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Over 200 employers will participate in Career Expo

**Elissa Jacob**  
STAFF WRITER

UCF's Career Resource Center is sponsoring the annual spring career expo on Jan. 30, which will provide students an opportunity to match up with more than 200 potential employers. These opportunities range from job openings as a software engineer for Microsoft or Lockheed Martin to a special agent for the FBI or retail positions as a buyer or manager at Burdines or Nautica. Although students with varied backgrounds and aspirations will be attending, Career Resource Center director Melanie Parker said there are universal tips that all students should keep in mind when meeting potential employers. "Students need to make preparations before, during and after the expo in order to make a lasting impression on employers," said Parker.

Parker also stressed that career expos aren't just for graduating students, but also for those interested in learning about internships or wanting to survey employers for future expos. She added that it is important for students to ask questions about specific jobs (a day in the life of an accountant), and also recommended that students land well in advance of graduation.

**Golden Knights baseball is No. 17 in Baseball America's preseason rankings.**

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**UCF Shakespeare festival gears up for Spring season**

**Amy Pavuk**  
STAFF WRITER

As the Orlando-UCF Shakespeare Festival ends the fall season, the organization prepares for spring productions of Romeo and Juliet and As You Like It. About 12 years ago, the Festival began its first season with a small administrative staff and a group of non-professional actors. Commitments from sponsors, members of the community and an alliance with UCF helped the Festival grow into a successful professional theater organization.

The Orlando-UCF Shakespeare Festival produces five performances in nine months, with professional actors from across the nation. The organization offers adult classes and Playlab, a reading/workshop series for community members.

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**High-tech surveillance project approved**

**James Nunez**  
STAFF WRITER

Last week, the Orlando City Council approved a project to install a limited amount of high-tech surveillance cameras in the downtown area. UCF's computer science department will team up with the Orlando Police Department to test the video-technology software's effectiveness to prevent crime. Together, the team plans to install five strategically positioned cameras around a major intersection. The weatherproof devices will likely be located at Orange Avenue and Pine Street. The cameras' technology is very superior within the surveillance field. Each camera is equipped with experimental software that is designed to recognize and record any suspicious behavior.

For example, images of people engaged in a fistfight, a mugging, any sort of theft or any other unlawful activities will be recorded and transmitted to a monitoring station which, in tum, dispatches officers to the scene of the crime. Although many citizens may be wary of police misuse of the cameras to invade private property, officials maintain that the devices will be aimed only at the public sidewalk. Anyone walking down the street will be able to see them clearly, and signs stating that the area is under surveillance will be posted as well.

To ease the concerns of citizens who are cautious of the new technology, officials ensure that the cameras do not have any audio recording devices and cannot eavesdrop on private conversations.

Many cities around the nation have already utilized this equipment. Orlando's software will be fully operational by the end of February. UCF and the OPD are optimistic that the technology will become a useful law-enforcement instrument without crossing or blurring the lines of a citizen's right to privacy.

**Recreational Services building receives award**

The architectural firm who designed the Recreational Services building, Former Baker Barrios Architects, Inc, was awarded a Citation in the 2000 American School & University Architectural Portfolio competition. The building, which is still under construction, was recognized along with another UCF building under construction, UCF's Center for Public Safety, Forensic Science and Security. The Recreational Services building will be home to a gymnasium, racquetball courts, cardiovascular and fitness rooms, locker rooms, offices and classrooms, as well as a lounge and snack bar.

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How to live on that student sized budget

DIANA HENNIG
STAFF WRITER

College students today face all kinds of expenses. With tuition and rent costs on the rise, the outrageous prices of textbooks and all the supplemental junk a student must purchase nowadays, little money is left over for the students themselves. Book buybacks at the end of the semester don’t help too much either. It seems as though not even half of your money is refunded. For the student who owns a car, that’s a whole other set of payments to make - insurance, gas, maintenance, etc. How can today’s college student still have any fun? The answer to that question lies in being thrifty.

The best place to start would seem to be with daily living expenses. Where can a student cut corners? Take groceries for example. An easy way not to spend too much money on unnecessary food items is to make a list and not deviate from it. Add only those items to the list that are really necessary, with maybe one or two “wanted” items. Furthermore, shop around for the cheapest place. Super Wal-Mart and Publix tend to be the cheapest places to buy food, as they carry generic items such as soft drinks and salad dressing that are less expensive. If you’re going out to eat, try and visit places that aren’t too pricey but still offer good food. Bennigan’s, Applebee’s and Chili’s are always good places to go. With a wide selection of variety and low prices, there’s bound to be something for everyone.

Festival provides students with apprenticeships

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interested in theater and acting. Programs for children include summer camps, teaching in schools and professional classes.

UCF plays a vital, versatile role in the Festival. The university supports the organization with monetary underpinnings and designates representatives to the Festival’s Board of Directors. Both faculty members and students have participated in projects as actors, directors and designers.

The Festival provides UCF students with apprenticeships, independent studies and internships. Independent study courses concentrate on the professional aspects of unions, business and theater. Interns and apprentices may work in acting, education, stage management, tech or administration.

Auditions and interviews for 2001-2002 internship positions will be in March. For information call 407-893-4600 or email taylor@mpinet.net.

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PROFESSIONAL ATTIRE RECOMMENDED

Sponsored by the Career Resource Center
In conjunction with the UCF Police Department, the Orange County Sheriff’s Office stationed the DUI BATmobile at the Visual Arts parking lot on Jan. 19, the device’s first-ever visit to UCF.

