Best Buddies provides opportunities for students

James Nunez
Staff Writer

"It's helped me to love, how to show compassion and how to share good times with a person much different than myself," said Diana Bjorkman, College Buddy Director of the UCF chapter of Best Buddies.

Best Buddies, a program that was founded in 1989 at Georgetown University by Anthony Kennedy Shriver, is dedicated to enhancing the lives of people with mental retardation by providing opportunities for one-to-one friendships and employment.

Currently, on over five hundred college and high school campuses around the U.S., as well as Egypt, Canada, and Greece, the Best Buddies program pairs a student and a person with mental retardation together. The two buddies then commit to contacting each other via phone, Internet, or mail at least once a week, and getting together at least twice a month during one academic year. Together, the buddies may participate in a myriad of activities including, going to the mall, the movies, or out to a restaurant.

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A Sept. 19 meeting was held in the Student Union room 220 for those who wanted to join the program. Students who did not attend this meeting may attend any one of the other monthly meetings. For students who want to be a part of the program, but cannot make the time commitment, Best Buddies accepts applications for associate members at any time.

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Registration block party
Danielle Barel, a freshman, fills out a voter registration form Sept. 12 in front of the Student Union. SGA sponsored the event and provided free entertainment.

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Students show ignorance about credit

JENNIFER PATRICK  
STAFF WRITER

"If you think education is expensive, try ignorance."  
—Derek Bok

Many students come to college with high ambitions for a better job, and want to move up in the world, but inevitably, college serves as a valuable tool to broaden one's horizons in more ways than can be quantified. Ironically though, it is at school that ignorance is costing many college students thousands of dollars a year.

Last Wednesday the UCF Alumni Association and MBNA American team uped for a student seminar on financial success. Dean Bird, a representative of MBNA gave the seminar to help students understand the obligation and responsibility they undertake when signing for a credit card — more specifically how to deal with credit and how to avoid major pitfalls.

Many college students don't fully understand what good credit means or how bad credit can ultimately affect their life in the future. "People think it is harder than they think to fix bad credit," said Ryan Nole. "I stopped paying my credit card years ago. When I get a job I will worry about it.

While Bird contends that it is not impossible to recover from a bad credit history, it is not desirable and takes much effort. "That's a full $5,000 dollars more when the car is paid off," said Bird. "I've seen car loans up to 24 percent. Obviously you do not want to have bad credit."

If you have bad credit, landlords often will make you pay two, three, four months in advance and a much larger down payment than Mr. X who has been faithful to his credit obligations. "Employers often look at credit rating too," said Bird. "Studies show that people who have bad credit are more likely to commit fraud and steal money."

He said that they should always tell you before they check your credit, but many companies do it and it could affect your hiring ability in the future.

When trying to secure a loan or open up a low interest credit card, there are many variables that factor into the decision. Some are found on your credit report and others are obtained from the application. So what makes a person a good candidate and what makes them bad?

Creditors take in a number of factors when deciding if a person is eligible. These include ability (sufficient income considering debt), stability (residency history, time on the job, school reputation) and willingness to pay and past credit history (i.e. how well you have kept up with payments and paid off debts.)

When creditors are deciding whether to issue you a loan or line of credit, they often look at the credit report. What is on this?

Information on the credit report includes:

- Whose credit cards you carry
- What department stores you shopped at
- Your personal loans
- Who has inquired about your credit and how often?
- Any mistakes you've made

Bird says that multiple inquiries on your credit report can be alarming. If they see that you have been turned down multiple times they will wonder why. They will also take into consideration how large your line of credit is. For instance, if you have signed up for those credit cards on campus only to receive the free gift, but never closed it, it will show up as an open line of credit. Too many of these, he says, and it will affect your lending ability. It is a good idea to close out these accounts that you never intended to use.

So what if you haven't missed any payments yet or been delinquent on your loans? How do you know if you are on the path to bad credit? Some warning sings are you are unable to make minimum payments, you borrow from one card to pay for another (you actually end up paying more sometimes because the interest begins immediately), you are "maxing out" cards (another bad reflection on your credit rating), you pay late and you exceed the limits.

These are the first steps to major pitfalls in credit and could lead to disastrous mistakes. Mistakes that leave you hanging are tax liens (owing back taxes), judgment (as in a civil case), foreclosures (home taken away), repossession and bankruptcies. While most mistakes stay on your credit rating for four years, these show up for much longer.

"The first four stay on your credit report for seven years and bankruptcy stays on the report for 10 as opposed to four years for most other violations," said Bird. But he did stress, "Although it is difficult to repair bad credit, it is not impossible if someone becomes responsible."

Bird recommends that everyone should order a credit report at least once a year to make sure that there are not any fraudulent uses of your credit. Also he says that you should save all your documentation so you can send it to the credit bureau to fix any errors on your report if needed. "Generally it takes four weeks to get the information and four weeks to fix," said Bird.

Bird urged college students to set proper goals, avoid overspending, bring spending in line with goals and most importantly, make saving part of your expenses. Bird said, "It's not what you make, but how you spend it."

Roommate SURVIVAL tips

College might be your first chance to live with someone else, or maybe you've been sharing a room all your life. Either way, there are things to keep in mind to make the year go smoothly:

The most important thing to keep in mind is this: To have a good roommate, you must be a good roommate.

Be respectful of one another's schedules. If you don't like her friend post-midnight visits, chances are she doesn't like you turning on the TV at 6 a.m.

Decide upfront how you will split up bills and stick to it. Money issues can create arguments, make living together stressful, and ruin even the best friendships.

If possible, get separate phone lines. Then you won't worry about giving your messages, and she won't mind when you use up the phone all night.

Even if your roommate always lets you borrow her CDs, it never hurts to say thank you. Also just because she lets you borrow her CDs doesn't mean that her favorite movie is your cinematic interest. Anything is a hit and run game. Always remember to ask before you borrow.

Some Roommates Share the Oddest Things!

Although no one can explain why it is true that women who live together often have minimal cycles that coincide. So make sure you have plenty of Player's tampons on hand to share with your roommate. That way if your periods do coincide, you'll both be really comfortable - and easier to get along with.

Have fun together. Encourage each other to get out and explore your surroundings. Go for a walk, study in a local park, or press a concert or museum exhibit. Take pictures of your adventures - because college years are the best years.

Realize that most disagreements, whether they are about phone time, borrowing clothes or late night visitors, really come down to respect. Respect each other's space, privacy and beliefs, and you'll be ok.

Finally remember that the school assigns someone to live with, not someone to be best friends with. If you get to be good friends, great! But if you don't, that's ok. You have to share a room, not a life.
Test anxiety is sweeping over college campuses throughout the nation as college students prepare for the first tests of the semester. Late nights, early mornings and many cups of coffee later, students feel they have fully prepared themselves for their tests until they walk into the class and their minds go blank.

This is a very common occurrence, but there are different test survival skills that can be applied to studying for a test. There are seven techniques to get over test anxiety or avoid it all together.

One of the first keys to remember is to put the test in perspective. Remember that there is always another test. Very rarely are classes based on a single test. Focus on one test at a time and concentrate. Believing every test is life or death can completely destroy a student's confidence. This style of studying is not only detrimental, but also a waste of time. The learning process can't be completed the night before. In many cases memorization of the information takes place, but nothing has been learned. After the test is over, all of the information will be forgotten, thereby creating even more stress when it comes time for the final.

Try to study for the test itself, not the grade. If focus is placed upon attention to the information and studying instead of the potential outcome, your mind will be able to think more clearly because it is not overwhelmed with excess stress.

"Even after I have studied the information forward and backward I tend to doubt myself," said UCF student Danielle Marino. Avoid negative thinking. Many students tend to question themselves even after they have studied. If all available material has been studied, students should be able to handle the test. Thinking negatively increases anxiety, and plagues your mind with excess thoughts.

Preparation is another element in reducing test anxiety. The more preparation that is done decreases anxiety while the lack of preparation increases nervousness. "The more information I know, the more likely it is that I should be able to remember it for the test," said Dalhausser. "When I don't study, I tend to be more nervous because I'm not sure of the information." Preparation can also boost one's self-confidence before an exam. By knowing the material, the mind feels more at ease. Confidence helps students keep from questioning themselves.

"After I have studied for a test, I feel better about my knowledge. I know I studied and therefore I feel ready for the test," said Marino.

Students should avoid cramming. Many students believe that they can 'cram' all of the information for a test into one night of studying. This style of studying is not only detrimental, but also a waste of time. The learning process cannot be completed the night before. In many cases memorization of the information takes place, but nothing has been learned. After the test is over, all of the information will be forgotten, thereby creating even more stress when it comes time for the final.

