Students receive training in etiquette-correctness

Over 200 students attended CEL's annual etiquette dinner

Krista Zilizzi

CEL students spent the evening in etiquette training at the annual Etiquette Dinner on Nov. 7. CEL's Consultants for Effective Leadership invited more than 200 students to attend the dinner this year to educate them on proper dining etiquette.

CEL arranged formal table settings, hired ballroom dance professionals and asked UCF's string quartet to provide music at the mock-dinner event.

Etiquette instructor Julie Dem, director of the Orlando Academy of Etiquette and Protocol, instructed students on the come from very different backgrounds and circumstances, but they are united in their grief.

On Nov. 2 Kaczynski and Klaas brought their debate to the UCF Arena. The debate began with opening introductions after being set up by the mediator local attorney.

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UCF police bust student gambling ring on campus

James Nunez

After a year-long investigation by the UCF PD, thirteen people, including UCF staff members, Student Union restaurant employees and owners and two students were charged with gambling on Aug. 1 of this year. Sgt. Randy Mingo investigated the case after receiving information of an illegal football pool from an employee of a Student Union eatery in November of 1999.

"Our goal was to determine whether any collegiate athletics were involved, which there were not. Also, to see what the extent of the pool was, and if any state equipment was being used to perpetrate the crime," commented Sgt. Mingo.

The informant advised police that the average winnings exceeded $150 each week. About 28 employees made wages of up to $5 each week to enter the pool. Daryl Krogman, owner of the Sweet Treats Shop, collected the money. Suzanne Halpin, a Student Union staff member was responsible for generating and distributing betting sheets containing NFL teams, the code names of each player making a wager and their winning percentage. Evidence suggests that the sheets were being made on a computer owned by the State of Florida. Gary Campbell, the informant's supervisor, Joe Mahoney, a Marriott employee, Kevin and John Wisnewski, employees of Sharry and students Kevin Ross and Richard Simon are just a few of the perpetrators charged in the crime.

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Students seek support from Radio-TV department, only to be turned down

Maggie Gunther  STAFF WRITER

WUCF does not provide adequate media access for UCF’s 35,000 students, according to WKNT KnightCast president Sean Rugge. "Although I enjoy some of the programming, WUCF does not reflect the many diverse cultures studying at UCF," said Rugge. He said that student involvement at WUCF is much too limited.

Rugge and a handful of students have organized a club to start WKNT, an Internet radio station for UCF students.

The club met with President John Hitt Oct. 20 and presented ideas and benefits of a student-run radio station. One benefit the club proposed is making club and organizational information available to students.

"It is difficult to find information on clubs, meeting times, contact information and events. There are many events that occur on campus that I do not know about until the day of, if not after the fact. This is where a student radio station could help," said Rugge.

The station is currently operating through a donated shoutcast (Internet audio channel) from Internet audio company Zeromass. The club wants to set up funding to independently establish the station. "We are looking into many options for funding, including SGA’s appropriation of Campus Information Technology Forum (CITF) funds, private investing and community sponsorship," said Rugge.

Rugge said that Hitt supported the idea of a student-run radio station and told the club what to do to be officially affiliated with the university, including opening an account with the UCF Foundation and finding space on campus. The station is currently run from student homes. The club is seeking space on the fourth floor of the Student Union or in the student resource center.

"Ideally we would like to be integrated with the Communications Radio-TV department, being supplied with faculty advisors and offering internships for students," said Rugge.

Rugge said that Radio-TV department head Dr. Jose Manez-Cuadra is unwilling to give the club an opportunity to present their proposal.

The station can be heard in streaming audio at http://zeromass.philo.net:7000.

The club meets every Thursday at 5:30 p.m. in the Student Union’s third floor South Lounge. Meetings are open to everyone.


Internet radio club tries to start station

Students make a difference

Diana Henning  STAFF WRITER

"Make a Difference Day on Oct. 28 gave UCF students a way to give back to the local community," said Renee Blanchard, student director of volunteer UCF.

Students met and spent four hours of their time removing dead wood, small plants and tree stumps from specific areas of Fleet Peoples Park in Winter Park. This newly uncovered land will soon be the site of more equipment and space for public use.

"I think that volunteering, especially for college students is important because it allows us to really see our community. Understanding what the problems in our community are, helps shape us for our future job experiences," commented Blanchard.

Students can volunteer in a variety of ways. Organizations such as Volunteer UCF and Circle K International are a good start for college students.

Volunteer UCF provides programs, as well as one-time projects. On Nov. 15, students can help out with the Hunger Banquet. This is an event that gives a brief glimpse to students of how much hunger exists in the world today.

Students that wish to attend must sign up and bring two cans of food. The food at this banquet will be distributed according to the percentage of hunger in the world. "For example, about five percent of the people will receive a three course meal, while many will receive much smaller portions, to show students the extent of homelessness and poverty," stated Blanchard.

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Police Beat

Manager dips into store money for personal bills.

JAMES NUNEZ
STAFF WRITER

On Oct. 10 Karen Collins, manager of the UCF Campus Convenience Store, informed Scott Henson, the store's overseer, that she had "borrowed" over $3,000 from the store. She stated that she needed the money in order to pay off uninsured debts, doctor bills for her sick child and boyfriend, overdue rent and necessary car repair costs.

After completing an audit, Henson found that exactly $2,784.20 was missing. He called Neil Wykes, the store's owner in California. Wykes ordered Henson to fire Collins and immediately have her arrested.

Collins admitted to taking money over a period of a few months, but claimed that some of it was taken with permission from Wykes. This was found to be true, only raising Collins' total repayment to $3081.20.

Underage student caught carrying alcohol "for a friend"

On Oct. 12, Officer E. Lashinsky observed Mark Morgan, an 18-year-old male student, strolling through the ATO parking lot carrying a box with the words "Natural Light" printed on it.

Upon approaching the defendant and requesting identification, Officer Lashinsky asked Moore to identify the contents of the box. Moore replied that he really did not know, and that a friend had asked him to carry the box.

Two bottles of Captain Morgan spiced rum, a box of "On the Beach" shooter mix, and cranberry juice were found in the box. Lashinsky provided Moore with the option of dumping the bottles out and throwing them away or facing arrest.

Moore dumped the Captain Morgan and when Lashinsky became distracted by another individual, tried to hide the shooter mix behind a dumpster. Lashinsky caught on however and asked Moore why he did not toss the rest. Moore replied that he was not aware of what the beverage was, even though the box clearly stated 15 percent alcohol. Moore was arrested for possession of alcohol by a person under 21.

Motorist arrested for driving under the influence of Valium.

On Oct. 29, Officer Michael Johnson stopped a 20-year-old male motorist who was driving in the wrong lane on a divided roadway. Michael Spangher was arrested for suspicion of DUI on searching the defendant, Johnson discovered a pack of cigarettes with the word barr on one side, 555 on top, and 164 on bottom. Johnson noted that the pills had the word Valium, and intended for a friend. Johnson then called poison control, which confirmed that the pills were a prescription medication called Diazepam (Valium) - a controlled substance.

Spangher was charged with driving under the influence and possession of a controlled substance. He was transported to the Orange County Testing Center where he performed tests for officials.

Web-based company makes art supplies cheaper for students

RUTH HEIDT
STAFF WRITER

In 1995, a company out of Massachusetts known as StudentMarket.com created the first website where students could exchange books with each other or even sell them. Its purpose was to make it easier for students because it localized the exchange so students could meet on their own campus instead of having to ship their books.

Now the StudentMarket.com website has over 15 services geared toward the college student market such as inflatable furniture, wireless services, long distance plans and college loans.

"There are several services offered at StudentMarket.com," said Oren Milgram, director of student services for StudentMarket.com, "but the art supplies division is the newest addition.

Art supplies have always been an expensive investment for college students. The students are expected to purchase their own supplies unlike in recent years when they had the help of their parents or the supplies were provided for them. The strains on students' budgets intensify when they are suddenly on their own.

"My art supply costs were always expensive," said UCF student Nicole Furla. "But it seems even worse now that I am in college."

To begin this new addition, StudentMarket.com partnered with an art supply distributor that has been in business since 1948. They distribute over 40,000 different types, forms and brands of art supply to companies across the nation. The company offers up to 40 percent discount off of retail prices.

"The process that the website follows is simple. The student searches a subject or brand of art supply that they are looking for and the website brings up listings of prices and a selection to choose from. There are low shipping costs that creates more of a convenience for college students. These services are not just offered to students, Professors and deans from several universities and schools around the nation, including Florida, are taking advantage of the services provided for art supplies and are used for their programs and departments.

StudentMarket.com has created a more convenient way for college students to shop that doesn't strain their budget. With the motto, "It's the online college shopping solution," StudentMarket.com has reached thousands of consumers each year with their convenience and prices.

"We provide the products and services students want and need, in an attempt to make college life a little easier," said Milgram.

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writing your future: Seminar gives insight into writing careers

Taylor Clark  Staff Writer

There was standing room only in Calkins hall as English majors searched for the secret to a successful profession in writing.