The DUI BATmobile, a mobile drug and alcohol testing center, began its watch at 9 p.m. and stayed until 2 a.m. Several drunken drivers were stopped and arrested during that time period.

Rick Borman, supervisor of the DUI Test Center for the Orange County Sheriff’s office, was in charge of the operation. Borman has been the head of the operation for the past five years.

“We’ve got about 22 FHP (Florida Highway Patrol) officers, five Orange County DUI officers, and I don’t know how many the UCF PD is going to have,” said Borman.

The almost 30-foot long bus is actually an extension of the Orange County DUI Testing Center. Normally, if an officer suspects a motorist of driving while intoxicated, he or she will send that person to the DUI center for proper testing.

With the utilization of the BATmobile, officers can test the suspect for blood alcohol content on the scene and arrest them if they are found to be intoxicated.

The mobile testing center also allows police to determine a specific area’s frequency of DUI offenses, thus locating problematic areas and allowing officers to set up combative measures in those areas.

For more happenings and police reports, turn to pg. 7 for this week’s Police Beat.
Martin Luther King, Jr. still motivates students

DIANA HENNIG
STAFF WRITER

Martin Luther King Day has come to mean a day off from school for students to go watch parades and simply enjoy the day. However, for some members of the Orlando community, the memory of King inspires them to give back to society.

"Volunteer UCF participated in MLK day of service on Jan. 13, by doing a Habitat for Humanity Project. We had about twenty volunteers from UCF show and together we got through building the (roof) of the house," said Vanessa Jattan of Volunteer UCF. These students the day putting a roof on a house for an older woman with four children who has been on the list for a house since 1997.

There are other projects that are also underway. Hands On Orlando, a tax-exempt, non-profit organization offered twelve other choices on Saturday for the help inclined community member.

"Corretta Scott King says the best way for people to honor her late husband's birthday is to come together and perform community service projects for others. That's what we believe MLK Day should be about," said Chris Allen, coordinator of HOQ.

These projects included helping restock a free school supply store, sorting canned goods for Second Harvest, building picnic tables, painting a homeless shelter and cleaning the kennels at the Humane Society.

"After seeing all the homeless people downtown ask for spare change or walk around with their shopping carts full of their only belongings, I felt I had to do something for these people. Volunteering is something I can do that doesn't cost any money and still gives back to the community," said freshman Sherry Matthews.

About 200 volunteers participated in all the different projects. Age groups ranged anywhere from elementary school students to the elderly. People in wheelchairs worked next to both the poor and rich to help those in need. Many who were there were first-time volunteers.

"It takes only a couple of hours out of your month to volunteer, but the effects and satisfaction it gives lasts indefinitely," said Jattan.

Scholastic Inc. donated biographies of Martin Luther King, Jr. to be given to all the volunteers, along with packets of forget-me-not seeds as further gratitude for giving of their time. VUCF's next project will be held Feb. 3. For information contact VUCF at the office of Student Activities in the Student Union at (407) 823-6471 for further information.

Tons of money not necessary for good time

Golf is another needed commodity for college students. Yet, prices sometimes drastically differ from station to station. It may not seem that a 10-cent difference matters, but add it together and for a 10-gallon tank, you've already saved $1. Race Trac stations usually have the best prices for gas, but it always depends on the current situation. Car maintenance also goes along with this. One of the cheapest, friendliest and closest places to go for UCF students is the Midas repair shop on Alafaya Trail.

Then there comes clothing, which is an essential for everyday life. However, it does not cost that much money to dress both comfortably and fashionably. Not everything has to be designer name brands. Thrift stores are a good place to start, especially with retro style coming back into fashion. Another store to try is One Price, located near Winn Dixie on East Colonial Drive. Almost everything is under $12, including both men's and women's fashions, with everything from casual to clubbing styles.

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health nut

Yoga a cure for blues?

Dear Health Nut,

I am 21 and suffer from anxiety and depression. My doctor suggested I start doing yoga. He seems to think it will help me cope with stress. I've seen a couple of articles in my magazines, I don't know much about it. At this point I'm willing to try anything. What exactly is it and can it really help me?

Sincerely,
Very curious

Dear Very curious,

Yoga has become increasingly popular over the last few years even though it has been around for over 5,000 years. Practitioners have begun treating patients with physical as well as mental and emotional ailments to try yoga. The word "yoga" means to yoke or bring together. It is a series of stretches and postures in conjunction with breath work that aims at establishing physical, psychological and spiritual harmony.

There is evidence that yoga helps people with mental and emotional problems such as anxiety and depression. It promotes an overall sense of well-being including an increased ability to concentrate, greater creativity and more fulfilled relationships.

Another great thing about yoga is its accessibility. Yoga classes are offered at almost every gym where they offer fitness classes including the YMCA. Most classes are fairly inexpensive or if you search you may be able to find some that are free. You can even buy an instructional tape that starts you off with some basic poses and do it at home in your living room.

Yoga's numerous health benefits and its availability make it an excellent option for daily exercise. Not only are you strengthening your body, but with this ancient practice, you are feeding your mind and spirit as well.

Yoga has the potential to change your life greatly. You should give it a shot. I bet you'll be pleasantly surprised.

-Health Nut

Flavorful food, affordable price.

