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UFC advances in genetic research

MICHAEL ROBBINS  
STAFF WRITER

The University of Central Florida, quickly gaining acclaim throughout the state of Florida for its improvements as a research institution, is becoming the leading university in the state for research in genetic engineering. Genetic engineering is being recognized around the world, and UCF has become one of the top research institutions for genetic engineering," said molecular biologist and genetics researcher Dr. Henry Daniell.

The new research being conducted at UCF is groundbreaking. Through their work, newer, more efficient means of genetic engineering are being produced. In addition, this new work will prove to be a more environmentally friendly means of genetic engineering.

One of the leaders in this field has been Dr. Henry Daniell, who works for the department of molecular biology as a professor and conducts research through his lab. He, as well as some of his students, have been featured several times in Nature Biotechnology, one of the most prestigious journals for molecular and microbiology. He is currently working to find ways to improve methodology in inserting human genes into tobacco plants to produce vaccines and proteins; these new techniques may prove to treat certain disorders.

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DATELINE Game provides fun, information

BECKI PANOFF  
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Playing music reminiscent of the catchy '70s game show it was modeled after, the Victim Services Dating Game mixed fun and educating students about safe dating and abuse in relationships.

The second annual event took place Feb. 9 in the Student Union Courtyard. The activity, aimed at educating students about everything from the red flags of an unhealthy relationship to victim rights, showed a mock version of the television show "The Dating Game."

There were two rounds, with the first having three "bachelors" on the panel and one woman who asked questions to see who would give the "best" answer. The second round was the opposite, with one man and three "bachelors."

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Distance learning classes increase in popularity

JENNIFER PATERSON  
STAFF WRITER

Whether it be taking a class online, through a two-way interactive TV, by listening to the radio or via a number of other non-traditional education mediums, learning outside of the traditional classroom environment has become increasingly more popular at UCF. Since spring of 1998, the number of students enrolled in these types of courses has almost tripled from 3,061 to 9,088 students in the fall of 2000.

This semester there are a total of six web-based degree programs and three certificate programs available through distance learning at UCF. The degree programs include a Liberal Studies Bachelor's of Arts Degree, an A.A.S. to Bachelor of Science in Health Services Administration, Vocational Education and Industry Training, B.S. or Master's Degree, a M.Ed. Degree in Educational Media, and a Forensic Science Option in the Master's Degree in Industrial Chemistry. The certificate programs are the Graduate Certificate for Community Colleges, Professional Writing and Nonprofit Management.

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**Police Beat**

**JAMES NUNEZ  STAFF WRITER**

Officers responded to witnesses’ claims of a fire in the area around the wastewater treatment plant, located off of Neptune Blvd. Orange County Fire/Rescue was also called to the scene.

It was discovered that a brush fire was burning strongly. Police then closed the portion of Neptune and cut through a fence closing off the burning property, so that access could be made by the Fire/Rescue team.

The fire was extinguished, but not before two acres of grass and woodland had been destroyed. Police suspect that a person had started the fire. If you have any information, please call 423-TIPS.

**Saving it for later**

Officer Erik Lashinsky observed two men in a dark colored car illegally parked in a handicap space. Upon confronting them, he noticed one of the men place something underneath the passenger seat.

Lashinsky asked the two men to exit the vehicle while he searched their car. The driver then told him that he did not have permission. Lashinsky then asked if there was anything hid under the seats, to which the driver answered no.

Lashinsky proceeded to search the car. He found an open can of Bud Light underneath the passenger seat and arrested the driver for possession of alcohol under 21.

**Interesting choice Daniel san**

Michael Wallis was pulled over by Officer Allan Darcey for speeding on Libra Drive. Upon checking Wallis’ record, Darcey learned that he had been arrested in the past for driving without a license.

Darcey then searched Wallis’ car for inventory purposes and found a pair of martial arts cuffs stored underneath the passenger seat concealed from Darcey’s sight. Wallis was charged with possession of a concealed weapon.

**UCF sees large drop in major crimes**

**JAMES NUNEZ  STAFF WRITER**

UCF’s campus is and continues to be one of the safest state and major crime-free universities in Florida, according to the Department of Education. However, petty theft has seen a slight increase over the past year.

For the second year in a row, UCF has seen a considerable drop in major crimes on campus. In 1999, a statewide report done by the Department of Education shows that crime had fallen ten percent on all of Florida’s ten public universities.

As opposed to Florida State University’s leading 156 reported major crimes, UCF reported no murders, manslaughters, rapes or non-forcible sexual assaults on campus in 1999. However, there were 26 burglaries, six vehicle thefts, five aggravated assaults and two arsons. A total of 19 major crimes were reported, as opposed to 41 the year prior.