Four professionals and experience and literary knowledge are the keys to a successful job search during a panel discussion for English majors on Oct. 30 at UCF.

"I tell anyone interested to write, write, write, not just in the classroom," Karalynne Parker, a staff writer and assistant metro editor for the Tampa Tribune, said. "It’s more important to me that you know the work environment."

She added, while grades are important to employers when considering who to hire, experience will secure the position.

"Employers always ask for a sample of published works. "We look for book reviews you have written," said Michael Dirda, an editor and writer from the Washington Post.

"We can’t teach you how to write reviews," he added; while grades are important to employers when looking for book reviews you have written," said Dirda.

"Dirda said, almost every job has a computer attached to it; therefore a technology minor is a good idea.

"Dirda, who gained his job at the Post with a strong cover letter, emphasized in importance, "You never know what little things will make a difference in a job search."

"Dirda said, "Deliberately try to impress the people involved." An eye-catching, well written resume and cover letter is an excellent way to stand out. Providing something that is different will astonish employers and increase your chances of getting hired, he added.

All four panelists agreed persistence is an essential strategy when trying to get a job. Calling often and sending a publication before interviewing. It helps you become familiar with the publication, and may also help you think of ways to improve the product.

"Sometimes taking a lower paying job is the first step in the right direction. It may help get a foot in the door until other opportunities present themselves," said Karen Shelley, a recent UCF graduate and marketing editor for Hispanic.

"Parker and Dirda stressed the importance of studying the syllabus and preparing for everyone. If students are interested, they should meet with the professor to review the syllabus and learn what would be expected of them prior to registration.

Message boards, emails large part of curriculum

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given on message boards. Tests can be given online or in a real classroom, depending on the course and professor.

Online courses can be convenient for both traditional and non-traditional students. Students with young children prefer online courses because it gives them the option to stay at home. Dawn Kaisen, a mother of five, cannot depend on her husband to stay home with the children because of the amount of traveling her job requires. "It allows me to make two things my biggest priority instead of just one," Kaisen said. "I can be here for my children if they need me and I can also finish school."

Online courses are convenient for matters of time. There is no definite hour you have to go to class. Students can sit in their pajamas at 3 a.m. and check message boards, e-mails or even take exams.

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The courses are not necessarily easier because you do not have to attend class. Students must become an active learner and become responsible for their own learning.

"Dr. David Fabianic, a criminal justice professor, teaches four courses online this semester. "Students may take one course and learn it as they see fit," Fabianic said. "Depending on the course, students can be required to read more than 1,000 pages of material within the semester. Instead of having a lecture and being able to ask questions directly, students must teach themselves a majority of the information.

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Students, staff disciplined by Human Resources

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U.S. district attorney David Krogman has developed a sufficient case against the suspects they sent a charging affidavit to the state attorney's office on Aug. 1. By voluntary consent, the informant was informed of this project revolves around a club concept. College students visit Hillcrest Elementary, an inner-city school located in downtown Orlando, and spend a few hours, one day a week, with some kids discussing top-ics such as sports, games, art, music and international cultures.

Danny Siegel, nationally known for his accomplishments in the volunteer field and for founding the Ziv Tzedakah, a non-profit organization "The host signals the beginning of dinner and for founding the Ziv Tzedakah, a non-profit organization "The host signals the beginning of dinner.

Dern has provided etiquette instruction to several groups at UCF, including the Presidents Leadership Council, a select group of students who act as ambassadors for UCF. This was Dern's first appearance at UCF's Etiquette Dinner.

Dern has made a career out of teaching etiquette skills to children, teenagers and adults in personal and corporate settings.

Dern says that etiquette skills have declined among the last few generations, which is why there is a need for etiquette training.

"Civility is back in style," Dern said. "People are wanting to know the rules of etiquette because of the lack of it in society." Students who attended the event all learned etiquette skills that they were unfamiliar with before attending the event. Some students confessed that they were not sure if they would follow the rules of etiquette Dern explained.

"I didn't know there were two different styles of eating," said freshmen Jade Grandy. "I prefer American Style. I don't care how long it takes me to eat. I prefer to eat with my right hand."

Senior Irene Pons said, "I learned not to take off my shoes. I always do it at weddings and bar mitzvahs. But unless my feet stink, I don't think I'll stop."

The evening closed with a performance by balloon dance professionals Michael Dean and Parry Holden. They demonstrated tango, salsa and samba dances to contemporary music by Gloria Estefan, Mariah Carey and Toni Braxton.

CEL coordinator Gerald Jones was pleased with the student turnout and outcome of the dinner.

"I thought this year's dinner was well-attended, a good use of money and from the evaluations we received, everyone was pleased with the platform of the event," said Jones.

CEL member Hope Webre said, "It was exciting it went over so well because we ran into a lot of problems in the beginning. It ended up being one of the best etiquette dinners yet."
Lake Claire hosts variety of events

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**Funds are no problem, only low turnout rates**

Klaas supports death penalty

Krista Zilzie

Lake Claire resident assisted
in their first annual Halloween at the Haunted
Shores of Lake Claire on Oct.
30. The camp-inspired event
invited Claire residents to roast
marshmallows, tell ghost stories
and eat free subs around a
campfire at Lake Claire. The
next evening Lake Claire's
Aquarius courtyard held a
Halloween party that invited all
UCF students to participate in a
costume, pumpkin carving and
pumpkin-pie eating contest.

Each semester Lake Claire holds three large events and each
individual courtyard hosts several small events. Large events like
Halloween at the Shores of Lake Claire are held once a
month. Small-scale events like ice-cream socials, chess turna­
ments and movie nights are held more frequently. All events are
funded by the United Residents Student Association (URSA)
who oversees all aspects of camp
us housing at UCF. This
semester Lake Claire received $1,700 to fund events.

"We can ask Student Government for more money if we
need to, but so far we're okay with the funds URSA has
provided for us," said Lake Claire Council President Josh
Robins.

Receiving sufficient funds for their events is not a chal­
lenge for the Lake Claire Council. Their biggest task is
getting residents to attend their events.

"We promote these things
as best as we possibly can. We
put flyers up, knock on doors,
but there's only so much we can
do," said Robins.

Krista: helping Lake Claire
vice President said, "We
don't get big turn-outs because
they're usually upper classman
and have their own lives."

She added, "Mondays and
Tuesdays are better nights for
events because people don't go
out. We usually get more people
to attend these nights."

Lake Claire's next event will
be a pasta dinner and food
drive at Thanksgiving time. Lake
Claire residents will be
required to donate at least one
can of food in order to take
advantage of the free pasta din­
nner. In December, Lake Claire
RA's will hold a Relief Night
during finals week.

Kaczynski finds death penalty a
terrible irony, Klaas firm supporter

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Ed Foster.

Kaczynski turned his brother in to the author­
tories in April of 1996.

"I realized it would have been completely
irresponsible not to turn him in," said Kaczynski.

He is a strong supporter of the anti-death
penalty movement.

Klaas' daughter Polly was stolen from her
mother's home during a slumber party. She was
then raped and murdered by Richard Alan Davis.
Davis was sentenced to death and sits on death row.

"I think of Polly every day and I dream of her
at night," said Klaas. "I feel that in the
U.S. this (the death penalty) is nothing more than a com­
mon sense reply to a violent society."

Klaas is a firm supporter of the death penalty
and feels that if life sentences were actually that
then society could do away with the death penalty.

"What we have in the U.S. is the big lie. The
big lie is sentencing only to release them. If
they are sentenced to 10 years they only serve five
years. If they are sentenced to five years they get
almost immediate probation," said Klaas.

Kaczynski said that the death penalty was a
terrible irony to murder. He feels the United States
has a broken system of justice and that society
can't clearly distinguish the guilty from the inno­
cent.

"It sets up human beings in human institu­
tions as if we were Gods," said Kaczynski. "I
think it confuses revenge with justice."

The debate was very informal and brought up
numerous issues from both sides. Kaczynski and
Klaas take this debate around the country.

"We're not here to change minds, more so to
open minds," said Kaczynski.

Klaas student doubles as clinical technician

Amy Pavuk

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College Jobs

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Small and proud: Why do people think silicone equals beauty?

Kym Soluri

Last night I again observed one of the most horrific sights of my 21 years on this planet. An exploitation of not only oneself, but also an entire mass of women. A disgrace to one of God's most beautiful creations. A disgusting example of what technology can do to an eager population of a self-conscious gender. If you haven't figured out what I'm talking about, it's breast implants.

Let me start by saying that I respect a woman's right to make her body into what she wants. I wear makeup and spend more time and money on my hair and wardrobe than I probably should. But, when it comes to drastic changes in the personal, physical body, that's where I draw the line.

I completely respect a woman's choice to enhance her body, it's not my right to say otherwise. But when their breasts are hanging from the body like two little potatoes, barely attached by strings of skin, bulging as if anymore aren't looking for the natural look.

Some reasons for this were lack of wins versus quality opponents and average attendance figures. The UCF ban'd and proud.

How important is football?