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A great place to start is school organizations. Whether it's a volunteer club, athletic team or academic society, most of these organizations are at little or no cost to the student. Not only do they provide a worthwhile way to spend time, but also include field trips, parties and free gifts. If they're not available on campus, everyone should be able to find something that interests them.

Other low cost activities can include movies, concerts, clubs and even miniature golf. Regal Cinemas UC7 across from UCF is the cheapest for movies with a student discount. Depending on features, mini golf can cost anywhere from $6 to $13 per person. Clubs, depending on the day and which one is chosen can cost anywhere from nothing to $13.

Health Nut

Have a physical, or mental health question? Send them to the Health Nut at healthnut@ucffuture.com
Tips for students to keep in mind before attending the career expo:

- For an added touch to employers, students should submit a resume and cover letter prior to meeting them. This serves as a great introductory line (“I don’t know if you remember, but I sent you my resume last week…”). This also makes students more memorable.

- Students should dress in professional attire as they would for an interview. For men this means white shirts, conservative ties, dark suits and polished shoes. Women should wear conservative suits or dresses and go light on jewelry.

- Doing “targeting” research on the companies is a good way for students to show knowledge of the company and work it into a conversation.

- Students should prepare a “2-minute drill” to give to potential employers that tells who they are, why they are interesting, and why they are the specific employee in the organization and their future career plans.

- It’s important that prospective employers ask quick, focused questions to show interest.

- Students should bring at least 25 updated resumes.

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Around Campus

Relay for Life 2001 is on its way

CFF STAFF COMPILATION

The American Cancer Society registered teams for their annual Relay for Life at a reception held at the Student Union. The Relay for Life is a fundraiser to benefit cancer research. Call the Office of Constituent Relations at (407) 823-3901 for more information.

AA meetings held in Campus Wellness Center

Monday and Wednesdays at noon, Alcoholics Anonymous holds meetings in the Campus Wellness Center classroom in trailer 617. Anyone is welcome to join the “Breaking the Chains” group. Please call (407) 823-5841 for more info.

Water restrictions on campus

There are new restrictions with the use of water on campus because of a water shortage in Central Florida. These restrictions went into effect Jan. 15, 2001. All washing of vehicles is prohibited, irrigation for the landscape has been reduced and outside cleaning use of water is also prohibited unless using low-volume, high-pressure devices.

Aerobics on campus

Aerobics classes for the Spring semester have begun. Classes are free to UCF students with a valid student ID card.

- Classes include traditional/spin, yoga, kickboxing, aerobics, and self defense, and are held in the fitness center located on the south side of the Student Resource Center. For more information call (407) 823-2408.
Can't live without my NFL 2K1 game

JAMES NUNEZ
STAFF WRITER

Like most other students, Andrew Washburn left his dorm in Flagler Hall on Dec. 11 to return home for the holidays. He left much of his valuables in the room and locked the door.

Upon his return on Jan. 4, he noticed that the shelf on which his Nintendo game system sat was empty. Washburn told investigators that he initially believed that one of his friends had borrowed it, but later realized that the cable running from the system to the TV/VCR was missing, as well.

Washburn said he figured anyone who had borrowed the system would not have taken that cable. After asking around, he determined that the system had not been borrowed. There was no evidence of forced entry.

I don't need $36, I need $35

Kevin Kahle locked the door to his dorm in Seminole Hall on Jan. 10 and left to work out. When he returned, the door was already open. He also found that the room lights had been turned on.

He made a cursory search, only to find everything in its place. He then checked his wallet that had been located in his coat pocket. He found that $35 was missing, but whoever had taken it left a single dollar.

Ongoing changes

(Left) UCF’s parking services moved into their new home this semester, located on the 1st floor of the South Parking Garage. Students can purchase their parking passes at this location and at the auxiliary location in the West Parking Garage by the Education building. (Right) A new sidewalk has been added between the bookstore and the Student Union to make access quicker and easier for students.

PHOTOS BY ASHAN SFIYER

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Police Beat

Investigators noticed that Kahle lives in the dorm by himself. His roommate had moved out only a few days prior.

However, Kahle told investigators that he does not believe his former roommate would steal from him. There were no signs of forced entry.

This was supposed to catch thieves

Donna Reed, a representative of Student Legal Services, told police that on Jan. 12 she entered room 147 of the departments building only to find that a video camera and the tripod that it had been sitting upon was missing.

Reed noticed that the door to the room was left wide open, and there were no signs of forced entry. She immediately asked all other employees in the building if they had taken the camera. No one claimed to have taken it or knew its whereabouts. The camera was valued around $300.

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Last week a strange occurrence occurred in the UCF student body. A day off. The day off was in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. In the words of the MLA style guide, Has anyone besides me ever wondered why we have King’s birthday of no one else’s? Perhaps the most frequent error is the spreading of the word of peace and humility with the Bible under his arm. He was a Saint. Abraham Lincoln, who fostered the Emancipation Proclamation, John F. Kennedy, who brought the United States out of a stupor and into the beginnings of the Space Age, Mother Teresa, who put all aside to serve millions in days off? We could all use the respite in the opiate of organized religion. And I hope that when the next generation of young Americans lives were lost because American presidential administrations did not want to be embarrassed by tapes of John F. Kennedy recorded him weighing withdrawal from Vietnam against an upcoming election. Transcripts of Lyndon Johnson’s White House conversations also show him agonizing over Vietnam: “I don’t think it’s worth fighting for...” but deciding that he could not withdraw because, “They’d impeach a President, wouldn’t they?”