Although the UCF PD has not had trouble with major crimes, petty theft has caused a significant problem. In 1999, UCF had 228 thefts, compared to the 213 the year before. Jennifer Russell, manager of the UCF Bookstore, has had to deal with many attempts at textbook theft during this stressful spring semester.

“We did see an overall shrinkage (loss to the company) at our last inventory. In order to protect students from the rising cost of textbooks, we have put some different procedures in place,” said Russell. In fact, Russell claims that presently an average cost of a new textbook is near the $75 range. Not to mention, the packages of books and study guides run close to $135 each.

Backpack checks prior to entering the textbook department, an increase in staff members to aid students and surveillance cameras throughout the store are but a few of the preventative measures that the bookstore is taking.

Working with the campus police has been helpful, as well. “They have been partnering with us, as far as giving us suggestions and recommendations to keep a tighter control on [the problem],” said Russell.

**Did you know?**

**Unloss fact of the week**

On average, 100 people choke to death on ballpoint pens every year.

Humans are the only primates that don’t have pigment in the palms of their hands.

Mothers that begin on a Sunday will always have a “Friday the 13th.”

Half of all Americans live within 50 miles of their birthplace.

**Campus briefs**


The university crowns its first Homecoming Queen, Patty Grey, following the Homecoming basketball game (1971).

The UCF Orchestra presents Valentine’s Pops Concert, featuring John Whitney and Ayako Yonetani, on Feb. 14 in the Student Union. Tickets are $20. (407) 823-2863.

The 2001 SECME regional competition is Feb. 17, 7 a.m. - 4 p.m. in the Student Union. Local elementary, middle school and high school students compete in academic events. (407) 823-5119.

**Quote of the Week**

“There is only one happiness in life, to love and be loved.”

—George Sand

**Building your vocabulary:**

**chicanery**

Pronunciation: /sh-i-KAN-er-e/ n.

trickery, deception

Example: “Honestly, not chicane- ry, will get you more dates.”

**Valentine’s Day**

- In the United States over 1 billion Valentine cards are sent each year.

- Valentine’s Day is celebrated in the United States, Canada, Mexico, the United Kingdom, France and Australia.

- Women buy 85 percent of all valentines.

**For the best sex, slip on one of these.**

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Are vitamins healthy for society?

DIANA HENNIG
STAFF WRITER

Most of us have been raised on the notion that if we take our vitamins daily, we will grow up big and strong. Well, this may not be so true. New studies show that vitamins should only be taken if enough isn't already taken in through the foods we consume. It may actually be unhealthy for the human body to receive too much of a certain vitamin or mineral.

The national guidelines on how much of every vitamin and mineral Americans should eat daily have recently been updated. The ones that had been used are still being based on research done in 1968. Dietary habits have definitely changed since then. However, don't expect food labels to be updated with the new "recommended dietary allowances" any time soon.

If following the food guide pyramid and eating enough of all recommended servings, the average American shouldn't have to take a daily multivitamin. This can actually have a negative effect. Too much vitamin C can cause diarrhea, too much vitamin E can cause uncontrolled bleeding and too much folic acid can actually cause nerve damage. These are not the effects that usually come to mind when we think of vitamins. Yet, this mostly applies to children and adults.

College students usually don't plan their diet around the Food Guide Pyramid. They tend to eat what they can find easily and cheaply. This can however lead to weak immune systems and other problems due to lack of daily recommended vitamins and minerals. It's not as easy as just taking a multivitamin every day. Each individual is different and has different needs.

I take vitamins, but only either to ward off some sickness or battle one. And every once in a while when I remember," said Katie Haines.

Vitamins A, D, E and K are fat soluble and can be stored in the body, so people don't need to consume as much of these. Fifteen milligrams of vitamin B6 should be taken each day, and is essential to protecting lung tissues from polluted air. It can be found in sunflower seeds and nuts, two very easy things to snack on. Vitamin A and D are essential for bones and are found in fortified milk, and can be found in cheese.

However, Vitamins C, B1, B2, B6, B12 and folic acids are water-soluble and need to be replaced frequently throughout the day. These are essential for the immune system and metabolic activity, and can be found in most fruits and vegetables.

Minerals are also important. Some of these include calcium, phosphorus, magnesium, zinc and sodium. These can be found in fortified cereals and meat products. Iron, important because it aides in the making of hemoglobin, which moves oxygen throughout our blood stream, can be found within raisins—another easy snack between classes.

