Increasing relations with community

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STAFF WRITER

In an effort to increase relations with the community, the University of Central Florida has established a Metropolitan Center for Regional Studies. This new center will act as a liaison between the university and the community, allowing each to bring up issues they wish to be researched and hopefully resolved to improve Orlando.

"The University of Central Florida is already well on its way to being the premier 'partnership' university," said Linda Chapin, the visiting director of the new center as well as the former Orange County Chairman. "The Metro Center will serve as a more established interface between the work being done on campus by faculty and researchers that can address official needs and promote effective decision-making in the public, private and non-profit arena."

University President John C. Hitt has made it a goal to make UCF America's leading partnership university, due to his belief that the community is not aware of the resources available at UCF; he wishes to make it accessible to the community and to provide research that will improve the Orlando area. This center should help to make that goal possible.

"It's a brilliant idea. We've been trying to do this for several years," said Hitt. "We have no place for people to call for these (community-based) questions. (The center) will serve as that place."

Though Chapin does not have any specific methods for how the center will provide this assistance, she was able to show the traditional methodology for a center such as this to function. According to Chapin, it is traditionally made of an advisory board that meets with the public.

Housing increases for incoming freshman

RUTH HEIDT
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The UCF campus is constantly changing, whether it be building more classrooms or building more parking lots. The progress doesn't seem to keep up with the demands, especially when it comes to on-campus housing. On-campus housing has always been limited at UCF for incoming freshman as well as returning students. The problem lies in how to handle the overflow of students who want on-campus housing and who should get priority for housing.

Usually the largest demand for housing comes from the incoming freshman. Not only are they the largest class, but they also tend to want to stay on campus their first year of college.

"Freshman generally want the on-campus housing," said Christopher McCray, director of Housing and Residence Life at UCF, "but the parents are the ones we usually have to deal with the most."

Parents and freshman alike will look into the housing on campus prior to anything else when their son or daughter is accepted to a university. Parents believe that if their child is on campus, it will be easier for them to make the transition into college and be less likely to get into trouble.

"When the parents discover housing is limited, they tend to take their children to a different university where they can be guaranteed what they want," said McCray.

The parents of out-of-state students are also drawn away from the university because they are unsure of the area. If their child cannot get into a residence

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Work is still underway on the new Academic Village that is being built to help alleviate the lack of housing on campus. UCF is attempting to lure more freshmen to the school by creating more lodging to fill the need for on-campus housing.

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A single room in Lake, Osceola, Polk and Volusia Halls costs $1,700 per semester or $3,400 per year.

A double room in Lake, Osceola, Polk, Volusia, Orange, Seminole and Brevard Halls costs $3,200 to $3,500 per year.

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Web sites rate people

ELAINE LEBLANC
STAFF WRITER

How attractive am I? What do I rate on a scale of 1-10? If these burning questions have been running through your mind, there is relief at last on the web. Recently, many sites have been constructed with the simple purpose of letting users post their pictures online to receive a “ranking,” usually on a 1-10 scale. Then surfers see the picture, click a score, and an average rating is computed.

So who is frequenting these sites? The founders of www.RankPeople.com, said men tend to submit their pictures twice as often as women, but the ladies receive about five times as many votes. Although only founded last November, RankPeople’s traffic doubles about every 10 days.

“I like to play on www.HotnessRating.com because you can leave comments for them to see when they check their rating,” said junior Dave Howard.

Although you can’t change your generic makeup, there are some tips for earning high scores. Frequent raters claim posting a smiling picture can automatically get you a better rating. “I put two pictures up,” said junior Karina Trudel. “The first was trying to be sexy, but I only got a 7.1. But then I posted one where I have a huge smile on my face and I moved to a 9.7.”

Another tip: skin is in (but no nudity). “A chick in a bikini is an automatic 10,” said senior Jason Broline. Furthermore, site members encourage experimenting with posting different photos.

“Some of my pics have gotten good ratings (8.6) and other ones haven’t (5.1),” said one RankPeople co-founder. “It depends a lot on the quality of the image, the size, the time it takes to load, etc.”

Some people attempt humor, posting pictures of Gummy, pets, cartoon characters or animated clips of Chris Farley. A lot of hopeful 10’s post captions such as “I’m beautiful, damn it!” and “No, I’m not sleeping, I just blinked.” On RankPeople, one man placed himself on an image of People magazine cover.

“I put a pic of myself playing Nintendo in a Speedo and still scored a 7.3,” said sophomore Jason Kilingsworth.

But not all sites focus on the pretty picture. On the flip side, site have been created for ranking how “ugly” or “disgusting” some pictures are. One address, www.UglyPeople.com, lets visitors rate ugly men, women, couples and celebrities on a 1-5 scale. “Sometimes I like that site because it makes me feel really pretty,” said freshman Katie Auger.

Brainstorms for these entertaining sites came in interesting ways. One popular site, www.amhoto­rn.com, was formulated by Berkeley grads James Hong and Jim Young while drinking beer and commenting someone was a “perfect 10.” Within a week, the site was up and running. “We expected the site to be popular among our friends and their friends, but not much beyond that,” said co-founder James Hong. In addition, RankPeople founders got their idea from a radio station that wanted listeners to send in pictures to put on the web site.

So how do these founders rate? Of AmHOTOForNOT, Hong scored only a 3.8 and Young a 3.5. Go figure.

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UCF students experience inauguration

CHRISTIE ZIZO
STAFF WRITER

Three UCF RTV majors joined the formal and student press from around the nation for the presidential inauguration Saturday, Jan. 20 in Washington, D.C.

Juniors Charlie Downs and Katie Kijowski, and senior Nicholas Locicero covered the event for UCF's various radio organizations: WUCF FM, WNSC AM, and Knightcast, the internet radio station. They got the credentials and press passes, and paid for the entire trip.

"I did it for Clinton four years ago," said Downs. "I was a producer for then WRCT morning show at Carnegie-Mellon University in Pittsburgh, and my college and I had both grown up in Maryland, so we knew the area. We figured, "why not?" So we grabbed our recorders and went and just interviewed random people and got reactions, so we could get press passes, but we made some credential sheets up."

Downs, Locicero and Kijowski decided to go late December, They got credentials from WUCF, who the three had worked for, and sent in for the passes. "Katie flew in Thursday morning for an internship interview with National Public Radio. The Nick and I came in Thursday night," said Downs. They stayed at his parents' house across the river from DC, which kept the costs down conveniently.

On Friday night the three got press seats for the America's Youth Concert, featuring talents such as 98 Degrees and Jessica Simpson. George W. Bush showed up, and Colin Powell spoke at the event.

Locicero recalled crashing the Texas "Black Tie and Boots" Ball. "We were supposed to go to the 18th Street Lounge, just to party and relax. But they wouldn't let us in because we were wearing just sneakers and jeans," he said. "It was pouring rain (it rained the whole weekend) and we noticed all these drunk guys staggering out of this hotel. We asked one of them what was going on, and they told us. The guy at the door asked if we were supposed to be there and we said yes and he let us in."