I have ever children. I will encourage them to not be like me. Instead I will encourage them to fill their heads with brains, scores and terminal, and sexual fantasies about talentless teenage entertainers. I will encourage them to limit their information so they feed their heads with the information that our WASP heritage has sanctioned, so that even their most introspective broods will consist of only erroneous and whitewashed material. And I hope that when their childhood they find their purpose in their nine-to-five indentured servitude, solace in material possessions, and spiritual repose in the opiate of organized religion. As the late John Lennon once soulfully sang, “Whatever gets you through the night...”

Making your vote count

We were interested to see what you thought about UCF’s switch to a plurinominal grading scale. We asked ‘Do you feel UCF should switch to a plurinominal grading scale? ‘The Fall? ’ These are the results of our poll:

- YES - 27%
- NO - 64%
- UNSURE - 9%

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Important concerns

Recently a survey was done that queried drivers as to what annoyed them most when driving. The top five complaints by drivers were:

(1) People who speed. Drivers who do not use their turn signal when changing lanes.
(2) Those who are impatient and weave in and out of traffic dangerously.
(3) Motorists who talk on their cell phones while driving.
(4) People who follow too closely or tailgate. I personally think there is a much bigger complaint that was not voiced. My biggest complaint about driving are the extra large drink cups from fast food joints and the Extra Big Gulp's that won't fit in your cup holder.

(5) People sneeze. What do you say when someone sneezes and you say to them "God bless you," or simply "bless you." What do you say when someone coughs?

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Mists in your mouth

Is it just me or does the color of the M&Ms make it taste differently? To me the green, blue, and yellow ones are the least desirable.

People fail to recognize those who deserve it

We decide we paid enough for to read.

Did any of you know that December is Native American month? PBS may not be as hilarious as Comedy Central, but it's really amazing what you can learn. With all the hype over Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, and the New Year, we bear nothing of Native Americans. So, why don't we have Chief Osceola's birthday off? He lost his life fighting for freedom just as Dr. King did. Does anybody care?

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While aiming to recognize our culturally diverse society, we fail to give credit to all those who deserve it. Is it just to recognize one outstanding figure by ignoring the rest?
Why is it that the words “murder,” “sex” and “a small Southern town” always seem to find their way back to each other’s sides. Murder takes place everywhere, but the act sounds more evil when it occurs in a community not easily found on a map. Sex? Well, we don’t care where it actually happens, as long as we hear about it. Southern is a good change of scenery. And when put together, no matter what the number of other old tales we have heard before, chances are we’ll listen to a new one. They are all components to create a decent story, throw in some ghosts, maybe a token “angry redneck,” and it’ll come around full circle to spook us.

The makers of the new supernatural thriller, The Gift, do just that. Set with the three key elements to be considered gothic, it won’t scare the hell out of you, but that itchy fix of wanting to be told a good ghost story will feel a little soothed. Going back to the hidden mysteries of small town Americana, much as he did in A Simple Plan, director Sam Raimi works from the eerie campfire tale screenplay by Billy Bob Thornton and Tom Epperson. Their 1991 screenplay, One False Move, touched upon themes of self-sacrifice and redemption. While it’s not as good as that film, The Gift, holds on to perseverance and this bizarre sense of integrity, something in which a director, like Raimi, would want to explore. Set about an hour away from the “garden of good and evil” in Savannah, is the blink-and-you-miss-it town of Brixton, Georgia. Like most Mayberys, Brixton is small and quiet, with the normal characteristics being easy to find: the canopy porches and those less fortunate who don’t appear to be all together in the head (after all, Mayberry came complete with its very own Barney Fife). Annie Wilson (Cate Blanchett) tries to help out some of the troubled folk of Brixton the best way she knows how. Through her gift, her clairvoyance, she helps better explain why things happen to her clients. She is more than a Dionne Warwick-ized con-artist reading from Milton Bradley’s version of tarot cards, she’s the real deal, and to her small congregation of believers—she is their outlet. Coming across like a poor man’s shrink, she counsels a battered woman, (played by Hillary Swank) and a severely troubled young man (Giovanni Ribisi), while trying to raise her three sons after her husband has unexpectedly passed on, a victim of a factory fire. By chance, she meets Wayne Collins (Greg Kinnear) and his fiancee Jessica King (Katie Holmes). Upon their first encounter, Annie senses something not right about the young woman; weary she keeps her thoughts to herself and says nothing. It isn’t until Jessica is found dead and bloated submerged in a pond, that Annie begins to put the pieces of what went wrong into order.

A possibility as to why The Gift works is that it is a screenwriter’s buffet combined to make a director’s main course. In telling their story, Thornton and Epperson stop off at the Morrison Cafeteria of Inspiration and try a little bit of everything. A highlighted plate of Harper Lee, next to a Jell-O mold of James Ellroy, and a side salad of John Grisham and eureka, they’ve got themselves something to work from. Director Raimi could have lost sight as to how to tell the tale correctly (the supporting actors’ dilemmas in this film have been entire plots in counts of lesser pictures), but Raimi sticks with the murder-mystery and by the performance of Cate Blanchett. You could almost cringe and see Ashley Judd playing this role and just know right away that the film wouldn’t have been half as good. Blanchett is really the adhesive to the film; her accent sounds uncannily authentic, effortless. Her mindset is completely believable. This is the same Australian who played an English monarch not too long ago, isn’t it? The same woman who turned into a stonewashed Jersey housewife in Pushing Tin? Not to express malice towards the known and the established, but, screw Meryl Streep.