It may seem easier just to pop a daily multivitamin and forget about it, but people must remember how easy it is to overdose on vitamins and actually harm health.

Dear Health Nut,

I've been smoking for seven years and can't seem to kick the habit. Now I am up to smoking a pack a day. I truly don't want to smoke for the rest of my life and feel now is the time for me to quit. I've tried to quit cold turkey, which never works. So, I have begun to consider the patch or maybe even a prescription drug to help me stop. I'm just not sure how effective they are and if it's worth the money. What do you think?

Sincerely, Wanting to quit

Dear Wanting to quit,

There is no time like the present to kick a nasy habit—and smoking is definitely one of the nastiest! Not only is it unhealthy it is expensive. On average, most smokers spend $100 a month on cigarettes.

Generally there are three ways (aside from prescription drugs) to curb those cigarette cravings: nicotine gum, nicotine patches and nicotine nasal spray. The gum should be used for 30 minutes at a time. You have more control with this method than the patch because you control the amount of nicotine you consume each day.

The nicotine patch is worn on the skin between the neck and the waist and supplies small amounts of nicotine throughout the day. Nicotine nasal spray is available only by prescription, but provides immediate relief from cigarette craving.

Another prescription medication available to assist you in your struggle to quit smoking is Zyban, an antidepressant. Unlike the other methods, Zyban is nicotine-free. Most often it is used to treat depression, but in smaller doses it helps reduce the withdrawal side effects and help you kick the habit. According to a national study by researchers at the University of Wisconsin Medical School, smokers using Zyban are twice as likely to have quit smoking a year later than those using patches alone.

It is imperative that you DO NOT smoke while using any of these products. Smoking while using them can cause serious side effects such as heart attack.

The American Cancer Society has several general tips to help you quit:

• Don't carry a lighter or matches.
• Spend your free time in smoke-free places such as museums, theaters or the library.
• Sit in the no smoking section when you go to restaurants.
• Substitute sugarless gum for a cigarette.
• Drink lots of fluids and stay away from beverages with caffeine and alcohol because they increase your desire to smoke.
• Exercise to relieve tension.
• Keep your hands occupied.
• Tell your friends and family that you are trying to quit smoking. Ask them to support you and help you stay on the right track. Ask those that still smoke not to do so around you.

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UCF leads in the range, diversity of distance classes

While many probably have noticed the proliferation of online courses the last few years, what many do not know is that UCF leads U.S. colleges and universities in the range and diversity of classes it has available. In March 2000, the United States Distance Learning Association awarded UCF the “Excellence in Distance Learning Programming Award in Higher Education,” for its education use of distance learning media.

“I have to say taking an online class is one thousand times better as far as convenience goes,” said Drew Hannah, a philosophy major at UCF. “I can eat during class, play the radio and I don’t have to worry about parking. I learn in the comfort of my own home.”

Although the idea of convenience or necessity may draw a number of people to these types of courses, the question of their effectiveness still looms.

“There are drawbacks to these types of courses,” said Hannah. “I think that there was some loss as far as communication. In an online medium it is difficult to really know what someone is saying. Words can be taken a number of ways.”

An article from “The Chronicle of Higher Education” published Feb. 21, 1997 highlighted an experiment by a sociology professor at California State University who tested the value of online education by dividing his class into two. According to the article, one group came to class, listened to lectures, turned in assignments and followed traditional procedures. The other group, used a WWW side to follow the course. The students communicated through electronic mail, studied in collaborative groups and communicated with the professor in an online chat room.

Dr. Shutte found that the students learning in the non-traditional mode outscored those with face-to-face instruction by 20 percent.

“A number of people who would not normally communicate have the opportunity to do so in this type of environment because of the relative anonymity,” said UCF student.

UCF has earned a number of awards and honors related to Distributed Learning in the last few years including the National Learning Infrastructure Initiative in, a $200,000 Grant awarded by the Pew Learning and Technology program at the Center for Academic Transformation, the Davis Productivity Award for the POLARIS interactive web site, and the APOC-SHEEO Faculty Development Award for Teaching with Technology. For more information about distance learning, visit http://distrb.ucf.edu.

Online Exclusive:

Orange County chairman, Richard Crotty, is pushing to ban dancing in certain local clubs in order to prevent drug use. Log on to www.UCFfuture.com to read about this ban and the students who recently protested it.

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Greek Beat

NATHAN HOLIC
SPECIAL TO THE FUTURE

Over the Christmas season, the Kappa Sigma fraternity was saddened with the news that alumnus Paul Linartas was diagnosed with Leukemia. Linartas, a graduate of the University of Central Florida and an active alumnus of Kappa Sigma, is also an active volunteer in the community. Both he and his family have opened and are involved in the daily operations of a non-profit orphanage in Lithuania for underprivileged children.

