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Sgt. Gorbas, Sgt. Williamson change UCFPD positions

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Due to an organizational restructuring, Sergeant Tom Gorbas will be leaving his position as Crime Prevention Coordinator with the UCF Police Department as of this week and making way for the new coordinator, Sergeant Troy Williamson. Since 1975, when Sgt. Gorbas served as the first parking patrol on the UCF campus, he has been an important part of the UCFPD. Gorbas eventually went on to become a police officer, a detective, and finally in 1994, a Community Oriented-Policing/Crime Prevention (CP) Unit Sergeant where he wore many hats and played many roles. The CP Coordinator supervises three areas, the first of which is the Community Oriented-Policing/Crime Prevention/Crime Prevention (CP) Unit. Gorbas eventually went on to become a police officer, a detective, and finally in 1994, a Community Oriented-Policing/Crime Prevention (CP) Unit Sergeant where he wore many hats and played many roles. The CP Coordinator supervises three areas, the first of which is the Community Oriented-Policing/Crime Prevention (CP) Unit, Officers, a program established on a university campus first by UCF. The COPCP Officers work to reduce crime rates through a community police partnership of mutual trust and respect. They work to "develop a repertoire of strategies and understandings that enable us to work respectfully and effectively with citizens and work to create a new community and break down that wall of us against them that many don't understand," said Kris Muller, president of ASET. The cost of the payloads is approximately $23,000. NASA has also donated "the upper stages of the rocket," said Misconi. "Hopefully in the future we can send more," says Misconi, who has launched two payloads in the past. The payload launches are a project of the students and Misconi are seeking more launches, thanks to a grant from the UCF student government. "I think the students are the key to the future," said Kris Muller, president of ASET. The cost of the payloads is approximately $23,000. Funding for the project comes primarily from a student government grant. The payloads will not be recovered due to the extra expense. An agreement with NASA's Wallop's Island Flight Facility will provide the group with two free launches that would otherwise cost approximately $150,000. NASA has also donated "the upper stages of the rocket," said Kris Muller, president of ASET. The cost of the payloads is approximately $23,000. Funding for the project comes primarily from a student government grant. The payloads will not be recovered due to the extra expense. An agreement with NASA's Wallop's Island Flight Facility will provide the group with two free launches that would otherwise cost approximately $150,000. NASA has also donated "the upper stages of the rocket," said Misconi. "Hopefully in the future we can send more," says Misconi, who has launched two payloads in the past. The payload launches are a project of the students and Misconi are seeking more launches, thanks to a grant from the UCF student government. "I think the students are the key to the future," said Kris Muller, president of ASET. The cost of the payloads is approximately $23,000. Funding for the project comes primarily from a student government grant. The payloads will not be recovered due to the extra expense. An agreement with NASA's Wallop's Island Flight Facility will provide the group with two free launches that would otherwise cost approximately $150,000. NASA has also donated "the upper stages of the rocket."
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“The first time I took ecstasy was my first night in my college dorm,” said one UCF student. “My roommate brought it. Looking back I am shocked at how easy it was to get, but I took it.”

The fact of the matter is that most people are not aware of the potential harmful effects, and the intense, euphoric effect of a first time use often overshadows any previous anxieties about the drug.

“I was so happy when I took it that I didn’t care about what may happen,” said another student. “Now that I look back I definitely regret it.”

Ecstasy’s effects on the brain can be severe. It works by causing the serotonin receptors in the brain to release all of the serotonin in the brain. Serotonin, causes mood shifts. A poem on the website reads, “We sing, we laugh, we share and most of all, we care.” And includes testimonials from people who say ecstasy can help cure schizophrenia and contact dead relatives.

According to Recarte, “the vast majority of people who have experimented with MDMA appear normal, and there’s no obvious indication of something amiss,” he says that in 10 or 20 years we may discover differently. This is because its effects on the serotonin receptors in the brain are non-reversible and may result in long-term depression, possibly resulting in a generation medicated for depression.

UCF CP Coordinator takes on many roles

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people have developed over the years,” commented Sgt. Gorbas. The second area is the Student Escort Parcel Service (SEPS). These part-time student workers, hired and trained by the UCFPD, provide an escort service to anyone on campus during evening hours.

The last area is Media Relations. In this area the CP Coordinator plays the role of the Public Information Officer (PIO) and strives to develop good relations with all of the local newspapers, television, and radio stations. The PIO provides the community with, police services information, campus crime information and statistics, and crime prevention information. Sgt. Gorbas’ work as PIO can be found in the Central Florida Future in the articles relayed to students weekly about the UCFPD and the safety tips and crime statistics that are published throughout the year.