In fact the entire ensemble comes off as quite well, considering they are collectively playing the antithesis of the social standings of which they are in real life. As usual, Ribisi plays the retard, Kinnear, the everyman-fine—both have been done before though. Hillary Swank is sort of lost in the mix. She does a good job, but is primarily used to strengthen the prestige of the opening credits. Katie Holmes tries to shred the “good girl” thing by talking dirty and sleeping with a quarter of the cast before she bites it (by the way, this is in no way relevant in reviewing this film, but she shows her boobs-Score!-prime incentive for a second viewing). Even Keana Reeves (sorry, all out of Keana quips) comes across as a good redhead. Well, you can at least let him slide for the two hours, all the while thinking to yourself “Dude, how many Johnny Utah lines can I recite from Point Break?”

As for the revelation as to whom the killer might be? That’s where the film loses its impact. It is all too easy; from Raimi we have come to expect a little more. That’s not to say realizing who did it is so obvious, but my money says that some of the make believe backwater deputies could put this case together sooner than the plot unfolds. Just because most of the characters in the picture are portrayed as a little slow doesn’t mean that the audience should be treated as such also.
In modern America, almost everything is commercialized to a certain extent. Advertisements are everywhere, the companies behind them all vying for the dollar of the consumer. While these manifestations of capitalism are surely a healthy sign of competition and a worthwhile economy, at times they can be somewhat tedious in nature. This tediousness comes not from the fact that advertising exists, but rather the ads themselves. A prime example of this is Regal Cinema's need to display the idiotic short that Pepsi created before every film.

The short to which I am referring is the one that stars the little curly-haired girl that dances around and sings in Pepsi commercials. To those who haven't watched television within the past two years, this is the rundown. The commercials all feature this child singing and dancing, and unfortunately dubbing. That's right, the little imp moves her lips and different voices come out, from Aretha Franklin all the way to the current cinema bastardization that sounds similar to Jack Palance. The reasons for creating such a campaign is simple, to capitalize on the "oh isn't she cute" feeling that certain individuals reflect whenever they see any sort of child. However, what was "once cute" or even slightly amusing two years ago has become tarnished by annoyance.

The pure irritation that permeates the ads is doubled by the fact that certain movie theaters, (cough cough) Regal Cinemas, have to show a two-minute short in front of every film. At least when the commercials ran on television one could change the channel, but oh no in a theater auditorium you are forced to watch and cringe every time the child speaks (or just moves her mouth rather; my-oh-my she's talented). The actual short is probably recognizable to a vast majority of UCF students. It has a western theme with the little girl coming in and telling everyone the rules of the theater: no talking, no cell phones, etc. The question I am asking myself is: why do they have to have such an annoying way of saying this? It is obvious that Regal Cinema wants to please its sponsor Pepsi, but why can't such items simply be told in a very brief message. Hell, even Ray Charles singing it would be more suitable. The point is no one thinks this little skit is funny anymore. Upon a viewing of both Snatch and The Gift recently, not a single person laughed at the commercial. With this fact in mind, it is time for the "little girl" campaign to be retired completely, or at least taken out of Regal Cinemas. The audiences didn't pay to see pre-school cuteness; they paid to see a motion picture with a few previews.

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Robots and midgets and Pilots, oh my! Thursday night's WPRK benefit at the Kit Kat Club was jam-packed with entertainment and surprises. What can you say about a show that has killer robots, a host named Tostito and non-stop music? Nothing, really, all you can do is take it all in with your mouth agape.

It was a much more theatrical evening than previous benefits, to say the least. Two giant robots marked WMFE lumbered into the packed club along with the evening's host, and did battle with the pint-sized MC, fully clad in tin-foil battle gear labeled WPRK. And did I mention they broke into a WPRK-themed song in the middle of all this? Not following me? I'll explain.

Over the past few years, 91.5 FM WPRK, the independent radio station of Rollins College, has been threatened by larger corporate radio stations like WMFE that wish to take it over. The management of WPRK believes that a take-over would compromise the station's free form programming and reduce the amount of community involvement within the station.

SaveWPRK.com, a non-profit organization dedicated to maintaining WPRK's independent, non-corporate spirit, coordinates benefits and other programs throughout the year to raise awareness.

The fully packed club loved the circus-like atmosphere. Pool-players looked up from their games to cheer for Tostito, and even the crowded bar turned around to see what was going on as a steady stream of people came through the club's doors in time to hear the first band.

As the killer robots plodded off stage, opening act Pilots began to set up their equipment. The benefit was cleverly set up so that there would never be a break from some form of entertainment. Between acts, two of the station's DJs, Amanda Colbenson and Andrew Jones, played a wide mix of music, from alt-country to experimental rock.

Someone must have threatened the bands before the show began, because each act set up in record time. Pilots began their set, which was acoustic, and completely different from anything I have ever heard by them. The band traded their loud, bouncing rock sound for a more subdued, softer set. Lead singer Brad Register's vocals were as smooth as usual. He sounded great together with more subdued bass playing from Dave McMahon and Alan Singley's always interesting keyboards. Drummer Chris Harry did a great job using brushes and other percussion to create a lighter sound. Harry said that their lighter set wasn't a permanent change, but something different for the evening. I hope they incorporate both styles of music into future shows.