After hearing the news, the fraternity immediately began planning a philanthropic event for his benefit. The result: Kappa Sigma will be hosting a 5K Run Walk to benefit the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society (LLS) and the Paul Linartas Trust Fund. A majority of the funds raised in the event will be presented to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, while the remaining funds will be held, in trust, to assist Linartas and his family with the burdens of medical expenses.

Money for the event will be raised through both corporate sponsorship and through the donations of those participating. The 5K Run Walk will start at Gemini Circle on the UCF campus, and will end at the entrance to Greek Park, beginning at 9 a.m. on Feb. 25.

Achievements noticed by major biotechnology companies

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"If I can do something that will help society, that will be great," said Daniell.

The main focus of Daniell's work is to find a way to solve environmental concerns that arise from the genetic engineering of plants, particularly the use of tobacco plants, to express the traits of foreign genes, notably ones used in the creation of the protein insulin and certain vaccines. There is a risk of these genetically altered plants affecting other plants through the release of the different genes through pollen, an environmental concern, which Daniell wishes to fix.

In order to prevent these problems, Daniell places the genes away from the plant cell's nuclear DNA (the basic code for anything's genetic information). Instead of using the nuclear DNA, Daniell uses the DNA found in the chloroplasts (a component of the cell that is the site of photosynthetic reactions). By doing this, Daniell is able to improve the process and remove the fears of the genetically altered plants affecting other plants.

In a recent article released by Daniell, he explained how this new method improved the process.

"Expression of foreign genes via plastid [component of chloroplast] genomes not only dramatically enhances the level of expression (because of 5,000-10,000 copies per plant cell and the prokaryotic nature of chloroplasts), but also prevents out cross of the introduced foreign genes via pollen grains (because of their maternal inheritance in most crops)," said Daniell.

This new research will have great impacts on the health of humans. According to Daniell's research, this new method will help to decrease the cost of the production of the protein insulin, as well as to increase the speed of their production. By doing this, Daniell will help to find a way to provide a valuable production method for pharmaceutical companies. In addition, Daniell has found a way to produce a form of edible vaccine through this process for Cholera.

"With chloroplasts, we are capable of speeding up genetically the process of these reactions," said Daniell.

Daniell is not the only researcher from UCF who is making major contributions to the field. In addition, former UCF graduate student Brandy Decosa has been able to make breakthroughs in North Carolina. Her work involving the placement of multiple genes into a cell through a single step has recently been published as a cover story for Nature Biotechnology. In addition to Decosa, another student, Oscar Lewis, is receiving an internship in San Diego with Dow Agro Science, a prominent biotechnology company. Both were students of Daniell.

All these accomplishments are beginning to be noticed by major biotechnology companies, providing a lucrative opportunity for UCF. These companies are large contributors to research institutes, in addition to being huge sources of research. By attracting these companies, UCF is potentially bringing a booming field to the state of Florida and the university, one that will help Florida's economy and bring more funding to UCF. Through this, UCF has the possibility of gaining more funds via government agencies or from the biotech companies themselves.

"It is important for Florida to utilize all the talent we have at UCF instead of going out of state," said Daniell, "Florida should attract Bio-tech companies."

Daniell and other researchers at and from UCF will continue to seek improvements in genetic engineering, in hopes of making it a more environmentally friendly process, as well as bringing more funds to the university.

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The candied phrases of endearment

SweetieHot Stuff "Call me I love you" Sexy
"Red Hot"
I miss you! Be mine
Valentine
Katie Giraulo Staff Writer

Ah...the conversation heart. It's February, and once again while yellow, pink and purple solidified sugar hearts with less-than-Hallmark inscriptions litter my desk, fill my pockets and spill out of my book bag.

How I love thee! Ooo la la! Page me (the modern versions are available). With all these candied phrases of endearment and ways of reaching out to the one you love, it's a wonder we don't replace the engagement ring with a granite, heart-shaped license for Eckerd's that we may stock up on Cupid's favorite tokens of affection.

Well, sweet checks, you can keep your hearts and your Valentine's Day, too! Until things change a bit, this gift's not taking. Nope, I've dodged out and into my last conversation heart. They taste bad, and, in the grand tradition of the last conversation heart. They taste bad, and, in the grand tradition of Valentine's Day, the sentiments are tired.

February, and once again white, yellow, pink and purple solidified sugar hearts, kisses, flowers, love letters and chocolate. For the rest of us, well, at least there's still chocolate.