Make sure to review any and all information given out by the professor. Studying from more than one source can reiterate the information and make it easier to understand. Read through your notes, book and go over any other materials that were used in class such as pictures, slides, maps, or charts.

Finally, on the day of the test avoid 'stressful situations' such as arriving late or being near people with high anxiety. Try to arrive early to class to avoid the stress caused when in a rush.

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The general rules really aren't that tough to master, some students say. Mutual respect, communication, honesty, and first patience are some key components to keep in mind, according to UCF students. Actually there aren't any official rules. Students claim to mostly make them up as they go along and hope things work out.

UCF student Kristy Sciarrotta, admitted she doesn't always know the answers. She asked, "What about trust?" Do you start with 100 percent trust at the beginning, or have to build up to that as the relationship progresses?" Mike McKee answered her saying, "Oh, definitely, you have to build up to that level of trust." One thing is for sure though, any relationship, especially a romantic one, in hard work to maintain. With UCF having 55 percent female and 45 percent male students, it may seem that guys have the advantage. Student James Howard said, "Well, I just got out of a two year relationship, so my opinion right now might be a little bitinger." He also added: "But seriously, trust has got to be the most important. It's also important to keep things new; seeing the same person everyday - you've got to keep it spicy." Keeping things spicy and the romance alive is sometimes challenging, especially in a long-term relationship, said Howard. Sciarrotta also said, "The most important thing is to realize that you can never change a person. If somebody can't accept you for who you are, and vice versa — then don't even try to make something work."

As long as both partners keep the channels of communication open, are honest and have a mutual respect for each other they are taking the right steps toward a healthy relationship.

On Sept. 18 Dr. Robert Harmon from the UCF Testing and Counseling Center spoke in the Student Union on tips for maintaining healthy relationships. This was the first in a series of 10 programs, free for students, put on by the center every Monday from 7:30-9:30 p.m.

Harmon said, "It's a new venture for us, and we're trying to do something proactive by speaking on issues that students come to us about." Harmon stressed the importance of communication skills. He said, "Many people begin relationships without the first idea of how to relate to another person. You have to master that first."

For more information on the Counseling and Testing Center or for upcoming programs contact Dr. Robert Harmon at (407) 823-2811.
Ovarian cancer, the silent killer

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This year over 25,500 women of all ages will be diagnosed with ovarian cancer and over 14,500 will die. Early detection makes a woman's chance of survival four times greater. Being informed can save the life of a mother, grandmother or girlfriend.

Ovarian cancer is the deadliest of all the female reproductive system cancers because it seldom causes symptoms that women notice or recognize. Often the symptoms are misdiagnosed as intestinal illnesses or menopausal ailments. As a result, almost 70 percent of women are not diagnosed with ovarian cancer until it is in advanced stages.

For this reason recognizing risk factors, forms of prevention and symptoms are essential in fighting this disease.

In most cases, women between the ages of 50 and 75 are the ones affected, but this does not mean young women should not worry. Most young women are uninfomned and therefore feel they are and will be the exception to the rule.

Jen Schneider, a student at Valencia Community College says, "I don't know anyone who has had cancer or died from it... I don't worry about it. I am just one of those naive people that thinks it won't happen to them."

Knowing the risk factors can serve as a preventative tool for young women. They include:

- Family history of the disease
- Early menstruation
- Exposure to talc (frequently used douches, condoms, dusting powder containing talc used in the genital area)
- Obesity
- History of infertility
- Never having children
- History of breast, endometrial or colorectal cancer
- Late menopause

In addition to being informed about risk factors, oral contraceptives are an effective form of prevention. According to the National Ovarian Cancer Association, if taken for more than five years, birth control pills can reduce the risk of ovarian cancer by 50 percent. Taken more than 10 years, the rate of occurrence drops another 25 percent.

A low calorie and/or low fat diet, breast feeding, pregnancy, tubal ligation and hysterectomy all reduce the risk of ovarian cancer as well.

Once cancer has begun to develop in the ovaries, early detection is imperative for survival. It is detected in the beginning stages, the survival rate increases from 15 percent to 80 percent. Early detection is not common. According to the National Ovarian Cancer Coalition, "almost 70 percent of women with ovarian cancer are not diagnosed until the disease is advanced in stage. The five-year survival rate for these women is only 20 percent." In an annual rectovaginal exam, transvaginal sonography and a blood test can help detect the disease, but there is no diagnostic test.

While early detection improves successful treatment of the disease, early cancer of the ovaries rarely cause symptoms that women notice or recognize. Symptoms include:

- Chronic intestinal complaints such as gas, nausea and indigestion
- Frequent urination
- Pain during intercourse
- Weight gain or loss
- Abdominal swelling and/or pain
- Bloating and/or a feeling of fullness

There are four stages of ovarian cancer. In the first stage, the cancer is limited to the ovaries. In the second stage, growth of the cancer involves one or both ovaries and extends into the pelvic region. The cancer can spread beyond the pelvis and to the lining of the abdomen or to the lymph nodes in the third stage. In the final and most advanced stage of the disease, cancer cells are found in the fluid from the cavity, which surrounds the lungs.

The National Ovarian Cancer Association says 60 percent of ovarian cancer cases are fatal with women dying within five years. Licensed Health and Bodywork Professional Terrie Murray attributes this phenomenon to the large amount of blood vessels in the pelvic region. "Because of the rich blood supply to the abdomen, the likelihood of spreading to other parts of the body is much greater. That's why often times it is too late when a woman is finally diagnosed," says Murray.

Although ovarian cancer affects only women, thousands of husbands, fathers and sons endure a huge financial and emotional burden each year. By being informed about risk factors, symptoms and methods of prevention, hundreds of lives can be saved each year.

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Proper preparation used by students to overcome test anxiety

Follow a study schedule or make plans to study prior to the test. Successful students tend to spend a couple hours a night studying. With the proper preparation, study skills and the right mind-set college students can become successful test takers without excess anxiety. "Changing the way you view a test and applying proper study habits can make things a little less stressful and much more bearable," said Marino.

If you think you need help with test anxiety, there will be a meeting held by the counseling and testing center on study and test taking skills Sept. 25 at 7:30 p.m. in the Student Union, Key West, Room 218C.

Campus Briefs: A look at what's going on around campus

JENNIFER PATTERSON STAFF WRITER

Peace in the Middle East?
Hosman Sadri, a professor of political science at the University of Central Florida has won an $11,500 Fulbright Research Scholarship to see if an economic union similar to Europe's is possible.

In the summer of 2001, Sadri will go to interview government officials in the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Qatar and Iran to interview government officials, business leader and leaders and ministers of trade, commerce and foreign officials. He is asking ways they think the various countries can cooperate, given the political and military realities of the region.

According to Sadri, cooperation in the region has already begun in many ways. The countries have worked together on smuggling interdiction and environmental protection.

"Sometimes," Sadri concludes, "you can create peace by bringing countries together to cooperate on simple issues."

UCF Art Department Announces New Chair
Ke Francis is the new chair of UCF's Art Department. As department chair, Francis has already sketched plans for the department. The first priority has to be to successfully accommodate enrollment growth while maintaining our high educational standards," he says.

The Board of Regents has approved a Master's degree in animation and graphic design. "This would be the first master's program in the Art Department and it is something which we have given a high priority."

His time at UCF began five years ago when he was appointed director for Friends of UCF Art Inc. Flying Horse Editions, a non-profit program that brings visiting artists to campus and does collaborative book and print projects.

Good Investment
A 1999 study requested by the Florida Office of Tourism, Trade and Economic Development shows there was a big payoff for the state's investment in the Florida High Tech Corridor - via UCF and the University of South Florida. The $6.8 million spent to support technology transfer and growth from the Space Coast to Tampa in one year generated more than $15.7 million, at least 155 jobs and $9.5 million in private sector matching investments.

Practice for the Graduate School Exams
Saturday Sept. 30, the Pre-Professional Medical Society of UCF is sponsoring a practice MCAT, GMAT, GRE and LSAT. The cost is $55 and is sponsored by The Princeton Review. It will be in the Math & Physics building. The MCAT will be held from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. and the GRE, GMAT and LSAT will be from 1 a.m. - 1 p.m. To register call (407) 647-6010 or 1-800-2-REVIEW.

Healing Lotion
Walter Zuluaga, a telecommunications technician for Facilities Planning, has developed a healing lotion that he hopes to license to a herbal products company. Forty years ago, Zuluaga had the opportunity to learn the herbal secrets of a Tikuna Indian chief while volunteering for the Peace Corp in the jungles of Brazil and Columbia.

That knowledge and years of formulation are the basis for the lotion he has patented. Zuluaga claims the blend of extracts from the chili plant and a weed that grows in the tropics "works as [an anti-inflammatory] and could potentially be used to treat carpal tunnel syndrome, tennis elbow, and poor blood circulation. I have used it myself and have had many friends and family members use it. We feel it works for us," he says.