My Hotel Year, a four-piece rock band from Lakeland, FL quickly set up their equipment, wasting no time after Pilots' set. MHY also played an acoustic set, minus their drummer Mike Vrabulski. Kit Kat's poor sound system gave them a shaky start, with the band repeatedly asking for audio levels to be brought up or down. After several adjustments, the band launched into their set, admitting, "We usually rock out more than this."

Their set wasn't heavy, but it mixed dynamic guitar work with emotional vocals, similar to Indie bands Juliana Theory and Jimmy Eat World. Dave Ott and Travis Adams harmonize their voices and guitars well, and James Woodrich is a talented bassist. Although their set didn't impress me that much, I am interested in hearing them play as they normally do at a venue with a better sound system. Kit Kat is a fun place to hang out, but it often doesn't do bands justice.

The DJs and staff behind WPRK's benefits work hard to not only raise awareness for the station, but to put on a fun and memorable party. From the great music to the surprise guests, they totally outdid themselves and created something that people will be talking about for a long time.
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Well, Love Potion, there actually are some true aphrodisiacs out there. The only problem with them is that they are foods that are pretty pungent to the taste buds. Yohimbe is the biggest aphrodisiac on the market today. It can be found in any GNC and a bottle of the bark powder usually runs for about six dollars. It heightens sensation by bombarding the body with adrenaline so only take what is suggested on the label. An overdose can lead to violent fits of rage. Capsicum is another powerful aphrodisiac as well. It is a black pepper from Africa. It works by increasing the sex drive as well as organ sensitivity in both sexes. Tribulus is a hormonal aphrodisiac. Instead of increasing sensation it increases free testosterone in the bloodstream. Testosterone is the hormone that governs sex drive in both sexes. I hope this answers your question.

Have fun and be careful!

Dear Sexpert,

My girlfriend and I have been dating for about seven months and we are very sexually active. Just recently we went into a 69 position with the lights on—usually its lights off. Anyway, when her butt and all came up to me I was disgusted at what I saw and after a little bit I had to change positions. I don't think any less of her, I do want to mention it to her, but not in anyway to hurt her or offend her. What do you think?

-Hairy Like Animal, male, 21

Ok, here's the deal...I've given this a lot of thought on how exactly to bring this up, yet save face and still be tactful about it. The conclusion that I have come up with is that I would advise you to let it be. I say this because I think it is one of those topics that A) has no right way of getting the point across nicely and B) would cause many arguments for months afterwards. In your note to me you said you think no less of her. If this is true, don't even mention it to her. Ignorance is bliss in this case. Chalk up the pieces of excrement to a one-time incident. Besides, how many times has she ignored something just as gross about you in order to avoid hurting your feelings? I just think that this subject is like a pebble. If you bring it up it's like throwing the pebble in a lake. It makes ripples that could cause a wary relationship from that point on. I hope I helped in this subject and thank you for writing in.
LEAD STORIES

The technology sector of the economy is in a precarious state, according to a January study in U.S. News & World Report, that "information," a 64-year-old "business intuitive" with an MBA, has attracted a large following among entrepreneurs and venture capitalists (excluding 39 percent of clients) who seek her investment and business-development advice that she says she acquires by extraordinary perception. "In these troubled times," said an Imura associate, "people are looking for someone that can help them, and I think that's my competitive advantage." Said Imura: "Our companies don't have time to do market research studies, which can take months. I can give them feedback in an hour."

Scheduled for unveiling in May at Britain's National Memorial Arboretum in Alrewas, Staffordshire, is a World War I commemorative statue to honor England's 306 combat deserters. According to the Arboretum's director, "(There) has been a sea change in attitude, towards more understanding" of the plight of cowards and others who abandoned their comrades, especially for about 100 deserters whose principle sin was to run away after fearing they would be punished for lying about their ages in order to enlist. The director said some veterans' organizations support the memorial.

Still More from Election 2000

In the Ohio recounts, William R. Macera was re-elected mayor of Johnstown, R.I., despite being found in October in a carboard but was then arrested for having illegally registred to the New Bern, N.C., soil conservation council), and Hickman, Ky. (school board), things altered to vote as a convicted felon. And in races that were settled by, respectively, a draw of cards, a draw state Human Rights Commission.

In Auburn, Maine, forbade them from speaking four years, Dix has reportedly sent the invention (a product review that probably caused er innovation.

In the ensuing Turner and CNN protesting the televised report. Turner, which he prefaced this way: "I've always wanted to do it!"

Dix's then-sprouting sales to fall off). In the ensuing report in the Village Voice), Dix intimated that he would kill a 10-year-old "evidence." And that the "great aunt" thus deserves a major payout (in this case, from Alaska Airlines and Boeing). (In one claim, the alleged mother was a flamboyant Mexican Zapatista rebel, killed in combat in 1954.)

Things You Thought Didn't Happen Anymore

Nathaniel Bar-Jonah, 43, was arrested in Great Falls, Mont., in December and charged with killing a 10-year-old boy in 1956, and because of notes he made and a psychiatric evaluation, police believe he may have used parts of the body in meat casserole. And in December, in the Netherlands town of Best, two men were sentenced to 12 months in jail for conducting a duel with pistols, over a woman. And in November, accountant Gramusarrain Ravenstoned, 51, told a UK Regional Reporter in Bexley, England, that his brother had just suffered an attack of epilepsy shortly after trying to prune Ravenstoner's allegedly "curved" hedge, following fatal attempts to prune it by his sister in 1997 and his brother-in-law in 2000.