On Saturday Downs, Kijowski and Locicero were in the press tent during the parade on Independence Ave., an hour before the swearing-in ceremony. "A group of hundreds of protesters were demonstrating, Black's rights had been violated at the election. They had apparently gone to court and secured rights to peacefully protest on Pennsylvania Ave... But the police were there on horseback, and there was a big metal fence, which blocked off the protector's entrance. Nobody told the police they had the right to protest. We were there while the protesters took down the fence and pushed it back. The police kept holding them back, threatening to use force.

About half an hour later the police marched on the press tent during the parade and demanded we leave. Instead we said yes and the police let us stay. We spent about an hour on the sidewalk by the press tent."

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Freshman Alpha Xi Delta secures theatre role

Greek Beat

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Freshman Jamie Phipps—a sister of Alpha Xi Delta—recently won a role in the upcoming UCF Theatre production of the musical comedy, "Crazy for You." Phipps is double majoring in political science and working towards a BA Theatre degree. The Theatre Department offers three separate majors, and very few freshmen are concentrating on a Bachelor of Arts in theatre, are selected for roles in major productions. She is one of just six freshmen to appear in the show, and will be performing the role of Elaine, for which the theatre department held an emergency audition after the spot had been filled and then vacated. "Crazy for you" will run from March 1-11.

Alpha Delta Pi Wins National Scholarship

Senior Sarah Levinson of Alpha Delta Pi sorority recently won a role in this past fall's annual Parker F. Enright scholarship, and was awarded $250. The Order of Omegas awarded six of these $750 national scholarships this year, and has awarded over $270,000 in scholarships since 1965. The Order of Omegas is a national honor society recognizing Greek students at local universities for involvement in their fraternity or sorority chapters and on their campuses. Levinson has earned a 4.0 GPA and will graduate in just three years from the University of Central Florida with a BA in Advertising/Public Relations and a minor in Business Administration. For her extensive sorority and campus involvement, she was also awarded the Nicholson School of Communication's Roach and Toasts Scholarship for Fall 2000. She just finished her term as president of the chapter of the Order of Omegas, having helped to increase the Greek honor society's initiation numbers from just 8 in her first year, to over 40 this past fall.

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hall on campus, it's because of the unfamiliarity of the location. In addition, several groups are more freshmen back into UCF, the housing department has changed the percentage of freshmen that will receive housing space on campus. The previous percentage of residence space given to freshmen was 70 percent. For the next semester in Fall 2001, 80 percent of housing will be for freshmen alone. This narrows the amount of housing left for returning students to 20 percent.

"Sometimes I feel like they are kicking us out just to make way for the freshman," said UCF student Mary Burns, "but we have been here longer." One of the drawbacks to increasing the percentage of freshmen on campus is that returning students are left with less housing. Some of the returning students feel they have seniority over the freshman and should have priority on housing. There were only 650 beds available to returning students, which the department left over 100 on stand-by. This is a small number compared to the amount of freshmen, which have to be told that there isn't any space for them on campus.

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Center will be resource for university and community

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bring suggestions to this board; it will then decide the best route for handling the situation.

“We hope that this will go over every line [of study] in the university,” said Chapin. “I don’t want it to have focus on one subject.”

Chapin was hired to tempor­arily head this project due to her experience with the Orlando area. She was the Orange County Chairman, as well as having over thirty years of expe­rience in the central Florida civic, business and political areas. She is currently under contract for one year, which began Jan. 5. It is hoped that she will be able to get this center started with all her experience.

“We’re lucky to have Linda Chapin,” said Hitt, “She really knows the needs of the commu­nity.”

Chapin is particularly excited to be working on this project. She wishes to not only improve the university’s reputation but to also bring aid to the Orlando area.

“I am especially pleased to be working for an institution that has the foresight to recog­nize the importance of active involvement in its community,” said Chapin, “Through its tradi­tion of partnership UCF is play­ing a vital role in building cen­tral Florida’s future.”

The Metro Center should be operating shortly, just as soon as more details are worked out and it is brought to the attention of researchers on campus. In addi­tion, more must be done in order to bring it to the community’s eye, showing them the potential resources of UCF. Chapin and others who are working on the project hope to have this done as soon as possible.

Poetry Slam a welcome arrival

JENNIFER PATTERSON

There is a new outlet for creativity on campus that most students don’t know about. On Jan. 23, the Sigma Tau Delta international English honor-soci­ety put on the first round of its new event, called a Poetry Slam, in the UCF Student Union.

“I think that this is a great event,” said one student, “The competition was amazing. Students have a lot on their mind and it showed in their poetry tonight.”

Sponsored by JES-X INC., a multi-level consulting firm doing business in music, enter­tainment and corporate produc­tion industry, contestants per­form their original work in front of a panel of judges chosen from the audience.

Poets compete in three rounds, where their poems are ranked from one to ten. At the end of the rounds, whoever has the most points wins a $25 prize. In April, the champion from the weekly competitions will come back for a final tournament where a prize of $100 will be given to the top poet.

“The slam is a great way to bring poetry to the people and vice versa. UCF is expanding in many ways. Expanding in the arts should be a necessity for the university to fully grow,” said J. Bradley, organizer of the event and Sigma Tau member.

The weekly Slams are open to UCF Students and Faculty. Exceptions will be made by the committee on a case by case basis. The next Poetry Slam will be held Tuesday, February 6 at 7 p.m. in the Student Union Sand Key Room 223. For more infor­mation contact J.Bradley at (407) 620-8573 or email ncfmkeenspe@yahoo.com.
Was that an alien in that Chevy? Rogelio Patino was driving his silver Chevy van southbound on Libra Drive, when Officer Joseph Ingerham pulled him over for driving over the 20 mph speed limit. Upon stopping him, Officer Ingerham asked to see Patino’s drivers license. Patino replied that he only owned a Mexican license. He also claimed to live and work in the United States, but could produce no visa.

Finally, Patino admitted to being an illegal alien. He was arrested for driving without a license, and his Mexican license was deemed invalid.

I swear it’s for medical reasons

On Jan. 12, Officer Erik Lashinsky witnessed two men carrying beer bottles from the SAE house to a parked car. The two men got into the car, and Lashinsky decided to confront them.

He noticed that both of the men had open bottles between their legs. He asked them for identification. The driver provided his, but the passenger did not. Both men were asked to exit the car.

Lashinsky then did a search of the vehicle and found the driver’s fake ID. Upon searching further, Lashinsky found a plastic bag with a “leafy substance” inside. He then tested it with his field test kit and found it to be marijuana.

Cleaned out

Joan Dunham, an employee from UCF’s Building Services, reported to police that on Jan. 18, she had left her purse containing a large amount of money in room 103 of building 17. She had planned to make a deposit, but when she checked her purse later that day, the money was missing.

The police then interviewed Xiomara Rivera who was cleaning Dunham’s office that day. She claimed to not have taken anything from the room and to have ridden the bus to work that morning, because she did not have a driver’s license. After her interview, Rivera was released from her duty at UCF.

A short time later, Officer Mike Johnson pulled a car driven by Rivera over. She was arrested for driving without a license. Upon further questioning, Rivera finally confessed to taking the money from Dunham’s purse. She was charged with grand theft.

Prizes include grants, more

Major of the theatre department, “Our professor provided us with some information from the internet on the characters and we got a general idea of what each character stood for, even though our research time was extremely limited,” said Jernigan. Major also served as the connection between the three students and the film department. “He put it all together and got in contact with the TV department. Without him we couldn’t have done it,” said Chappell.

