Impeached president files mass lawsuits against SG members

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Former Student Body President Darin Patton has filed civil suit against 14 members of UCF's 31st Student Senate and Judicial Council.
Lauri Wharton, Ben Mongeoi, Sadye Paez, Lee Author, Jessica Jemmess, Dominick Dubrasky, Sunita Modani, Amy Florin, Jaime Halscott, Matt Bornfreund, Robert Williams, Fred Piccolo, David Siegel, and Jason Murphy face all false allegations on the following counts: Violation of Civil Rights, conspiracy to violate Civil Rights, violation of Sunshine Law (excluding Murphy), conspiracy to violate Sunshine Law, Negligence, and Injunctive Relief. Patton filed suit on March 22, 2000, just one day after SGA Chief Justice Laura Wharton's final deadline to receive Patton's second impeachment appeal.

Patton, who was elected Student Body President for the 1999-2000 term, faced impeachment in July of 1999 just weeks after taking office. Patton came under suspicion by the Student Senate after refusing to release funds that proceeding President Jason Murphy had approved a month before the end of his term. Patton remained in office until his first official impeachment on July 21. Patton then appealed the action to UCF administration, on the grounds that his due process rights were violated regarding his impeachment. UCF administration recommended that Patton appeal his case to the Student Judicial Council because they had no jurisdiction in the matter.

Four months later, the Council ruled that Patton was in fact denied due process and reinstated him as Student Body President on December 1, 1999. The Council found that Patton had been tried under all three of the following charges: malfeasance (when a public official performs a legally unjustified act), misfeasance (wrongful performance of a legal act) and nonfeasance (omission of an act that should have been performed). Because Patton had been tried with all three charges at once, and because it was impossible to commit all three at the same time relating to one charge, Patton's impeachment was overturned.

Patton's decision to withhold approved funds came after Vice President of Student Development and Enrollment Services Tom Huddleston first withheld approved documents due to questionable signatures. Several signed documents, requests supposedly from different people, suspiciously resemble the handwriting of one student. Few immediate recommendations were made.

Several suspended funds were released to Patton who continued to hold funds that included travel expenditures, which included an $1800 expense for one student's trip to Egypt, as well as several thousand dollars to finance various other students' expenses to attend concerts throughout the country. Moreover, several requests came to the senate floor by various clubs and organizations who were turned away by particular senate members who claimed that only Student Government was authorized to allocate according to the Addendum budget. However, many approved allocations were turned away by particular senate members who claimed that only Student Government was authorized to allocate according to the Addendum budget. However, many approved allocations were

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Wild pizza building may become Cyber Cafe

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STAFF WRITER

The temporary home of the Campus Police Department, the Wild Pizza, will soon become the future facility for a late-night cafe. This cafe, which will be an establishment for students living both on and off campus, is currently in the planning stages.

The student leading the group that is working on the transformation of the Wild Pizza is Karen Breneman, an art major and Director of Campus Services.

"There is currently no venue that has been created by students for the exclusive purpose of enhancing the cultural element of the academic atmosphere on campus," said Breneman.

The existence of such a place is standard on virtually all college campuses, and it's up to students to make it happen for UCF. "The establishment of a cyber cafe / exhibition / performance facility is an invaluable experience for those of us who are interested in pursuing such endeavors as a career," said Breneman.

The majority of the students who are working together to discuss, plan and transform the Wild Pizza would like to see the facility turn out to be a cultural center that offers students a place that is open late into the evening. Not only do they want a cultural atmosphere, their vision for the building includes a variety of food and coffee to enjoy while entertainment programs go on. They would also like the facility to be wired for Internet use. SGA's Senator Larry Davis is currently working with the Academic Computing Services, who are receptive to the idea of maintaining the cyber aspect of the cafe as a very contemporary computer lab.

Breneman says, "We are talking about a cafe that is open until two or three in the morning every night, that serves a variety of food and coffee beverages, that features student artwork, and offers 20-30 computers where students can have Internet access for free. CAB is probably going to have a primary role in the way of entertainment, and we talked about having a different event each night of the week- movie screenings, comedians, poetry readings, etc. The food portion of the operation, including the renovations required to run the place, will be contracted out to a vendor that agrees to a contract.

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Emerging Knights program in need of mentors

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During planning for the Fall, it was realized that the overwhelming response of students to the Emerging Knights (EK) program was more than what was originally planned and in order to be more effective and give more personal attention to the students, the program is looking for five new mentors.

