unlike in the movie, beating others is used, and humilitating women constitute almost half the audience, according to an April Salt Lake Tribune report. (fighting is not against the BYU Honor Code, although watching the R-rated "Fight Club" movie is, and the fighters are held liable enough at stake to not violate the Mormon "family home evening" concept.)

-- More than 500 accidental electrocutions were reported in Russia last year from people stealing power line electrical cables for resale as scrap metal. According to an April New York Times dispatch, more than 15,000 miles of power lines have been pulled down in recent years, rendering millions of households dark for weeks at a time. One recent victim, interviewed in intensive care, said he was confident when he saw a single line left on a pole, believing that thieves had taken the other line safely; he is now without his left arm, right leg and colon.

The Americanization of China
According to a January Associated Press report, China has a government-sanctioned UFO research organization with 50,000 members, processing 300 alleged sightings a year, which is to be expected, said the director, because extraterrestrials, too, are interested in the country's rapidly developing markets. And Professor Liu Dulin opened a sex museum last year in Shanghali, with 1,000 exhibits, including a historical, imperial-speculum usage used to mark the distances of single girls, and according to an April Wall Street Journal story, there has been a recent "explosion" of successful litigation in China by elderly parents suing their children for failing to care for them in old age.

Oopsl
-- The British supermarket chain Tesco announced in January that its film-processing department had collected a total of 24,000 photographs over the years in which customers had accidentally snapped shots with a finger on the lens (the right middle finger being the most popular).

-- Hussein Farah Mohammed, 46, was released from jail in Bloomington, Minn., in January after 16 months' incarceration for entering the U.S. illegally from Canada; he said he had accidentally wandered across the unmarked border while in the woods birdwatching, but after he was captured, Tesco refused to take him back. And Houston car mechanic Edgar Garfield Gibbons, 41, returned to the U.S. in March after nine months in jail in Georgetown, Guyana, to which country he had been mistakenly deported when he was conscripted to a New Jersey man of the same name.

-- In December, former Gastonia, N.C., prison guard Timothy Ramsey filed a legal challenge to his dismissal, saying the precipitating incident was merely a minor mistake. Ramsey was arguing with his superintendent about something and became so frustrated that, in an effort to "ignore" what his boss was saying, Ramsey reached into his briefcase, "pulled the first thing out" that he found, and pretended to concentrate on it. He was a copy of Playboy magazine, which infuriated the superintendent.

-- In December, a joint committee of the Colorado Legislature approved an emergency grant of $75,000 to Morgan Community College in Fort Morgan, Colo., after it downsized on administrators that, because of "an oversight in the plan for the project," the just-finished student center building had no restrooms.

-- Latest Unsuccessful DUI Exoners: John B. Byrnes, Windsor County, Vt.; (January): claimed he was in the passenger seat, and that it was his seat ("Bucky") that was driving. Ronald McDonald Jr., 40, Norristown, Pa. (November): claimed he drove a short distance only to his girlfriend could clean her hands after changing a diaper so she wouldn't dirty the steering wheel. A 76-year-old man, Milwaukee (February): claimed he drove a short distance only to his doctor's office, driving or not, to have two drinks a day.

-- In February, in Fargo, Fla., James Brian Kernen, 40, was convicted of killing a teen-age girl, despite his claim that she had accidentally fallen and hit her head; Kernen said he was so embarrassed at the accident that he made it look like murder to throw police off. And Thomas Story, 27, was sentenced to 26 years in prison in Santa Ana, Calif., for arranging a murder of his wife, despite his claim that she had actually killed herself; he said she stabbed her dead body 25 times only to simulate murder to spare their son the shame of his mother's suicide.

Well-Pit
-- Saskatchewan legislator Brad Wall, lamenting in December the inaccessibility of bit s at Regina General Hospital: "I'm not sure what is more disturbing: the fact that nurses spend part of their day catching bats or that nurses were advised not to catch these particular bats because they could be rabid.

Recurring Themes
Twice in the last five weeks, News of the Weird has reported on dental-office abuses in the U.S. In November, a Melbourne, Australia, dentist was charged by the Victorian Dental Board of professional misconduct for allegedly engaging in the unorthotized (but not unheard of) facial-pain remedy of administering ozone through the patient's rectum, including 15 treatments to one patient in a three-week period. Advocates of the treatment say it can also be administered in the ear.