Diana Henning

Granted it feels good to win, but how important is football really? Is it worth pay-cleaning during a game or if fans scream and shout and rub it in for a day or two, but the extremes that were shown in the aftermath gave a new meaning to the word ridiculous.

Police surrounded UCF's marching band at every turn. One of a sold out game of 83,000, only 1,500 of those people were UCF fans, yet we out chanted them throughout the entire game, and this being their homecoming. Add in the numbers of the games, and you end up with a recipe for chaos.

The UCF band had to be escorted by police to the game and back to their hotel in Birmingham, because they were afraid to stay too close to the University. The entire game was constantly policed by police and in the scuffling end when UCF scored those winning points, every single policeman highlighted it to the section of field containing UCF students.

UCF's busing efforts in the early 1990's were exchanged. Alabama fans even went so far as to throw rolls of toilet paper and bottles of 'Tide' at the UCF fans to enforce their motto "Roll, Tide, Roll!"

Football is meant to be an exciting sport, and it is fun when your school has enough spirit to out cheer all entire stadiums, but some people simply take this game too seriously. Sure, I would be mad too if I paid our house rent and food bill if a football game shouldn't have to involve the police and it was something I have never heard of before.

Sports should be fun, not feared. You shouldn't have to worry every minute while on foreign territory, whether you're safe or not. Football games should consist of tailgating, cheering, acting stupid, and having fun no matter the turn out of the game or where it is.
Can students really finish at ‘U Can’t Finish’

ELIZA JACOBI
STAFF WRITER

May be the teachers love us too much to let us go, or maybe the parking services people just can’t stand the idea of losing potential parking violators and there’s a conspiracy going on between them and the university to keep us here. Who knows what it is? Somehow all UCF student seems to have trouble getting out of here in four years flat. It makes me wonder: “Can you finish?”

Upon entering my final year in college at UCF I was filled with a slight nostalgia. This was my last full semester in college - ever. Stupid I know. I would miss being a student during Homecoming, football and most importantly the holiday break, a whole month off! That comes to a screaming halt once you hit the real world.

I was sailing smoothly through my fall semester with a full load and an internship that I was actually learning from when I sailed straight into the brick wall of reality. It was time to register for the spring semester, and after getting my “you’re getting-ready-to-graduate” class audit in the mail, I panicked. There were three glowing minutes beside a basic English, math, and history class. Think that’s bad? That wasn’t the worst of it.

I tried numerous times to get in contact with my designated advisor, but every time I was met with a closed door and strange office hours. I had to seek out one on my own. He was nice and told me, “Go see OASIS about that problem,” as he waved me off.

So much for one-stop shopping. OASIS was also reluctant to help me. The kid taking appointments assured me that unless it was extremely important, I should solve the problem with the advisor in my college. Uhm, he sent me to you buddy. “We only have two counsellors seeing students right now,” he explained, “so it’s hard to get in to see them.” Where was I going to school? I wondered. Is this some small, private college, or a state university of 50,000 students? Sometimes I wonder.

My three classes finally got registered out, one per said, that wasn’t the worst of it. I decided to go back to see my self-appointed counselor for some advising on my final spring semester. He hit me with some hard news.

“You’re not getting out of here until December,” he calmly assured me.

He then proceeded to explain, again calmly, that apparently there is one class required for my blessed major that is only offered once a year in the fall.

Needless to say, I wasn’t currently in that class. Once a year! Give me a break! I’m into my stay here until next fall to finish one class. I was not happy at all.

Again, my lovely major offers no summer courses available to students. So I was stuck. Amazed, but unable to change the system, I grunted my teeth, let everyone know why upset I was and decided to just swallow my pride. Maybe I should have protested, gathered more students with a similar problem and started a petition of complaint. Would that have helped? Solved anything? Who knows, but I probably would have felt better.

Since then, I have overheard numerous students talk about the same problem. “Can you believe I have to stay here for two stupid classes?” they utter, dumbfounded. This will delay my job search, and who will hire somebody without a degree? “Just wait sir, my class will be over in December...I know I’m not alone in my problem. Just look around you. How many fifth and sixth year seniors do you know? Why can’t we get out of here? Why is UCF known as ‘U Can’t Finish’?”

I think, UCF needs to get better organized. They should stop building parking garages in remote areas on campus, and start building better communication between faculty, staff and students. Unless freshmen come into college with a clear vision of exactly where they want to be in four years, they too will be here longer. Advisors, not just randomly assigned professors in your college, need to actually advise students about their academic careers. They need to let students know about roadblocks like classes only offered once a year, or no summer courses offered in the beginning. It may be a small, private college, but which major we choose. We don’t get out of here until December,” he calmly assured me. It takes longer, My father still does not understand why I’m not graduating in May. I tried to explain it to him. College isn’t the same as it was 30 years ago. It takes longer, and quite frankly, they want to keep you here as long as they can. They don’t make it easy. He asked about advisors, and I told him “Good luck. Closed doors don’t give good answers.”
Student finds the courage to go back

Recently a good friend of mine confided in me that she had been sexually abused in high school. She has been at UCF about the same amount of time I have and she has been suffering with what happened to her and wasn't sure if she should go back and tell someone what happened.

She told me a terrible story of how a teacher took advantage of her and how she lied because she was scared. She trusted this person and felt tortured by the fact she had held him in such high regard. The reason I am writing this is because when I think of people being molested I often think of young children and not high school and college students. But as I think more about it I realize it could happen to anyone. It can happen to anyone.

Sexual abuse by someone you know puts many new twists on a situation that is already hard enough. I've heard that many victims of sexual abuse can't come to terms with what has happened for quite some time. Imagine someone you trust hurting you. You want to tell but a part of you still can't imagine anyone believing you and you can't imagine hurting them back. After all this is a person whom you trusted, befriended, or even respected.

Most of the women that I know today say that they would tell immediately, but I am not so sure. Everything is so much easier said than done.

Fortunately, my friend is going back and changing her original deposition which was a lie. She has found the strength to fight back. It doesn't matter that it happened some time ago. It doesn't matter that she lied. People who study these cases completely understand the feelings that go along with these awful situations.

All I can say to anyone reading this is please, if this has happened to you and you feel as though you all ready lied and you can't change your story now, you can. This is one instance in your life where you can go back and change it. Don't let the person who hurt you get away with it. And don't let them do it again to someone else.

This column is for my friend who has inspired me with her strength and courage. I wish the world had more people like her.

GRAY MATTERS
CHRISTOPHER ZAPATIER

Debate raises questions

At 8 p.m. on Nov. 2, a fascinating exchange of ideas took place at the UCF Arena. The event was a CAB-sponsored debate between two nationally prominent figures representing diametrically divergent points of view on Capital punishment, David Kaczynski and Marc Klaas. David is brother to "Unabomber" Ted Kaczynski, who was captured after David recognized similarities between the Unabomber's Manifesto and his brother's writings, then called the FBI. By the time he was arrested, the Unabomber was responsible for 3 deaths and twelve injuries. Marc Klaas was father to Polly Klaas, a twelve-year-old girl who on Oct. 1, 1993, was abducted from her home, then raped and murdered by a repeat offender with a history of violence and drug abuse. Since his daughter's murder, Klaas has become a tireless advocate for victim's rights and the death penalty.

Kaczynski spoke first, graciously thanking the audience for their warm welcome, then taking a moment to appreciate Florida's warm weather. After dispensing with formalities, Kaczynski began a moving plea for society to maintain the sanctity of human life by dispensing with the use of the death penalty.

"Currently, when we survey the nations of the world that still employ capital punishment, governments like China, Libya, Iran, Afghanistan, all notorious violators of human rights -- it is pretty obvious that we here in the United States are keeping bad company among a dwindling number of nations that practice legal homicide."

Kaczynski then addressed Capital punishment's disproportionate application to the uneducated and the impoverished, as well as the unequal

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Death penalty discussion led by those with personal experience

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balance of resources between the state and defendants in capital cases, Kaczynski challenged death penalty advocate's justification of execution as a response to unspeakable evil with several interesting points.

"...innocent people have been sentenced to death. At last count, since 1976, 89 innocent people have been sentenced to death, and then exonerated," said Kaczynski.

After introducing himself, Marc Klaas detailed the night his daughter was abducted from his California home by a knife-wielding stranger and his subsequent discovery that the kidnapper had previously been convicted of two kidnappings and released from prison only 3 months earlier. For those who would challenge his pro-death penalty stance on moral or religious grounds, Klaas described his view of Capital punishment as, "nothing more than a punishment as, "nothing more than a

horrendous culture of violence." From there he reported staggering statistics on violent crimes and child abductions, and lambasted the situation of violence in our news and entertainment.

Although he did concede that the system should make every effort to ensure that a defendant is irreputably guilty, including DNA testing, Klaas showed a frightening disregard for holding the freedom of the innocent above the prosecution of the guilty. In spite of numerous incidents where persons sentenced to death have later been exonerated, Klaas would not entertain the possibility that innocent people have been executed.