Sgt. Gorbas’ predecessor Sgt. Williamson will soon be no stranger to playing the roles of the CP Coordinator. As a police officer with the UCFPD since 1984, Sgt. Williamson plans to use his years of experience to help “get the word out” as he puts it, to the public about crime and prevention. Sgt. Gorbas will be returning to paid duty “running the campus” as shift supervisor on rotating shifts.

Both Gorbas and Williamson are open to any interaction with students. If you have any questions or comments about the UCFPD or crime prevention, feel free to call (407) 823-5555.
Bush passes majority of funding for UCF

JENNIFER PATerson
STAFF WRITER

Gov. Jeb Bush has sustained all but two of the Legislature's funding issues for UCF. Those passed are a 2.5 percent salary increase for state employees that will go into effect Oct. 1 and a number of construction projects, including the Partnership II Building ($15 million) and the UCF Academy for Teaching, Learning and Leadership ($4.2 million), and $15 million for UCF's share for downtown Orlando's Florida Center for the Arts and Education. The two veted items were $350,000 for a partnership with the Civic Theater in Orlando and $500,000 for the Lively Arts Center to enhance UCF's partnership with the SeaSide Theater in Daytona Beach.

"Although there were several vetoes throughout the State University System, UCF fared well in the final approval of the budget," says Dan Holstenbeck, vice president for University Relations and the university's lobbyist. "It still was a very successful year in terms of meeting our priorities."

Lightning may be bad news for students

UCF's campus is likely to receive over 50 lightning strikes this year and the UCF Department of Health and Safety wants students to be aware of lighting hazards and how to avoid potential dangers.

Their tips? Seek shelter immediately in a fully enclosed building or car when you see lightning or hear thunder. Avoid high places and open fields, isolated trees, unprotected gazebos, rain or picnic shelters, baseball dugouts, communications towers, flagpoles, light poles, blanchers (metal or wood), metal fences, convertibles, golf carts, riding mowers and water (ocean, lakes, swimming pools, river, etc.) during thunderstorms. When inside a building: Avoid using the telephone, taking a shower, washing your hands, doing dishes, or any contact with conductive surfaces with exposure to the outside such as metal door or window frames, electrical, telephone and cable TV wiring, plumbing, etc.

Please contact Environmental Health and Safety at (407) 823-5323 if you need further lightning safety information.

Picture Perfect Storm

By July 9, a high-resolution camera in a payload assembled by UCF engineering technology students will be launched 25 miles in the air by a Super Leki Rocket to take off from Wallops Island in Virginia. The camera should produce the first close-up images of high altitude lightning first reported by NASA astronauts a few years ago.

"Student's, some of whom have graduated, have been working on the payload for six months. These will be the first images made close to the storms," said engineering professor Nebil Misconi, leader of the project.

See "Students photograph lightning with rockets" on front page for more.

High-Tech Revolution

Eleven political science professors are developing and offering two sections of the American National Government course as a mixed mode class. Working with a $200,000 Pew Grant in Course Redesign, administered through UCF's Center for Distributed Learning, the course is a push into cyber-space and toward interactive, student-centered, collaborative classrooms. This course is a testing ground for a mix of Web and face-to-face instruction, which experts hope will offer the best of both worlds. We will use what we learn to design more appropriate or refine learning exercises for the Internet," says professor Hutch Pollock. "I hope the data shows that this format is at least as good, in terms of student output, as face-to-face teaching."

Observatory Open to Public

The Robinson Observatory is open for free public viewings July 5, 7:30-10:30 p.m.

21st Century

Super Heroes

UCF Computer Services has formed a team to help users and departments adopt improved security practices in order to combat the increased attacks on computer systems and networks by hackers. Their mission is to quickly identify and fix vulnerabilities in networks of major servers before they are exploited.

Out of Order by Ray Cooney to Play at UCF Theatre

Starting July 7 at 7:30 p.m. in Theatre Building-Stage One will be the play, "Out of Order," by Ray Cooney. It's about a government minister's ambition to spend the evening with a typist who works for the opposing party that isn't fulfilled quite the way he planned. A body is discovered wedged in a sash window and he gets to spend his night trying to hide the fact. Things only get worse when the typist's husband shows up and the body turns out to be very much alive.

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"With their hectic schedules, students need financial convenience and accessibility," said Jim Dunlap, President, Huntington Bank Southern Region. "This new feature allows students to focus on their education rather than worrying about how and when they will receive their financial aid funds," continued Dunlap.

To make this service even more attractive to students, Huntington has designed a no-fee checking account that is specifically tailored to UCF students. With Huntington's UCF Student Access account, excess usage fees, direct line call fees, and checking reserve participation fees are waived for as long as you are an actively enrolled student at UCF. In addition, Huntington is the exclusive provider of Golden Knight checks and checkbook covers. Huntington has an on-campus banking office, located across from the UCF Book Store for your convenience. Students can open an account by visiting the office or by calling 1-888-813-2511. The UCF Card can be obtained by visiting the Campus Carding office. With this new service, you have one less line to wait in and one less thing to worry about.