As an incoming student outreach program that "keeps you reaching for the stars," EK is designed to provide incoming freshman and transfer students with the chance to learn more about UCF and its leadership opportunities. The EK sessions enable the new students to discover and develop their own special interests and

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Mentors facilitate weekly EK sessions, work with other mentors

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KESTRA ZUZI START WRITER

Every August, UCF sororities host a week-long recruitment process to acquaint prospective new members with all aspects of sorority life. This August, eight sororities will participate in sorority recruitment in hopes of recruiting new members to their chapters, Alpha Delta Pi, Alpha Xi Delta, Delta Delta Delta, Delta Gamma, Kappa Delta, Chi Omega, Zeta Tau Alpha, and Phi Beta Sigma. This is a crucial time for active members and prospective members alike, because sororities depend on recruiting all new members for the year during this single week in August.

Sororities look for members of every background and ac­ade­mic level to come back and the program because they are committed to working, as well as the chance to participate in unlimited social and char­ity functions.

"Being Greek provides you with tremendous networking opportunities while you’re in school and beyond. This can be tremendously helpful when you are seeking your first real job or making career moves," said Joe Beaulieu, UCF Greek Alumni.

UCF sororities are among the strongest in the state, with pledging quotas reaching higher than both Florida State and the University of Florida showing that there is a need for more sororities at UCF. Sorority members at UCF earned higher grade point averages last fall than UCF’s general female undergraduate average and were named to the Deans List.

Sorority recruitment events are scheduled to begin August 17. From 10 a.m.-5 p.m. in the UCF Arena where prospective new members will get an overview of events throughout the week. As of now, the dates are set.

August 18 is UCF Spirit Day from 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. -30pm, where prospective new members visit all eight sorority chapters at UCF.

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Nations were permitted to come from the Adderdon budget, but had nothing to do with the budget line-items. Patton felt that these approved funds were not an appropriate utilization of the money allocated under this budget.

On January 18, 2000, Patton faced impeachment again, when the Council overturned their last decision to reinstate him. However, between the time of Patton’s reinstatement and his sec­ond impeachment, a series of ille­gal meetings were held which sev­eral Senate and Judicial members attended, regarding Patton’s impeachment issue. These meet­ings were held in violation of Florida’s Sunshine Law, which requires that all important meetings be properly noticed, that min­utes be kept at every meeting, and that no individual may be prevent­ed from attending such meetings. Furthermore, the Council had pre­viously been advised in writing by Director of Student Judicial Program E.L. Wharton, Ad­ministrator that the Council was not exempt of this Florida Statute.

I did tell the Council that this [lega­l] action was not one of the choices open to Darin and that this might happen, before he [Patton] decided to file the lawsuit," said Jenkins. "I along with other mem­bers of administration recom­mended to reinstate Darin, but the Council voted not to do that."

SGA Chief Justice, Laura Whittington, admitted to numerous violations of the Sunshine Law as a result of these illegal meetings, as did Senate members Halscott and Lu­dlow. A number of the meetings were held four or times with Council to dis­cuss Patton’s impeachment appeal.

Halscott is also alleged by Patton to have met with Murphy and Siegel with the intent of devising a scheme to utilize their reputations in the public office of Student Body President to rejoin Patton as Student Body President," before Patton was elected to office.

Furthermore, during an illegal meeting held on January 20, Patton attempted to attend the meeting in the company of his attorney, which is against university policy. This action was taken to keep Patton and his attorney from removing from the meeting. The Council adjourned and left the room because of another pri­vate location.

Patton’s final charge is in re­gards to his violation of due process rights where he alleges the forgery of certain UCF Senate Sign-off forms and improper and inadequate allegations and affi­davits upon which his impeach­ment was based.

“A vote of impeachment can be based on whatever the senate was [as two-thirds were on it. Once that vote is taken, that’s the end of it," said Bornfreund, Chairman of Legislative, Judicial, and Executive "I.D."

Patton does not understand the rules of a system he chose to be part of. Patton feels he has suffered and will continue to suffer dam­ages which include his loss of ben­e­fits of his position as Student Body President at UCF, salary, and benefits. While Patton said he has suffered from his re­move, honor, and respect of his peers and future prospects and public disgrace as an impeached student body president, Patton has also requested injunc­tive relief, wherefore he is restored to his rightful position as Student Body President of UCF.

"The problem is he’s suing individu­ally for the jobs they’re supposed to be doing. He should be acting similar to the way we did," said Office of Student Affairs Chair­man Robert Messinger.