I wonder why some people fell under his influence more than others? I asked a friend who had been hypnotized what it was like and she told me it was like a long dream or deja vu. DeLuca is a psychologist and also an excellent showman, working the crowd with lines delivered at all the right times.

This only served to reinforce my belief that the power of suggestion is stronger than some others. I asked a friend who had been hypnotized what it was like and she told me it was like a long dream or deja vu. DeLuca is a psychologist and also an excellent showman, working the crowd with lines delivered at all the right times. DeLuca is a psychologist and also an excellent showman, working the crowd with lines delivered at all the right times. DeLuca is a psychologist and also an excellent showman, working the crowd with lines delivered at all the right times.

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Peanut butter M&M's need love too

CHRISTIE ZIZO
STAFF WRITER

Many of you know this feeling. You work hard to be noticed. You’re the diamond in the rough of your family. But you don’t get the attention the older sibling(s) and younger sibling(s) get.

No matter how hard you try, neighbors, family (immediate and extended), your parent’s friends and co-workers, the cute telephone guy and the newspaper delivery man who never double-hugs your paper on rainy days, seem to shove you aside. And you ask, why? What have you done to deserve this? You’re the middle child. You don’t have to do anything wrong.

If you are one of these unfortunate souls, then you must understand the plight of your fellow siblings.

...The almond, minty and peanut butter M&M’s. Yes, that’s right. I bet some of you don’t even know these delectable little candy-coated, nutty and cool morsels of goodness existed! And more’s the pity. For you, who has never strayed beyond the comfort zone of Plain and Peanut M&M. Or perhaps the “new” Crispy M&M. Of course you know that’s just Nestle’s Buncha Crunch with candy coating, right? You thought you were being so radical, so hip.

These love-starved little creatures have existed since the 1990s. Where are their snifty cartoon characters? Where is their thirty-second spot? Where are their press agents? Why don’t they act down over them as they do the other M&M’s? And you don’t see Plain (excuse me, he goes by “Milk Chocolate” now) and Peanut licking Almond or Peanut Butter as they lick Crispy? Why, even the minis get a spot with big brothers MC and Peanut!

And poor Minty, who had a brief stint with the regular M&M line-up in the early 90s, but was pushed to the holiday racks. The black sheep of the M&M family, shunned, cast about to become seasonal fare. But sources from some remote regions of the country, like New Jersey, claim they did not see Minty in their holiday candy aisles. Oh, Minty, where have you gone?

When will it be Minty, Almond and Peanut Butter’s time in the spotlight? When? Someone must be a champion! Provide a voice for these voiceless, overlooked yet equally wonderfuly tasty little friends! I invite you to join me!

Good conversation is the key. It’s all about the little things.

planned/expected helium balloon filled with (circle one) spiffy animal or (check) roses. Instead, I’ll come home to find a trail of conversation linguning strands, all inscribed with telling surprises...And I’d say to my worthy Valentine, “You mean, this whole time you had Anti Diffence tickets? You knew how to dance after all? You never really liked Scream 2?”

Oh yes, my friend. Valentine’s Day needs a revamping, and you can help! Even if it’s with conversation hearts, you too can learn the language of Valentine perfection.

This year I encourage you to be creative. Dare to stray from the standard sugary exchanges. Dig down deep and really give a piece of yourself. Do something neither of you thought you could/would do. Be unpredictable, original, and put some thought into it. That includes yourself, of course.

Good conversation is the key. It’s all about the little things. Although any day is good for the details, Valentine’s Day lets them express it even more. If you want a really memorable one, get together, make up, or break up on Valentine’s Day. There’s no better day to say “be mine” or “go ahead, forget all about me.”

In a world where e-mail has taken over the ancient practice of letter writing, consider this: send someone a note, an actual hand written note. It’s nice to see that someone has taken the time to dig up a pen and paper. Valentine’s Day is all about the little things. Although any day is good for the details, Valentine’s Day is a national reminder to make someone feel special. That includes yourself, of course.

Valentine’s Day is one of those days where it’s safe to indulge. I may be sitting alone with my chocolate pudding pie, but I’m smiling and loving it. Indulge in your special someone or in yourself. Come on folks, feel the love!

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ADAM SHIVER
STAFF WRITER

stick ‘em up
Recently a five year old was suspended from an Orange County school for bringing a 9mm gun to school. The Tanglo Park Elementary student said he found the gun behind a dresser. The gun had been hidden there by his mother. The school is now debating on whether to expel the child. The question is, what exactly are we teaching this small boy by suspending him? He is too young to understand exactly what he has done, just that it was wrong.