Least Justifiable Homicides
At a village near Jericho in the Israeli-occupied West Bank, police killed a Muslim woman beat her 10-year-old son to death in January because he preferred to be breastfed by her father's other wife. And in Tokyo in March, Mitsuko Yamada, 36, pleaded guilty to killing a 2-year-old girl, apparently solely so that Yamada would no longer have to face the girl's mother, who had allegedly ignored Yamada during the neighborhood playground's social hour when mothers gather while their kids play.

Also, in the Last Month...
A German shepherd police dog was caught shoplifting a slab of prime rib from a grocery store (Winkle's, Wisc.). Police said two arrested drug dealers had been routinely issuing customers receipts but also changing them for sales tax (Victorville, Calif.). A man pled guilty to burglary and the theft of Big Mama, a 50-pound halibut that was the main attraction of a showcase hatchery (and while the man also ate) (Redondo Beach, Calif.).
BestJobsUSA.com to launch 50 state-specific employment sites

BestJobsUSA.com (www.BestJobsUSA.com), a Master Employment Web site, has announced it will be introducing 50 state-specific local career sites at the Employment Managers Association Annual Meeting here today.

In a departure from the current trend for Web-based employment sites concentrating on only a national audience, BestJobsUSA.com has taken its formula for a well-balanced career site to the local level. Each of these sites will focus on local candidates, local employers and the employment issues and environment specific to those areas.

Each site will be autonomous and will be accessible by its unique Web address of www.BestJobs(state).com.

The first two sites were launched today, www.BestJobsFlorida.com and www.BestJobsOklahoma.com. In addition, the following sites will go live within the next two months:

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"The introduction of our content-rich local state sites is a natural progression for our Web-based activities. BestJobsUSA.com is established as a leader in the national career guidance arena. Now we are responding to the needs of local employers looking for local candidates and vice versa," stated Chris Harris, director of Internet services. He continued, "We will be completing our 50 state-specific sites within the next 12 months. Our next stage will take us into the large demographic markets within those states."

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Frequency is a blast from the past!

Director of "Primal Fear", Gregory Hoblit's new movie, "Frequency" is definitely worth seeing. Despite the title, which may imply that it is a movie about science, "Frequency" deals with the basic laws of physics and is in no way an ordinary movie.

The story is about a man named, John Sullivan, played by Jim Caviezel, who begins to communicate with his dead father, Frank Sullivan played by Dennis Quaid, through an old radio set his father used to use and begins to communicate with a character is communicating to his son in 1999 from the something called the "string theory." The string theory deals with the basic laws of physics and is in more than one time dimension as well. The string theory is in full effect in both 1969 and 1999. In both of these years, the night sky has clouds, which are different in color, because it seems as though some type of electrical force is running through them.

Caviezel tells Quaid about how he dies in a fire escape and how to prevent his death. The next day Quaid is able to survive the fire and from that point on, history changes itself. The cause of Quaid's death then becomes lung cancer because he was a heavy smoker. The purpose of the movie then becomes trying to get Quaid from 1969 to 1999.

Caviezel leads Quaid to apprehend a killer before he commits his murders. This becomes Caviezel and Quaid's main goal. The murderer kills only nurses and one of the victims of the murders is Caviezel's mother, played by Elizabeth Mitchell, who is a nurse at the local hospital. In the beginning of the movie only Caviezel's mother was alive, it's up to his father to save her.

The movie is full of different twists and turns, which the previews do not even hint at. Frequency is not just the story about a man trying to reunite with his father, but also about how a person's destiny can be changed. The concept of this movie was truly inventive, each twist and turn made the audience more shocked and frightened at times. Shawn Doyle who plays the murderer, Jack Sheppard, did an excellent job in portraying a crazed man who kills for pleasure. Even though the actions of this movie are not likely to occur in the real world, the concept of this movie makes a person wish that they could bring back a loved one whose death may have been able to be prevented.

"Frequency" is a movie, which is exciting and suspenseful because of its interesting plot. John Sullivan is a son who has had a hard time growing up without his father and seize the opportunity which fate provides to try and reunite himself with his father.

The website for this movie is also pretty cool. It contains a section called "Message To The Past." This feature allows visitors to e-mail their friends or search for a long lost loved one's e-mail address through Bigfoot.com. The site also contains the first virtual time capsule. Visitors to the site can send a memento (question, picture, etc.) that will be stored in the secure location and opened in 30 years. Check this stuff out at www.frequencymovie.com.
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Camels boast one of TAAC's deepest bullpens

On the mound, the team likes to go to its bullpen often, with three Camel hurlers among the TAAC's top 10 in relief appearances. Byron Batson is the best of the bunch, boasting a 2.84 ERA in a conference-best 30 games. He's 4-1, and is second on the team with 54 strikeouts. UCF can expect to see him at least twice this weekend.