Least Competent Criminals

Seven soldiers from Fort Carson, Colo., were arrested in December, quickly caught after allegedly robbing an A&W restaurant, dined while pretending the boy was still alive, then expressed alarm that he had suddenly stopped breathing. Hospital and restaurant employees later expressed their suspicions to police, and after an investigation, the women were arrested in December.

To help the Netherlands' most-exporting business (already No. 3 in the world), but recognizing the country's small land area (half the size of South Carolina), Agriculture Ministry Minister Jan Brinkhorst recently endorsed a think tank's proposal to build a six-story "agropark" of pig pens, chicken coops and salmon pools. An Animal Protection Society spokesperson likened the building to a concentration camp for animals, but proponents said the facility would be far more humane than some farms are now. Said one developer, "If people can live in apartment buildings, so can pigs."

Three (possibly four) of the 18 victims of Alaska Airlines Flight 261 in January 2000 led secret (separate) sex lives in Mexico or Guatemala, according to a December report in the San Francisco Chronicle. In November, for instance, (typically a "great aunt") often ran scams, producing "evidence" that a dead man had a clandestine lover and had fathered a child, that the stillborn baby was male, and that the "great aunt" thus deserves a major payout (in this case, from Alaska Airlines and Boeing). (In one claim, the alleged mother was a flamboyant Mexican Zapatista rebel, killed in combat in 1954.)

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UCF to play Stetson, Jacksonville this week

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ing up on the season,” said Lovett. “Some of the guys can pack it in because that they’re younger guys, but I think everybody’s still keeping their head up. We’ve still got what, maybe nine games left. We can still turn it around. I think we’ll be all right.”

Lovett is one of only two seniors on the team and just recently came back from a foot injury. He thinks that his teammates will see how he worked hard to return quickly from injury and be motivated to work even harder.

“I think I can motivate my team,” he said. “Them seeing how I can come back from an injury and come in and just work hard day in and day out. I think I’m a very good motivational factor for my teammates.”

UCF will need some kind of motivation to end the current three-game losing streak, which has dropped the Golden Knights to 6-11 for the season. UCF’s 2-5 mark in TAAC play is tied with Campbell for last place in the conference, making the road games against Stetson and Jacksonville all the more important.
Fjelstul encouraged about team's depth

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ten finishes.

“We've got some depth on the team,” said Head Coach Jill Fjelstul. “And we've got some people looking to get into the lineup. All the players on the team have the ability to make an impact.”

Among those who are fighting to get into the lineup are seniors Ashley Hinson and Tracy McArdle. Hinson has had two good years with UCF after transferring from Rollins College.

The Golden Knights open the season with the third annual UCF Invitational on Feb. 12-13. UCF lost to the University of Florida by ten strokes in that tournament last year.

Following the UCF Invitational, the Golden Knights will go to Gainesville to play in the Sun Trust Lady Gator Invitational, where they will meet up with teams from the Southeastern Conference.

Any time that we can compete against, or beat the bigger named schools, it adds credibility,” said Fjelstul.

UCF also plays in the fifth annual Green Wave Classic on Mar. 5-6, the Waterlefe Invitational on Mar. 19-20, the 2001 State Championships on Mar. 30 - Apr. 1 and the TAAC Championships on Apr. 9-11.

Camacho and Guerin lead UCF men's tennis team

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national recognition. You can’t do that unless you play a good schedule.”

Through various problems such as lack of depth and a tough, tightly packed schedule, UCF struggled to an 11-12 record last season, finishing fifth in the TAAC conference. The season had its ups and downs, including wins against 48th ranked Florida Atlantic but also losses to a 150th ranked West Point team. The heart of the problem for last year's team was its inconsistency, lacking discipline and chemistry and seeming to struggle included nine matches in 14 days. But after a strong showing in the fall that included a win over top Division II school Barry University and a close loss to Florida Atlantic, Cashman feels the team in on the right track.

“We're more on time, guys understand what I want from them,” he said. “Expectations are high. I think (the fall) shows us that at one stretch of the schedule that the team in on the right track. We'll play more consistent this year with the same tough schedule”

Cashman solved some of last year's scheduling problems by spacing out the team's matches. But that doesn't mean the road will get any easier. The Golden Knights will play a tournament at Florida State that will include several teams ranked between 25th and 50th. And of course the team will also have to play tough conference foes such as Georgia State and Florida Atlantic, who are both ranked, as well formidable opponents Campbell and Siena.

Most importantly though, UCF's play should be buoyed by some newfound depth. The team
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Jacksonville countered with a 15-0 run of their own and the lead was back up to 16 points. The Golden Knights finished the game on a 20-8 run, but the comeback fell short.

Despite the loss, Speraw tried to look for the good things that happened in the game. “I think the fact that we batted ourselves back into it was very encouraging,” he said. “It’s real demoralizing to execute your offense pretty well and get a pretty good look and not be able to finish off a play. That affects you the next trip you come down offensively and it affects you defensively as well.”

“When you do it half after half after half and game after game, when you’re not making lay-ups and not finishing off things you get pretty demoralized. And our kids fought through that pretty good and battled it pretty hard. They gave themselves a chance to sneak a victory when we’re not shooting very well.”