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Consolidation is simply balking all of your bills together, whether it is more than one credit card or other hard to pay, overdues bills (consolidation can be used for one large bill as well). Consolidation companies can often shave 5%-12% off the interest rate. This helps to lower payments and means less interest paid for the remaining balance assures credit card companies a large return on their investment.

Depending on the severity of one's debt, there are a variety of steps one can use.

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STAFF WRITER

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Debt not uncommon among college students

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3. Borrow from family. Often students are hesitant to borrow from family members due to embarrassment. "I did not tell my family about my debt, because I was embarrassed, until I could no longer afford the payments," said Theresa Jenkins, a student at UCF. "They had to bail me out and were really disappointed, not so much because of the amount of money, but because I did not tell them sooner."

4. Take out a student loan. Any student is eligible for an unsubsidized Stafford Loan (meaning they have no financial need) and the interest rate is variable with a maximum of 8.25%. Students can borrow $2625 their first year and it goes up in increments thereafter. With unsubsidized loans, interest begins to accrue immediately and must either be paid or added to the principal while the student is in school and during the grace period, which is six months.

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Note the Graduate/Professional Aggregate Maximum includes the Undergraduate Aggregate Maximum.

So whatever your credit woes are, know there are solutions. Whichever choice you make, know the most important one is to take immediate action.

Things to beware of when obtaining a credit card:

1. Credit card companies are in business to make money by charging high interest rates. Keep in mind these introductory offers only last a limited amount of time. After that the interest rate can go to anywhere from 14%-25%.

2. The variable interest rate. A small piece of information but could and probably will end up costing students a lot of money if they have a balance on their credit card. Often credit card companies will make the customer feel safe with a stable interest rate for a year, but then raise it to 25% or more, which is often overlooked by a non-inquiring card holder.

3. The rising credit line. Many students feel safe with a credit line of $500-$1000 because even if they max it out, they are relatively not in much debt. But as students build a reputable credit with the company they will often raise the credit line up to $8000, or more, over time, regardless of a student's income or ability to pay it off.

4. "My credit card company raised my credit line to $6000, which made it difficult not to turn to it in every minor monetary emergency I had," said one UCF student. "Pretty soon I was maxed out."

Group hopes for many more launches

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the American Society of Engineering Technology (ASET) founded in 1979 at UCF and the Engineering Technology Department at UCF. Engineering Technology comprises the more practical and applied side of engineering and incorporates more hands-on projects.

Atmospheric scientists will greatly benefit from this project. Lightning may generate electric fields and electromagnetic pulses and stratospheric lightning could potentially cause chemical changes in the atmosphere. The images from the payload's camera could show high energy x-rays and gamma rays caused by runaway electrons and also show red sprites.

The group believes this project will be an on-going one that will result in many more launches.
The list, baggy jeans of dating

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STAFF WRITER

Upon recently watching two of my closest friends with their boyfriends, I began to consider the question "is there really someone for everyone?" I mean, does that we-never-argue-and-have-everything-in-common-couple really exist?

So finally, I came out of the Gobi Desert of dating and entered a veritable pool of guys. Of course there are some sharks here and there and a few annoying algae types that I just want to scrape off the side of the pool but there is that one that caught my eye. We get along well and he's fun. He asks me out and actually pays. He isn't all possessive if I want to hang out with male friends, but he doesn't fit the list. Oh come on, you all have a list. It's the "Perfect Person For Me" list.

The list started when a few terrible boyfriends ago, I decided to be no more "misses rates dates." If I don't like you hit the road, there is no sense in wasting my time. For example: you don't like hip-hop, you're cut. You don't like to dance, hope sorry back to the dating pool. You can't change a tire, I'm sorry don't call me I'll call you. Seriously, why should I settle? I'm only 20, and a committed relationship is not what I need. But, if it happens and it happens and I wonder if my life will be fulfilled or is it like a game of memory that's missing some cards. No matches. I am sure you all get the point but does this list really matter?

My best friend and her boyfriend are pretty different. He likes rap, she likes country, she likes romance movies and he likes action flicks. But aren't these normal male-female differences? How can you tell if your differences run deeper than that? I know that I have gotten that weird cut-out-him-from-now feeling before and shaken it off only to find that I should have gone with my first instinct. Then again that could have been weirdness due to things other than differences.

Anyway back to the list. I think the reason the list is so important to me is because I want to be able to share things with a person I care about and if he can't tell me one joint by Method Man then, well, we have a problem. I mean, I don't think Mr. List will be an exact match, but I would like him to be close.