The grand prize consisted of a trip for the students and their professor to a future A&E production with the possibility of the students becoming extras and a grant of $1,000 to the Theatre department. The first prize, won by Finney, Jernigan and Chappell, includes a $250 savings bond for each student and a departmental grant of $500.

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A Licensed Nutritionist and Fellow of the American Dietetic Association, Dr. Mitchell earned her Ph.D. from the University of Tennessee. She taught nutrition and health science at the University of Central Florida for over 8 years. She has two four-legged kids named Gatlin and Pepper and also loves to cook.

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University staff look for pay raises

Paul Wilson
Staff Writer

UCF staff is taking steps that they hope will ensure that state lawmakers give them larger cost-of-living pay raises this year. Last October, employees in Florida’s State University System received 2.5 percent annual raises. In previous years, the increase was 5 percent, with a $1,000 minimum. For 2001, USPS staff are trying for an increase of at least 3 percent, with the $1,000 minimum restored.

"Last year, state employees were not happy," said Carolyn Rogers, chair of the Legislative Committee for the Staff Council. "We have staff who have to take annual leave to go out and get food stamps. To us, this is criminal. These workers need a living wage. No staff member should be unable to feed their family." Since January 21 staff members have worn orange ribbons to show displeasure over last year’s raise and to bring attention to the need for more this year. University of South Florida and Florida International University staffs have joined the campaign.

"We will continue wearing these ribbons until the end of the [spring] Legislative session," said Rogers. "We encourage staff members to write their Legislators to let them know how important we are." Rogers believes a 5 percent increase would be realistic and appropriate.

"We are trying to be proactive," said Rogers. "We also want our Legislators to know that we vote in good numbers. We strongly support the candidates that support us." The university applauds the efforts of the Staff Council, said Dan Holsenbeck, vice president for University Relations. "This is an appropriate way to bring attention to this issue in a positive manner. We acknowledge and appreciate Legislative support for all of UCF’s employees. We hope that salaries will be a priority for our elected officials this year and that UCF will be given flexibility with funds to meet individual situations."

Knights attend Texas ‘Black Tie and Boots’ Ball

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police let them through."

"What’s interesting was there were thousands of protesters," said Locicero. "But it didn’t upset the peaceful transfer of power. No one tried to break up the ceremony."

Locicero also talked about meeting Jesse Ventura - sort of.

"We were in the media tent during the parade. And this guy comes in, and everyone is trying to talk to him," said Locicero. "And we asked who it was, and everyone said it was Jesse Ventura. So we got up and talked to him. I get him to do a promo for WNSC. And he kept saying ‘call me Jesse Ventura.’ And we didn’t get it, but we were like ‘okay.’ And he told us to check out his web site at www.jesseventuna.com. And we did later on, and it turns out he’s an impersonator. He attended all the political conventions and everything."

Later on the three covered the Florida Ball, and were on hand to see Bush dance with his daughters. They met Orlando mayor Glenda Hood and Commissioner Mel Martinez. They also saw Secretary of State Katherine Harris.

The biggest thrill for Locicero was talking to Florida governor Jeb Bush. "Just being there really was a thrill. It was so beautiful," he said. "To meet those important people and see them dancing in their tuxes. Probably one of the greatest thrills of my life."

"I don’t have much of an opinion [on the politics]," said Downs. "It was just to cover it."

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G R A Y M A T T E R S
Tolls costly for Orlando residents
CHRIS ZAPATIER
STAFF WRITER

As I sat in the traffic congestion of Orlando’s rush hour traffic, I thought about the students in my class who commute an hour or more to get to school. I wondered what their commute is like, and if they ever think about the tolls they pay to drive on the roads.

After the first year that citizens of the United States were required to file taxes, the IRS had to grant a blanket amnesty to everyone who didn’t know about federal law. But there were so many of them. Not all of those who were protesting the tax were simply unaware of the new federal regulation. What would happen if every hard-working American refused to pay their taxes, the IRS would have to go after everyone who was not paying. The only thing that would happen is that the government would be forced to learn the meaning of fiscal responsibility in a real world.

What would happen is that many northerners would be forced to learn the meaning of fiscal responsibility in a real world. The military would stop paying hundreds of dollars for toilet seats and car seats. Republican governors of states like Montana would have to stop their shameful pork-barrel spending of taxpayer money. Liberal Democrats would actually have to seek solutions to social problems other than handouts.

The roads of Orlando are littered with the names of those who do me wrong. Not a damn thing.

How do you feel about the tolls in Orlando? Do you think they are excessive? Do you think they are necessary? Do you think they are fair? I would love to hear your opinions.

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ADAM SHIVER
STAFF WRITER

Super-hereos

Growing up, comics were everywhere. There was Batman, Captain America, Wonderwoman, Spiderman, and of course the best character of all time: Spiderman. But what was up with Aquaman? His only power was that he could breath under water and talk to sea-creatures. There’s not a lot of crime in the ocean.

On the road

When people get in their car they suddenly think they become invisible to the world. That magical invisibility shield goes up and down the street. They are slave drivers or completely un-inspiriting. What is the purpose of student evaluations? And does tenure ever get given to professors who really deserve it?

So as my Seinfeld column draws to an end, I have one more question. What is the deal with Oprah? She’s fat. She’s skinny. She’s fat. I mean come on pick a weight.

What comes around, goes around

I wholeheartedly believe in Karma and the golden rule; do unto others as you would have them do unto you. I want to know when those who do me wrong finally get what is coming to them.

Barraged World: You guessed it, a store that sells only barrios.

The Map and Globe: Super-store. Need to find Afghanistan? You’ve come to the right store. Again though, how many times would you have to go back?

Wick’s n’ Sicks: I am a candy store in a store full of just war.

Dirty thoughts

What thought up ordinal cakes? You know, the little fresh-cream/cleaner thing that sits in the bottom of the urnal. What were they thinking? I want it to smell better when I am going to the bathroom, and need an easier way to keep the urine clean. Not the most glamorous invention of all time, but certainly a widely used one.

Letters and replies

Last week I wrote about how northerners call soft-drinks soda or soda-pop and that southerners call it Coke or cola. I received e-mail from a reader asking where I got my sources. They stated that they were from the north and it is called simply pop. I have to agree that many northerners call it just pop, but most of the people I know from the north call it soda or soda-pop.

Quote of the week:

“For fear love is to fear life, and those who fear life are already these parts dead.”

Bertrand Russell
Look out Disney, here comes God

ADAM SHIVER
STAFF WRITER

Move over Mickey, Jesus Christ is here and he's starting his own theme park.

Well sort of. . .

Beginning in February a new theme park will be opening in Orlando. As a Florida native I know what you're thinking: God, do we need another tourist attraction? Well, obviously God thinks we do.

Starting next month the Holy Land Experience theme park will open to the public. The new park will sport such attractions as the Ark of the Covenant, The Temple of the King, a man walking around dressed as Jesus and more.

My question is, what is the real point of this theme park?

It has been rumored that a portion of the profits are to be set aside by Zion's Hope, Holy Land Experience developer, for converting Jews in both the United States and Israel to Christianity. This has obviously upset many in the Jewish community. Why wouldn't it?