"Patton declined to quote on his behalf stating that it would remain in the best interest of his case to remain silent at this time.

August 19 is Philosophy Day from 12-5:45pm when sororities discuss their specific philanthropies that each chapter supports throughout the year.

August 20 is Video Day from 12-4:45pm when new members will watch videos containing important information and entertaining footage of sorority functions and events.

August 21 is Pretendials, held from 1-5pm to receive a tutorial on what their chapters mean to them.

August 22 is Bid Day set to begin at 1:30pm. Prospective new members will receive their formal bid at this time from chapters interested in recruiting them as official members.

August 30 is Post Day, where may be picked up at and returned to the Student Union, Room 305. The application fee is currently $250.00 and will be due in August 17, 2000.

"Illegal meetings held regarding Patton impeachment

Sororities begin hunt for new members for fall
UCF Students Enjoy Fast Track to Financial Aid Funds

Waiting in lines - the primary form of cruel and unusual punishment for college students. Nothing is a greater test of patience than waiting up to a line of fellow students that stretches for miles. Especially when it involves receiving your financial aid funds. While waiting in lines may not entirely be eliminated, a solution has been found that doesn't require you to wait in any lines or wait anxiously for weeks to receive your financial aid funds in the mail. UCF and The Huntington National Bank have teamed up to create the University's first-ever electronic disbursement system for financial aid funds to UCF students. This new system eliminates waiting in line to receive your money and gives you faster access to your funds. Besides serving as your primary university ID, the UCF Card has the ability to be used as an ATM card. Also, by linking your UCF Card to your Student ID, the UCF Student Access checking account, the Financial Aid Department will deposit your funds directly into your account, and you'll receive your money within 24 hours of disbursement. You even have immediate notification of the deposit, via your voice mailbox with Z-Tel. You will receive a message once your funds are deposited letting you know exactly how much money you have received.

"Having the money deposited directly into my account makes things more convenient because I know exactly when I will have access to it," commented a UCF student enjoying the new service. Students who have their UCF card linked to their Huntington account will normally receive their funds the same day that the university processes the financial aid disbursement. Students who chose to receive their funds by check will receive the check within 10-12 days of the disbursement.

"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 notice 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.

UCF Students are on the right track to receive their financial aid funds faster.
High-tech education grant awarded to UCF

JENNIFER PAT occurrence STAFF WRITER

UCF is one of 122 institutions in the nation to receive a grant from a $45 million federal program called "Preparing Tomorrow's Teachers to Use Technology." The school will receive $1 million dollars over the next three years to develop courses to teach teachers to use high-tech equipment.

The purpose of the program is to develop new courses that use technology such as computers and the Internet to facilitate learning and improve student achievement, something which President Clinton said in a recent radio address "can only happen if teachers have the training to best use technology."

At UCF, faculty will team with public elementary and secondary teachers to develop new courses. "This project will aid in the development of faculty and staff, the development of the pre-service teacher and the creation of technology in the school during internship involving the K-12 teacher," says UCF professor Debbie Mitchell, the project director. "UCF will work with several industry and education partners to develop the programs."

UCF spends record numbers on minority owned and operated businesses.

This fiscal year, the UCF invested $10.7 million in minority owned and operated businesses, a full $6.5 million more than the original goal. A project of UCF's Minority Business Enterprise Program, their goal is to hire minority enterprises for everything from construction and commodities to contractual services and architecture and engineering.

"For the second time since inception of the program nine years ago, we exceeded the overall goal," says Greg Robinson, program coordinator. "We also exceeded the goals we set in all individual categories."

UCF names employee of the month

Paula McClure, an office assistant in the Economics Department, is UCF's July Employee of the Month. "In my daily routine I do a little bit of everything. I handle the travel, purchasing, I organize conferences ... and I am responsible for balancing the budget," she says. Before she came to UCF two years ago, McClure worked as a teacher's aide in Orange County. "Interacting with the faculty and problem-solving are my favorite parts of the job," she says. "I enjoy my work very much, mostly because I work with great people."

Art on display in library

The work of Mexican artist Leonardo Nierman, is on display throughout the month of July at the UCF Library in a collection called, "Leonardo Nierman in Space and Time." Nierman—one of Mexico's most famous artists has donated two tapestries to the Library. Other exhibits on display at the Library are "Fats and Oils," "REACH Peer Education," "Executive Development," "What is in a Name—U.S. Trademarks" and "Accounting: the Road to Success."