I guess when I really think about it, it's the big things on the list that count, like money and music (just kidding). The big things would entail, are you a heroin addict and do you wear tight jeans? (I can't deal with tight jeans?) Maybe I will throw out a few things on my list because I kind of like the fact that my world isn't confined to pros and cons right now.

Differences can be good, as long as they come in baggy jeans.

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STAFF WRITER

Going to the movies isn't an inexpensive venture anymore, as you very well might have noticed. The last time I visited the theater to see a movie it cost a whopping $7.50 per person. Well the price of a movie might be changing soon, and certainly not for the better.

Recently the deaf community made their opinion heard on the subject of closed captioning in movie theaters.

The hearing impaired are pushing to have closed captioning added to theaters everywhere. If this change takes place though, the cost of doing so will undoubtedly fall upon the shoulders of moviegoers.

While the increase in price is enough reason to say no to this hearing impaired, but feel that if the cost would not rise very extra cost?

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Long, hot summer by the pool

It has been so long since I've seen the sun that my reflection barely shows up in the mirror. My tiny, Caucasian buttocks look like two matzo balls. At last the day has arrived when no responsibilities stand between me and a day of stone-cold poolside lounging: no work, no school, no errands, and as usual, no date. I glub my sunglasses, my sunblock and my sandals. I eyeball the six of ciders in my fridge and give serious thought to sowing a few in my Jansport.

I reject the idea for fear I might fall asleep poolside and some passerby will call a coroner to haul my ghostly-white corpse away. I set my sights on a dainty vixen across the pool. As she unravels her bikini top I rebuke the shoulder devil urging me to scream "Fire!" at the top of my lungs. As she stretches out on her belly I patiently wait for an accidental peripheral pectoral exposure. The money-shot is right about to play out when I am physically assaulted by one of mother nature's most heinous creations -- the lovebug, a bug whose only purpose in life is to mate, get in your face, then disappear into the sun like a ship into the horizon. As quickly as she came into my life she was gone. Well, it's not the first time and it certainly won't be the last.

Minutes later I am awed then repulsed by the sight of two Deep South cultural attaches exhibiting behaviors widely accepted in their region of origin, but generally considered tasteless and low-class in that of the civilized. This Southern-Fried couple is French kissing like Siamese twins joined at the tonsils. Somehow this redneck couple has infiltrated the black, iron gates that surround my complex and found their way to the swimming pool, seriously hampering my security in the process. He proudly displays his obligatory-to-the-uneducated tattoos which proclaim, "I will never be anyone's boss," and she proudly displays her beer belly which puts Homer Simpson's to shame. They come up for air just long enough to suck down another Pabst Blue Ribbon and flick a cigarette butt anywhere but where it belongs.

Fast forward one-half hour. I pull a 180 so the sun can brown the tender white flesh of my back when I am suddenly debilitated by an ache in my groin. I have been wounded in the male Achilles' heel that is glistening tectiles. The pain amplifies with each passing sec­ond like the horn of an approaching train. Just when the hurt reaches its apex, I am distracted by an exotic, erotic Nubian princess gracefully entering into the pool area. Her silhouette looks like a flickering flame against the backdrop of the midday sun.

I start a conversation. I steal glimpses of her for the few minutes while she is in range. I feel her standing next to me ... Time to make my move ... I look up and see nothing but clouds. I set my sights on a dainty vixen across the pool. As she unravels her bikini top I rebuke the shoulder devil urging me to scream "Fire!" at the top of my lungs. As she stretches out on her belly I patiently wait for an accidental peripheral pectoral exposure. The money-shot is right about to play out when I am physically assaulted by one of mother nature's most heinous creations -- the lovebug, a bug whose only purpose in life is to mate, get in your face, then disappear into the horizon. As quickly as she came into my life she was gone. Well, it's not the first time and it certainly won't be the last.

It's gonna be a long, hot summer of calling in sick for work, sleeping through classes, outdoor barbecues, mid-day debauchery and bikini-butt poolside rejections. It's gonna be a long, hot summer, but I do believe I am ready for it.
Slim Shady spares no one

Is there anyone out there who is safe from the lyrical wrath of Eminem? Listen to his new CD "The Marshall Mathers LP" before you formulate your answer to that. This album far exceeds "The Slim Shady LP." It appears that Marshall Mathers doesn't cut these two women any slack. Two songs in particular--"Kill You" and "Kim"--are directed at them.

"You don't want to mess with Shady, cus Shady will f—ing kill you" is just the beginning of a CD that will make his previous release look shy and tame. If you haven't heard the first single off the CD, "The Real Slim Shady," it's because you live under a rock. Eminem is competing for "pop" airtime with all the "ill girl and boy groups" that he despises, whether he likes it or not, and he is giving them a run for their money.