Hole-in-One
The LEAD Scholars Program will be having a golf tournament Sunday, Sept. 24, at Twin Rivers Golf and Country Club to help raise money to support the program. It is $60 for UCF employees and includes a continental breakfast, deli buffet, golf fees, carts and range balls. Tee off is 7:30 a.m., with a four-person scramble with a shotgun start. Those who need to sharpen their skills before playing the tournament can pay $12 for a 40-minute, pro-taught golf clinic at 9 a.m. Breakfast and the buffet will also be available for $3 and $9.50 for clinic attendees. For information, call Leighton Manzoor at (407) 882-0021.
Fraternity gives back to IFC

KrisTa ZiIiZE STAFF WRITER

Congratulations to the Sigma Chi chapter for receiving the Peterson Significant Chapter Award for the 1999-2000 academic year. This award recognizes chapters who excel in all areas of operation, including recruitment, scholarship and risk management. This award is accompanied by a grant from the Sigma Chi Foundation to the host institution. The Eta Pi chapter of Sigma Chi Fraternity donated a check for $100 to the University of Central Florida. Its purpose is to enable IFC to continue providing outstanding educational programming to students.

Seniors first

The Alpha Tau Omega fraternity assisted the 'Seniors First' organization during their annual Grandparents' Day Celebration. The event took place Sept. 10 at Turkey Lake Park from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Brothers of the fraternity helped set up for the event and participated in various activities. Alpha Tau Omega fraternity is looking forward to assisting the 'Seniors First' organization again next year.

Panhellenic rookies

Junior Panhellenic is an organization for new members of women's fraternities. Sponsored by the university Panhellenic system and directed by the university Panhellenic officer and advisor, Junior Panhellenic is a great opportunity for new members to interact with each other and get involved. The purpose is to educate new members about Panhellenic concepts, issues in leadership, fraternity ideals and national Panhellenic Conferences. The next Junior Panhellenic meeting will be held on Sept. 21 at 3 p.m. at the Alpha Xi Delta House.

Rho Lambda seeking involved Greek women

Applications are now being accepted for membership into UCF's chapter of Rho Lambda. Rho Lambda is a Panhellenic National Honor society for women established to honor those that have been actively involved in their sorority chapters. The qualifications for membership are based on involvement and scholarships. Members must have a 2.5 overall GPA and must have over 60 credit hours completed. Applications may be obtained in the Greek Council office in the Student Union Room 305.

Etiquette dinner to draw 200 plus

CEL with the requested money, and another compromise was made. To help with the event, $4,500 was given. "I am not pleased that we passed this," said Senator Robert Richardson.

CEL has spoken with the Campus Activities board about possibly getting money from them. They are also currently looking into donations from major businesses around the Orlando area.

The dinner is expected to draw about 220 UCF students, 20 more than last year. The four-course meal will include etiquette and dance instruction.

Of the 200 dinners that were paid for by CEL last year, money was collected for only 131 of those meals. Many of them were bought by CEL for V.I.P.s, or were simply left over from those who did not show up.

"I think it's good that everyone can learn to eat at a business dinner, but I think the total price they are paying for it is a little extreme," said junior, Mike Zambito.

An event location is still undecided at the time. CEL is concentrating heavily on using facilities at Walt Disney World.

To obtain tickets to the event, once they are open to the public, students must go to the Office of Student Activities. They will need to have their UCF student ID cards with them in order to obtain their ticket. Only one ticket per student will be available.

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Record Blood Donation at UCF

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After the most successful blood drive in recent UCF history, the Central Florida Blood Bank has added more incentives for September in hopes of topping August’s record numbers.

The September drive, scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday, Sept. 19-20 at the Student Union, will offer donating students the opportunity to win a reserved parking space for a month, annual passes to Universal Studios and Sea World and a variety of coupons from local food and entertainment establishments.

Local radio station, 102 JAMZ, will be on hand to bring some excitement to the drive, and pass out tee-shirts, CD’s and other items.

Each donor will also receive one of the ever-popular "BLUD-DO-NER” tee-shirts with the croaking frogs.

Blood donations for August of 2000 were up 65 percent from 1999’s numbers. The Central Florida Blood Bank collected 283 pints of blood from the August drive breaking last year’s mark by 112 pints.

The prize winners from August’s drive are: Angie Grimm, Book Scholarship; Tommy Rucks, Annual Seaworld Pass; Chrissy Bynum, Seaworld One day pass; and Franco Fernandez, Blockbuster Giftcard.

September’s winners will be announced after the next drive.

The Central Florida Blood Bank serves 55 hospitals in the Central Florida area. Each year the Blood Bank falls approximately 10,000 pints short of the blood needed for transfusions. If one-third of UCF’s students donated one pint a year, the blood crisis would be eliminated.

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ADAM SHIVER
STAFF WRITER

Last week we asked everyone his or her feelings on The Future’s Entertainment section’s column, Sexpert Advice. We asked you “What is your opinion of the column titled The Sexpert?”

And here is what you had to say about it:

It is great! She answers all my questions. (11.1%)
She provides excellent advice and is informative in her answers. (48.1%)
She is informative, but I don’t think I’d ask her about my personal life. (13.0%)
She is not as sarcastic and funny as Nancy, from ‘Nancy Knows.’ (5.6%)
What does she know about love, sex and relationships? Nothing! (18.5%)
She shouldn’t be allowed to talk about sex in a college newspaper. (3.7%)

Next week we will be polling you on your opinion of Senate’s expenditure of monies.

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Waiting tables not often rewarding

It’s time once again for things that annoy me. This time the thing that is annoying relates to my wonderful job of waiting tables. I like waiting tables, don’t get me wrong. The money is great and for the most part I like my co-workers. However, I don’t enjoy many of the people whom I wait on.

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Volunteering made difficult at UCF

As a student of UCF, I firmly believe in the numerous benefits of joining the various clubs and organizations. Unfortunately, UCF does not make it easy, and I feel it’s a shame someone who has the desire to belong to these organizations is not given the chance. I have been a student at UCF for over two years. Several times I have gone to the Student Activities Office in the Student Union trying to join several organizations. I filled out information with my name and address, saying I was interested in joining CAB. The same day I also filled out information for Volunteer UCF, saying that I would like to be contacted about the various volunteer opportunities that consisted of one day’s work. I was never contacted again from either of those visits. When classes started in the Fall of 2000, I again left a message for Volunteer UCF saying I was interested in some volunteer opportunities. Again I was never called or contacted.

Luckily the Orlando Sentinel has many volunteer opportunities, and I was able to volunteer with the Special Olympics in Orange and Osceola counties. I never did pursue CAB at UCF and am satisfied with my present volunteer situation, and stick with the organizations that concern my major, such as Student Council of Exceptional Education. I would like to become more involved with UCF, but I would not want to make it hard to do that easy.

-Gina Passini, ‘Exceptional Education’

Student disturbed by Chris’ ‘Gray Matters’

I have a few comments about your ‘Gray Matters’ column that appeared in the Sept. 6 issue of the Central Florida Future. The gist of your column was a rather unsavouring attempt at Christian basading that sounded more like it came from an uneducated layman than the person of high society that you make yourself out to be.

Your article was attempting to be a mockery of God and His followers, but all that it ended up being was a dry opinion with absolutely no merit. Some say that people who are scared and do not understand homosexuals are “homophobic”; in the same manner, I see you as a “Christophobic.”

I believe that if you have the ability to write in a published document that you should have some knowledge of the subject you are talking about. You obviously do not. That ‘A’ you finally received that you have been wanting for so long must have made you feel really smart, because the way that you speak of your ‘mental ability’ makes it sound like you are the pinnacle of man.

I am personally offended when anyone speaks of Christians in the manner that you have in your column. In the article you make it appear that you have a higher mental capacity than all Christians, and that anyone who could possibly believe in God is a fool. How could this be? I am a very smart person, and a Christian, two things that according to you mix like water and oil. If you would like to test the mental ability of a Christian against your own, I am up for the challenge any day of the week.

I have no idea who you are, what you do, or how smart you are, but I do know that from this point on I could never respect anything that is said in your column. In lieu of your stand on this matter, I was wondering if your friend Gary is a Christian? From your description of his ignorance, and your haughty judgments, it sounds like he is almost the Pope!

I would like to say that out of everyone you described in your column (less the lady attempting to become the nurse), you are the one with the most ignorance, and I pray that someday in the future you will get over yourself, stop hating everyone else, and understand what it is like to know God instead of mocking him.