I understand wanting to erect a monument or even a place where people can go to learn about a certain religion, but a theme park to showcase a certain religion down people's throats is simply not right. A possible theme style ride with Noah would be perfect to give the twenty-minute lecture on Israel's ancient priesthood.

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Eagle Scout equals perfect boyfriend

Joshua Murdock - Staff Writer

Ladies, yes I am talking to all of you out there that are always looking for a great guy. I have figured out that an Eagle Scout would make a perfect boyfriend. Yes, I am an Eagle Scout but I am thinking about all you ladies out there and will explain my reasoning.

Only four percent of all Boy Scouts reach the rank of Eagle. This is only a small level of all men in the United States which reach such a high level of dedication and honor. Why would this little population make such a great guy? Several reasons and many more I will not even talk about.

First, Eagle Scouts have been known to achieve much in life and go on to be prominent people. Many of our senators, judges, CEOs, and even a few presidents are Eagle Scout. This list include former President Gerald R. Ford, director Steven Spielberg, and Astronaut James A. Lovell Jr. Eagle Scouts are known to be successful in life and many continue their community service through out life. Everyone wants their man to be successful in life and maybe even famous.

Secondly, Eagle Scouts live by what is known as the Scout Law. This moral code has many attributes that will help make them even better boyfriend material. Trustworthy and loyal are the first of many, but these are especially what a woman might want to see in their man. What woman wants a boyfriend that cheats, lies, and is a player.

Eagle Scout are definitely not the player type, more of the serious boyfriend type.

Courteous, kind, and obedient are the three other parts of the law that would make an Eagle Scout the kind of boyfriend a woman might be able to bring home to meet and greet Mom and Dad. He might even get the seal of approval by Dad. Yes, for some of you ladies this would a first.

Friendly and cheerful are parts of the Scout Law that would hopefully make this guy someone to hang out with your friends and maybe you would be able to get along with his friends too. Hopefully this would mean he is not a loafer and can show you a nice bright smile too.

Brave is a part of the Scout Law that might make this guy someone that's good in a tight squeeze or maybe even fend of those wild black bears that you might run into on your romantic walk. Clean and reverent might be the part of the law that allows for this guy to be meet by your grandparents. Also, this could be a great factor if you ever had to date the guy who didn't shower enough. Now you will have clean man, mind, body, and soul. The last part of the law is thrifty. Saving money or find good ways to spend and save are what women like to see. Especially, when it means bigger and better gift during those special holidays for them.

Other reason for Eagle Scout to make good boyfriend can include the idea that women like a man in uniform. Eagle Scouts have earned numerous amounts of merit badges, everything from first aid to basket weaving. Making an Eagle Scout even more knowledgeable in a variety of areas then most people have any idea about. Eagle Scouts are even known to be able to survive in the craziest of disasters and can start a fire out of water, I think.

Now that all you women know the facts, about the greatest boyfriend material alive, you must seek out a cute single Eagle Scout of your own. Find your own Eagle Scout quick because remember they aren't just around every corner, being such a small percentage of society eligible bachelors. Until next time, just remember to be prepared.

Student opposes plus, minus grading system

When I read that the plus/minus system was going to be implemented at UCF next year, I was disappointed and upset to say the least. But when I read that the Student Government had been contacted several times about this matter and never responded, I was angry. As the recent poll on your web site confirms, the majority of the students aren't very eager to see this system put in place. And the Student Government had several opportunities to meet, or at least inform, the students of this new way of grading. For something that has such an impact on students, we were never told about this system, and therefore we never had a chance to fight it off, mostly due to the Student Government's negligence. I will admit that the SGA has a lot of things to deal with on-campus, but this is something of great importance that will affect EVERY student, and they were lacking in their duties by ignoring the letters that the committee claims they kept sending to the SGA.

Now, it's really too late to protest, But I think the Student Government may just be able to make up for this by putting together an effort to hear the students' opinions on the subject. If enough of the students think that this system is a bad idea, then perhaps they can pull together a petition to fight this slanted form of grading, which leans more in favor of punishment than it does in positive ways of grading.

Hopefully, we can see the Student Government get their acts together and we'll see something get done.

-Elizabeth Pullans

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The Vampire Rises Again

David Taylor
Staff Writer

With the current incarnations of movies it is sometimes hard to believe that some eighty years ago it all started with the silent picture. Among these original films, F.W. Murnau’s Nosferatu is probably one of the most influential on the present day horror genre. Nosferatu is essentially a retelling of the novel Dracula with the actors playing the same characters but with different names (presumably because Murnau could not get the rights to Dracula, something which hurt the film later on). Just one of these actors was Max Shreck who played the vampire, Count Orlok, in the film. By all accounts Shreck was a mysterious character actor, a point that has been taken to the extreme with the current incarnations of movies. Willem Dafoe as Max Shreck that totally steals the show, not to mention sells the movie. Willem Dafoe is without a doubt one of the top twenty male actors working today. His crew is made up of some of the best character actors in Hollywood today including Cary Elwes (The Princess Bride) and Udo Kier (one of those “I’ve seen him in a million things but I don’t know his name” people). A special nod goes out to talented comedian Eddie Izzard who plays Gustav van Wangenheim, the lead actor of Nosferatu. Apparently Wangenheim was notorious for overacting as well as being a moron, two things which Izzard captures beautifully. Despite all of these fine performances, it is Willem Dafoe as Max Shreck that totally steals the show. His performance is so outstanding that he completely changes his appearance to resemble Nosferatu. Dafoe looks exactly like the man from Nosferatu and is probably twice as convincing. Whoever did the make-up for Dafoe deserves an Oscar nod, as well as Dafoe himself for his strong performance. He successfully makes Shreck not a simple monster, but one full of compassion and humanity rolled into one crippled being.

Once again, the film is made by these performances; any less talented stream of actors and the movie probably would never have seen the light of day. Unfortunately, those expecting a full-blown horror movie will be disappointed for there are no convention- al elements of that genre present. Shadow of the Vampire is rather sort of a “fictionalized documentary,” part truth with a large amount of fiction thrown into the mix. Also, the film is somewhat of a comedy as well, although humor is not everyone out there will appreciate to the fullest extent. The film was really designed with a sort of “art house” audience in mind.

Shadow of the Vampire is a throwback to cinema of old, low-budget that is made up by the fine quality of acting, not to mention the excellent script. Staying true to this, there are no fancy explosions or major vampire powers exhibited. It is a film for everyone, but it is worth going to see for anyone really into the artistry of moviemaking or the select few that are willing to watch a good story minus the Hollywood archetypes.
Welcome to the very first edition of Lost in Sound. This is a monthly column for everyone who has ever been asked, "So, what kind of music do you listen to?" and used the tired response: "Uh, everything." I do it, too. It's an easy fallback response for a difficult question. But you'll notice how differently people react when you say, "I like lo-fi stuff like Pavement and Modest Mouse." Or, "I listen to a lot of old-school funk like James Brown, Parliament and Sly and the Family Stone." Suddenly you're more than a person who likes music, now you're an expert. Name-dropping isn't everything...

Each month, I will explore a different genre of music, including its history, influence on pop culture, major bands it spawned and anything else I can dig up. If you're hooked with your CD collection, this is a column for you. Hopefully it will spark a few ideas and maybe you'll discover an artist or style of music you'll really love. I don't consider myself a music expert, just a fan of good music, and I hope you will enjoy reading this as much as I like writing it.