He bashes a lot of people, besides his loved ones, on this record. Most notably slammed are Christina Aguilera, Britney Spears, New Kids on the Block, Insane Clown Posse and N'Sync. "New Kids on the Block sucked a lot..." well, you can guess where that one goes.

Three notable songs are "Who Knew," "Marshall Mathers," and "Criminal" in which Eminem raps about the prices of fame, his influence on people, and how he's just a "regular guy." He also points out that even though people think he has skewed values, the president of our country got busy in the oval office with an intern.

By far, the standout track on this album is "Stan." Eminem skillfully raps about an obsessive fan that wants to emulate him so badly that it scares the artist himself. The chorus is taken from a track on UK artist Dido's CD called "Thank You." She will undoubtedly receive a lot of attention for her haunting voice on this song.

Other performers that contribute lyrical talent to this release are Dr. Dre (who also produced both of Eminem's CDs), RBX, Stickey Fingaz, D-12 (or the "Dirty Dozen"), Snoop Dogg, Xzibit, and Nate Dogg.

If you were offended by his first major release then stay away from this one because you could be mentally scarred for life. Some messages may be a little different, he does focus on his success a lot, but the underlying theme remains the same and his middle finger is still waving in the air.

Anyone with a sense of humor can appreciate some of Em's messages enough to ignore the more hateful ones (that he claims not to mean anyway) will really enjoy this CD. Its beats and smart rhymes are worth every value you may think you're sacrificing upon purchasing it.

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Wet N Wild Summer Nights

Patty Canedo
STAFF WRITER

Is the summer heat driving you crazy? Need somewhere to cool off? You can chill out at one of Orlando's coolest spots, Wet N Wild.

From the top of the "Blackhole" tunnelled waterslide to the lazy river that surrounds the park, you can shake off the dreary days of the blistering heat. But for those of you who have to spend the day in class or in the daily grind, Wet N Wild is holding its exciting event now in its 13th year.

Summer Nights is a special offer from Wet N Wild, which extends the hours of the park till 11pm, as well as adding some specialty attractions. Every night the park will be filled with DJs, music, games and ultimate adventures. In the midst of all the waterslides, you can climb up a 24ft Rock Climbing Wall or bounce on the Bungee Trampoline. For all those who can't get away from your daily obligations till later in the evening, Wet N Wild offers a discounted ticket price after 5pm.

The Summer Nights aren't the only exciting thing going on at the waterpark. June 23 marked the 1st annual Fiesta San Juan celebration. In celebration of the festivities just began to warm up, the rain began to pour down. But in any event, the Summer Nights promotion will continue through August 4, rain or shine.

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History comes to life on the big screen

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Mel Gibson is at it again, reprising his role as a freedom fighter, but kicking the movie won’t surprise anyone who took U.S. History, but the usual Hollywood twists and turns make this movie emotional adventure.

Gibson plays Benjamin Martin, an ex-warrior turned pacifist who wants nothing more than freedom from Britain, but his seven children to join the war effort. His oldest son Gabriel, played by Heath Ledger (“10 Things I Hate About You”), exists without his father’s permission to fight for this cause that he so vehemently believes in.

When the Martin family plantation becomes a battleground for the soldiers to fight on, a British redcoat colonel (Jason Isaacs) ups the balance of their quiet, farming life. Benjamin Martin seeks revenge and starts a rebel militia to fight more for his own cause than his country’s.

As the story and war progress, with more plot twists, Martin realizes that the country’s freedom is worth fighting for, even if it’s revenge has to take the backseat for a little while.

This movie was written by Robert Rodat, who also penned “Saving Private Ryan,” so the battle scenes are extremely bloody, but still very moving. But unlike “Ryan” which was kept rather simple, plot-wise, “The Patriot” adds romance that doesn’t really have a place in this movie and could have easily been left out to shorten this three-hour epic adventure.

Although none of the main characters (aside from the British General Cornwallis) were written about in the history books, some were based on real people. Gibson’s Benjamin Martin is a mixture of many historic patriots, and Isaac's character Colonel Tavington was based solely upon Colonel Banastre Tarleton, who was nicknamed “Bloody Ban the Butcher” because of his immoral, gruesome fighting tactics.

It was interesting to see this movie that Mel Gibson chose over “Gladiator” (he was first in line for Maximus). No one will ever know for sure if he made the right choice by playing a character that’s reminiscent of his famous “Braveheart.”

“The Patriot” is emotional and inspiring. Martin brings patriotism out of the troops, as well as the audience, with his star-spangled banner flag-bearing scenes. At the same time, this movie is extremely long-winded and could have been made at least an hour shorter.