Yet another service moves online

Most UCF students dread standing in line, much less in the hot sun. Parking Services is doing there part to try and keep students happy. Students can now purchase parking decals and hang tags online at www.parking.ucf.edu in addition to standing in line at parking services or through the U.S. mail.

On top of purchasing parking decals online, you can now pay off your parking tickets, checkout Campus Maps, and learn about the appeals process.

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STAFF WRITER

Drugs found during routine traffic stop.

On June 27, an officer stopped a white Buick for doing 10 mph over the speed limit and for having a brake light out. Upon activating the emergency lights, the officer noticed the driver began driving erratically by jerking the car from side to side and then finally pulling over approximately 100 yards later.

Three males occupied the vehicle, the driver Angel L. Estrada, the passenger William L. Barrosa, and the rear passenger Keith Ken. While talking to Estrada, the officer smelled smoke coming from the car. Along with the obvious cigarette smoke coming from two of the passenger's tobacco cigarettes, the officer could also smell cigar and burned marijuana.

Estrada stated that he did not have his license with him but gave his information for the officer to run. The officer discovered that Estrada had a suspended license and issued him two citations. After questioning of all three passengers, Barrosa was found to be the owner of the vehicle and gave the officer permission to search his car.

Back up was requested and all three passengers were patted down for weapons and asked to stand aside. Upon searching the car, a half-burned cigar was found with a detected smell of cannabis in it. Also found was a clear plastic bubble container containing a piece of aluminum foil folded up containing a hard-white, yellowish substance believed to be rock cocaine.

Several cannabis seeds were also found in the front seat. All passengers were detained for further investigation. After testing the substances, Barrosa was placed under arrest for the possession of cannabis and cannabis. The other two subjects were released and the vehicle was towed. After the arrest, the correction officer discovered a bag of cannabis hidden inside Barrosa's shoe.

Liqueur goes missing

Over three hundred dollars worth of liqueur and a four-foot steel
Kids trade guns for ‘kicks, 155 guns collected and tagged

TRAINED in their guns for new pairs of sneakers, the youth of Orlando gathered at the Citrus Bowl June 14 when Real Radio 104.1’s Monsters of the Mid-day hosted their third annual ‘Kicks for Guns’ promotion, removing 155 guns from Orlando’s streets.

The event, a vision of the show’s host, Russ Rollins, began three years ago when he witnessed a similar event, where guns were exchanged for Beanie Babies. Rollins envisioned kids trading in their guns for ‘kicks’ (sneakers) rather than beanie babies. "What do kids like more than a pair of new sneakers?” asked Rollins during the Monster’s mid-day show.

The event in its first year took 108 guns out of the hands of Central Florida’s youth. The second annual ‘Kicks for Guns’ got 164 guns off the streets.

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The promotion was expected to remove another 200 guns from hands of children, setting a new high, but was unfortunately cut short, ending at 155 due to heavy rain. Although rain interrupted the happenings, people continued to show up at the Citrus Bowl to turn in their guns, with 45 guns being collected within the first hour alone.

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Word of the event was spread for quite some time, as in previous years. Local news stations such as News Channel 13, and FOX advertised the event through commercials and spots on their evening news, at no charge.

Not only was free advertising provided for the promotion, many local businesses donated a variety of items. Just for Feet provided the majority of the shoes for the gun exchange at discounted prices, It was guessed to have been missing since the prior day when it was last seen in the dry storage area where it was kept.

The manager advised that the room was locked the prior day but found that one of the keys was missing. The key is used by the night supervisor and it is not known how long the key has been missing, Sodexo-Marriott is willing to prosecute. If you have any information about this case please, contact Detective Hugh Carpenter at 407-823-6768.

Organizational changes occur in UCF Police Department.

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On top of the enormous donations of shoes and money, such companies as Air-Tian, and Virgin Airlines donated roundtrip tickets to be given away as well.

To top it all off, local restaurateurs High-Tide Harry’s, and Conway’s BBQ provided food for those coming out to swap their guns for ‘kicks’ in the hot summer heat.

The event received much publicity with coverage from channels six, nine, and ten all reporting it throughout the day and on into their evening news reports.

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Last November I was pulled over by a Florida Highway Patrol officer for speeding. The inexplicably hostile officer interpreted a night club wristband indicating that I was of legal age to drink, as evidence that I had been drinking and accused me of DUI. I was escorted beyond the frame of the trooper’s camera and given a roadside sobriety test in 64 degree weather wearing only a T-shirt. After recording the results of my RST on his palm, the officer assured me I had failed. I was arrested and taken to a DUI testing center where I consented to a Blood Alcohol and Blood Glucose test which weeks later came back clean. I had to plunder the entire contents of my savings just to make bail.