About an hour and a half after the presentation began, a microphone was opened up to audience questions. Several students approached the mike to concur or dissent with Kaczynski or Klaas after their own opinions, or point out what they saw as inconsistencies in the men's positions.

A German student approached the microphone and established his opposition to the death penalty up front. The student tried to draw a distinction between the Nuremberg Trials (which had been mentioned earlier) and Capital punishment, claiming that the Nuremberg Trial's wartime context somehow justified the execution of those convicted. Klaas made it clear that he drew no distinction between the execution of war criminals and civilian criminals. Another student asked the inevitable question, "How is state-sanctioned murder any different from homicide?" Klaas was quick to point out that the Capital punishment is a reactionary measure used to deal with convicted monsters and meant to ensure the safety of society as a whole.

Unfortunately, Kaczynski's ideology was based more on humanitarian idealism than anything else. He stated that one reason he believed human beings should not be executed is that some individuals undergo significant changes in the years following the commission of their crimes, then cited such an example.

However, that same logic could easily be applied to defendants serving life in prison. Should society grant amnesty to every convict who claims to have turned over a new leaf? All in all, the debate was a generous helping of food for thought served up by two impassioned individuals, both with much at stake in this issue. However, I must confess that I left the presentation certain of only one thing — as long as there is human life there will always be humans who do not respect the freedom of the innocent above the propagation of their crimes, then cited such an example.

With election day Nov. 7, we wanted to know last week who you were going to be voting for in this year's election. Below is what you told us in our online poll.

Harry Browne - (37%)
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U. of Illinois students urge university to cancel Eminem concert

**Billy O’Keefe**
**The Campus**

Eminem’s coming to town. And like a devoted groupie, controversy is following him everywhere.

A group of students from the University of Illinois is asking the university to cancel a concert featuring the controversial rapper, who has come under constant fire for lyrics depicting acts of violence against women and gays.

More important to the group, however, is that the university issue a public apology for hosting the concert, to be held Thursday night at Assembly Hall. Should the concert go on, the group has also requested that proceeds from the concert benefit organizations committed to women’s and gay rights.

The students claim that the university’s support of the concert belies its anti-discrimination policy, which prohibits harassment of any kind toward minority groups on campus.

“We are not doing this to ‘tickle’ off people who are going to the concert, and we are not doing this to censor anyone,” says sophomore Nick Sakurai, one of the group’s founders. “We’re asking the university to do the right thing.”

But Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Eugene Burton says that the Assembly Hall advisory board, which consists of both students and faculty, met the concert with “great enthusiasm,” and that the administration and the concert’s promoters signed a contract based on their own approval of the event.

“We can’t just cancel it, especially this close to the event,” says Burton. “It’s just doesn’t work that way.”

Burton notes that despite the university’s inability to cancel the show, he and other administrators have been in contact with the students and are willing to give them an avenue for their opinion.

Sakurai thinks that the university is simply dragging its feet until the concert ends, and that profiling from the concert, whether administrators admit it or not, as the school’s only priority.

“The profit issue is probably the most important issue, but the university is trying to divert from that and turn it into a freedom of speech issue,” he continues. “But freedom of speech occurs when the government is not profiling from it.”

Burton says that he is “very much in tune” with the group’s happenings and has offered the students a chance to voice their opinion Thursday, either outside Assembly Hall or on stage during the concert itself.

“It’s their right as a student group to voice their opinion on this issue, and it’s important to us,” he says. But Sakurai says that a protest, much like his pleas to the administration, would fall on deaf ears, and that he would not consider an appearance at the concert for fear of physical retaliation.

Instead, the group has fashioned an online petition, located at http://www.dayofsilence.org. Sakurai hopes that students, who he says have expressed indifference toward the group’s crusade, will see that the show’s cancellation, however important, is not the group’s primary goal.

“This campus is hostile enough toward non-predominantly students without exacerbating more hostility,” he says. “If we can’t hold the university accountable for something as vile as this, what can we hold it accountable for?”

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**Florida State University plans power-research facility in business park**

**Juana Jordan**
**Knight-Rider Tribune**

Innovation is on the way. Jobs too.

At least 300 of them will be available in 2002 when the Florida State University Research Foundation completes an $11 million, 80,000-square-foot facility in Innovation Park.

The building, the first approved in Innovation Park since 1996, will be home to the Center for Advanced Power Systems, which will work with the U.S. Navy on research and development of an all-electric ship.

In July, the Office of Naval Research awarded the FSU Research Foundation $10.9 million to create the Center for Advanced Power Systems. The center will be operated by 200 to 300 researchers, including scientists, engineers and students from FSU, the Florida A&M University/FSU College of Engineering, FSU’s National High Magnetic Field Laboratory and other industrial partners.

The FSU Research Foundation — with an endowment exceeding $56 million — serves as the fiscal agent for privately funded contracts and grants, and it receives and manages royalties from research done by the university’s staff and students.

“I can’t tell you how excited I am to see this positive movement in the park,” said Bruce Host, chairman of the Leon County Research and Development Authority at Innovation Park.

Host said four businesses in the park are affiliated with FSU and one is affiliated with FAMU.

“There is a lot of research energy that flows from the foundation,” Host said.

On Friday, foundation officials, along with those from the Office of Naval Research, FSU and Leon County Commission, will break ground on the new building. It will be opposite the mag lab at the corner of Levy Avenue and East Paul Dirac Drive.

Construction on the facility — which will serve as the park’s anchor tenant — will begin in the spring or summer. Completion is scheduled within a year afterward. Once completed, it will boost the park’s employees to 1,000 and its tenants to 12.

“The new building program begins with this building and will continue into the future,” said FSU President Sandy D’Alemberte. “This is a wonderful example of how a university can successfully collaborate with private enterprise and local government — Innovation Park, the Economic Development Council and Leon County in this case — and have an important economic impact on a community.”

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I know how it is with books, but is the show always better than the film? By all accounts this movie wasn't supposed to work. At least, we were thinking that it wouldn't work. We had heard of the gossip before production wrapped, caught word of how much it was costing Columbia, saw the unintentionally humorous Cover Girl ad that was passing itself off as the trailer and are fully cognoscente that the transition of a network program from television to celluloid can be difficult, at best. So it was written, so it shall be done—Charlie's Angels: The Movie, will suck; seems like we were all set to make fun and throw stones like we did when The Mod Squad was released.

Fire when ready. And wouldn't ya know, just when we least expected it, out comes the most surprising film of the year and we are seated to be served our crow in heavy portions. Oops!

"Charlie's Angels" the TV series kind of helped guys back in the seventies put into perspective (XY chromosome speaking) what feminism was all about: Boobs are cool, but boobs alongside a piece of weaponry are even cooler. At least, that is what I got out of it while watching the reruns. The strength and individuality of women can be shown in mysterious ways, like Jaclyn Smith coming out of a pool dripping wet or Farrah Fawcett being rolled down the Pacific Coast Highway in nothing more than a pair of skates and a pink bikini. The movie version does not bother itself with trying to raise the level of equality, as it is appurtenant to Hollywood, nor the world. It knows better, because when it comes down to what it wants to say it gives you the response equivalent to a loud belch and it's okay.

But hold on a minute — a guy named McG directed the film, who so far built his reputation out of making numerous neon lit music videos — that doesn't seem to fit. Well first, the guy knows his stuff, instead of taking the premise of show and just interpreting it as a film he knows he should approach the material like The Brady Bunch Movie. The more camp the better, and if at all possible get away with the most suggestive glimpses of the female anatomy that is humanly (i.e. the MPAA) allowable. He is a latter day version of Andy Sidaris without the nudity; a gentler Russ Meyer for the "TRL" set minus the gratuity. Shooting from a heavily reworked yet undeniably witty script by Ed Solomon and John August, he takes the self-deprecating material and purges it with everything from Hong Kong cinema to deadpan nostalgic satire. Is it deep? About as much as a training bra. Is it dumb? Just as bad as Melanie Griffith on a double shot of GHB. Is it fun to watch? Like seeing two girls make out...Almost.

As to what resembles a plot, I'm not quite sure, but in between segments of Cameron Diaz shaking her @ss and Drew Barrymore showing ample amounts of cleavage, a millionaire responsible for designing a voice recognition contraption is abducted and it is up to our Angels (also including Lucy Liu) to find him. Something about the loss of privacy is included also, but the film isn't preoccupied with the formalities — or plausibility — of the script. And why should it, it recognizes that it's mocking itself and runs with it, giving us something richly entertaining in the process. Not only does the threesome come off gratuitously well, but they are helped by the supporting cast of Kelly Lynch, Sam Rockwell, Tim "I'm just a sweet transvestite" Curry, Tom Green and Bill Murray hamming it up as the Angels beloved den mother. Bosley. Oh, and then there's Crispin Glover. Crispin Glover! Our favorite non-intentional cinematic nutjob from the 1980's comes back from wherever rock or rehab he was binding under to play the sword swinging, evil henchman (well, "nutjob") who knows kung fu. There are actors, and then there is Crispin Glover—"nuff said.