Perhaps it would’ve fared better with a July 4th release date. That is what is being celebrated, is it not? So, instead of setting central Florida aflame with ear-popping fireworks, why not start a new tradition: remembering why we have the day off. Go and see a movie that shows the reason this war was so important and why we should thank our lucky stars every day that America was victorious.

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Eminem will appear in court on September 13 for his deposition in a $10 million lawsuit against him. His mother, Deborah Mathers-Briggs, filed the suit last September. Eminem is being sued for defamation of character for comments he made about Mathers-Briggs during interviews for "Rolling Stone," "The Source" and "Rap Pages."

On July 7, Eminem will appear in a Michigan District Court on weapons charges from an argument he had with Douglas Dail (Insane Clown Posse) in front of an unnamed radio station. On July 11, Eminem will appear in another Michigan court at a preliminary hearing for weapons and assault charges. Allegedly, Eminem saw his wife, Kimberly Scott Mathers, kissing another man, John Guerra. Guerra filed a civil suit against Eminem for assault and the intentional infliction of emotional distress.

On a lighter note, Eminem's latest album has been in stores for five weeks and has sold a little over four million.

Legendary rap group The Furious Five are seeking a trial by jury, general damages and unfair competition. The Furious Five are suing Will Smith and his latest album Willenium. Williams is being accused of copyright infringement and unfair competition. The group says that Smith illegally used a sample of their 1979 song "Superrappin" in his single "Will 2K," which is on his latest album Willenium. The Furious Five are seeking a trial by jury, general damages and an accounting of Smith's profits. Willenium has gone double platinum.

Madonna recently bought Diane Keaton's Beverly Hills mansion for $6.5 million. She also dished out another $16 million for a London mansion. The Material Girl's mansion in Miami was recently sold to an aspiring pop group called the Burgundians. The Burgundian's publicist, Dindy Yokel, the band's sound is similar to that of the Monkees, *NSYNC and the Spice Girls.

The usually friendly Britney Spears was anything but nice during the recent filming of her new video Lucky. While shooting the video in Orlando, the usually calm pop star was very touchy. She was unhappy with her clothes and sent her wardrobe people all over town to find new stuff. She yelled at the director and had visitors chased off the set. At one point she almost called off the shoot, but made herself continue. Spears' friends think it could be the lack of attention she is getting from *NSYNC boyfriend Justin Timberlake that is aggravating her.

Drew Barrymore is left heartbroken after her boyfriend, MTV comic Tom Green, ended their relationship. Barrymore was at Tom's side throughout his testicular cancer treatment and had hoped to marry him. Green had his sperm frozen so he could father Barrymore's children. However, after Green's movie "Road Trip" was released, he decided he didn't want a serious girlfriend or a wife. Barrymore is diverting her attention by concentrating on Charlie's Angels.

Backstreet Boy Kevin Richardson married his love of six years, Kristin Willits, on June 17 in Lexington, Ky.

Richardson met Willits at Disney-MGM Studios in 1993. She was a dancer in the "Beauty and the Beast" show. He was performing as a Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle. Their first meeting was in the employee cafeteria. John Willits, father of the bride, said: "It was a beautiful wedding. They were made for each other. They've both done very well."

Meg Ryan and Dennis Quaid have separated after almost 10 years of marriage. Their publicist, Lisa Kasteler, declined to say whether or not the couple will divorce and asked that the couple have privacy during this difficult time. Ryan and Quaid first met in 1987.
In April, alleged Disabled Springfield, Males, especially, Should Pedophile...

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Compelling Explanations
-- Disabled Springfield, Mass., police officer Charles Peek, 53, asked the city council last year for higher benefits based on his 1982 squad car crash that ended his career. Peek was hurt so severely that he was declared dead at the scene (only to be reanimated at the hospital), and his latest petition demands benefits equal to his full salary, which is an amount available only to surviving spouses of deceased officers. Thus, Peek appears to be claiming that since he was declared dead in 1982, he actually is his own survivor. At present, the Springfield city council had not decided.
-- Dennis Ferrer, 56, was arrested in Chalmette, La., in March and charged with stealing from the donation box at Our Lady of Prompt Succor Catholic Church. Ferrer had on him three thin rods with a sticky substance on one end, and S381, but said he was not stealing the money, but rather freeing it because the church was run by communists.
-- Pedophile Pediatricians: Dr. David Mork, 42, pled guilty in Charlotte, N.C., in March to having sex with an underage teen-ager. Although a pediatrician, said his lawyer, Siter in reality had no idea the age of this child.) And in Alexandria, Va., in February, Dr. Jonathan L. Weinstein, 32, was sentenced to a year in prison for possession of child pornography. According to his lawyer, Weinstein got no personal pleasure from the pornography, but was merely a pack rat who accumulated things; said the lawyer, Weinstein still has 'Froot Loops that date from 1995,' "chocolate pudding from 1983," "guitar strings," and "his teen- aged t-shirts."