Suddenly finding myself in desperate need of employment, I was looking for work. I attended a job fair at Universal Studios and applied for a valet parking position. I was informed that all applicants were required to submit to a background check. Rather than have it uncovered like a dirty secret, I came clean about my arrest. Despite previous employment at Universal and a spotless driving record, I was told that until the case against me was legally resolved, I could not be hired.

Six weeks would pass before the DA would recognize the lack of merit of the case and drop all charges against me. However, a clerical error would delay the remittance of my bail bond and I would continue to haunt them despite the fact that I was not convicted of any crime whatsoever. I have been prevented from working for three weeks and counting.

As I write this column, my new employer (a local traffic safety school) will not permit me to begin working until their investigation concerning this legally resolved matter is complete. I have provided them with every available document attesting to the fact that I was not convicted of any crime whatsoever, but I have still been prevented from working for three weeks and counting.

At present, almost any interested party can acquire information about my arrest. My name, face and fingerprints are recorded in the FBI’s fingerprints lab file for the rest of my life. I am currently navigating judicial bureaucracy to have my record expunged, a process which will cost me $75 and take several weeks. Regardless of an expungement, I will never be thoroughly vindicated. I will always be the guy who “beat the rap.” People will always assume that I evaded conviction by hiring a clever lawyer or because of a legal technicality. Innocent people merely accused of a crime are often stigmatized as criminals, and records of the accusations continue to haunt them deeply. Not guilty” or “Will not prosecute” verdicts. Something is fundamentally wrong with a legal system that makes no distinction between the accused and the convicted.

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Two Generations of Bluesmen Come Together

---Lisa Aplegate---

For those not particularly fond of albums that are covers and collaborations between artists, this CD is changing attitudes everywhere. The masterful talents of BB King and Eric Clapton come together for this one special recording entitled "Riding With the King," What more could lovers of excellent blues singing and expert guitar playing ask for?

At its debut on June 13, 2000, "Riding With the King" was at spot number three, just after Eminem and Britney Spears on the Billboard Top 100 Chart. Four weeks have passed and these two legends are going strong at number ten. This is an indication to the guitar style he's so good at. Fans of blues music, BB King, and Eric Clapton will absolutely adore this album. Any lover of blues who has been waiting a long time for this album. This album contains everything from classic BB King numbers like "Three O'Clock Blues" and "When My Heart Beats Like A Hammer" to the stirring remake of "Hold On I'm Coming." All twelve tracks contain combinations of both artists' experienced guitar work as well as harmonious vocal stylings. A special one to listen to is the age-old tune "Cryin Rain or Come Shine" which has a special bluesy twist like only they could bring together. King and Clapton open the CD with a bang by performing a snappy new version of the title track "Riding With the King" (originally written by John Hiatt). Other awesome songs include "Ten Long Years" and "Marry You." The title of this CD seems to be very appropriate because it seems like Clapton is along for the ride with his idol King on a journey through many old blues tunes that King has been singing for years.

The thirteen songs on this album are all originals that showcase Gordon's obvious vocal and writing talent, with the exception of number thirteen "The End of the World" which is a beautiful and haunting cover of Skeeter Davis' 1963 hit. This singer/songwriter/guitarist has a striking voice that will appeal to young and old audiences alike. This is a great lazy Sunday CD to add to your music collection.

Veruca Salt Member Goes Solo

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In an entertainment world that has recently been based solely upon studio manufactured, paper-doll superstars, it is refreshing to see someone like Nina Gordon making a name for herself with her CD "Tonight and the Rest of My Life." Since her split from the alternate-rock band Veruca Salt (best known for "Seether" and "Volcano Girls") two years ago, Gordon has been penning her new album. Some of her former band's influences shine through on this stunning solo-debut album that was released on June 27.

This singer/songwriter/guitarist has a mixed pop-alternative sound. A few of the tracks such as "Badway," "New Year's Eve," and "Number One Camera" resemble the harder hits she co-wrote for Veruca Salt. However, that is where the similarities end because the remaining songs have a much softer, "summer-like" feel to them. An example of this is the title song (the album's first single) with its melancholy and sometimes playful, Nina Gordon's style is bound to make a name for herself with her new album. Since then, she has been penning her new album.