Steve Lopez-Crato

-Expert cause campus controversy

This afternoon I picked up a copy of the Central Florida Future, and after briefly looking through it I found myself completely disgusted by a column entitled ‘Expert Advice.’ I have read the Future in the past, and have found it to be a reasonably interesting and informative paper. However, that column is completely inappropriate!

The letter was written by a 20-year-old male requesting advice because his girlfriend wanted to become involved in a threesome. The response he received went so far as to suggest “Try substituting this third person scenario with one involving some sort of kinky sex toy, bondage, or even some good old-fashioned role-playing.”

As I read this article, I was in shock! How could a newspaper of your caliber even consider printing this kind of garbage? As a newspaper, shouldn’t you be upholding better moral standards than these?

And I ask you another question: Is this the kind of article you want your parents and siblings to read? Aren’t you embarrassed by that? I hope so. I firmly believe that sex is a precious gift that should be shared only in the context of marriage. That is what it was designed for. However, your column has made it seem like some dirty act.

I know that these kinds of things do happen, but it would seem to me that you as a newspaper would try to uphold the moral standards that this country is supposed to stand on.

Thank you for your time.

-Caroline Weidner
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CHRIS HALE
STAFF WRITER

By the title of my column this week you are probably guessing that I'm writing about something such as rebellion. You're close, this week it's about being politically correct. And do you know what I think of it? I hate it. It's a disgusting thing that is strangling this country from saying what it truly feels.

I'm not quite sure when it was decided that it is necessary for everyone to be politically correct, but whatever decision was made this good thing needs to be straightened out. This is a form of censorship that is keeping people from saying what they really feel and act different from how they really want to act.

The last time I checked, this was still a free country and when someone made an album or they wrote something that was published in a public forum that they could say anything they wanted. If people don't want to hear or read it then they don't have to.

Well now we have a rapper, Marshall Mathers, who is putting lyrics in his songs that are offensive to people and they are singing and booing the man. At the Video Music Awards, hosted by MTV, Mathers was protested by a gay and lesbian group who were offended by his lyrics. They were saying something to the effect of MTV having a responsibility to limit what they put out on their channel so it was acceptable for all parties.

This is the biggest bunch of crap that I have ever heard in my entire life. You mean to tell me that people are allowed to say anyone for saying something that they find offensive? I just don't get it, we aren't making you listen to the music, you have the right to turn the radio off at anytime and you don't have to buy the CD either. I don't hate people who are gay and I don't hate lesbians either. When I run into a problem is that gays and lesbians seem to think that we have to pray for their decisions. I hear a lot of homosexuals who whine constantly that the general public doesn't 'treat them right' or that they are discriminated against. What exactly did you expect, the world to greet you with open arms and say, 'be love you' with a smile and cookie? I myself have faced discrimination. People often think that I'm gay because of my hair. I don't paint my toenails and that I change the color of my hair almost every month. So I'm forced to say, 'No I'm not gay!' After I say this I almost immediately get a question like, 'You have something wrong with being gay?' and I have to say, 'No, there's nothing wrong with it at all.'

So here's the other problem. Someone out there is going to be offended by what I'm saying right now. They are going to pick up a phone and complain that I'm in caboose with Satan and that this jumble of senseless words needs to be cut from the paper. Which is really unfortunate for them, because if you read the bottom of the 'who's who' thing in this issue you will see a disclaimer about the ideas and opinions of all column writers are their own and not necessarily the opinion or ideas of the publishers.

Now that I've officially covered my butt and I've managed to tick almost everyone off I'm going to give you a reason as to why I've written this. I wanted you to think about being politically correct because I see so many people who conform to this type of censor- ship without even thinking about it. Now if you think about it and you don't have a problem, then more power to you. But if you do have a problem with it then I suggest that you stand up and say something.

One of course is just this I think and the off chance that someone thinks that I'm wrong I want that person to tell me why I'm wrong. If I'm thinking that this is my stance on it. Of course people are allowed to say anything that they want.

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Krista Ziliez
STAFF WRITER

Oen morning on my way to class, on just a little more than four hours of sleep, with one eye still sealed shut, my open eye recognized one of those Orlando Sentinel distribution boxes now strangely found all over campus. Eager to peruse SGCA from looking like a Financial Waste Committee, and to prove that my Student Activity dollars have been put to good use, I was determined to read the Orlando Sentinel cover to cover, though I have found myself repulsed in a regular basis by this lifeless, hackneyed publication.

This particular morning the Orlando Sentinel (that I know and hated had lost at least a page, had a larger font, and was missing in its hold that from its traditional title.

As a closer look, sections had been color coded, sections had been removed, and overnight the Orlando Sentinel's cover page (new Orlando Sentinel) had trans- formed into a coterie with graphic- icsavy coverage. Sleep deprivation will cause people to infer meaning from things. But the Orlando Sentinel had in fact changed its look, and had turned into something a little more pleasing and a little less repul- sive that morning.

An explanation letter from the editor directed me inside to a two-page layout that described the fully detailed details, the changes and additions that had been made, in a newspaper that had changed its look since 1982.

The old state section titles are now replaced with shorter and more dexter titles.

Transportation is named Ride, the Business section simply reads Money now, Arts and Entertainment is shortened to A&E, and the Community Database becomes What's Happening. Even the Weather report has become an elaborate full-length page of color maps and graphics.

The Sentinel staff also dis- covered that every Orlando citi- zen, along with the rest of the nation discovered years ago, that central Florida's entertainment scene is abundant enough to deserve daily coverage instead of weekly coverage.

Entertainment coverage will now come to Sentinel readers every day in the Living section.

My personal favorite, a column titled Quick Read, now links both the last issue of the Sentinel's front page summarizing main stories in each section, and directs readers to the full story inside. Minor changes like updated fonts, color-rich graphs and a smaller page size gives the Sentinel a cutting edge look comparable to high-profile newspapers like USA Today.

But will their cutting edge look be matched with compara- ble cutting edge content? While the old design made my stomach turn, it was the content that really brought the nausea on.

Shallow headlines lumped the pages of the Sentinel followed by spiritless features. Coverage of issues was limited to conserva- tive topics and diversity was a concept the Sentinel refused to tackle.

But progress is being made in this area too. The existing Other News to Note section has been reformed and expanded to include South American, Central American and Caribbean coverage in addition to U.S. news under the title U.S. & Latin America. While the improvement is minor, it's signifi- cant enough to convince me that there are more promising move- ments to come in the future.

Whatever the Orlando Sentinel is now going to be something more than when the major over- haul plans began, the redesign is being pushed forward by Sentinel staff and its readers. On a personal note, reading the Sentinel has perhaps become a more pleasant experience for me as well.

Krista Ziliez
STAFF WRITER

Like this column? Want to write a column of your own? Email Krista at krista.ziliez@occfuture.com.
The catatonic state of music went back into de-fib about a month ago with the lead singer of Creed proclaiming that he was the new king of rock- roll by being pictured on the cover of Spin magazine looking as though he had been manhandled in a vat of Vaseline and lanola oil. This guy wants to be a rock star in the worst kind of way; taken seriously as a musician but only being admired by frat boys and naive women. Previous occupants to his throne include Kid Rock, Don Dokken and Steve Perry. The only thing he hasn’t done is duet in a matched jacket and sing about sex with teenage girls. Creed is the luckiest bunch of no-talent pseudo-whiners since the salad days of Whitesnake (the man wears leather parts in most of his videos for Christ’s sake). But why should he care? The public has already dubbed him sire since both of his band’s CDs have gone multi-platinum. As harsh as it is to swallow, Limp Bizkit is the most popular band in America right now. The demographic of 16 to 24 year-old males of still pending GED’s who blast their car stereo in the Wal-Mart parking lots from coast to coast have finally found a leader in Fred Durst. And Kid Rock has brought back the innocence of the 1970’s (sex and drugs at least, the rock ‘n’ roll is still questionable).