From its lapdance je ne sais quoi, Charlie's Angels is today's pop culture response to what the feminist mystique is trying to say it is, or at least I think it is. Meaning that the term can still represent in some circles, strong, balanced and love­ly individuals capable of a multitude tasks and who, if need be, can kick your @ss at any given moment. But then again maybe it is all just a bunch of shameless T & A, and who am I to try and interpret if it is reaching for something else. So what, the film doesn't care which allows us not to either. By now we should be able to embrace the shameless c*cktease, we want these girls to jingle all the way.
Ever wanted to be a rock superstar, but didn’t know how to make it big? The key to success is in the demo tape. The demo is what gets a musician’s foot in the door. What makes a good demo? That answer is given by a man known as One Eyed Jack. He had no interest in becoming a musician; he came to Orlando to be a stuntman at Universal Studios. Before he knew it, he was picked up by Trans Continental Records, given a job with them and a chance to pursue his growing interest in the music industry.

Jack listens to all the demo tapes that come into the company. He is one of the key people in charge of finding new talent. Jack was kind enough to sit down and talk about his career as well as give some pointers on what makes a good demo tape. Jack is definitely a teacher. He is starting his own music career while helping others begin theirs. He has written a theme song for Florida’s Special Olympics, entitled “A Champion,” and done various benefit concerts. His music is tentatively scheduled for release in 2001. Jack’s music reflects stories about his life, making him a wonderfully detail-oriented storyteller. He grew up with 20 brothers and sisters. Although he is blind in one eye, that hasn’t stopped him from trying to achieve his dreams. Jack’s motivation and perseverance make him an original.

What was it like growing up with 20 other children?

Jack: “There weren’t 20 kids at one time. My mother had seven kids and I was the youngest. My dad was a minister, therefore we brought in a lot of foster kids. At one time there were 14 kids in our house. It split my family up, my mother left and the remaining six kids were step brothers and sisters.”

How did you realize music was your talent?

Jack: “In 1993 I met a guy who write jingles and thought it was pretty cool. I had the chance to write a jingle for Picway Shoes, it went nationwide.”

How did you get involved with Trans Continental?

Jack: “In late ’94 or early ’95, I had a friend that worked as a DJ in a nightclub and he introduced me to Bob Fischetti who is vice president here at Trans Con. After I sang for him and Johnny Wright [of Wright Entertainment Group], they both thought that there was something there, so I recorded my demo. They were both so generous to me. Bob has been like a brother to me. He knows why I write music and what I write about. He’s given me so much support. Now I am the publishing coordinator here. Which means I listen to all the demos and put together electronic press kits for each of the groups as well as other things.”

What are some tips you could give up and coming singers?

“Send the highest quality material you can because you want to catch somebody’s ear. Also try not to record a song unless you think it’s the best song you’ve ever heard. You don’t want to record songs that aren’t going to be hits. You don’t have to spend a lot of money; there are kits you can get for home computers that produce a good quality sound. You want it to be professional; you want to have a lyric sheet accompanying it if you write your own material. Definitely a good photo and biography with some pertinent information like what’s got you this far and stuff you’ve done.”

How long does it take for a group to hear back from you?

“I try to get back to them within a month and I send a reply letter to each person who sends us a demo.”

Is there a particular style of music that Trans Con wants to put out?

“We’re starting to diversify from just pop music. We have some new music acts coming out like Latin, rap and country.”

What qualities do you look for when listening to a demo or deciding on a group?

“A lot of it is the song. I know that if you’re an artist, you have to have something that’s different from everyone else. Everybody is trying to be the next *NSYNC or Britney Spears, but they’re already there. Why would you want to be them? You got to be something different to catch a different portion of the same market. Also writing your own material is very important.”

Don’t the boy bands already have writers?

“They do, but they’re already established. O-Town is writing their own material, so you’ll be hearing new fresh material from them that isn’t of them same consistency of the writers who are already established. There will be a little bit of variety here.”

What advice can you give aspiring singers?

“Life is very short, be confident in your self. Every rainbow comes after some rain. There’s always some hard times, but there’s always a rainbow at the end. You just have to remember that and keep pursuing.”

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Despite the boy-band stigma, Orlando is a very good place to call home if you’re in a local band. It’s a city full of clubs, independent music stores and musicians of all types — which creates some healthy competition among bands to get noticed. But contrary to what MTV tells us, popularity is not always a sign of talent. Really. Local band Pistis was not nominated for the recent Orlando Music Awards, although their 1999 release Bread & Circuses is just as solid and more original than many of the bands awarded this year.

The first track, "Apoptosis" starts the album off with a powerful kick — upbeat drumming that quickly dissolved into a slower, melodic guitar work and keyboards. This song sets the pace for the rest of the album with only a few exceptions. Bread & Circuses is an album full of beautiful harmonies and creative guitar parts, but the band does not sacrifice power to achieve a pretty sound. The quiet vocals on "Maximum Entropy" give way to powerful guitar riffs and tough drum work. This song sets the pace for the rest of the album, especially in the track "Seabed of Pleiades," which reminded us of a rock band, Death Cab for Cutie. Both bands have their own style of heartfelt harmonies that build until you can’t control the smile spreading over your face.

With more time and effort, Pistis could mature into a band equally as good as DCF. Harden, who also plays guitar, and bassist/keyboards Ed Lamoso. Little and Lamoso recorded their beliefs is a little more obscure. A little uncertainty gives you something to think about, rather than being beaten over the head with a message. At many points in the album, especially in the track "Seabed of Pleiades," I was reminded of Washington Indie rock band, Death Cab for Cutie. Both bands have their own style of heartfelt harmonies that build until you can’t control the smile spreading over your face.

My favorite track, "Cordless Moon" is a heavenly instrumental piece of heart-felt music, but in my opinion, it’s better when the band’s beliefs are a little more obscure. A little uncertainty gives you something to think about, rather than being beaten over the head with a message. At many points in the album, especially in the track "Seabed of Pleiades," I was reminded of a rock band, Death Cab for Cutie. Both bands have their own style of heartfelt harmonies that build until you can’t control the smile spreading over your face.

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bands played their fan-favorite "Supernatural" and another I've seen onstage before: loosely and casually. The performance pleased, bassist Brett Berdoll moves like no other bass player. The stage literally shakes when they perform. When they come into town again, I strongly urge you to see them. Next up was a band named Cider, who were totally new to me. Their style is a combination of Collective Soul and Bare-Naked Ladies. What was awesome about them was that they do not take themselves too seriously. The band came out dressed like characters from Austin Powers and performed as their character would. The performance ended with the fomoso coming on stage and dancing with the band. The next performance was from a band I saw about six months ago. From that time period on, Naive has solidified itself into an awesome band. Voted one of the top five unsigned bands in Florida, they've opened for the likes of Silverchair and the Offspring. Naive's musical performance has a quality that is hard to come by in many bands today: charisma. Now this doesn't mean they talk through the whole performance. They just show it in the way they play their instruments. For example, bassist Brett Berdoll moves like no other bass player I've seen onstage before: loosely and casually. The band played their fan-favorite "Supernatural" and another six songs.

Virgos (pictured below) is a band I have frequently talked positively about. Their performance style is straightforward and full of energy. They put everything into their work, have truly poetic lyrics and show a close relationship with their fans. However, this performance came as a disappointment to me. It started out promising enough with one of their old songs from their CD Signs of a Vacant Soul, called "Disregarding." The crowd seemed really into it and started screaming the lyrics along with lead singer Brett Henifa. After this song, they played two more new songs: "Know You" and "Simple." It was after these that the band started experiencing mechanical difficulties. Brett's guitar wasn't playing the notes completely and started sounding choppy. After this problem was temporarily fixed, the guitar effects, performed by Ted Ledbetter, started to go out too. The band also has a new musical style. If any of you out there knew of the days when the band was "Virgos Merlot" or even "The Devisor," you knew of a fifth member of the band named Marchant. With this member departed, the band evolved into a new style: one that's harder and without so many of the effects we've come to know and love. For example, when they performed "Gain" at the Halloween Bash, it was in their new style. The band seems very excited about their musical shift. Last up was Von Ra, a band that I will stress the importance of seeing two performances of theirs before you judge them. When I saw them only about a month and a half ago at Hard Rock Live, I could barely hear the vocals and their performance lacked a certain vigor. On Halloween, as if to prove themselves, they came on stage with so much power and certainty that everyone was forced to say, "Wow." You could actually hear the vocals performed by Vaughn Rhea. Not only that, they were good. The band performed various songs, including "Desire." Among the band's accomplishments, Von Ra was named 1999's best pop/rock band and live act of the year at the Orlando Music Awards. This concert was a great musical experience for everyone. The standing room was surprisingly bare and the crowd wasn't as rowdy as it usually is. As a result, this was a calm concert where you were forced to pay 100 percent attention to the bands that were giving their all for a worthy cause.