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A new column appearing in the Fall.
X-men is a movie with a message behind it. That message is don't be mean to people who are different because they can use their powers against you. At least that is the case in this movie.

X-men focuses on the relationship between mutant characters Wolverine, played by Hugh Jackman, and Rogue, played by Anna Paquin. Wolverine meets Rogue at a bar where he fights for money. After he is kicked out of the bar for unleashing his mutant claws, Rogue follows him. It is at this point that Rogue tells Wolverine she has mutant powers as well. After a car accident and an encounter with the evil henchman Sabretooth (played by former WWF wrestler Tyler Mane) Rogue and Wolverine are taken to Professor X. Professor X, played by Patrick Stewart, runs a school for gifted children or so the public thinks. It is actually a school where mutant children can learn to develop and control their powers. It is within the underground tunnels of this school that the X-men try to stop their enemy Magneto, played by Ian McKellen. Magneto is trying to begin a war between humans and mutants for which he needs Rogue to succeed.

This movie is definitely not just a children's comic strip put into action. From the strong sexual presence of Mystique, played by Rebecca Romijn-Stamos, to the violent actions of Wolverine, it is clear that this is not just another kid movie; X-men is geared towards an older audience. This is made apparent by Wolverine's attraction to Dr. Jean Grey, played by Famke Janssen. The adult themes are also shown through Wolverine's humor. A children's movie does not contain a joke with the word d*ck as the punch line.

The special effects in this movie are not too extreme, which makes them seem more plausible. The many transformations of Mystique make her chameleon-like. The way in which Magneto's power is shown justifies why his name stems from magnet. The effect in which is chosen to represent his power is an intricate web-like white light. As soon as it encompasses his victims, the web zaps their energy and makes them vulnerable to Magneto.

Other mutants that appear in the movie are Storm, played by Halle Berry, Cyclops, played by James Marsden and Toad, played by Ray Park. X-men is the first in a series of movies. The ending makes it very clear that there will be more to come. If the sequels prove to be anything like this then they will be talked about for a long time to come.
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- The most creative example of Filipinos' newfound national mania for sending text messages by cell phones, according to a July New York Times report, is a book of Muslim guerillas fighting war with government troops in the southern islands: Ever since they uncovered documents with the names of people they said they had extended their hostilities by picking out insults during lulls in combat.

- The sudden January death of wealthy former Kansas stockbroker Marshall Gardner at age 85 created a constitutional-law crisis when Gardner's only offspring, Joe, 63, learned that his father's recently acquired 40-year-old bride had been born a male. Ms. J'Noel Gardner had had previous marriages and was registered to the female, which was honored in Kansas City, Mo., where she lives, but not honored across the state line in Kansas, where she'd gone to law school. She said she disclosed the matter to her husband before the wedding; Joe said his father was too religious to have accepted such an arrangement. The fate of Marshall's estate is still in the courts.

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Former Kennedy Lover Rekindles Relationship

One year after John F. Kennedy's plane crashed, ex-girlfriend Daryl Hannah has become re-acquainted with the woman who almost became her sister-in-law, Caroline Kennedy. The two women were close when Daryl dated John, but they lost touch after Daryl's relationship with John ended. Recently, Daryl was cleaning her house when she came across some momentos from John's childhood that he gave her while they were dating. Daryl decided that Caroline's kids would cherish the items which once belonged to her. She has to find him first.

King of Pop Sued By Jeweler

Michael Jackson is being sued for $815 million by Beverly Hills jeweler David Orgell. The suit is over a one of a kind diamond encrusted wristwatch. The King of Pop allegedly had the watch for four months. The sales staff allowed Jackson to take the watch for a few days so he could decide whether or not to buy it. Those four days became a little over 120 days, according to Orgell. The watch was returned in April and Orgell said it was scratched "and not in the same condition as when he took possession." Orgell has hired former O.J. Simpson attorney, Robert Shapiro. Reps for Jackson have made no comment.

Barrymore Searches For Homeless Father

Drew Barrymore is searching for her homeless, alcoholic father John. He disappeared from his usual whereabouts in Santa Monica, Calif. Drew is trying to help her father as much as she can. She is going to seek legal control over her father so she can put him in a home. Drew wants to do something to help, but she knows she can't give money to him because he'll spend it on alcohol. John is the heir to the Barrymore acting dynasty. He left Drew's mother before Drew was born. For many years John and Drew were estranged. In 1996, they began to have a relationship again and she bought her father a nice apartment. Sadly, that didn't last long and John was back on the streets. A friend close to Drew says that Drew is at her wits' end and that she wants to help her dad, but she has to find him first.