Indie

Every aspiring musician knows you've got to start somewhere to make it in the music business. If you're lucky enough to make an album people dig, the next step is to get signed to an independent label—unless you're in a "boy band" and are automatically ushered into a major label recording studio. But if you're anything like the rest of the world, you have to work your way up the musical food chain.

Almost all of today's biggest rock bands started on independent labels: Smashing Pumpkins started off on the indie label Sub Pop before they went over to Virgin Records, even mega-band U2 started small at CBS Records before they were signed to Island Records. But what if you're a band that doesn't want to become a part of a major label? Much like the hipster who chooses thrift stores over the mall, many rock bands that formed in the early 1990's felt that going the corporate way would be selling out, so they stayed in the underground scene on smaller labels. Nirvana's surprising mainstream success in 1991 contributed to a resistance stores over the mall, many rock bands that formed in the early 1990's felt that going the corporate way would be selling out, so they stayed in the underground scene on smaller labels. Nirvana's surprising mainstream success in 1991 contributed to a resistance among bands who didn't necessarily want their music played on the radio.

Indie rock is one of the most popular forms of independent music, but bands of all genres including hip-hop, punk, pop and jazz can be considered independent. It's not necessarily the style of music that defines this genre, but the autonomous principles of its bands, which makes independent music a difficult style to pin down.

Lo-fi is a genre that developed from the cheap, independent recording process often done in a band's living room or garage on a four-track machine. Their sound ranges from simple pop and rock songs, like early REM to more experimental music like noise-rock band Neutral Milk Hotel, who fuses 1960's pop influences with electronic noise. The layers of distortion and hiss from low-quality recordings is not the only reason why most lo-fi bands haven't become popular with the masses—more often than not, bands of this genre are also more lyrically abstract.

The now defunct band Pavement is one of the most critically acclaimed indie bands, but their wry lyrics are often ambiguous and overly literate. Or, "I listed a blank page with the name-dropping babbles: "Blind date with the charmer! We had oysters and dry lancers/ when the check arrived we went dutch, dutch, dutch/dutch a redder shade of neck on a whiter shade of trash/ And this emery board is giving me a rash/ I'm flat out You're so beautiful to look at when you cry/ Freeze, don't move/ You've been chosen as an extra in the movie adaptation/ of the sequel to your life." Surprisingly, I have found myself singing this in the car.

At the other end of the spectrum is aggressive indie rock band Pavement At the Drive In, which formed a nationwide fan base through extensive touring and word of mouth. But now that Virgin Records has picked up their latest album and MTV2 is giving their single constant airplay, are they still considered indie? Some bands on major labels are able to maintain that anti-corporate ethic, even if it's just to sell records. The independent scene relies heavily on image, and
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It was hot; sweat pouring from your face. As you look around all you can see are people. This was the scene at the sold out Against All Authority and Less than Jake show at the House of Blues. There was literally a sea of people waiting to see these hometown heroes play.

After the opening band, Cadillac Frontside played. Against All Authority came out to playing their new CD, "24-Hour Roadside Resistance," which is song about the Sudanese slave trade. They pleased the crowd yet again by taunting the Orlando Police Department while playing "Policeman," which is from their CD "Pezcore and Greased." They played one song off their newest album "Borders and Boundaries" entitled "Look what happened," which is a very good song. Other songs played during their set were "Jen Doesn't Like Me Anymore," "Malt Liquor Taste Better When You Got Problems" and "Bad Scene and A Basement Show." It was an excellent show. Both major performances were great, but the only problem was the number of people at the show.少的三面。如果你想不出去，可以多看看书，也可以多看看电影，这样可以让你的思维更加开阔。
There is no question that the concept of pop music has been obscured by the "teeny boppers" of our day. When we think of music that is considered "pop," we think of Mandy Moore, 98 Degrees and other artists that are sometimes featured in fast food commercials. Now the modern meaning of pop is "selling out." We have lost the true meaning of this music, which essentially includes all types of music: rap, hip-hop, alternative and even country. "Pop" is simply short for "popular." It isn't a genre of music. This leads us to the message Mike "Spoon" Spring is trying to convey. As put by the local Orlando talent himself, "Certain people are afraid of pop. When they hear the word, they think of Britney Spears and other such musicians. However, the Beatles were also considered to be pop, and they aren't exactly what we would think of when we hear the word today. Pop is anything that is fun to listen to, accessible, memorable." This explanation serves as the basis of Spring's new solo project, Spoon's Friendly Pop.

However, Spring wasn't always a solo artist. Some of us O-Towners may remember him from the beginning of his professional music career with Shoes for Paul, a band started in 1996 with a friend of his. After practicing for a month and performing in the Williamsburg Holiday Festival, they put out ads looking for a drummer. With the drummer found, the band recorded their first CD in 1998 as a three-piece act. After recruiting a lead guitarist, their second CD was put out in 1999. Soon after, changes in the band line-up began to cause a problem. Spring describes it as almost being a game of musical chairs. Another factor that was to be considered came with the songwriting. Spring, a bass player at the time of Shoes for Paul's breakup, felt that he wanted more exposure of his own work. "When you're in a band, you have three other people besides yourself to deal with," says Spring. "They all have their own opinions and their own ideas. It is a democratic situation." Spring was always interested in songwriting, influenced by such bands as Ocean Color Scene and Billy Pilgrim. However, audiences were not hearing many of his songs. Besides, audiences weren't hearing many of his songs.

Of the two CDs that Shoes for Paul released, only three of the songs were written by Spring. "I wanted to get my music out there - not for the fame or money, but to have the same impact on people that bands did on me," says Spring. Thus, Spoon's Friendly Pop was born. Some of the musical influences that had an impact on his style include the Beatles and U2. The result? Spring's very first recorded CD as a solo artist. The CD is entitled A Year in the Life and will be released this February. What are his long-term goals? In a Madonna-like answer, Spring replied "To take over the world." On a more serious note, he continued: "Hopefully, I would like to still be writing music, to get my music out there. If people love it, that's all me. If people hate it, that's all me, too."

To check out the latest news with Spring and to order a CD, go to http://home.boseen.com/twenties/spoon/index.html.
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as long as At the Drive In doesn’t start promoting themselves with bendable action figures or McDonald’s commercials, they’ll still be considered somewhat underground.

Singer/songwriter Elliott Smith is another example of the successful side of the independent scene. Smith, a brilliant musician, worked his way up obscure independent labels until he was asked to perform music on the Good Will Hunting soundtrack by director (and fan) Gus Van Sant. Suddenly Smith is the next big thing. He’s performing at the Oscars next to Celine Dion, reluctantly doing interviews and being signed to the huge Dreamworks label for his next album, XO, which turns out to be considerably more polished sounding. Did Smith sell out? Although his fan base has grown considerably, he still tours at relatively intimate clubs, doesn’t do much media promotion and has maintained his shy, almost awkward image.

Elliott Smith’s career is built on outstanding music, not fame or power nor obscene amounts of money. In the end, that’s probably the most fitting definition of the indie scene.

True independent bands make music because they love it. For them, success is just a positive side effect of something they would have been doing anyway.