For more information about four of these bands, you can visit any of these websites to hear their music yourself: LiquidVinyl: www.liquidvinyl.com Naive: www.naiverock.com Virgos: www.virgos.cc Von Ra: www.vonra.com
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— The Alberta Ferrati fashion house may not have been licensed in New York and London, self-described "gigantic" pro-esthetics trade show banner featuring a resemblance to multicolor-organza-leather coat (about $6,000) and a silk suit ($1,500), a patchwork design in which the bottom piece appears simply to have slid aside, to heighten the London Ferrati store told The Express newspaper in late October that it had sold all of its 12 suit jackets (in size 10–remated.

Four weeks after announcing the government for its treatment of scientists Win Ho Lee, U.S. District Judge James A. Parker ruled federal prosecutors for demanding too harsh a sentence against a convicted New Mexico perjurer, pointing out that the prosecutors’ boss, President Clinton, had asked for leniency for his own false testimony in the Paula Jones case. The New Mexico judge, Robert Revcenter, 49, was convicted of lying about connecting to be searched, for which Judge Parker imposed a 15-month sentence rather than the five years the government wanted; President Clinton sought leniency and received no jail sentence but was fined $90,000 and is fighting to keep his Arkansas license to practice law.

They Bought Room

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— In a midday public demonstration, a "corporate act" in July for failing to report her parent's death (the mother, two weeks earlier, at age 13 in September), and continuing to live with her bodies inside the Akron, Ohio, home she shared with them. And in September, a judge in Florida acquitted Frank A. Martinez, 71, of killing his wife in 1987; Martinez had continued to live with her body in their trailer home until 1998, when a suicide attempt brought police, who found the corpse. (Martinez's neighbors had long complained of the smell, but he managed to convince them merely that a dead cat had been buried underneath the home.)

Compelling Explanations

— Rev. Marvin Munyon of the Family Research Fund (Madinon, B.Ina) told parents at a seminar at the Face Coin Gospel Center how to administer the loving and supportive corporal punishment demanded in the Bible: "Spanking will build self-esteem because it lets children know that it's not only pointless to resist, it's damn near impossible:'

Cries in the Workplace

The Rapid Employment Emergency Commission announced July that an employee fired for "sexual harassment" because of the visibility of "cold fusion," can sue the employer for "retaliation" discrimination. As long as an employer has a seriously held conviction that his own values will be degraded, the employer cannot force his employee to violate the conviction, and the employee cannot be fired for violating the conviction. According to the commission, three martial-arts masters, without using their hands, pulled a truck containing crack cocaine. And a 27-year-old woman was killed when the last test pilot of her car at 5 a.m. in August, according to witnesses, she was driving while making a cellular call.

Update

— Three months ago, News of the World referred to laws in Alabama, Texas and Georgia (until May, Louisiana won on the 5th) that banned the sale of products whose primary purpose is to stimulate "week-rotational" depression, even though the cause of the depression was merely that she had gotten bad performance reviews. The state appeals board acknowledged that the employee, Gail Strizich-Alle, had been justified cited for inaccurate work and a bad attitude.

Driving While Involved

— Lucinda O'Brien, 34, was charged in August with driving her 18-month-old son in a car crash in Florida, according to police reports, since the baby was not being breast-feeding. And Kenneth Herron, 40, was charged with manslaughter in Arkansas in Little Rock. After his car crossed the center line and hit another car; according to police, Herron was driving (with his hands) while operating his truck could not have seen a 27-year-old woman was killed when the last test pilot of her car at 5 a.m. in August, according to witnesses, she was driving while making a cellular call.

Least Competent Criminals

— Federal grand jury Maek Vincent Hockaday, 27, part of the panel that had just voted secret indictments against an alleged Denver drug dealer, was arrested in August after he went to the dealer's office and attempted to sell him information about the government's case. For $50,000, Hockaday had apparently forgiven some of the evidence that he was just heard: that the government had begged the alleged dealer's office, but Hockaday's proposition was recorded in full. The dealer's indictment had to be dismissed because of Hockaday's incompre- hensibility, but Hockaday himself was indicted a few days later.

Also, in the Last Month

— In a public demonstration at the beach, a metal sculpture resembling a naked man, pulled a truck containing 30 people 12 inches with ropes attached only to their wrists (Tampa). Ashore-live court judge awarded the family home to another car; according to police, Herron was driving (with his hands) while operating his truck could not have seen a 27-year-old woman was killed when the last test pilot of her car at 5 a.m. in August, according to witnesses, she was driving while making a cellular call.

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They are parents for the first time. cake in Reid’s next film Josie and the Pussycats. The couple hasn’t chosen a date for their wedding, and they’re being secretive about the details.

A Nice Halloween for the Smiths Will Smith and Jada Pinkett Smith got a treat this past Halloween. They welcomed their new daughter, Willow Camille Reign Smith. She weighed in at 6 pounds, 10 ounces. She was born on Halloween night in Los Angeles. The couple has been married for three years and has two other children, Jaden Christopher, 2 and Trey, 8 (who was from a previous marriage of Smith’s). Smith is currently preparing for a movie in which he’ll play the legendary Muhammad Ali. In theaters now is Smith’s movie The Legend of Bagger Vance. Jada Pinkett Smith is in Spike Lee’s latest film Bamboozled also in theaters now.

Kevin Cadogan, who was formerly with Third Eye Blind, is using the music group. Cadogan claims they conspired to kick him out. He also claims, in his lawsuit, that he was promised 50 percent ownership of the band in 1993. Cadogan said as the group got more famous all the shares went to the group’s founder, Stephan Jenkins. Cadogan co-wrote 14 of the band’s songs including the hit “Semi-Chemical Life.” He was kicked out of the group in January and now has a band called Connor Keen.

Siegfried, who has been avoiding the subject. Winfrey said, “I am finally at a point in my life where I’m doing the kind of shows I’ve always wanted to do—helping people to see themselves more clearly and to make choices that lead to more fulfilled lives.”

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Dear Sexpert,

My new girlfriend and I have been getting more hot and heavy lately. I, like most guys, enjoy oral sex. I know she’s willing, but how do girls feel about "the outcome?" How can I bring this up (before it’s too late) and find out what she would rather do when I’m about to...? I think I speak for every guy when I say, "please swallow," but are most girls grossed out or offended by this? I don’t want to offend her or run her off.

-Crueless, 21, male

Dear Clueless,

For most people with extremely high morals, engagement in this sort of activity seems almost taboo at first. So, when dealing with the fireworks at the end, analyzing the stage you are at in your relationship can help prepare you for what she will more than likely do. This is a sticky situation that every couple must go through. I can’t tell you what "most girls" would prefer, but I can help you figure it out for yourself.

In a serious, long partnership, most people will do anything to please the other person. In this case, it is all right to ask her what she would prefer, rather than just guess. She will want you to be happy, just like you wish her to be. Asking her to ingest rather than expectorate would be acceptable, just be ready and willing to reciprocate often for your mate.

If this is a fledgling, month long courtship that is just entering this new territory, as I’m gathering is your case, to ask this of her would seem overbearing and almost rude. You are willing to bring this up (before it’s too late) and find out what she would do this with each other, that is a big enough leap for the time being.

Let her know in advance when something monumental is about to happen, in the fireworks at the end, analyzing the stage you are at in your relationship can help prepare you for what she will more than likely do. This is a sticky situation that every couple must go through.

She will be happy to do the same for you.

-Crueless, 21, male

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Men’s soccer season ends with 1-0 tournament loss

A trying season for the UCF’s men's soccer team came to a close Thursday night when the Knights fell 1-0 to Campbell in the season ending TAAC Tournament. The third-seeded Camels, best-team for the single elimination conference tournament, barely held off the sixth-seeded Golden Knights despite outshooting them 22-5.

Both teams played solid defensively throughout the first half, keeping the game scoreless going into halftime. Then UCF came out in the second half and nearly took control. In the 47th minute, freshman midfielder Chris Beaulie broke free from the Camel's defense, but his effort was thwarted by a point-blank save from Campbell goalie Eric Swalwell. Campbell then made their attempt at opening up the scoring six minutes later, but senior forward Peter Burney’s shot hit the crossbar. As the game went on, the Camels began to open up their advantage. In the 67th minute, Campbell advanced over Florida Atlantic and had a chance to give FAU a lead in regulation on a one-on-one with Stetson goalkeeper Tim Reik, but hit it over the crossbar.

The Hatters also blew two chances in the first overtime, when JR Cascadden missed a shot right and Scott Winch missed a header off a corner kick. But at the end of the second OT, Guy Tremad hit Haskin on a crossing pass to set up the winning score.

Reik had 5 saves, while FAU goalkeeper Justin Kolstad had 2. The Owls record improved to 10-6-1 and they moved on to face top seeded Mercer. Mercer went home with a record of 8-12.

In the two semi-final games, both top seeds were able to advance as the 1-0 score continued to be thematic. Mercer took out Florida Atlantic by that score in overtime and Georgia State beat Campbell with the same tally. With 1:08 left in the overtime period, TAAC leading scorer Neil Zarac headed a corner kick from junior Max Rooke for Mercer's victory.