Wes Hepler is the team's ace, bringing a 6-4 record and 4.84 ERA to the table. Corey Byrd is the team's other top starter, leading the squad with 55 K's in a team high 68 innings. Closer Daniel Hall has recorded six saves in 23 appearances.

"It's going to be a tough three-game series. They're going to be fighting for their lives because they're still not in the tournament mathematically," Bergman said. "They're a pretty good baseball team. The two most improved teams in the TAAC this year are Campbell and Georgia State. They are playing well and are going to be tough in their ballpark."

However, Campbell has lost five consecutive contests, tying its longest losing streak of the year. The streakiness has been a trend for the team all year. Despite the two sizable losing streaks, Campbell has maintained its .500 record at .500 with separate winning streaks of six, six, and eight games.

Mark Batia has been a solid presence at the top of the lineup, leading the team in stolen bases and batting over .390 for the Golden Knights.
UCF SWEEPS MERCER, MOVES CLOSER TO TAAC REGULAR SEASON TITLE

UCF remained focused and swept three contests from Mercer this past week to get even closer to the TAAC's regular season title. It started with a big bang, as the Golden Knights set the tone for the series with an 18-2 rout of the Bears in the series opener.

Junior DH Rich Wallace started the scoring for the Golden Knights with a single in the first to drive in Dustin Brisson for a 1-0 lead. Mercer tied up the game in its next at bat when first baseman Brandon Blair drove in center fielder Brent Magouirk who had led off the inning with a triple.

Back-to-back doubles by Brisson and Wallace in the second knocked in three runs to give UCF a lead they would never relinquish. Junior second baseman Mike Fox drove in the Golden Knights only run in the third with the first of his three singles in the game. Senior right fielder Ivan Trujillo and Fox each drove in one run in the fourth with singles while sophomore catcher Jeremy Frost hit his second straight triple of the game to drive in two more for UCF.

Junior DH Andy Johnson knocked in two with a pinch-hit homerun in the sixth while junior second baseman Raul Cruz and junior utility infielder Matt Meath drove in three runs with back-to-back-home runs in the seventh.

Mercer scored in only other run in the ninth when Jason Page, the Bears starting pitcher and DH, hit an RBI double to knock in Magouirk who led off the inning with his second hit of the game, a single.

UCF'S starter, senior right-hander Casey Kennedy improved to 10-0 on the season after allowing one run off of five hits, walking one and striking out seven. Mercer's starter, Page, allowed nine of UCF's 18 runs over the first four innings to fall to 4-8.

The Knights took the next day's doubleheader behind a pair of sound performances from starters David Rankin and Justin Pope.

The Knights (38-15/19-5 TAAC) took the opener 7-3, and overcame an early 3-0 deficit in the nightcap, scoring five runs in the third and sixth innings to win 10-4. With the victories, No. 26-ranked UCF needs only to take two of three games from Campbell in next weekend's final regular-season series to clinch the top seed in the conference tournament.

"Our goal all season has been to win the conference championship and get to 40 wins," said Coach Jay Bergman, who now has 700 wins at UCF. "We're getting there, but nothing is over yet. Right now, we're just coming along nicely."

Rankin (7-4) went the distance in the first game, allowing one run through six innings before struggling in the seventh. The Bears managed 11 hits off UCF's senior hurler, but failed to capitalize in the manner the Golden Knights did.

UCF scored in all but the opening inning, getting their first three runs courtesy of Mercer miscues. The Bears committed three errors to help the Knights to a 3-1 advantage, and UCF never looked back.

Meath went 3-for-3, scoring once and driving in another, while Wallace went 2-for-3 with a pair of RBIs.

Pope, who nearly missed a start due to a hip flexor injury, struggled in the first inning, allowing three Mercer runs on four hits, highlighted by a Brandon Blair two-run double and an RBI single by Mike Appalucci.

But Pope settled down, allowing just one more run over the next five innings, and got plenty of help from the defense. Trujillo opened the scoring for the Knights with a solo home run, and Greg Good followed later in the inning with a three-run homer. Cruz added a double off Taylor.
BASEBALL NOTEBOOK

Frame and was driven in by Jason Graham.