Sex Star Wants No Protection

"Sex And The City" star Sarah Jessica Parker recently told producers that she and her husband, Matthew Broderick are trying to start a family. After being married for three years, both of them are ready for parenthood. Executives of the show aren't too happy because Sarah's character is single. However, Sarah is the star so they want to keep her happy. They promised to find a way to work a baby into the storyline if and when it happens.

Cameron Won't Be Back For T-3

James Cameron will not be directing "Terminator 3," despite Arnold Schwarzenegger's claim that both men would work together on the movie. Cameron's business partner, Rae Sarchini, told Variety that even though Schwarzenegger and Cameron are "fabor­ious friends," Cameron "won't be directing the movie." Schwarzenegger agreed to the movie last month and strongly suggested that Cameron would direct. "T-3" will start shooting next year. Cameron and Schwarzenegger are set to team up for "True Lies 2" which is now being developed.

O'Donnell Heads Home

Rosie O'Donnell is moving back to New York. She had left the area in December and moved to Greenwich, Conn. O'Donnell sold her 130-year-old, 22-room Nyack mansion that once belonged to actress Helen Hayes before she left New York. According to O'Donnell, the problem with the house was that it didn't offer enough privacy or security. In Connecticut, O'Donnell caused a ruckus when she hired an armed guard to escort her son, Parker, to kindergarden. Now that she is moving back to New York, O'Donnell will live in a hilltop home in Valley Cottage, which is not far from her old house.

Rose Meows At Cats

Guns N' Roses' lead singer, Axl Rose, recently made a surprise appearance at Hollywood's Cat Club. Some of his old band members were playing that night and they didn't even recognize him! The once scrawny singer looked healthy and said he'd been working out and put on 25 pounds of muscle. He was wearing baggy hip-hop clothes and his hair was trimmed to shoulder length. Axl said, "I haven't been out in eight years." He then got up and sang a few songs for the surprised audience.

Oasis Singer Divorces Singer

Oasis lead singer, Liam Gallagher, and his wife of two years, Patsy Kensit, have separated. Liam told the British press: "It's finished, over, gone. That's it. Maybe I was too young, but I don't think I'll be marrying again. I'm just trying to get on with my music and be a good dad. We're still talking on the phone though." Kensit, known for her work in "Lethal Weapon 2," left their north London home in early July. Liam spent the day drinking Guinness in a hotel. Kensit told British TV: "It's over - no. I'm actually relieved. It's been over for quite a long time really." She entered a hospital last month for depression. Gallagher and Kensit have a 10-month-old son, Lennon, who is named after Gallagher's hero.

Eminem's Wife Attempts Suicide

Eminem's wife, Kim Mathers, attempted suicide at their home in Michigan on July 7. Police were called to the home at 11:30 p.m. after Kim had slit her wrists. She was taken to Mount Clemens General Hospital and later released. Em was at the Palace of Auburn Hills performing with the Up In Smoke tour, but stayed with his wife while she recuperated. Em is currently in a custody battle with his mother, Debbie Mathers-Briggs, over his 14-year-old half brother, Nate Sama-Mathers. Nate was staying at Em and Kim's home at the time of the suicide attempt. Mathers-Briggs is suing Em for $10 million for defamation of character from Em's first album. British music mag­azine Q stated on their website that Mathers-Briggs is starting her own musical career. A track called "Why Are You Doing Me Like You Are?" is a response to the allegations that Eminem makes in his music that "my mom smokes more dope than I do."

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Baseball gets Georgia Tech transfer

To getting with him and working to improve in some areas, particularly with his breaking ball and just cleaning him up and getting him to where he’s able to pitch in a rotation spot.

“We’re very pleased right now where we are pitching wise. We have some kids coming back in Justin Pope, Jason Arnold and now Brad Busbin. That makes for a really solid rotation.”

Artman would have competed immediately for UCF, and for a while he appeared to be leaning toward college over professional baseball. But Milwaukee, which drafted him in the third round, met his demands. However, his signing won’t keep Frady from pursuing players of his caliber again.

“We knew Dane was going to be a high draft pick and there was a high probability we wouldn’t get him,” Frady said. “For him to choose UCF and the quality player he is says a lot about where our program is and where our program is going.”