The musicians of the sixties and seventies were part of an era of self-destructive rebellion, which in the retrospect of television looks validated in regards to the social climate of the country. Today, rock ‘n’ roll is no longer from individual sensibilities but rather byproducts of corporate agendas masked in guitar riffs, heavy bass and insipid lyrics. The motive spared to attain protean wealth isn’t just regulated to the band world of pop music. Finding originality on the dial is hard when you can’t tell one Korn knockoff from another. Artists like Beck, Bjork, Radiohead, Pearl Jam, and Rage Against The Machine (to name only a few) are repeatedly singled out due to their consistency of holding on to their creativity in light of their successes if there is any good news it is that something revolutionary will happen again. Glam-rock didn’t last forever. But then again, neither did the seventies. By the way, no matter what—there is always Johnny Cash.
After a disappointing summer of Hollow Men and Nutty Professors, one might wonder if all the drugs in Hollywood have finally taken their toll on the movie industry. However, fear not movie viewer, for with the close of the summer season will come movies with substance. Just one rung in the hopeful-ly continuing ladder of better movies is Almost Famous, which opens September 22 nation-wide. The film is the latest by acclaimed writer/director Cameron Crowe (Say Anything and Jerry Maguire), and features a great ensemble cast as well as an auto-biographical tale which rivals all of last sum-mer’s movies combined as far as overall qual-ity. In brief, Almost Famous is a character-dri-ven film that centers around fifteen year old William Miller (Patrick Fugit). William is a bright young man who aspires to be an enter-tainment journalist, or more specifically, a rock journalist. He lives at home with his overly protective mother (Frances McDormand of Fargo), until he receives the opportunity to write for Rolling Stone maga-zine. His assignment is a simple one: follow the (fictionalized) rock band Stillwater and report about their nation-wide tour. Shortly thereafter, what should seem like simple reporting turns into anything but as he be comes friends with the band members and is pulled into their lives. He quickly falls for one of Stillwater’s groupies (or “band aids” as they prefer to be called) who goes by the name Penny Lane (Kate Hudson). It is through his interactions with her and the band that William soon discovers the price of true fame and the ends to which one will go in order to get a taste of it. Almost Famous is a very well done film. To classify it, one would have to say it is a “coming of age” comedic drama. While the whole “coming of age” and “man discovering himself” bits have been done many times before, it is Stillwater and Penny Lane that set this story apart. The comedy is light-heart-ed and fun, but at the same time no one feels like they are viewing a National Lampoon’s movie instead of a film about rock n’ roll. The scene with Stillwater on an airplane during an electrical storm is a work of pure genius. Also, the whole bit with William’s mother and her persistent reminders that he should “not take drugs” are equally funny. It is the drama and message behind the picture that really adds the most value. As previously men-tioned, Almost Famous is a movie about the music and the complications that may arise once a level of fame has been reached. Due to fame, friends begin to fade and break their bonds as is seen in many of the scenes in which the band mem-bers quarrel. In all this they forget about the art of music and what being a musician is all about. Again, the movie is mostly character-driven, which is the most effective way of telling a story such as the one in Almost Famous. The ensemble cast of excellent actors convey this message to the audience in a flawless approach. The relationships between all the characters are believable, which further adds to the film rather than making it hokey beyond belief. To start, the band members and the conflicts they undergo with one another feel real rather than some-thing scripted. The fights that occur between the singer Jeff Bebe (Jason Lee) and the lead guitarist Russell Hammond (Billy Crudup) are not believable and add to the message behind the film itself. Speaking of these two actors, both are brilliant in their roles. Billy Crudup once again proves himself to be a nat-ural actor while Jason Lee plays his character flawlessly in his best performance since Chasing Amy. The relationship that most stands out is the love triangle between William, Russell and Penny Lane. The three friends really exemplify what the movie is about, which is no great surprise since they are the three central characters. As the story unfolds, each of them has to deal with a sepa-rate but at the same time interrelated issue. For William it is disillusionment, Penny it is lost emotion, and Russell the price of fame. As before, Billy Crudup does a standup job, while Kate Hudson is perfect as a woman who is seemingly happy but is deeply hurt­ing on the inside. Patrick Fugit is a sort of mixed bag. Most of the time he is decent, but on some occasions he can overact or sound too rehearsed. Needless to say, he is not as bad as Kevin Reaves or anything. Almost Famous leaves all its summer brethren blowing in the wind. Cameron Crowe adds to his list of top-notch achieve­ments through the use of good story, great ac­tors, believable characters, and a completely solid message. Also, the soundtrack features some great tunes from the 70s era. The only dark spot in the film: Jason Lee is awesome and deserved more screen time! Of course, he did get fourth billing, but all the same I had hoped to see him in more scenes than he was in. At any rate, Almost Famous is a must see fall flick, a movie that both entertains and makes people come out of the theater with that good, “I just saw Rocky” feeling.

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CENTRAL FLORIDA TALENT SOARS

After long hours of school and work, one can only hope to end the day with something fun. The show at Midtown Tavern on Sept. 15 was a great ending to the day. Four bands from all around Central Florida came together to play a night of great music. Midtown Tavern, located on 1792 and Fairbanks, has a very relaxed and intimate atmosphere. It’s a great place to see a show, or to sit down, have a beer and talk with friends. It’s laid back, and the bands all play on the floor. On Wednesday, it’s college night with drink specials all night long.

The night started off with a band called Hopsing. Their sound has a really nice dose of old school punk, with hints of hardcore and a tinge of ska. This was my first time seeing them, and they were impressive. Hopsing played a short 25-minute set. I definitely hope to hear more from them in the future.

The next band to play was The Hybrids. These guys flat out blew me away. It’s a shame that I haven’t had the opportunity to see them before tonight. The music is fast, catchy and very similar to The Misfits, who happen to be one of my favorite bands. The vocals resemble Danzig a lot, and they put on a really good show. If you are interested, they are playing at the Back Booth (formerly Java Jabbers) this Saturday, Sept. 23 with Blue Flame Combo.

Third was another local band, Unfisted. I have seen them a few times now, and they are awesome every single time. Seeing them makes me realize how much talent we have right in our own backyards. Unfisted has a sound that I describe as “hard-edged alternative.” They are so original that I don’t even feel comfortable comparing them to anybody. You can catch them playing local shows around Orlando all the time.

By this time, it was 12:15 a.m. After being up since 7:30 a.m. the day before, I was getting really tired. Luckily, the last band to play was Blue Flame Combo, so I knew I we were all in for a good show. Even after driving an hour and a half from St. Petersburg to come play the show, they were better than ever. Even at 1 a.m., they had the entire crowd standing up and dancing to their songs. Blue Flame Combo plays a mix of rockabilly and pop punk and features the guitarist of Rocket 88. The bassist plays a stand up bass, and together they have an amazing sound of their own.

Both Unfisted and Blue Flame Combo just put out CDs recently, and they are both worth a listen. There is a lot of talent in Central Florida, and it’s too bad that a lot of people are missing it. Some of the clubs downtown just keep booking the same three or four bands over and over again, and it gets annoying when you notice on their schedule that the same bands are playing yet again. What I really like about Midtown Tavern is that they are extremely open minded about having all kinds of music there. Anything from gothic or industrial, to punk, to rockabilly to alternative. Every time I go there, I always walk out having had a good time. The music on the jukebox between bands is also great. There are not many venues that have jukeboxes, and not many jukeboxes that play old Social Distortion and Misfits tunes. It was a great show, and I hope more people start supporting the local scene. Central Florida truly has some amazing bands. It’s just hard to find them sometimes.

In last week’s issue, the phone number for the store Echo Exchange was misprinted. The correct phone number is: (407) 381-3344. We apologize for any confusion this may have caused.

**CENTRAL FLORIDA FUTURE**

www.UCFfuture.com • September 20, 2000
Someone once said "Those who can, do. Those who can't, teach." Obviously this person has never been to the annual UCF Faculty Art Show. In case you aren't an art major, the Faculty Art Show is a chance for the University's art instructors to show that they can walk the talk, not just talk the talk. And do they ever. The pieces housed in the UCF Art Gallery are a visual testament to the talent and creativity embossed in our own very own art department.

Ranging from sculpture to painting, etching to computer graphics, a variety of mediums are tackled and infused with life. The works display an intense imaginative freedom that many would swear was missing from culturally-starved Orlando, FL.

Walter Guadagni's piece 1981 - 2001: Art, Space, Appetites is one of the most profound works in the show. Combining large canvases and ladders, and using only shades of white, black and red, Guadagni has created a masterful look at man and his ability (or inability) to bridge the past and the future. His minimalist renderings of man alongside technology strike a strong chord of the techno-inflation of man, mind and spirit in the ever-growing digital age.

Chuck Abraham's digital illustrations (with the help of Adobe Illustrator) of Will Rogers (King of the Cowboys) and Nat King Cole (King of Swing) showcase what the digitally-minded have long known: a computer program can be as powerful as a paintbrush or a mound of clay in the hands of an artist. The streamlined beauty of his pieces demonstrate exactly what can be done with the skillful combination of technology and imagination.

The works of Kevin Hunter's Impression/Expression Series are a captivating and surreal look at everyday life. His beautiful, engaging use of color partnered with his Renaissance-master drawing skills invite the viewer to look at his world, and the items that comprise it, in an entirely different way. The series challenges the eye to view shape, form and line for its own sake and to revel in its boundless energy and potential. Have you ever read a piece of literature that challenged you by not allowing itself to be dumbed down? Well, this is art that challenges you and your intellect in that same way.