Calling it quits
Tom Cruise and Nicole Kidman are divorcing because they say their week has kept them apart. Let us review, they met on the set of Day of Thunder. They co-starred in Far and Away as Eyes Wide Shut. During his shooting of Mission Impossible II Kidman had the filming of the movie she was working on moved to Australia so they could be together. Now let’s get a valid excuse.

Survival of the greediest
Another week down, another great episode of Survivor II under our belt and another loser kicked out of the land down under. The teeth-removing, retired police officer, “Mad Dog” Maralyn Hershey from the Ogakor tribe bit the dust; finally. But the sad thing? I am not bright enough to remember to turn on the VCR after setting it up... So I missed the whole show.

If you’re addicted to Survivor II as well, check out Wain’s Survivor Pick ’em. This great web page allows you to wager who will be the next ‘survivalists’ to get booted from the Outback. The address is http://tvgames.yahoo.com/survivor.

Just plain odd
There is a difference in loving your pet and ‘loving’ your pet. The British have taken their love of their pets too far. They are now sending Valentine’s Day cards to their animals. “This is a trend which is set to increase as people look upon pets as one of the family,” giving Valentine’s cards is a natural progression of this,” said a spokesperson for Woodworth’s. You’ve got serious problems if you’re sending your dog, cat, bird or even duck a Valentine’s Day card.

Recently 16 people survived, lost at sea, off of the breast milk of Faustina Mercedes, a passenger on the boat. The milk, taken in very small amounts each day allowed them to coat their thumbs and wet their lips and kept them alive till they could be rescued. My question is this: How did she survive this ordeal? A lot of nutrients are lost through breast-feeding. This would have caused her a severe loss.

Sad, but true
Fourteen-percent of Americans when surveyed could not identify North America when asked to on an unmarked world map. Hello? You live there and you don’t even know what it looks like?

The only bird with a fully formed penis is a Swan. So beware when you go for a walk around Lake Eola. That little fluffy dog might not be the only thing on your leg.

XFL runs short
The XFL premiered Feb 3 in Orlando to over 36,000 stadium-goers. The thing Vince McMahon (think that’s it) did not anticipate was every redneck in Bithlo and Ocoee showing up and sapping the stadium for its entire stock of beer before half-time. The Citrus Bowl sold nearly 250 kegs worth of draft beer, more than the 198 or so kegs they emptied at the last Citrus Bowl game. XFL fans are a different breed apparently; an incestuous one.

In past issues...
In my column two weeks ago I mentioned specialty stores that sold weird items. A reader mentioned another such store to me. The Rubber Stamp and Sign Company. I knew there was something missing in my life. Rubber stamps. Who devotes a whole store to this, and why?

I pondered what those little plastic things at the end of your shoelaces are called many issues ago, and someone came through for me and found out. They’re aglets. Who makes aglets? Is it good money to do so?

Quote of the Week:
“It is hard to believe that a man is telling the truth when you know that you would lie if you were in his place.”

-H. L. Mencken
Walking on Campus: Frogger Style

JOSHUA MURDOCK
STAFF WRITER

I hope we all remember the classic arcade hit Frogger, from the good old days when schoolwork was coloring inside the lines. Frogger was a great challenge of skill, hand-eye coordination, and just plain luck. UCF has its own version of Frogger, but we as students are the so-called “frog” in this game.

I don’t know how many of you walk around campus but probably a lot of you since the closest parking space is two miles away. You know why Frogger is an appropriate name but we as students are the source of problems.

Closest parking space is two miles away. You know why? Frogger is an appropriate name but we as students are the source of problems. People that are ready to go home or finding that perfect parking spot before class. Those that are slow as a turtle might not make the Frogger cut and will have to wait hours to cross the logs, I mean roads.

Not all student drivers are aiming to run down and kill those walking on campus. I have had plenty of kind, considerate, law-abiding citizens stop and let me cross the street out of harms way. I tip my hat to those that make crossing the highway of death a more tolerable act. At least I thought I might be out of harms way. Still even if one car stops, that does not mean the cars in the other lane will even see you on the road. This is really when the video game skill comes into play. Getting Frogger style you must dodge in and out of traffic and maneuver yourself to a safe spot.

Good luck to all those fellow students that brave the walk, each and every day. I’m right there beside you maneuvering my way across those vehicle-filled roads, trying to make my way to a better education. I have been pretty lucky and have survived the Frogger experience thus far. Only a couple more months to go and maybe I will graduate with an extra life and the high score.