FAU's best chance to score came in the regulation's final minute by Tremad, who had a point-blank shot saved by Bears goalie Gustavo Filho. It was one of his five saves on the night. Mercer, the defending conference champ, had a chance to score in the 83rd minute when Zarac misfired on one of his seven shots.

"You have to give credit to FAU," said Mercer Coach Tom Melville. "They played the best I've seen all year and really stretched the field against us. It was a tough game for both teams but we were fortunate to come out on top,"

Later Friday evening, Georgia State's TAAC Co-Player of the Year Scott Mora sent host Campbell to defeat. The game remained scoreless throughout the first half, both teams launching early 2-shots each. Then much like they did to UCF, the Camels outscored the Panthers 11-3 in the second half, but were unable to score. Partially in the half, Adam Martin attempted a shot that went wide from 20 yards out. Later on, Geyer was able to get OSU goalie Darren McKenzie off guard for a 30 yard shot in the right, but McKenzie was able to recover in time for the save. For the whole game, Mora scored his unassisted goal and the Panthers would make it stand for the victory.

"Overall, it was a total team effort that made the difference for us," said OSU Head Coach Keren Daser. "I thought Scott Mora had a great effort and we got a boost after his goal."

In the final match, Georgia State became the conference champs, downing Mercer by a score of 1-0. In the 61st minute of the game, freshman Daniel Ely-Kelso gave the Panthers a lead they would never relinquish. It happened when freshman midfielder Stephen Adams passed to fellow midfielder Terrance Johnson at midfield. He sent a through ball to Ely-Kelso, who dribbled through the box and hit a 15-foot shot to the lower left corner. The Panthers goalie McKenzie took home tournament MVP honors after saving four shots and recording his fourth straight TAAC tournament shutout. It's familiar ground for the senior, who was in goal when Georgia State last won the tournament in 1997. He had 11 saves in two matches this year.

"I thought the difference was Darren McKenzie in goal," said Daser. "He really came up big for us."

Mercer finished the year at 9-8-3. Georgia State is now 12-6-1 and move on the NCAA play-in match next week against the winner of the Atlantic 10 conference, who will be determined this weekend.

The All-Tournament Team was named after the game, with MVP McKenzie, Mora, Ely-Kelso, Kyle Ulils and Paul Levy from Georgia State included. Mercer was represented by Zarac, Burns and Tom Robery and FAU's Kolstad and Pablo Luna rounded out the team.
Senior mid-fielder Cally Howell set a UCF record for career assists this season.

They would meet in the second round, #5 Georgia State or #4 Jacksonville State. GSU beat JSU in a 3-2-overtime victory. Georgia State managed to hold Jacksonville scoreless through the first half, but in the 55th minute Hanni Wenzell headed in a Foss corner kick; for a 1-0 lead. One goal was all the Dolphins needed to advance to the finals, where they beat FAU.

As the number three seed, Florida Atlantic did not receive a first round bye; instead they played #6 Stetson. Defense was the theme in the first half of this first round showdown where the two teams combined for only three shots on goal. FAU’s offense exploded in the second half, however, when the Owls scored five goals in a period of 25 minutes, winning the game 5-0. In the second round Florida Atlantic beat second-seeded UCF 2-1, averting a 1-0 regular season loss. This win was the first ever for the Owls against the Golden Knights that was not a forfeit. UCF, who was favored to reach the Championship Game easily, struck first when Jackie Kutudis scored in the 27th minute, assisted by both Cally Howell and Michelle Anderson. The lead was short-lived, however, as FAU tied the game only 28 seconds later on a goal by Jessica Kmiotek. This goal was the first the Owls had scored against the Golden Knights since Sept. 15, 1991. The score remained tied for 47 minutes, until Lisanne Peart, off an assist by Lauren Lucena, put FAU ahead 2-1. UCF’s Anderson and Claire Kohake attempted to tie the game with some long-range shots, but the shots were either saved or missed, and FAU held on to win 2-1 and advanced to the finals where they lost to JU. For UCF, the loss ended a streak of two consecutive TAAC Championships.

Jacksonville’s Karen Novak won tournament MVP honors and teammates Foss, Russ Groven, Wenzel, Kristen Holstrom, and Melissa Cancio made the All-Tournament Team. Also named to the All-Tournament Team were FAU’s Peart, Melissa Bobby, Kmiotek, and Rhonda Jones, along with Chandra Yorgason of Georgia State.
UCF picked fifth and seventh in preseason polls

DAVID MARSTERS
STAFF WRITER

The UCF women's basketball team was picked to finish fifth in the TAAC by the coaches and seventh by the media at last week's TAAC Women's Basketball Media Day. Reigning conference champion Campbell topped both polls, while Georgia State placed second and Samford placed third in each set of rankings. The fifth place vote by the TAAC's coaches was a boost for the Golden Knights, who finished last season with a 9-20 overall record, 5-13 in the conference. Rounding out the Coach's Poll were #4 Stetson, #5 UCF, #6 Mercer, #7 Florida Atlantic, #8 Troy State, #9 Jacksonville and #10 Jacksonville State. The remainder of the Media Poll went #4 Florida Atlantic, #5 Mercer, #6 Stetson, #7 UCF, #8 Troy State, #9 Jacksonville and #10 Jacksonville State. The media picked Campbell to win the season ending TAAC Tournament, while Georgia State and Campbell tied for that honor with the coaches, getting four votes each.

This year, the UCF roster will feature eight players that did not play for the Golden Knights last year; highlighted by one of the best recruiting classes in school history. The incoming freshmen include guards Molly McGriff, Nicole Dunson, Ashlee Balance and Marvelous Washington. Balance and Washington were members of the team last year, but were red-shirted. Other newcomers include freshman forward Adrienne Billings, junior guards Nichole Hearns and Laentra Cooks, both transfers from junior colleges, and junior center Kristy Colligan, who transferred from Frank Phillips College in Texas. The Golden Knights play two preseason games before beginning the season ending TAAC Tournament, while Georgia State and Campbell tied for that honor with the coaches, getting four votes each.

The preseason All-Conference teams were also released, and UCF senior forward LaToya Graham earned a spot on the media preseason All-TAAC team. Graham was a third-team All-Conference selection last season, averaging 12.8 points and 6.4 rebounds per game. The rest of the media preseason All-TAAC team consisted of Campbell senior forward April Cromartie, Georgia State senior forward Leslie McElhan, Samford senior guard Aimee Cochran and Stetson senior guard Cher Dyon. The coach's preseason All-TAAC team was identical to the media's with the exception of Campbell senior guard Sara Moore replacing UCF's Graham. Both picked Campbell's April Cromartie as the preseason Player-of-the-Year.

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Bowl game still a possibility for Golden Knights

David Marsters
Staff Writer

With a win over Virginia Tech on Saturday, the UCF football team would become bowl eligible, and could vault itself into contention for the first bowl bid in Golden Knight history. There are a number of scenarios in which UCF could receive an invitation to a bowl, most of which are quite complicated.

To become bowl eligible, a Division I-A team must have six wins and a winning record. A school can count only one win over a Division I-AA team in that total, which is why UCF must beat Virginia Tech to become eligible. UCF has four wins over Division I-A teams and three over Division I-AA teams, giving the Golden Knights a total of five victories that count. In order to get into a bowl, UCF would have to be invited to a bowl that had an at-large (no conference affiliation) bid, or benefit from conferences that don't have enough eligible teams to fill their guaranteed bowl slots. Here is a synopsis of the possible scenarios:

1. Las Vegas Bowl - This bowl features the #2 team in the Mountain West Conference against an at-large bid. With a win over Virginia Tech, UCF should become an attractive team for this bowl's at-large bid with an 8-3 record, a five-game winning streak, and wins over a nationally ranked team in Virginia Tech and a traditionally strong program in Alabama.

2. Oahu Bowl - This bowl features the #5 team in the Pac 10 Conference against the #5 team in either the Big East or the ACC. UCF could possibly fit into Big East/ACC slot, as the Big East may have trouble getting enough teams eligible. Right now in the Pac 10, Arizona and Arizona State are competing for the fifth spot with identical 5-4 records, but play each other in the final week of the season; so one will have six wins and a winning record. In the Big East, only three teams are currently bowl eligible, followed by Pittsburgh (5-3), Syracuse (4-4), West Virginia (4-4), Temple (4-5) and Rutgers (3-5). Pittsburgh has Miami (7-1), Temple and West Virginia left to play, and needs only one win to secure a bowl spot. Syracuse has Temple, Miami and Rutgers remaining on its schedule and must win two of those games to become eligible. WVU has to play Rutgers, East Carolina and Pittsburgh, needing two more wins. Syracuse and Pittsburgh are left on Temple's schedule, with the Owls needing to win both of those games. And Rutgers must win out against West Virginia, Notre Dame and Syracuse, which is highly unlikely. If only one of those Big East teams gets to six wins, UCF could go to this bowl.