It would be quite easy to fill this newspaper from cover to cover about individual pieces of artwork and the thoughts that go along with them. These ideological musings are just the views of one student. But that's the beauty of art. The invitation from artist to viewer to step into a world where thoughts and ideas freely roam. No boundaries. No rules. No commercialism. No music videos. As teachers, these faculty participants can only hope to impart this to their students. With this show, they have succeeded. True personal expression, digging deep into your soul and putting it out there to challenge the world, these are things that wouldn't be found on "Survivor." This may actually come as a shock to most students (myself included) who thought that teachers just, well...taught. But Ke Francis, Robert Rivers, Kevin Hunter, as well as the other faculty members in the show, are injecting this university with a much-needed dose of style and sophistication, and giving us something other than our "Number 1 Greekness" to be proud of here at the good ol' U of CF.

Someone once said "The next time someone's teaching, why don't you get taught?" After seeing this art show, one can honestly say, "Those who can, are doing. And they're our teachers."

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Aries (March 21-April 19). You're lookin' good on Monday, but don't get cocky. An overlooked detail could cause an awesome mess at work. Curtail travel plans on Tuesday and get what you want from a friend nearby, instead. Don't let your mate or partner talk you into doing something that will make your workload harder on Wednesday. Thursday should be productive, especially if you're working at home. Domestic disputes could interfere with your concentration Friday. Give up, and you'll get more of what you want over the weekend. Fun!

Taurus (April 20-May 20). Something that looks like a good deal on Monday could be a risky proposition. Move slowly and carefully if your money's involved. If your sweetheart's money's involved, wait until Thursday. Then, something a loved one suggests you get, for the home, will be a better buy. It's a combined effort.

Gemini (May 21-June 21). Start the week by finishing old projects. You'll feel better once that's done. Travel, or at least try something new, on Tuesday. On Wednesday domestic demands limit your range; you may have to stick close to home. The solution you've sought to a household problem should show up late Wednesday or Thursday. Don't spend too much. The most likely conflict on Thursday and Friday is an argument with a loved one about money. The weekend looks like a good time to kiss and make up, and an educational game would help.

Cancer (June 22-July 22). A misunderstanding complicates matters on Monday. Take care. Expect a disagreement about priorities on Tuesday; better set your own. Another's suggestion could fall flat on Wednesday, so don't just do what you're told. Use your common sense, and you'll win admiration by Thursday. Being patient with a talkative loved one may be hard on Friday, but finding a bargain over the weekend helps take the pressure off.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22). A gamble could work early Monday, but the timing's tight. Save your money on a risky deal. Friends and lovers compete for your attention on Tuesday, much to your delight. Stick with a partner you trust. Another long shot early Wednesday's likely to fail. Too risky, better wait. What looks like a great deal could turn sour by Friday. You're going into a learning phase over the weekend, however. Ask questions and read a lot, and you'll find all sorts of great answers.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're getting some money-making offers from Monday through Wednesday, but you're not enthusiastic about doing the work that's required. Is it the work or the person you'd have to work for? A conversation with a good friend late Wednesday or Thursday could help you set priorities. Don't follow a friend's purchasing recommendation Thursday or Friday, however. It's apt to be way more expensive than either of you expected. You're more likely to find a good deal far away on Saturday and Sunday. CONTINUED ON PAGE 23
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Dear Sexpert,

My roommate is seeing this guy who has his scrotum and penis pierced. My concern is for my roommate: when she decides to sleep with him, does he need to use a special condom? My other concern is that be is gauging the piercing in his scrotum. What kinds of problems will this yield for him and/or her?

-Mother, 20, female

Dear Wondering,

I did some research about this seldom discussed topic, and I found that your friend's safety depends greatly on which "type" of piercing this guy has. For instance, the scrotum piercing really shouldn't be harmful to either of them during sex, depending on how close the placement of the jewelry is to the penis. The ones that would present the biggest problems are the ampullangi (horizontally through the head), the apadravya (vertically through the head) and the deep shaft (which, as the name implies, is through the middle of the shaft vertically). It should be noted that other types of piercings (the more common Prince Albert and reverse PA through the urethra) might also be harmful. Great care should be taken with any genital piercing when contemplating sexual intercourse.

Your concerns for him being able to wear a condom are valid ones. These types of piercings have a nasty habit of breaking condoms if and when the pierced one attempts to put one on. I say "if and when" because this seems like it would be another reason some couples might use to avoid wearing a condom altogether. And there is a large chance of breakage that your roommate needs to consider: is this guy worth risking contraction of an STD? You aren't their mother (though they should be thankful to have someone that cares as much as you do), but I would recommend strongly and repeatedly that they both avoid him before engaging in any risky bedroom behavior. The condom they should use, after they are tested and come out clean, is the type with a reinforced tip, or even a larger reservoir tip. It's not fail-proof, but certainly safer than the normal kind of condom for this situation.

As for the boyfriend "gauging the piercing in his scrotum," I have never heard of this attempted before. My greater concern is why would someone do this to himself? Piercing it should not be enough to cause problems (though they should be thankful to have someone that cares). However, if he is adventurous enough, but not actually at the bottom of the pain scale, try having sex with the genital jewelry removed (but leave the condom on because you never know). Given enough time, this pierced hole should be safe from closing up for an hour (or sometimes more) without the stud in place.

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LEAD STORIES

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- Among recent news reports of stupendously high real estate prices in the San Francisco area: a plain three-bedroom house in a nice Polo Alto neighborhood, offered for $3.5 million (renting for $12,000 a month), and a 1,000-square-foot box house at San Francisco that "Forest Green," offered at $79,000 which will sell for much more because as of the first of September, 48 people bad bid on it.

Rights in Conflict

- Newtown clerk Mike Redina, 44, who is blind, was fired in July because an underaged boy illegally bought cigarettes from him (Hamptons, N.Y.). Chevron lost an employment discrimination case in May because its doctors recommended rejecting an application from a man with a liver disorder because the work site was a highly toxic part of a refinery, and the company would almost certainly have been liable if the man had gotten sick. (El Segundo, Calif.). Parents of Michael and Jill Carroll were forced by a court to give their son, 7, his prescribed Ritalin to regulate his school behavior despite the boy's loss of sleep and appetite (Albany, N.Y.).

Grown-ups Setting Examples

- Never Laid a Hand in: Otto Benjamin II, 39, was arrested in May in Fayetteville, Ark., and charged with second-degree battery after police found that he had been disciplining his 15-year-old son by biting him, including several recent incidents that had left permanent scars (on the ear, upper nose area, lip, finger, left thigh, shoulder and right forearm).

- Teachers as Role Models: Columbia University literature professor Edward Said, 65, visiting Lebanon on July 3, was photographed throwing stones at an Israeli military tank. Said said he wanted to make a "symbolic gesture of joy that the occupation had ended." And two weeks later, New York City high school teacher Ryan Ward, 30, was charged with grand larceny after customers had left the restaurant (on East 26th Street in Manhattan and swiped her purse. - Des Moines, Iowa, methamphetamine Eric Meek filed a lawsuit in July against surgeon Scott Neff after a routine hip replacement at Mercy Medical Center, Neff grabbed the hose attached to a fluid-draining machine and pumped itself up with moderate drinking Pied piping to the grill that the combined forces of global leaders we have the financial strength and technology to continue our expansion opportunities. Representative from BAE Systems, will be available at the University of Central Florida Career Fair on September 20, 2000.We are recruiting for the following positions:

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SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21). Getting a loan for a household item is hard this week. A disappointment on Monday is only the beginning of more frustration through Wednesday, so don't get your hopes up. Get together with friends late Wednesday or Thursday for an outing, but limit the gossip. Don't bother getting upset about something you can't change on Friday. Instead, plan to sell stuff you don't need this weekend. Getting a few extra bucks in your pockets will help make the week a success.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Provide information to a partner who needs it from Monday through Wednesday especially. You're standing a little outside the line of fire, so you're better able to dig up whatever's needed. Something that looks like an excellent deal Wednesday or Thursday could turn into a big mess by Friday. Take care, especially if you're spending somebody else's money. A social outing should be lots of fun this weekend, but don't overlook your errands. If you don't get something you need, you'll be sorry.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The money looks good if you can relax. Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Travel's more trouble than it's worth. The sun's going into your sign this weekend, so plan a celebration with friends. Be careful not to spend more than necessary. Don't get talked out of your savings. You should be lots of fun this weekend, but don't overlook your errands. If you don't get something you need, you'll be sorry.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Don't let love cloud your financial good sense. A loved one's demands could put too great a strain on your budget. Move slowly from Monday through Wednesday. You may feel rich, but you could go through that in no time at all. You can accept a new assignment on Wednesday, but don't be surprised if you find out it won't pay what you'd hoped by Friday. You may discover a partner doesn't share your dreams this weekend. You may have to come up with the winning idea on your own, so don't rely too heavily on others.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Your idea of domestic perfection could clash with your roommate's on Monday. Your career demands attention on Tuesday, so it may be Wednesday before you have much time to talk. Listen from them through Friday, but don't be in a hurry to act. It may be this weekend before a compromise is reached and before you know what to start building. You may decide to give up on one idea completely and to try something different than what anybody expected.