"We're glad he got by the first inning. He struggled there and we made some plays for him when we had to and got out of it," Bergman said. "He kind of felt himself through that first inning and got out of it and kind of established himself after that. I thought it was a good outing.

Mercer closed to within 5-4 in the sixth, but the Golden Knights responded with five more in the bottom half of the inning, contacting on four extra-base hits, with Wallace nailing a two-run triple and Jeremy Frost adding a two-run double.

Jason Arnold pitched the final inning in a non-save situation, finishing a sound effort by (9-3), whose performance provided the Knights with a big sigh of relief.

BRISSON SETS SCHOOL RECORD FOR DOUBLES

Brisson went 4-for-5 with a school record four doubles and three RBI in the effort by Jeremy Frost adding a two-run double.

COOL CUSTOMERS

The Knights trailed in the second game of the doubleheader, getting down 3-0, but played as if they were ahead until they actually did wrestle away the lead, scoring five runs in the third.

"I don't think we've panicked all year. That's probably the one thing we haven't done," Bergman said. "Sometimes I think we've underpanicked, but I never thought we panicked at all. I've never seen it. The coaches have probably motivated them as much as possible."

It also helps to have veteran leadership like seniors Brisson, Fox, Mark Batia, and Kennedy.

"I think our returning players are good leaders and solid baseball players and have done a good job (leading the way for the younger guys). But I really try to stay out of that picture.

REGIONALS IN ORLANDO?

UCF is bidding to become one of the 16 NCAA regional hosts for the upcoming baseball tournament. Baseball SID Stephanie Burchill said the was in the process of preparing the necessary paperwork for the bid, and the fact that UCF's RPI was likely near the Top 16 would make hosting a four-team field a definite possibility.

The games would be played at Tinker Field, and not the soon-to-be unveiled Bergman Field, because even if the on-campus stadium was ready, it would not be large enough to host the event.

While the ball is rolling for UCF to host, it must take care of business on the field, winning as many games as possible to make the appealing possibility a reality. The Golden Knights have never hosted an NCAA regional.

- TONY MEJIA

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FROM THE
SPORTS DESK

MEN'S BASKETBALL
SIGNS JUCO CENTER

University of Central Florida head men's basketball coach Kirk Spurgeon announced that junior college center Evandro Moretti has signed to play for the Golden Knights. Moretti, a 6-10, 240 lbs. post player, played the last two seasons at Arizona Western Junior College.

Last season Moretti, who hails from Sao Paulo, Brazil, averaged 12.5 ppg and led his team in rebounding with seven a game. In addition he shot 60.1% from the field and 67.1% from the freethrow line, for Arizona Western who finished 24-8 in field and 67.1% from the freethrow line, for Arizona Western who finished 24-8 in 1999-2000.

"We are very happy to have Evandro joining our basketball program," said Spurgeon. "He feels a need we have for size in the middle. He comes in with two years of college experience and we fully expect him to immediately contribute to our basketball team."

Moretti will join Josh Rodden, Steve and Joey Graham and Kevin Lee, who each signed with UCF in November, as new faces on the Golden Knights roster when UCF starts practice this fall.

WOMEN'S TENNIS
TEAM LAUNCHED WITH TAAC HONORS

The TAAC announced that University of Central Florida women's tennis coach Patricia Allison has been named the conference's women's tennis Coach-of-the-Year. Allison, in her first season at UCF, guided the Golden Knights to a 19-5 record overall, a 7-0 record in conference play, a conference tournament championship and UCF's third berth in the NCAA Tournament.

In addition, UCF was represented by three players on the TAAC's 2000 Women's All-Conference team, with Gaelle Gouttefarde, Marjoke Gunawan and Ann-Jeanette Svanetsson each making first team All-TAAC. All-conference honors also went to on TAAC head coaches.

Gouttefarde, a senior from Chartres, France, went 21-3 on the season in singles action, playing primarily at the #3 and #4 slots. A sophomore from Kedoya, Indonesia, Gunawan was 19-4 in singles play with most of her action coming at the #2 and #3 slots and Svanetsson, a junior who hails from Kalmar, Sweden, compiled a 14-7 record in singles play seeing extensive action at the #1, #2 and #3 slots.