A few indie bands to check out:

Elliott Smith: Incredibly good pop rock with some folk influences.

Jim O’Rourke: Singer, songwriter, musician, producer: this man does it all with such beautiful precision it will make you cry.

Sonic Youth: A tremendous influence on almost all indie rock bands today. They redefined what rock guitar is all about.

Sunny Day Real Estate: Dramatic, epic rock songs that you’ll play over and over again.

Jurassic 5: Hip-hop with a fun, fresh twist on old-school beats.

Tortoise: Free form jazz with a little electronica thrown in.

Karate: Intimate rock with jazz roots and poetic lyrics.

Broadcast: Atmospheric pop full of exquisite samplings and electronic sounds.

Stereolab: Melodic pop songs. You’ll be singing along, even though the vocals are often in French.

**Crossword**

ACROSS
1 Kind of jockey or brake
5 Wine container
9 Night hunter to be
14 Choir part
15 Mane man?
16 Chicago airport
17 Push-button
18 Supply of pills
19 Oregon counties
20 Arrangements
22 & others
24 Trs by fire
25 Gold
27 Honest man?
29 Astronaut turned senator turned astronaut
32 Filled with sand
37 Webster’s word
38 Interview
40 Middle of the road
42 Making a will
44 Very dry, as wine
45 Desert springs
50 Union
51 Written Burnout
52 Rich or Worth
54 Move gang
57 Route into
59 Colleagues
62 Swift
65 Sell’s son
67 Stemare, today
68 Single type
69 Farm pond
70 Orange seed
71 Like an uninterrupted
72 Notch
73 Chain link
74 Down
75 June celebrants
76 Maze of tennis
3 ERA, e.g.
4 Like oranges
5 Set of students

Solutions

6 Opposite
7 anybody
8 Windsor or bowtie
9 Alley in comics?
10 Branch
11 Better than never?
12 Love god
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23 Benchmark
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Twenty-two year-old Devin Grant survived virtual- ly unscathed a collision with a parked car in Atlanta police officers on Dec. 10. Shortly before 7 p.m., in a traffic stop that involved a head-on collision, the driver of a Toyota Corolla allegedly drove the car into a police cruiser parked on the side of the road. The driver of the Toyota was later arrested and charged with reckless driving and criminal damage to property.

In October, the Florida Supreme Court ruled that, just because a man had been convicted and imprisoned for sexual abuse of his 8-year-old stepdaughter, he did not have a constitutional right to a new trial. The court ruled that the evidence was sufficient to support the conviction and that the defendant had not shown any prejudice from the delay in his case.

In November, off-duty Chicago police officer John Sebeck (240 pounds, with a master's degree in social work, who helps him on the job in counseling elderly abuse victims) was suspended for punching a 72-year-old man (135 pounds) in the face following a minor traffic accident. And in Springfield, Madbury, N.H., a 54-year-old man was charged with punching his wife after she refused to let him use her phone to call a friend.

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Latest Patent Saints

In November, the Russian Orthodox Church named the apostle Matthew as the patron saint of the country's tax police, who the church felt needed a patron saint to help them in their work. And in October, the Vatican announced a patron saint for politicians (St. Thomas More, who was beheaded in 1535, the latest of nearly 300 named by Pope John Paul II, and Vatican observers believe St. Isidore of Seville will soon be named patron saint of the internet.

People Not Like You and Me

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Recurring Themes

Super-messy homes have been a News of the Weird theme since its first year in 1988 (reporting on a San Jose, Calif., couple and their adult son, who collected garbage from dumps to store at home and in a growing number of storage lockers). In December 2000, a married couple (both well-paid U.S. Department of Labor employees) in Fairfax County, Va., were ordered out of their three-story home by authorities because of the mess. Trash was so heavy that walls had separated from ceilings, cleaning crews had to claw their way through piles of soiled clothes and garbage, and rats and roaches ran riot. As the man in the oven and one rodent weighing nearly 3 pounds ran wild. As she watched the couple's cleanup, the wife noted that she was losing “everything that was precious to me.”

God's Will

A 45-year-old woman who was killed as she walked onto I-55 near Sherman, Ill., in October was revealed to have been a member of a Jehovah's Witnesses group that believes they should test their faith (much like snake handlers do) by standing in the middle of traffic. A few days before her fatal demonstration of faith, she had been pulled to safety from the same highway as she attempted to proselytize to drivers zooming by.

Also, in the Last Month...

New Hampshire state Rep. Tom Ackerman resigned after constituents discovered longstanding statements on his Web site praising people who murder police officers (though he wrote that he himself was “too chicken” to partake). In official papers filed with Georgia's Department of Education, school districts inexplicably reported that 112 students were murdered last year (the actual total was zero). A man who identified himself only as Obi-Wan Kenobi was arrested for stealing a car, which he said was on orders from "The Force" (Bismarck, N.D.). A 43-year-old man was charged with three recent bank robberies after walking up on stage at a comedy club and offering a conscience-clearing confession (Macon, Ga.).
Dear Sexpert,
I've been going out with this girl for five years now and I love her a lot. I love her so much that I was thinking about marrying her. I know this sounds silly writing to you about this, but I don't want to rush things. Marriage is a big step and I don't know if either of us is ready for it. I'm twenty-four and she's twenty-two. What should I do?

Don't feel silly about writing in—all questions are good questions. You are right to worry about rushing things. Marriage is a big commitment and unfortunately in this day in age it is not taken seriously enough. About fifty percent of the marriages in America today end in divorce (a pretty staggering number). One contributing reason that it is high is young marriages. Not all young marriages fail, but for the most part young marriages end in divorce because of a couple reasons:

A) They were spur of the moment. Done "in the heat of passion." This can create a big problem when the passion runs out and reality hits (i.e. bills and children).

B) This point has to do with the fact that when young marriages occur they don't plan on a career. But with more women in the workforce and men also competing for jobs, it's difficult to work in the career of your choice without a college degree. Both spouses trying to get a good education while being married is highly unlikely so they end up in divorce.

I'm not saying this will happen to you, but here is my advice. Wait it out two more years. Depending on how long you've been together and if you have been living together in Florida for most of that time, you could opt for Common Law benefits. In Florida if you have been a couple (living together) for seven years, you are in a Common Law marriage. You get the same benefits as being legally married (taxes and all that good stuff). But if that's not the route you want to go, those two years also act as a little room to figure things out. By that time you both will have a degree, assuming you both are in college, as well as some time to think about what career you want to choose. Then you can settle into a job and get some stability. The most important thing about these two years is that you can save up some money. So after the honeymoon—when reality hits—you'll be prepared. I hope I helped with the doubts in your mind. Thanks for writing in.

Dear Sexpert,
I have this teacher and she means the world to me. She's smart, funny and she has a great body. I want to tell her how I feel, but I'm afraid to. What should I do?