If You're Having a Birthday This Week . Sept. 18: This could be a profitable year. Push yourself out of your rut and go for the job of your dreams. Sept. 19: Use your experience to advance. If you don't have any, pick a career field and go get some. Sept. 20: Your past accomplishments help you reach the goal you've been seeking. After that, you can celebrate. Don't talk to no for an answer. Sept. 21: Friends can help your career, and getting a better job leads to more friends. Sept. 22: Mind your manners and have the most success of all. Be good-looking and rich.

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The four interceptions spoiled an otherwise solid performance by Penn, who completed 25 of his 41 pass attempts, and also added an 11-yard rushing touchdown. Senior wide receiver Kenny Clark had nine catches for 78 yards, while Tyson Hinshaw added 81 yards on six catches. Sophomore Jimmy Fryzel had the best game of his UCF career, catching five balls for 109 yards, including a 61-yard touchdown in the fourth quarter. On the play, Fryzel flew past his defender on a post route, and Penn threw him the ball in stride, giving the Zip defense no hope of catching him. Senior running back Eddie Mack rushed for 55 yards on 13 carries, but sprained his ankle in the game and played only sparingly in the second half. His replacement, redshirt freshman Corey Baker, showed some great moves and a quick first step in gaining 34 yards on eight carries.

After the game, UCF Head Coach Mike Kruczek revealed that he sent backup quarterback Ryan Schneider to warm up after Penn’s fourth interception, but the Golden Knights got the ball back on the very next play by way of a fumble recovery. Kruczek didn’t feel that Schneider had enough time to warm up, and put Penn back in the game. Kruczek said that he planned on getting Schneider, a redshirt freshman, some significant playing time this week against William & Mary.

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Junior linebacker Tony Hardman led the Golden Knight defense with eight tackles, while Elliot Shorter added seven tackles, including one for lost yardage. Cornerback Asante Samuel had three tackles, and got his first career interception in the fourth quarter. Junior middle linebacker Tito Rodriguez made four tackles in his first game action of the year after having arthroscopic knee surgery in fall preseason camp.

UCF (1-2) returns to action Sept. 23 against The College of William & Mary (1-2) at 6:00 p.m. in the Florida Citrus Bowl.

Kruczek thought about pulling Penn in the fourth quarter
For Mack, fifth year is the charm

was he, not Mack, who was named the opening day starter in 1999. Wait your turn.

This year, it is finally Mack's turn. He won the starting job in spring practices and held off redshirt freshman Corey Baker in fall camp. Head Coach Mike Kruczek says that Mack is "obviously our best running back right now." But being the starting running back at UCF isn't always a glamour position. Kruczek's offense emphasizes the passing game, not the running game; putting the running backs in a blocking role more often than it puts the ball in their hands. Still, Mack expects himself to play a major role on the team.

"Everybody knows that we're not a big running team, so we have to take advantage of every chance we're given," says Mack. "I think I'm progressing pretty well for the amount of carries that I'm given. I'm trying to take advantage of every opportunity and make the best out of it; trying to take advantage of every carry because I know they're going to be limited."

Despite Mack's limited playing time over the past four years, one can find his name scattered all over the UCF record books. Ninth in career rushing yards. Third in career average yards per carry. Fourth in career kickoff return yardage. Owner of the Golden Knights' only 100-yard rushing game by a running back in the past two years. For all those numbers, however, Mack's greatest asset to the team this year could be his great knowledge of Kruczek's offense. His five years in the system have taught him where he should be on the field, who to block, and when to block them. Kruczek has said that one of the main reasons Mack is the starter is because of his mental abilities, not just his physical abilities. But this knowledge of the offense has increased the frustration of a 1-2 start to the season for Mack.

"You put in so much hard work and go out there and you have a game plan and you see it doesn't work right before your eyes and then all of a sudden it works, but then we're hurting ourselves," says Mack. "It hurts a lot knowing from the jump that you can beat these guys and then from your own mistakes you lose the game."

So far this season, Mack has gained 155 yards on 40 carries and scored two rushing touchdowns, all of which lead the team. And those numbers are skewed by the fact that he sprained an ankle and played only sparingly in the second half of the Golden Knights' 35-24 loss to Akron. Mack, however, says he will be fine, and there is not a lot of reason to argue with him. Think you'll see him missing practice this week or sitting out next week's game against William & Mary just because of a sprained ankle? Don't count on it. It's his turn.

Mack is currently in ninth place on the UCF career rushing list.

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Rodriguez returns from knee surgery

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surprise for any receiver coming over the middle of the field, however, as the junior is one of UCF’s biggest hitters. At 6’2”, 235 pounds, Rodriguez is an intimidating physical presence that can bench press 345 pounds and squat 575 pounds. And his return to the team will not only help the Golden Knights from a personnel standpoint, but also from the leadership that Rodriguez exhibits, which is a role that he takes very seriously.

I just take it one play at a time and try to get everything out of everybody, said Rodriguez. I try to tell them that we need everything we got, and we just take it all from there.

Returning from arthroscopic knee surgery is not an easy task, but Tito Rodriguez appears to have come through the process unscathed. His resolve to get back on the field helped him return sooner than some may have expected, and will no doubt push him to play to the best of his abilities for the rest of the season. Which, by the way, means he will be getting more than four tackles per game.

Tribe also have 1-2 record

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and Head Coach Mike Kruczek has been unhappy with Penn’s inconsistency and failure to hit wide-open receivers. Kruczek did put backup Ryan Schneider a lot of time for Ryan in the ball game (against William & Mary)," said Kruczek. "I think that I’m going to get a lot of time for Ryan in the ball game (against William & Mary)," said Kruczek. "A lot of time may be a quarter, I don’t know. I just have to go back and look at the reason why Vic threw the interceptions that he did. He tends to just throw the thing up for grabs and you can’t do that. I love him like a son.

He competes and he does things to the best of his ability and I just have to evaluate things." Whoever the quarterback is, the Golden Knights will have a chance to even their record at 2-2 on Saturday, and would love to make a statement by blowing out William & Mary. If UCF can win all of its remaining games until the last two weeks of the year, they play Alabama and Virginia Tech, and then upset one of those two teams, then this season can still have 1-2 record.
Rodriguez makes his presence felt in first game back

DAVID MARSTERS STAFF WRITER

Four tackles in a losing effort usually wouldn’t signify a great game for UCF junior middle linebacker Tito Rodriguez. For a player who has had his best career games against the likes of Georgia, Auburn, and Florida, four tackles in a 35-24 loss to Akron last Saturday wouldn’t normally seem like a lot. But usually and normally are words that do not apply to Rodriguez’s situation.

The graduation of star middle linebacker Deandre Devine last year left a large hole in the middle of the UCF defense. In spring practices, Head Coach Mike Kruczek moved Rodriguez from his natural outside linebacker spot into the middle, forcing Rodriguez to learn a whole new position in spring and fall practices. But early in fall camp, he hurt his knee and had to have arthroscopic surgery. His rehabilitation program kept him out of practice and games until just last week; something that Rodriguez says was extremely difficult to deal with.

“It’s pretty tough when you’re just sitting there watching and you want to lead the team, said Rodriguez. But I can’t try to push myself and the coaches were just trying to do what was best. My knee feels good. It doesn’t feel tight or anything else, so it feels pretty good.”

Rodriguez saw his first game action of the season against Akron, making four tackles, including one for lost yardage. And though Rodriguez received the Outstanding Defensive Rookie Award in 1998, the team’s Big Stick Award for a bit against Ball State this season, and had 57 career tackles entering this year, he might consider those four tackles his greatest accomplishment at UCF so far.

“I meant a lot to come back after my surgery, said Rodriguez. I tried to get back as fast as I could, but I wanted to make sure I was 100 percent. It felt good out there, I just wish we could have come out with a win.”

In Rodriguez’s absence, junior Willie Davis, who is another converted outside linebacker, as second on the team in tackles through the season’s first three games. But it has become readily apparent that the team misses Rodriguez’s presence and leadership on and off the field. Kruczek said that while the immediate impact of Rodriguez against Akron may not have been earth-shattering, it would grow to be much greater as the season progresses.