“When you sign players of that caliber, you’re usually going to lose eight or nine out of 10 and sometimes get one. If we can just get the one, that kid will help you win a championship. We’ll continue to recruit like that.”

In the meantime, UCF continues to feast on transfers. Joining Busbin are two talented players coming for their senior seasons. Jeremy Kerrula is a second-team All-American from Northwestern who rode 40 bases last year. Kerrula, who is from Dunedin, is a switch-hitting shortstop who has a dependable glove. Third baseman Chad Ehrnsberger has also left Ohio State. He was this year’s preseason Big 10 pitcher of the year.

These players along with another solid recruiting class has Frady optimistic.

“I think our program is one that’s on the move,” Frady said. “We’re capable of accomplishing some great things and doing some special things.”

Other players UCF has signed late include:

• Billy Shipps: a left-handed pitcher from Manatee CC. Went 1-7 in two years at MCC. He signed with Mississippi State originally and redshirted as a freshman before leaving for MCC. Will be looked at as a possible fourth starter at UCF.

• Baxter Rondos: right-handed closer from Polk Community College who led the state in saves last year. Throws in the low 90s and will be looked at for middle relief or possibly late-innings stopper.

• Ty Hansen: has two years remaining after playing at Lurleen B. Wallace State Junior College in Alabama. He led over 400 last year and will be a left-handed pinch hitter or DH at UCF.

Men’s basketball
gets Centenary transfer

Ed Dotson is determined to get out a winner. That’s why the former TAAC Newcomer of the Year says he’s leaving Centenary College for UCF.

“I felt it was time for me to move on,” Dotson said. “I want to win. We did all right my freshman year but last year we didn’t do that good. I want to play for someone who has a real good chance of making the (NCAA) tournament and winning.”

Centenary went 14-14 in Dotson’s freshman year when he was named the conference’s best first-year player but the Gents dropped to 10-16 last season after leaving the TAAC. Dotson, though, was steady in starting 27 games and shooting 46 percent as a sophomore. He averaged 14.1 points and 5.7 rebounds a game with 27 blocked shots.

Dotson (6-foot-7, 208 pounds) can play small or power forward but says he doesn’t have a preference. He’ll sit out this year to satisfy NCAA transfer rules and says that’ll be tough, but he’ll be ready for his final two seasons at UCF.

“I can bring a little bit of everything,” he says. “I feel I have an all-around game. I can score, I can defend, I can rebound. Whatever they ask me to do, I’m going to do.”

Dotson says it was the coaching staff that made a difference in deciding to come to UCF.

“The coaching staff was cool and they told me the truth, how things were going to be,” Dotson said. “They didn’t try to make it seem like well, we have to fill his head up and all this to get him down here.”

They just told me the truth.”

Sunshine Network to televise 4 road games

UCF’s games at Akron, Eastern Michigan, Northern Illinois and Louisiana Tech will be seen in the Orlando area

A CFF STAFF REPORT

Sunshine Network and the University of Central Florida announced that four UCF college football road games will be televised live this season on Sunshine Network, the university’s longtime local cable television partner.

The four games include UCF at Akron on Sept. 16, at 7 p.m.; at Eastern Michigan on Oct. 30, at 1 p.m. (live in Orlando and Tampa markets only); at Northern Illinois on Oct. 7, at 2 p.m. (live in Orlando and Tampa markets only); and at Louisiana Tech on Nov. 4 at 7 p.m. (ET). Each game will also replay statewide.

Underwriting the network’s continued commitment to UCF athletics, Sunshine Network and the university recently signed a five-year contract extension, which will enable UCF fans throughout Florida to continue seeing comprehensive coverage of UCF athletics on Sunshine Network for years to come.

In addition to the four games airing on Sunshine, the network will also air “UCF Football Review with Mike Knocie” Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. (precedes Aug. 30).

Sunshine Network will also cover UCF football extensively this fall during the network’s new two hours of nightly local sports news and features programming – FLORIDA SPORTS NEWS, premiering in September, and SUNSHINE NETWORK LIVE!, which is re-launching in September. Sunshine Network will have a reporter assigned to cover UCF full-time who will be closely associated with the program and able to provide unmatched insight and analysis with behind-the-scenes features and interviews for both shows.

In other football news:

• UCF got its first commitment for the Class of 2001 when Palm Bay offensive lineman Jeff Harper verbally committed to the Golden Knights. Harper is 6-foot-5 and 300 pounds and is projected to play tackle in college. Harper also is an excellent student and a college qualifier at this point based on a strong GPA and ACT score.