First let me ask you a few questions. What attracts you the most? Do you see her in class walking around and say to yourself: "Man, she's got a nice pair of legs"? If so, that's physical attraction and telling her you like her based on that is not a wise thing to do. Do you see her and think: "Nice body, but she also is smart, witty and has a great sense of humor"? If so you are infatuated: But if you said these things above, talk to her and spend some time with her. Getting to know her outside of class and falling head over heels for her is love. So analyze your feelings and how she treats you. Does she ever smile at you for no reason or flirt even harmlessly? Is she single and around your age? I would talk to her if you think she could ever feel the same way about you. If not, let it be, man. Saying the wrong thing if she doesn't flirt with you back could not only embarrass you, but make it uncomfortable to be in class with her for the rest of the semester. Even if she does like you, it may be smarter to wait until the last day of class to say something. For many teachers, it is against their morals and ethics to get romantically involved with someone in class. So be careful and good luck.

I would like to make a retraction about last week's answer to the question about aphrodisiacs. I did not share with you all the information about Yohimbe. Yohimbe also can cause hallucinations if taken by some people. Since the FDA does not monitor herbal remedies, caution should be taken. I have taken Yohimbe and had no unwanted side effects. The reason is that we do not get the bark straight from the tree. It is processed by Sundown, GNC or whoever is distributing it. The process of drying it up and making a powder out of it drops the potency dramatically. This is similar to overcooking your vegetables. When this is done you loose nutrients, the same thing is applied to the bark. The same chemical is there, but not in such strong amounts. When taking anything herbal, speak to a herbalist first to make sure it is safe. I'm sorry for the lack of information, and I want to thank the person that brought it to my attention.
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think that FAU, Georgia State, and Troy State will be breathing down our throats now. One can only assume that when you have lost four or five years in a row you get tired of seeing that same team win. You want to beat them and we're that team.”

The Golden Knights look to be a major contender for the TAAC championship once again as the team is stacked with experience. Although the team lost All-TAAC player Gaelle Gouttefarde to graduation, they currently have four seniors in team captain Daniela Okil, Sonja Prokopec, Ann-Jeanette Svantesson and Hadas Ronen.

Filling out the rest of the roster is junior Marieke Gunawan and freshmen Julie Peacasting, Anna Westin and Amira Samara. According to Allison, the team is extremely talented and definitely has the capability of surpassing the successes of last season.

Despite being ranked 50th in the pre-season edition of the WingspanBank.com Collegiate Tennis Rankings for the 2000-2001 season, Allison has been experiencing some unforeseen frustration. At a recent practice only four of eight players were able to participate due to injuries and illness, ranging from mononucleosis to shoulder problems. As with any team experiencing complications, UCF must seek motivation in order to persevere and Allison is looking to her seniors to provide that.

“For the seniors it’s simple,” said Allison. “It’s their last year. For the freshmen, they see four years ahead of them and they think they have all of time in the world. Unfortunately, it isn’t until you get into your junior year that you realize, ‘Oh my god. This is going by.’ That’s where you hope that your seniors can step up and lead the way.”

For the Golden Knights, making it to the TAAC Championship will not be enough. With their experience and talent, Allison wants the team to not only win the TAAC but advance in the NCAA tournament as well. Allison knows that a successful coach is able to embed his or her vision in the minds of their players and be able to make that vision a reality.

“I think that one of the most challenging parts in being a coach is having a vision and getting your team to share it,” said Coach Allison. “I have that vision of where I want to go. But, if it doesn’t become their vision than we aren’t going. There are no shortcuts because they don’t want to go through it.”

One, you must let your seniors lead the way and two, find whatever it takes as a coach to communicate what your vision is and help them have the same vision.”

UCF’s biggest opponent this season looks to be against Texas Christian University, which they will face at home on March 24th.

From the Sports Desk

Edwards named to JCFootball.com Transfer All-American Team

UCF offensive guard Steve Edwards was named Thursday to the first annual JCFootball.com JC Transfer All-American Team. The team is comprised of 25 former junior college football players who played their first season at the Division I level in 2000. Players were chosen by the editors of JCFootball.com with input from fans and from the publisher of J.C. Grid-Wire, Hank Ives.

Edwards, who transferred from West Hills Community College in California, made an immediate impact for UCF, earning the starring strong-guard position. He started the first eight games of the year before being sidelined with an ankle sprain. He had a winning grade (80 percent or better) in eight of the nine games he played with his best game coming against Virginia Tech when he graded out at 87 percent.

After a shaky start with three sacks in the opener against Georgia Tech, he was responsible for only a third of a sack the rest of the year. He had a total of 55 knockdowns on the year with a season-high 11 against Eastern Michigan. He suffered an ankle sprain against Louisiana-Monroe and missed the Alabama and Louisiana Tech games. He returned to action against Virginia Tech. After his sophomore season at West Hills College he was named second-team JC Grid-Wire All-American and first-team All-Conference.

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Florida International brings 2-0 record to Bergman Field

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SAE edges Fraternity Gold Soccer Championship

Gabriel Sugar scored the game-winning goal late in the second half securing SAE a victory and the Fraternity Gold Soccer Championship with a 2-1 win over Sigma Chi.

"It was a tough physical game," said Sugar. "Sigma Chi was a great matchup for our team. It was a good win for us.

SAE took a 1-0 lead into the second half on a goal by Jason Valdez. But two minutes into the second half, Sigma Chi was rewarded a penalty kick, and it was converted by Adam Holden, tying the game at one. Sugar's game-winning goal several minutes later moved SAE to 4-0 on the season, while dropping Sigma Chi to 3-1.

Bricklayers collapse Smoker's Lung in 3-0-3 Basketball

Justin Daniel hit a two-point shot for the win as time was running down giving the Bricklayers a thrilling 32-29 victory over the Smoker's Lung. Daniel and teammate Leif Sjöberg led the way with 13 points each as the Bricklayers etched up their record at 1-1.

"They played a really great game, but we made the shots when they really counted," said Daniel.

The Smoker's Lung fell to 0-2 on the season, having already lost to The Yehuds 30-21 in Week 1.

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Road games to be a challenge for Golden Knights

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be effective, but McElrath is a difficult player to defend.

"We'll try some of the same things we tried in the second half," said Striegler. "Match some different people up against her. She's just a really good basketball player, she can do it all. She can hit the outside shot, she can hit the inside shot. So it's hard to guard her. If you put a guard on her, she'll post them up. If you put a post on her, she'll take them outside."" Well and they've all got to be on top cylinder."

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UCF women's basketball team has now lost four straight games following a 70-53 loss to Georgia State at the hands of Trans America Athletic Conference opponents Georgia State and Campbell last week.

Against GSU, only two Golden Knights scored in double figures, while three Panthers reached that plateau. GSU's Leslie McElrath led all scorers with 24 points and also grabbed 13 rebounds. Diana Hill led UCF with 15 points. Khadijah Winters was the other Golden Knight to reach double figures with 10 points.

UCF was down 10 points going into the half, but managed to cut the lead to two with 14:53 left in the game. From there the Panthers went on a 15-0 run, increasing the lead to 17. The closest the Golden Knights would get after that would be 12 points.

UCF head coach Gail Striegler thought her team played hard. The Golden Knights needed in the game.

That the first half was a sloppy one for UCF. The Golden Knights shot only 24.1 percent from the field and committed 11 turnovers. Lanetra Cooks was the only player hit more than one shot. She had eight points in the half. After the three-pointer by Cooks with 8:24 left in the half, Campbell held UCF scoreless for seven minutes, until LaToya Graham hit a jump shot with 1:15 left in the half. The Camels ended the half on a 15-2 run and went into the locker room up 35-17.