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Baseball team has won five straight games

CHRIS BERNHARDT

The major theme of UCF's recruiting day was defense, and defensive end was among the key positions coaches looked to improve. Left with only three quality, experienced players at the bookends following the graduation of Fred Holley and transfer of Don Page, the team needed to add depth in hopes of competing with the tougher teams on the 2001 schedule. And with the signing of five such players this week, looks to be a much-improved position for several years to come.

The five defensive ends that put their names on the dotted line for UCF include Paul Carrington, Marcus Clemmons, Rashad Jeanty, Craig Waters and Mico Williams.

Carrington, a 6-foot-6, 255-pound linemen from Effingham County High School in Springfield, Georgia, might be a few years away from making a serious impact. UCF Head Coach Mike Kruczek projects that Carrington, who played basketball and wrestled in high school, should be able to add 50-70 pounds to an already strong frame over the next few seasons. He runs a 6.9 in the 40-yard dash and finished his senior season with 41 tackles and 10 sacks while graduating with academic honors. For now he will play defensive end, but could eventually get big enough to be an interior lineman.

The speedy 6-foot-3, 220-pound Jeanty could make a more immediate impact. Out of Carol City High School in Miami, he chose UCF over both Virginia Tech and Ole Miss. He had 82 tackles, 11 sacks, three forced fumbles and one fumble recovery his senior season and was rated the nation's 14th best player by the Miami Herald. According to Kruczek, he "gets the ball as well as anyone we've seen," and should be a valuable pass rusher.

In Williams, the Golden Knights have one of the best athletes in the class. A running back in high school, he also had the versatility to play quarterback, wide receiver, free safety and defensive end. According to Jamie Newberg of Border Wars, some colleges are even projecting him as a safety in college. At 6-foot-3, 230 pounds, he played three years of basketball for Edison High School in Miami. His major skills include speed, size, and agility and he received All-State honorable mention honors his senior season.

Out of Astronaut High School in Titusville, Clemmons and Waters are two of the biggest signings in the class, both literally and figuratively. Clemmon measures up at 6-foot-7, while Waters stands 6-foot-6. Clemmon's weight of 270 opens the possibility of him eventually playing tight end or offensive line. He is projected as one of the nation's top prospects and could be a major addition in years to come. He recorded 86 tackles, five and half sacks, one touchdown, seven interceptions and an interception his senior season.

The 200-pound Waters could be an emerging sleeper. Also a basketball player in high school, his weight should go up in time. He runs a 4.75 and recorded 106 tackles, 13 sacks and three fumble recoveries while receiving All-State honorable mention last year. He is expected to redshirt this season, but has plenty of potential for years to come.

With the lack of depth at the defensive end position, all of these players will have their chance to make a significant mark this year. UCF did lose out to Rutgers on Alfred Petruson out of Carol City, but overall the Knights were successful in bringing in quality talent at defensive end.

"These guys are that are going to have a great opportunity to step up and show us what they can do very, very quickly in summer practice," said Kruczek.

Grand Larceny

One of the strengths for UCF early in the season has been the team's speed on the base paths. The Golden Knights have already scored their first home run for bodies. We're still holding a couple guys back," said Myers. "I just wish I could have stayed out there a little longer, but my knee's been bothering me for quite some time now. To get out there and swing it as well as I did, it felt real good."

Trouble pitching on four days rest, gave up only one run in five innings to get his second victory of the week, striking out four and walking none. Bergman was very happy to sweep the series.

"I think it's extremely important (to get the sweep)," said Bergman. "That's what we challenged them to, that we had a chance to nail the coiff right here. It was very, very important for them to go out there and establish the fact that in a three-game series, we're going to nail that third game."

This week, 820 UCF (5-1) hits the road for four games, taking on Bethune Cookman on Tuesday and playing three weekend games against perennial powers Wake Forest, Purdue and Rice at the Coca-Cola Classic in Houston, Texas.

"We'd see how good we are when we go out there," said Myers.

Hitter of the Week: Jeremy Paget

The junior catcher had five hits in 12 at-bats against Southern Illinois, driving in six runs and scoring five times. His two-home run performance in the opening game of the series was UCF's best individual offensive game of the year.

Pitcher of the Week: Brad Busbin

The junior right-hander won his first two starts as a Golden Knight, beating B-CC and Southern Illinois. He now has a 2-0 record with a 1.64 ERA, nine strikeouts and only one walk.

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UF signed safety Peter Sands and James Cody and cornerback Omar Lawrence. Sands (6-5, 200 pounds) comes from Titusville Astronaut High School and may get an immediate look at safety next year, as the Golden Knights are thin at that position.