“It was nice to have him out there, said Kruczek. I think it’s going to be a big lift down the road, I’m not sure how much it was in this game. I thought Tito made some plays today that were a pleasant surprise. Rodriguez’s return will not be a pleasant

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Is there a quarterback controversy brewing for the UCF football team? In an era where many teams are playing the game of musical quarterbacks, the Golden Knights have managed to stay above the fray with unquestioned starters like Daunte Culpepper, Darin Hinshaw, and Vic Penn last season. But now, with Penn struggling through UCF's first three games this year, there have been hints that a change may be occurring in the near future.

On the surface, Penn's numbers don't look too bad: 53 completions in 92 attempts for 500 yards and three touchdowns. But Penn has also thrown five interceptions, four of which came in the Golden Knights' 35-24 loss to Akron, and Head Coach Mike Kruczek has been unhappy with Penn's inconsistency and failures to connect with open receivers.

Against Northwestern State, Kruczek actually benched Penn in favor of backup Ryan Schneider for a good part of the first half. After Penn's fourth interception against Akron, Kruczek had Schneider warm up, but UCF got the ball back on a fumble recovery only a few plays later. Kruczek didn't feel that Schneider was loosened up enough yet and decided to put Penn back in the game.

Schneider is a redshirt freshman who beat out fellow redshirt freshman Brian Miller for the job of backup quarterback in spring practices and held onto the spot during fall camp. In his first collegiate game action against Northwestern State, Schneider proved that he was perfectly capable of being a Division I-A quarterback, completing seven of 12 passes for 98 yards. He did throw one interception, but also led the team on a scoring drive that ended in a field goal. After the Akron game, Kruczek said that he would likely find a considerable amount of playing time for Schneider this week against William & Mary.

I think that I'm going to get a lot of time for Ryan in the ball game (against William & Mary), said Kruczek. A lot of time may be a quarter, I don't know. I just have to go back and look at the reasons why Vic threw the interceptions that he did. He tends to just throw the thing up for grabs and you can do that. I love him like a son. He competes and he does things to the best of his ability and I just have to evaluate things.

That statement reeks of controversy, and here is a general rule about quarterback controversies: they are bad for a team. If one looks at some recent high profile examples, each one turned out for the worse. During his entire career at Florida, Doug Johnson was always a few plays away from getting the hook, and the Gators never won an SEC Championship with him taking the snaps. This season, both Texas and Alabama are dealing with multiple quarterbacks. Texas, who has to choose between Chris Simms and Major Applewhite, was ranked in the top 10 until Stanford upset them this week. Alabama is switching between Andrew Zow and Tyler Watts, and that has resulted in a 1-2 record for a team that was ranked #3 in the preseason AP Poll.

Kruczek's purpose in pulling Penn against Northwestern State was to shake things up and show Penn that he needed to play better. In the week of practice that followed, Penn looked sharper than he had all season, but then had the four-interception performance against Akron. Now the coaching staff has a decision to make. If in fact this situation does escalate into a full-fledged quarterback controversy, you will hear a lot of basic rhetoric from the players and coaches involved. The coaches will say they have confidence in both of the quarterbacks, but they want to give the team the best chance to win. Both Penn and Schneider will handle the situation with class, because that is the kind of people that they are. Penn had nothing but praise for Schneider when he played against Northwestern State, while Schneider said he was just happy to have the opportunity to get on the field. But deep down inside, the controversy will eat at Penn, who is a fierce competitor. He is the senior, the team's emotional leader on the field, and he played so well last season. He has led the Golden Knights to near misses against Auburn, Georgia, and Georgia Tech, and worked very hard to earn the respect and confidence of his teammates.

Quarterback controversies rarely help a team while they are going on, but sometimes the end result can be positive. In this case, UCF will be better off in Penn gets a shot in the arm from this, and returns to his form of a year ago. The goal of this quarterback rotation should be to get Penn back on track, not put him on the bench. The Golden Knights need his senior leadership to bounce back from a disappointing start this season, and his resurgence would give the team something around which to rally. Penn has worked too hard to finish his college career on a negative note. Ryan Schneider is an excellent quarterback, and UCF may go a long way on his right arm in future seasons, but right now, Penn still needs to be the man.
Golden Knights Win TAAC Season Opener

The Golden Knights women's soccer team continued their dominance of the Trans America Athletic Conference on Sept. 13, shutting out Florida Atlantic 1-0 at the UCF Soccer Field. The win improved UCF's regular season conference home unbeaten streak to 23 games and was their ninth consecutive regular season shutout of a TAAC opponent.

Sophomore striker Nicole Cieslak scored the lone goal for the Golden Knights, deflecting a corner kick by senior midfielder Cally Howell past the FAU goalkeeper. UCF sophomore goalkeeper Amanda Cuba recorded her first career shutout without having to make a save.

A win is a win, said UCF Head Coach Amanda Cromwell. I think we could have finished better with a lot of our chances. The important thing is that we were creating a lot. Their keeper (Molly Keating) made a couple of saves, but the finishing focus has to be stronger.

Cromwell, however, emphasized the importance of winning non-conference games as well as conference games.

Every game we go out to play we have to win, said Cromwell. Conference wins are definitely the priority. We need to start winning non-conference games to start getting noticed. I think we're coming around and getting more organized. The girls are playing better and more confident. Conference or non-conference, we just want wins.

Two Late Goals Lift Boston College Over UCF

Boston College handed the UCF women's soccer team its sixth loss of the season on Sept. 15, beating the Golden Knights 2-0 on two goals scored late in the second half. The first goal came in the 71st minute when Rachel Klemanski of Southern California scored two goals within seven minutes in the second half, coming from behind to beat UCF 2-1 Perry Beard Stadium in Gainesville, Florida. Both teams battled heavy rain and wind gusts up to 35 miles per hour from Hurricane Gordon and were forced to play on a field that resembled a swamp.

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The defense is stepping up and winning balls in the air, said Cromwell. They're anticipating well and reading the play. (Sophomore defender) Sara (McDonald) was huge Friday night and today. She's strong on the ball, like sliding to win the ball. She's doing a good job as well as Jackie (VanLoveren), Brooke (Asby), and Christie (Martell).

UCF Nearly Upsets #6 Southern California

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UCF 2-1 TAAC will play Florida State on Sept. 22 at the Seminole Soccer Tournament in Tallahassee, and will matchup with Eastern Carolina to close out the tournament on Sept. 24.

—Kristy Shonka
Want UCF Athletics...Check out what's happening this week!

September 22-23 UCF Fall Challenge
The UCF Volleyball team hosts its 2000 Fall Challenge this Friday starting at 2:30pm. Teams participating are BETHUNE-COOKMAN, UNC-WILMINGTON, and WINTHROP. Game times are Friday @ 2:30pm, and 7pm. Saturday starting @ 10am, and 12 noon.

September 26
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September 29
Want more Volleyball? UCF opens with its first conference game against TROY STATE here at the UCF Arena at 7pm.

September 23 @ 6:00pm
Come and celebrate Family Weekend as the Golden Knights get set to take on William & Mary at the Florida Citrus Bowl.
UCF hopes to get back on track against William & Mary

DAVID MARSTERS
STAFF WRITER

Back in 1996, UCF met William & Mary in what was the Golden Knights' first game in Division I-A. That day, Danute Culpepper rallied victory over the Tribe. Many things have being named the unquestioned starter back Eddie Mack about patience. Ask the same; the Golden Knights need a win. The Tribe are coached by Jimmye Laycock, who is 135-90 in his 21st year at William & Mary. On defense, the Tribe return seven starters, including 1998 I-AA All-American defensive tackle Rich Musinski, who has 15 catches for 289 yards and one touchdown. As a true freshman in 1996, he played in 10 games and was named the team's Outstanding Offensive Rookie. One of the Tribe's biggest strengths on offense is their running game. Senior quarterback David Corley, Jr., has completed 43 of 73 passes for 671 yards, four touchdowns, and three interceptions. Corley's main target this season has been redshirt freshman wide receiver Chris Rosier, who has 12 catches for 176 yards and one touchdown. Mack brings mental and physical abilities to UCF football

DAVID MARSTERS
STAFF WRITER

Patience is a virtue, or so they say. And whilst that sounds nice as an oft-used cliché, patience is not always an easy thing to have. Ask UCF senior running back Eddie Mack about patience. Ask him about being the ninth-leading rusher in Golden Knight history, and yet not being named the unquestioned starter until this, his fifth and final year at UCF. For Mack, patience is not a virtue; it's the story of his career. For each of his previous four years at UCF, Mack has been told to wait his turn. As a true freshman in 1996, he played in 10 games and was named the team's Outstanding Offensive Rookie. But prior to his sophomore season, Mack suffered a hamstring injury that hurt his chances of getting playing time and was forced to redshirt for the season. Wait your turn.

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