TAAC WOMEN'S
TENNIS ALL-
CONFERENCE TEAMS

First Team (10 selections due to tie in voting)

Katrín Gabber Campbell So
Anger, Austria
Gaelle Gouttefarde UCF Sr
Chartres, France
Marjoke Gunawan UCF So
Keduoy, Indonesia
Kristen Jordan FAU Jr Naples, Fla.
Meeta Koreganokar IU Sr Mumbai, India
Taryn Lynn Stetson Sr Easton, Ohio
Moja Pavlinic GSU So
Maribor, Slovenia
Sally Pearson JSU Fr Welton, England
Laurence Poujoulat Campbell Fr Geneva, Switzerland
Ann-Jeanette Svanetsson UCF Jr Kalmar, Sweden

Honorable Mention (named on three or more ballots)

Zsanetta Ikova Samford Jr
Sophia, Bulgaria
Tina Janicu JSU Jr
Ahrnsburg, Germany
Teodora Doncheva Campbell So Sofia, Bulgaria

TAAC Player-of-the-Year: Kristen Jordan, FAU
TAAC Coach-of-the-Year: Patricia Allison, UCF

Men's tennis pair received All-
TAAC honorable mention

The Trans America Athletic Conference announced that UCF's Federico Camacho and William Guerin have been named All-TAAC honorable mention.

Camacho, a junior from San Jose, Costa Rica, played primarily at #1 singles for the Golden Knights, compiling an 8-11 record versus some of the TAAC's best competition.

Guerin, who hails from Lyon, France, played primarily at the #2 singles slot for the Golden Knights, but saw extensive action at the #1 and #3 slots as well, compiling a 12-9 record in singles action.

The pair of Camacho and Guerin also teamed up this past season to form UCF's #1 doubles tandem, going 14-4 on the season and 11-2 at the #1 doubles slot.

The UCF men's tennis team finished the season 11-12 under first year coach Bobby Cashman, winning nine of their last 16 matches.

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UCF Signs Top National Players

Special To The Future

Four of Florida's premier junior golfers, Kevin Kahle, Jordan Dempsey, Andy Hollis and Brendan Takacs, have signed national letters of intent to play for the University of Central Florida men's golf team next year, head coach Brian Craig announced Friday.

"The freshman class that's coming in I really believe is going to lay the foundation for some wonderful success for the UCF men's golf team," Craig said. "Each one of them could easily take starting positions in the team lineup."

Kahle, a local find from Winter Park high school, finished the runner-up in the 1999 Florida State High School Championship.

TRACK & FIELD NOTEBOOK

UCF Trackers Finish High At South Florida

One week after winning the Trans America Athletic Conference championship title, UCF's track and field team sent several women to the University of South Florida in search of NCAA qualifying marks.

Although none of the six women who competed for UCF automatically qualified, the Golden Knights represented the team well with three top three finishes.

All-Conference high jumper Jamie Perez (Sarasota/Riverview HS) jumped 408.75" (1.04m) to finish third in the event. Christa Terrien (Longwood/Lynham HS) dropped fifteen seconds from her TAAC time in the 5,000-Meter run, taking third place honors with an 18:45.55.

Beard Named NSCA All-American

Katara Beard (Altamonte Springs/Lymhan HS) has been selected by the National Strength and Conditioning Association as a 2000 NSCA All-American Athlete.

Beard, recently honored as the Trans America Athletic Conference Athlete-of-the-Year, was one of 164 male and female athletes nationwide chosen to receive the award for excellence in strength and conditioning, community involvement, academic achievement and leadership qualities.

UCF Four Up On The Competition

Track and field and cross country coach Marcia Mansur-mentow announced that Florida State Track and Field Syndicate finalists Alyssia Haigh and Danny Cook, New York Junior National Olympian Michelle Daniels and Texas star Roxanne Culver have signed national letters of intent to join the Golden Knight squad in the fall of 2000.

Haigh, a thrower and sprinter out of St. Petersburg's Keswick Christian School, took second place and relayed in at the 1999 Florida State Championship and third the year before. She was a state top eight finalist in the shot put and 100-Meter dash under coach Lance Lipham, the father of UCF assistant coach Erik Lipham, and took first-team all-state honors in volleyball.

Cook, a cross country runner for Terry Snipes at Coral Springs High School, took all-State honors with a seventh place finish at the 1999 Florida State Cross Country Championships. The Miami Herald and Ft. Lauderdale Sun-Sentinel "Cross Country Athlete of the Year" also took first place at this year's Florida All-Star cross country meet.