Bright Ideas
-- In April, alleged Mafia boss Vince Carcio broke out of the high-security Valletto prison in Turin, Italy, by patently sawing through the bars with dental floss. (The prison, built in the 1970s, had installed bars of abnormally soft iron.) And the month before, Texas inmate Antonio Lara used a makeshift dental-floss-like substance to saw his way out of his cell at the Coffield facility near Palestine, Texas, allegedly in order to kill rival Roland Rios in another cell.
-- Prospective bride and groom Darrell Mainer, 58, and Kevin Rainey, 41, were arrested in Brooklyn, N.Y., and charged with attempting on June 7 to rob a Chase Manhattan Bank (a robbery they had to abort when a teller delayed getting the money). The couple had scheduled a huge wedding for June 10 with out-of-town guests, intending to pay for it with a tax refund, but when HC denied the refund, according to police, the bank robbery was the best way the couple knew to pay the caterers and avoid disappointing their relatives.

People Who Are Not Like You and Me
According to a University of Cologne archeologist, addressing a meeting in Cairo, Egypt, in April, nearly all prehistoric sites along the Nile valley have been spoiled by land and building projects, and now tourists are destroying Egypt's Western Desert sites. One of the most ruinous tactics, he said, is tourists' pouring water over 9,000-year-old paintings so they can see the features more clearly.

Least Competent Criminals
Dennis Sullivan, 23, was arrested in January for the robbery of what he thought was an armored car, according to Manassas, Va., police. In reality, it was a laundry truck delivering towels and maps to a Bowl America. Said a police officer, "Sullivan, holding a sawed-off shotgun, ran up to the (driver) and said, 'Give it up.' The (driver) said, 'What?' Sullivan grabbed a bag and ran but soon realized he had a bag of mopheads. By the time the police spotted him running for his getaway car, he was no longer dangerous because his shotgun, which was snug against his arm underneath his long-sleeved shirt, had become tangled in the shirt and could not be aimed.

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on the set of the movie "Innerspace." They have stayed together through Quad's past substance abuse as well as Ryan's estrangement from her mother and stepfather. (Ryan became estranged from her stepfather after he sold an article to a tabloid about her estrangement from her mother.)

Arnold Schwarzenegger and James Cameron are teaming up to make the third installment of "Terminator." Paul Hogan will begin shooting "Crocodile Dundee 3" in Australia. Oscar-nominated writer/director M. Night Shyamalan ("The Sixth Sense") has been meeting with George Lucas, Steven Spielberg and Harrison Ford about making a script for a fourth Indiana Jones. Spielberg would direct it in 2002. The last movie, "Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade," was made in 1989. Lucas, Spielberg and Ford had planned on making another movie as far back as 1993.
Groovy tunes: What began as an 80's summer movement has grown to an underground sub-culture. "Groove" is an independent film that explores the complexities of the rave scene, from the musical style to the spiritual journey through life or escape from it. The film follows ravers through a night in San Francisco's underground scene.

While the movie slowly makes its way through select parts of the country, you can find the soundtrack in any indie music store. It contains some of the purest underground tracks fresh off talented DJs' turntables. The music featured in the "Groove" soundtrack is filled with great dance music that'll give you a look into this increasingly popular society.

Hometown Blues: Since they came together in 1994, Blue Meridian has been playing venues all over Central Florida. Their original sound has a pop sensibility that sold over 2,500 CDs and earned them the title of "Best Rock Band in Orlando" in the fall of '99. But since the New Year the group has been toiling with its' ranks. After several auditions, the cream of the crop arose in late May.

New to the local scene, Greg David and Adam Sentz have joined veterans of the band Donovan Lyman and Kevin Kirkwood. The new band has a more edgy persona and promises more energetic performances. The stage for this new energy will be at the Sapphire Supper Club on July 8, were they promise not only new material but a very wild weekend.

Along with the recent thrill of touring their hometown, Blue Meridian's memorabilia has been added to the new "locals" wall at the Hard Rock Café. Alongside acquisitions from Matchbox 20, Seven Mary Three, Sister Hazel, and other musical greats, Donovan's 1971 Fender Telecaster and Kevin's snare drum will be mounted to commemorate the group's success. As well as displaying Orlando's confidence and pride in the band.

Reliving the Musical thrill: Sick of always missing out on big acts that come to O-town? Well you can experience the live performances of the big names in the comfort of your own home. Currently the longest running weekly concert series on television, Hard Rock Live presented by American Express captures the performances of the talent that pass Central Florida. Since its premiere on VH1 on March 30, 1997 it has included the eclectic mix of artists such as The Goo Goo Dolls, Boys II Men, The Pretenders, and lots more.