3. Aloha Bowl - This bowl features the #4 team in the Pac 10 against the #5 team in either the Big East or the ACC. For UCF, this scenario is identical to that of the Oahu bowl. The ACC will almost certainly have five bowl eligible teams, putting the #5 team in either the Aloha or Oahu Bowl. If the Big East does not get five teams eligible, then UCF could go to whichever of the two that the #5 ACC team does not.

4. GalleryFurniture.Com Bowl - This bowl features the #5 team in Conference USA against a Big 12 or at-large team. Though there is an at-large bid available here, this bowl is a long shot because Conference USA already has three bowl eligible teams, and the Big 12 already has seven that qualify. In terms of fan base, a Big 12 team is much more attractive to this bowl because it will likely bring in more fans and revenue than UCF could.

5. Micron PC Bowl - This bowl features the #4 ACC team against the #6 Big Ten team. While the ACC slot is filled, the Big Ten is having difficulty getting six teams eligible. Right now, five Big Ten schools are eligible, followed by Minnesota (5-5), Illinois (5-4) and Michigan State (4-5). To become eligible, Minnesota must win its final game against Iowa (5-5). Illinois needs one win against either Ohio State (7-2) or Northwestern (7-2), while Michigan State must beat both Purdue (7-2) and Penn State (4-6). If none of those teams become eligible, UCF could fill the Big Ten slot in this bowl.

6. Silicon Valley Bowl - This bowl features the #1 or #2 team in the Western Athletic Conference against the #5 team in the Mountain West Conference. The WAC spot is already taken, but the MWC currently only has two bowl eligible teams. New Mexico (5-5) must win its final two games against UNLV and BYU (4-6) to become eligible, while UNLV (4-5) must beat New Mexico, San Diego State (3-6) and Hawaii (1-7) to qualify for this spot. Because both New Mexico and UNLV play 12 games, they must have more than six wins to meet the requirement of being over .500. If neither of them do this, then UCF could fill their slot in this bowl.

As you can see, the scenario that could put UCF into its first ever Bowl Game is extremely complicated, but nevertheless might happen. The most important part of the situation, however, is that UCF beats Virginia Tech. If that does not happen, then all of these bowl possibilities are null and void because the Golden Knights will not be bowl eligible. But if it does, and UCF gets some help from some of these other conference teams, the Golden Knights could be going "bowling."
Junior defensive tackle Josh McKibben (93) is having his best season as a Golden Knight. So far this year, he has 67 tackles, including 13 for lost yardage, five sacks, 10 quarterback hurries, one forced fumble and one interception.

"I try and bring leadership onto the field, and keep everybody calm," he said. "I try to get everybody straight on defense and just keep everybody motivated. Keep hard work and make big plays at times, and once you make one big play, it will catch fire. I always let everyone focus on me and show that I can do it, that I can lead, that I'm ready to roll. They can get behind me and I'll lead them."

And they, no doubt, will follow.
Virginia Tech could be without Vick, Davis

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ing in the second quarter after catching one pass for no yards. Fifth-year senior Dave Meyer was Vick's replacement at quarter-
back and completed 13 of 25 passes for 225 yards, one touch-
down, and one interception. Leading the rushing attack was
back Lee Suggs, who carried 23 times for 121 yards and two
touchdowns. Suggs accounted for all but 41 of the Hokies' total
rushing yards.

"(Suggs) goes outside, he goes inside, he runs with authority, he
runs over you," said UCF Head Coach Mike Kruczek. "We're
going to hat this guy up and
inside the Golden Knights' IO-yard line with
offensively, we're going to have
seconds left in the game.
When he picked off a pass by
Tech's basic defense is a
4-3. Against Miami they sacked
quarterback Ken Dorsey once
for a loss of just one yard, and
they recorded no interceptions.
The defense also allowed running
back James Jackson to run
the ball 28 times for 145 yards.
The Golden Knights will need to
play with the same emotion and
intensity they showed against
Alabama in order to pull off
what would be one of the
biggest upsets in NCAA football
this year. With a win against
Virginia Tech, UCF would have
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Defensive Player of the Week

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The senior strong safety finished third on the team with seven tackles, but it was his interception of Louisiana Tech quarterback Luke McCown that led to UCF’s 10-yard drive to give UCF the lead for good.

Offensive Player of the Week

Edward Mack

Mcown, Louisiana Tech

UCF defense contains

UCF took a page out of past U.S. foreign policy last Saturday, employing a strategy of containment to beat Louisiana Tech 20-16.

Facing a team that threw the ball 72 times against Miami this week, and a quarterback in freshman Luke McCown who is rapidly becoming one of the nation’s top young passers, the Golden Knights had to use a "tend but don’t break" philosophy against the Bulldogs. As they had in every game this season, Louisiana Tech was able to move the ball up and down the field, but the Golden Knight defense was able to keep the Bulldogs out of the end zone on all but two occasions. Junior cornerback Travis Fischer, who intercepted a McCown pass in the fourth quarter, said that the key for the defense was to bounce back when Louisiana Tech had a big play.

"We came in knowing that La Tech was going to make some plays," said Fischer. "But also we had to make some plays. It was all about when they made their plays, we had to line back up and be ready to fight again. When they busted us in the mouth, we had to come back and bust them in the mouth." And bust Louisiana Tech in the mouth they did, sacking McCown six times on the night for a combined loss of 46 yards. Last year, when the Bulldogs beat UCF 46-32 at the Citrus Bowl, Tech quarterback Tim Rattay completed 46 of his 62 passes for 561 yards and five touchdowns, and was only knocked down once.

"They were embarrassed about last year with Tim Rattay having a career day, knocking him down one time in 62 attempts," said UCF Head Coach Mike Kruczek. "They rose to the occasion. They took it as a dogmatic slap in the face and challenge and I think they did a great job tonight."

The only problem for the UCF defense was the defensive line’s propensity for jumping offsides. The Golden Knights had five offside penalties in the second half alone, giving Louisiana Tech three first downs. Kruczek said that while he was pleased with the defensive line’s effort, they needed to fix this problem. "They did a great job," said Kruczek. "The only problem with me is them jumping offsides. This guy (Tech QB Luke McCown) has a knack of pulling people off. We’re just not keying the ball. You can’t listen to the voice or inflection. We have to get better than that. We had numerous offside because of that."

Along with having a knack for pulling opponents offsides, McCown also has a knack for throwing a lot of passes, which he did again on Saturday. In the game, McCown completed 34 of his 52 passes for 363 yards and one touchdown. But despite all the yards, the Golden Knights were able to contain Louisiana Tech’s offense, and in the end, force McCown into mistakes that cost the Bulldogs the game. Fischer’s interception came on UCF’s own two-yard line when La Tech looked like they were about to score, and then McCown was intercepted by senior strong safety Damian Damps inside UCF’s 10-yard line on the Bulldogs’ final drive of the game. Still, Kruczek had high praise for the Louisiana Tech freshman. "(McCown) is going to be incredible," said Kruczek. "I mean he’s going to be incredible. Smart kid, moves around. Took some vicious hits tonight. He got hit right in the face one time. I was surprised he even got up. He’s a tough kid."

On this night, however, it was a tougher UCF defense that prevailed, as the Golden Knights improved their record to 7-3 heading into this week’s home showdown with eighth-ranked Virginia Tech.
McKibben leads by example on and off the field

**DAVID MARSTERS**

To be a great football player is one thing, and to command the utmost respect of your teammates is another. To have both of those qualities, however, is rare. UCF junior defensive tackle Josh McKibben is one of those special players who lead by example both on and off the football field.

Josh McKibben is not the biggest defensive lineman you will ever see. In fact, at 6-foot-3, 265 pounds he is actually quite undersized for a Division I-A interior lineman. He is also not the flashiest defensive player out there. McKibben does not dance, or attempt to draw any extra attention to himself after making a tackle. But those things that he is not make him what he is - the hardest working and most respected player to put on a Black and Gold uniform. Players wish they were more like him and coaches wish they had more players like him.

"Josh McKibben steps up his level of play week in and week out," said UCF Head Coach Mike Kruczek. "He's the catalyst on that defensive line. He's an incredible football player and I just thank the Lord he's only a junior and we've got him back next year for his leadership qualities and productivity. I can't say enough about Josh."

McKibben came to UCF in 1997 out of Hardee County High School in Wauchula, FL, hardly the Sunshine State's most glamorous town. Throughout his three years as a Golden Knight, his small-town America work ethic has transformed him from a scout team lineman into the anchor of the UCF defense. His blue-collar approach to football has produced results that are anything but blue-collar. In 1998, he earned the team's Outstanding Defensive Rookie award, sharing it with linebacker Tito Rodriguez. Last season, he finished second on the team with 70 tackles, including seven for lost yardage and three sacks, and was named the Golden Knights' Most Spiritual Player and Outstanding Defensive Lineman. This year, he already has 65 tackles, including 11 for lost yardage and four sacks. He also intercepted a pass against Alabama that set up UCF's first touchdown of the game. His work ethic and playing ability have earned him the well-deserved respect of his teammates. When they speak about him, it is with a certain reverence that they do so.

"He's a leader," said senior wide receiver Tyson Himshaw. "He's a fantastic defen-

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