Daniels, a long distance runner out of Orchard Park High School in Orchard Park, N.Y., won the 3,000-Meter run at the 1999 Eastern Region Jr. Olympics and finished 11th in the national finals 2000 National Junior Olympics. The 1998 Checkers "Female Runner-of-the-Year" took fourth in the Erie County and Section VI first-team all-star honors and four all-state honors. She finished the runner-up in both the 5,000 and 10,000-Meter runs at the New York Empire State Games this past season.

Culver, a hurdle and relay specialist for coach Brian McCraw at McNeil High School in Austin, Texas, is a multi-talented athlete who's list of events includes the long jump and the two-mile cross country run. Her fastest 100-Meter hurdle time of 14.20 is right on pace with the current UCF record. An excellent student, Culver was named to the academic all-district team all four years in high school.

In order to ensure that all items purchased from Activity & Service fees (A&SF) are received and paid prior to the end of the fiscal year (June 30, 2000), a deadline of May 31 has been established for all purchases to be made from A&SF accounts. This would include the club's budget account, Senate allocations, and OAF or C&O allocations. Please make sure that your club or organization first contacts a staff member in the SG Accounting Office (823-2191) prior to making any purchases. (After-the-fact or unauthorized purchases cannot be reimbursed.) Thanks!
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UCF takes title aspirations into Campbell

**TONY MEJIA**

SPORTS EDITOR

With two wins in three games up at Campbell, UCF will fulfill two major goals it set for itself this season. The Golden Knights will not only get to the 40-win plateau—a magic number in college baseball in that it more often than not leads to an at-large berth to the NCAA Tournament, but it will also clinch its first TAAC regular season title in over five years.

However, in the spirit of Jay Bergmann’s teachings, the Golden Knights will be going up to Buies Creek, NC., with sweep on their minds. After all, why shoot for two out of three when you can win them all.

“We’ve just got to win as many games as we can. I don’t think we’re particularly worried about 40,” said Bergmann, who has won 700 games at UCF. “We want to win the conference outright. If we do that then I think we hold our own destiny. That’s something we’ve never really done in the regular season. We’ve never really won the conference outright.

The two goals that we had before the season started were to win 40 games and win the conference and we’re right on pace to do that. We’re moving right along.”

Should UCF win the TAAC regular season crown, it likely would meet Campbell in the first round of the conference tournament. Setting the tone for such an event this weekend will be important, as the Knights look to gain any possible advantage entering post-season play.

The Camels own a 12-12 mark in TAAC play entering this weekend’s series, and won the season series over the Stetson Hatters, taking two of three games in Deland.

Offensively, the team is led by Tony Della Costa, who leads the Camels in hits, doubles, home runs, and RBIs. He’s batting .357 with five home runs and 35 RBIs. Adam Hawes leads the team in batting with a .404 average, while Keith Sears is a weapon on the basepaths, having stolen 20 bases in 21 attempts.

**Women’s tennis draws tough test in South Alabama**

**DAVID WINBERG**

STAFF WRITER

For the second straight year, the UCF women’s tennis team will take on the nation’s best in the upcoming NCAA Regional Tournament. The team earned the automatic bid by capturing the Trans America Athletic Conference title, and will travel to Mobile, Ala. to take on hosts University of South Alabama in the first round.

The Jaguars are ranked No. 15 in the latest WingspanBank.com rankings, and will host UCF at the Bruce David Label Memorial Tennis Courts on May 13th.

UCF, which captured its fourth straight Trans America Athletic Conference title in 2000, will be making its third appearance in four years in the NCAA Tournament and its first showing under first-year head coach Patricia Allison.

The Golden Knights compiled a 19-5 record this season, including a dominating 10-0 mark against TAAC teams, and scored big wins against nationally ranked powerhouses Texas Christian and Syracuse, propelling themselves to a No. 39 ranking in the nation.

“It has been a fantastic season with the rankings and all that, but our main goal has been to win the TAAC Championships. Now, we look forward to the NCAA Regionals. We are ready to battle with the best teams in the country, bring it on!” Allison said. “We want to play the best out there.”

UCF will play the NCAA Regionals for the second straight year, winning back-to-back TAAC Championships in 1999 and 2000 and finished with runner-up honors in 1997. Fjestul has coached 13 all-Conference honorees, including one TAAC Player of the Year.

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**Fjestul wins second straight TAAC award**

**SPECIAL TO THE FUTURE**

The Trans America Athletic Conference announced that fourth-season University of Central Florida women’s head golf coach Jill Fjestul has earned her second consecutive Coach-of-the-Year honor.

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