The closest the Golden Knights would come in the second half was 13 points. Hill and Adrienne Billings led the team with 14 points each, but Campbell won 70-53.

Striegler said that the only way to beat a team like Campbell, who is undefeated in the Trans America Athletic Conference, is to play flawless basketball.

"If you're going to go out there and play that good of a basketball team and try to get back in, you have to play perfect basketball and we didn't play perfect basketball," said Striegler. "We played hard the second half, but we didn't play perfect basketball."

This week the Golden Knights turn around and play at Georgia State and Campbell again, but this time the games will be on the road.

Paige expected back in two weeks
Sophomore guard/forward Erin Paige, who tore her posterior cruciate ligament (PCL) on Jan. 12, is expected to be back in the lineup in about two weeks for the Feb. 10 game against Jacksonville.

Against Striegler said the Knights will need to work hard to rehabilitate her knee with assistant athletic trainer Jennifer Perez.

"She said Striegler. "I expect her back probably practicing in about a week and a half," said Striegler. "She should be able to play some in two weeks. She won't be full speed for a while.""

Around the TAAC
The top team in the TAAC remained undefeated this week. Campbell beat Florida Atlantic University on Thursday and UCF on Saturday. The Camels defeated the Owls 70-67 and beat the Golden Knights 70-53.

This week they take on both FAU and UCF again, but this time at home.

Georgia and State share the record in the TAAC. 7-2, with the Hatters having the better overall record of 14-2. Stetson lost to Troy State 85-72, but beat Mercer in overtime 63-58. Gulf defeated UCF 73-55 and beat the Owls 81-56.

This week the Panthers did go on to win 73-55 over Georgia State, and Mercer did go on to win 70-53 against Florida Atlantic.

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UCF will travel to Samford. This week Mercer will have to go on the road to play UCF and Stetson again and FAU will go to Campbell and GSU.

Men's Basketball Notebook
UCF splits two conference games
The UCF men's basketball team snapped their three-game losing streak last Tuesday, beating Florida Atlantic 89-79. It was the seventh straight time the Golden Knights have defeated the Owls.

UCF set a season high for points scored with 89, breaking the previous high of 88 points in a win against East Carolina. Five UCF players scored in double figures, while the bench contributed 20 points.

The Golden Knights shot 49.2 percent for the game. Freshman Kevin Lee led the Golden Knights with a career-high 12 points, and Paul Reed and Al Miller both added 10 points. Freshman Stephen Graham came off the bench and scored a career-high 14 points, also adding five rebounds, an assist and a block in 23 minutes of play, another career high.

Head Coach Kirk Speraw said about the Golden Knights ability to build on this shooting performance.

"We shot the ball well," said Speraw. "I hope we gained a little more confidence in our shooting ability." The Golden Knights did not shoot as well in an 83-65 loss to Stetson on Saturday. UCF shot 39.7 percent, while the Hatters shot 46 percent. Reed and Lee were the only Golden Knights to hit double figures. Lee scored 16 points, while Reed added 17 in just 18 minutes of action.

Stetson only led 34-30 at the half, despite beginning the game on a 25-8 run. UCF countered with a 22-9 run to end the half, but in the second half the Golden Knights would only get to within nine points of the Hatters.

Stephen Graham has career night
Freshman Stephen Graham had the performance of his career.

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Saturday will be Opening Day at Jay Bergman Field

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STAFF WRITER

UCF opens the 2001 baseball season this Saturday, and will do so by playing the school’s first real home game in over two years at the brand new Jay Bergman Field, which is named for current Golden Knight baseball coach Jay Bergman.

The seemingly endless construction of the new on-campus stadium is finally over, closing the door on what many thought would be a never-ending wait and beginning a new, more accessible era of UCF baseball. For each of the past two seasons, the Golden Knights have played their home games in front of sparse crowds at Tinker Field, which is located in downtown Orlando next to the Florida Citrus Bowl. Now, the team and its fans will be able to save quite a bit of time and gas, as Bergman Field sits on campus behind the UCF Arena. Bergman says that the impact of having an on-campus stadium will be immeasurable.

"There's not a price tag you can put on it," he said. "You have to realize that the last two years, every game our team has played has been a road game. We've gotten on a bus for everything for two solid years. "Our players haven't griped, they haven't complained, they haven't kicked their heads and all of a sudden they've played well. I'm real proud of them. It's a lot of adversity. So we've been through the adversity and now we have the luxury of having our own field and enjoying it. And that's what we plan to do."

No. 17 UCF's first opponent at the new field will be intrastate rivals Florida International, who is ranked 31st in Collegiate Baseball poll. FIU has played its first two games by a combined total of 37 points. The Golden Knights will begin the season on Saturday.

Expectations are high for UCF women's tennis team

NATASHA BERK
STAFF WRITER

The UCF women's tennis team has a lot to live up to this season. Not only do they have bragging rights throughout the TAAC conference. Last year's team was extremely successful as they went on to win their fourth consecutive Trans America Athletic Conference title. The team was ranked 39th in the nation at one point in the season, had three players named to the TAAC All-Conference Team, and Head Coach Patricia Allison was named TAAC Coach of the Year.

But that is all in the past as the 2001 season begins. "Our number one goal is to qualify and win the TAAC championship," said Allison. "If we win the TAAC then it catapults us into the NCAA tournament. Our number two goal is to be a top 40 or 45 team. There isn't any other team in the TAAC that has come close to that goal."

Allison recognizes that maintaining dominance in the conference will be a difficult task, as the Knights will be the targets of TAAC opponents.

"If I feel we have been fortunate in the past to win the TAAC and we have a very good shot this year," said Allison. "But, I will play a two-game series with the Golden Knights, with the first game at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday and the second at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday.

"FIU is a team that mirrors our program quite a bit," said Bergman. "I think they've been in the shadow of the University of Miami and yet they've been very competitive. They've been in the regional tournament four out of the last five years and have done well in their new (Sun Belt) conference."

UCF, coached by Danny Price, brings a 2-0 record into the weekend series, having earned 5-0 and 17-3 victories over Bethune Cookman last weekend. Left-handed pitcher Willie Collazo, who will start against UCF this Saturday, threw five shutout innings against B-CC in the first of the two wins. The Golden Knights will likely face freshman right-hander Josh Banks on Sunday, who started FIU's second game and gave up two runs in five innings, striking out three.

Offensive stars for the Panthers

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Women's basketball gets another shot at GSU and Campbell

The UCF women's basketball team will face its toughest challenge of the season this week when it goes on the road to play Georgia State and Campbell, two of the top teams in the Trans America Athletic Conference. The Golden Knights played both of these teams last week at home, losing the two games by a combined total of 37 points.

UCF will play Georgia State on Thursday. The Panthers are coming off victories at UCF and Florida Atlantic. GSU beat the Golden Knights 73-53 last Thursday in a game where UCF only shot 35.3 percent from the floor. Two Panther players had doubles-doubles in the game. Leslie McElrath, the leading scorer in the TAAC, scored 24 points and grabbed 13 rebounds. Marica Maddox scored 13 points and added 11 assists.

McElrath scored 15 points in the first half, but UCF held her to only nine points in the second half. Half-time adjustments made by UCF head coach Gaul Striegler seemed to hold GSU in check.

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