But for those of you who don't have cable there is "The Best of Hard Rock Live" CD. Released on June 20 it is a compilation of live music from three seasons of the hit show. It includes live performances from contemporary musical greats.
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For Kenny Clark, the time is now.

As a fifth-year senior and starting wide receiver for UCF, Clark must elevate his level of play if he looks to be a prominent leader on the team and be regarded as one of the country’s top receivers.

“My personal goal is to be the best receiver in the country this year, and that’s the only way I see it,” Clark said.

Clark is one of the nation’s strongest and fastest receivers, yet he states: “That still isn’t the best receiver in the country.”

Playing in every game last season, Clark caught 54 passes for 655 yards and led the team with six touchdowns. Yet, some inconsistent play plagued his overall performance and in his final year at UCF, he is taking a different approach to the game.

“This year I’m taking everything a little more seriously,” Clark says. “I’m not joking around in the weightroom. Last year I worked out really hard but still wasn’t giving 110 percent, whereas this year I’m giving 110 percent outside as well as inside.”

Currently, he says he is benching 355-360 pounds and squatting 550. His last time in the 40-yard dash was 4.47 seconds. He says his fastest time is 4.41 but he feels he can get down to the 4.3 range before long.

During this offseason Clark spent four weeks training in Boca Raton with his cousin, former UCF quarterback Daunte Culpepper, as well as other NFL and college players.

“They taught me a lot,” Clark said. “They gave me a lot of motivational speeches and it helped. It shows on the field and in the weightroom how to be a leader.”

Significant leadership is an element Clark must bring to this year’s team. He is the main offensive captain. He says that this year and because of the title, Clark’s leadership skills must be more visible. His notable understanding of all aspects of the game have helped him rise to the top receivers.

“He understands how to mentally and physically prepare for big ballgames,” says UCF coach Mike Kruczek, “which will be a big asset in helping the younger guys that have to play for the first time against great opponents this season. He’s going to have a big responsibility that way.”

These leadership qualities will be assessed when the Golden Knights begin their season against Georgia Tech on Sept. 2. Despite feeling the team did not play up to its potential last year in a 41-10 loss to Georgia Tech, Clark instills a positive outlook going into this season’s game and feels that everybody seems to be focused.

“If we can keep that up (focus),” Clark says, “the sky’s the limit for us.”

Personally for Clark, the sky is the limit as well. He feels confident he should be drafted and feels there are numerous players on the team who should be drafted as well. Yet, in order to be considered for the early draft rounds, Clark must establish consistency along with production. Quite simply, Clark must catch the ball every time it’s thrown his way.

“You can’t drop passes,” Kruczek said. “You have to be 100 percent all the time catching the football. I think if he’ll do that this year and because of what we do offensively, he’ll be a very visible receiver. The NFL scouts will see him run every type of route necessary to move up to the next level and he’ll have an opportunity to play in the NFL.”

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**It’s now or never for Clark**

Senior wide receiver Kenny Clark looks to finish his UCF career on a consistent note

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**Photograph**

Kenny Clark has all the physical attributes NFL scouts look for.

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Knight Time Summer Time on Sunshine Network will be Classic Time for fans of UCF Football as Sunshine Network will replay four of its most memorable UCF games during the month of July.

The games will air Sunday afternoons at 2 p.m. on four consecutive weeks beginning July 2. The games were selected by fans balloting on the web site intotheknights.com.

Forever to be known as "Daunte’s Debut," Sunshine Network will show the opening game of Daunte Culpepper’s career in a UCF uniform July 2.


The following week, Sunshine will air the Idaho game from 1997. Fresh off its near upset of eventual national champion Nebraska, as well as an overtime loss at Ole Miss and a two-point loss to South Carolina, UCF played in front of the largest home crowd in school history Sept. 20, 1997. More than 41,000 showed up to see the team being touted by the national media as the “best 0-3 team in the country,” rough up the Vandals 41-10.

Billed as a showdown between two of the nation’s best quarterbacks, Culpepper and Louisiana Tech’s Tim Rattay squared off in an early season matchup, which will be replayed July 16. Culpepper stole the show in the 64-30 win Sept. 5, 1998, in Ruston, La., passing for 370 yards and four touchdowns and rushing for 69 yards and two more touchdowns. UCF sealed the victory with a 40-point outburst in the third quarter.

The final game in the series, July 23, will give fans a chance to experience the excitement of UCF’s bid to upset ninth-ranked Georgia on the road Sept. 25, 1999. The game hinged on a controversial offensive pass interference call, which took the Golden Knights out of range of a potential game-winning field goal in the final seconds.

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Last year’s UCF vs Georgia game will be replayed on Sunshine Network.