Lovett hopes that the team’s hard work will pay off soon. “Tonight’s game was a real tough loss for us,” said Lovett. “All of us right now have heavy hearts. We just can’t give up. We’ve got to continue to work harder and hope that things turn around for us.”

Reed once again led the Golden Knights with 16 points, nine rebounds, three blocks and one steal, while Joey Graham came off the bench to add 13 points, three rebounds and two steals. In his first game back after suffering a torn meniscus in his foot, Mario Lovett started the game and had 12 points, nine rebounds, two assists and a steal. Only six of the 11 Golden Knights who played in the game scored a point.

Lovett makes early comeback: Expected to be out at least until Feb. 3, senior Mario Lovett surprised UCF fans Saturday when he was back in the starting lineup against Jacksonville. Lovett injured his foot on Jan. 8 and was expected to be out for at least two to three weeks.

Not only did Lovett start against the Dolphins, he played 29 of the 40 minutes in the game. In an impressive come-back performance, Lovett scored 12 points, grabbed nine rebounds, had one steal and dished out two assists.

Speraw decided to let him start after seeing his improvement in practice. “He’s had pretty good days of practice, that’s why we played him and played him as much as we did,” said Speraw. “Obviously his timing was a little off and his shot was a little off, you hope that doesn’t happen, but it doesn’t surprise you.”

“Hopefully he can follow that up with a couple of good days here. I think our defense is much better with him out there and that’s where we’re going to have to fight through this, we’ve got to fight our tails off on the defensive end.”

At one point during the second half it appeared that Lovett was in some pain. He went out of the game briefly, but when he returned to the game he looked fine. After the game he said he wasn’t in any pain.

“If feels really good,” said Lovett. “I am surprised being that I have a lot of bad luck with injuries. Last year it was a year and a half thing with the posterior tendon (this year). I ruptured my plantar fascia and I just had a little luck with the injury recovery.”

Last year’s foot injury kept Lovett out of the lineup the entire year, forcing him to take a medical redshirt.

Graham twins play like old times

The UCF men’s basketball team has a set of talented twins on it, freshmen Joey and Stephen Graham. In just Wednesday’s game against Stetson, the brothers were able to spend some time on the court together, and Joey said he felt like old times.

“It felt kind of like we were back in high school,” said Joey. “We were getting back into the flow. Steve came into the game and made a big contribution. I was feeling his energy and we just took off running and things were just flowing for us. It felt real good out there with him.”

Stephen came off the bench in that game and in the next game run for the Golden Knights. He scored eight points, tying his career high, in just six minutes of action.

Joey has averaged 19.9 minutes per game this season, while Stephen averages only 6.4. While both have seen more playing time than Stephen, however, Speraw was pleased by Stephen’s contribution to the line early.

“He was able to make a couple of jumpers and was active and he can now that he gets to be a little bit taller,” said Speraw. “It was good to see that he could come in and do that in that kind of situation. I think both of them are going to continue to improve and grow and just get better and better.”

Joey and Stephen came to UCF from Brandon High School in Brandon, Florida. They both play the guard position and both were McDonald’s All-Americans their senior year of high school. The brothers were named Brandon’s Co-MVPs. They are both 6-6 foot-2, but Joey does outweigh Stephen 205 pounds to 195 pounds.

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Mario Lovett is first in the conference in rebounding 14.1 percent, ninth overall averaging 6.4 rebounds a game, ninth in offensive rebounds with 2.29 a game. Lovett had a career-high 14.4 rebounds in his game against the University of Florida. Lovett also ranks ninth in steals in an average of 1.43 a game.

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UCF loses to JU and Stetson

UCF women's basketball team lost in an upset last Thursday, falling 66-62 to Trans Steal. Yvette Ash and Graham minutes of play in the game.

UCF's second half, the Dolphins would be the last points scored.

The contest with Jacksonville went back and forth, with only one minute left in the game. Graham made another lay-up, cutting the lead to eight. A three-pointer by Stephen Graham with 17 seconds left cut the lead to seven, with the Golden Knights could get no closer. UCF shot only 33.3 percent on the night, compared to 46.6 percent for Stetson.

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The contest went down to the wire, but the Golden Knights would come back to cut it to four with only one minute remaining. In order to stop the clock, UCF would need six points, but the Golden Knights had only four. They were able to get their sixth point with the game tied at 92.

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The Golden Knights come home to play two TAAC games. This week UCF plays host to trans Steal, who improved to 3-1 on the season. For the first time ever, Georgia State was second in the TAAC in scoring offense, averaging 75-3 points a game, and fifth in scoring defense, only allowing 65-5 points a game. The Panthers led the TAAC in field goal percentage, shooting 46.5 percent from the field. GSU leads the series against UCF 23-8, and won both meetings last year.

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In a non-conference game, UCF will host Hampton next Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. Hampton is currently 11-4, average 76.2 points a game, and give up 69.8 points a game. Hampton shoots 45 percent from the floor and holds its opponents to 41.2 percent.

Hampton has five players who are averaging double figure point totals. Tarvis Williams averages 20.6 points a game. All Abdallah averages 13.1, Lausan Howard scores 12.1 points a game, Marcellis Brown is averaging 11.8 and Tommy Adams averages 10.1 points each game.

UCF senior forward Mario Lovett is hoping he and some of the returning players can get the rest of the team confident about the end of the season.

"I'm not giving up on the season and me and Inyo (Cue) and some of the returnees are not giving up," Lovett said. "We're just going to keep playing and making an impact for UCF this season."