"Peter's our best athlete," said Astronaut coach Randy Hallock. "Peter can do anything. You could line him up under center and he could play quarterback for you. I mean, he's just that skilled of an athlete. He played everywhere for us. To be honest with you, I think he's the best football player coming out of this here year. He's a steal. He could play for anybody."

On the offensive line, the Golden Knights signed junior college transfers Mike Mahy, Johnson Morgan and Alex Mindez, along with high school seniors Jeff Harper and Adam Batch. Kruczek expects the three transfers to play next season, especially Mahy. He plays the center position, which fills the hole left by the graduation of fourth-year starter Chris Lentz.

"Mahy) should be an immediate help in a position that's critical right now because, to be quite frank, we don't have a center," said Kruczek. "We've very, very fortunate to have him."

Also committing to UCF on National Signing Day were quarterback Andrew Harris, running back Keith Williams, wide receiver Al Peterson, fullback Dee Brown and tight ends Matt Landy and Danny Johnson.

"The objective of this recruiting season was obviously to sign the 25 best high school football players that we could get our hands on," Kruczek said. "I think we met that objective. We added 20 great football players, by far and away the best recruiting class we've ever had."

Five other transfers that have already enrolled at are included in the recruiting class, including wide receiver Doug Gabriels, fullback Andrel Curry, quarterback Brandon Sumner and cornerbacks Carlos Thompson and Terrance Bell. With the exception of Sumner, a Georgia Tech transfer who will sit out the 2001 season to fulfill NCAA rules, each of those players has the potential to start next year.

Kruczek sees holes at linebacker after 2001 football season

Kruczek was named third-team All-State.

"He's a runner, he's a 4.6 (40-yard dash) kid that makes plays sideline to sideline," said Kruczek. "A very responsible young man, one we feel very fortunate to have."

Cook is a 6-foot-3, 210-pound outside linebacker from Jacksonville's Trinity Christian High School. He was second-team All-State. Cook was named Clay County Offensive and Defensive Player of the Year in both his sophomore and junior years. He had 77 tackles and 10 sacks his senior year. Cook runs the 40-yard dash in 4.6 seconds.

"(He is) a big body who runs very, very well that has the capabilities of moving down if we need him to (in defensive line)," said Kruczek. "But he's a great outside linebacker right now for us."

Rhule, 5-foot-11, 230 pounds, hails from Dillard High School in Ft. Lauderdale, and is an aggressive player who loves contact. He was named MVP of the state championship game, making 12 tackles in the game. In 14 games as a senior, Rhule accumulated 184 tackles, eight sacks, five interceptions, six pass breakups, 12 forced fumbles and five fumble recoveries. He was first-team All-Miami Herald, All-State, and All-Gruden.

Kruczek is looking for Rhule to make big plays all over the field. "(He is) an inside linebacker who can bring the wood," said Kruczek. "(He's) big enough to stop the run up inside and he's quick enough to make plays sideline to sideline. He also does well at pass coverage."

Stringfield is 6-foot, 225 pounds and will join former teammates and 2000 UCF signees Tavares Capers and Luther Huggins on the Golden Knights. Stringfield, Capers and Huggins played together at Miami Dade Central High School where Stringfield recorded 118 tackles, 14 sacks and five interceptions as a senior. He ran a 4.5 at the Nike Combine and has a 34-inch vertical leap. He chose UCF over Syracuse, N.C. State, Minnesota and Georgia.

"Stringfield can play inside, outside athletically and plays the game the way you like it played 100 percent of the time," said Kruczek. "(He is) an inside linebacker who can add to our roster. The 6-foot-1, 211-pounder comes to the Golden Knights from Ashburnham High School. He committed to UCF last summer and never wavered on his word. Williford bench presses 300 pounds and has 4.5 speed. He was named second-team All-State, first-team All-County and recorded 157 tackles, four fumble recoveries, three forced fumbles and one blocked punt as a senior. He also played running back, carrying the ball 19 times for 500 yards, averaging 25 yards per carry, and scored seven touchdowns on offense. "(Williford) is in the same mold as those other guys," said Kruczek. "They play 60 minutes, they play the way you like it played and they make plays sideline to sideline."

Six linebackers may seem like a lot for one position in a recruiting class, but Kruczek sees the need for linebackers approaching.

"We lose four seniors really at linebacker this year," said Kruczek. "(His) four guys we have to replace were very productive in this system. That's the reason for signing so many at that position."

The four players to which Kruczek is referring are Tavaris Capers, Willie Davis, Elliot Shorter, and Tony Hardman. Kruczek announced Jan. 29 that Hardman, who would be a fifth-year senior in the 2001 season, would not be returning to the Golden Knights for personal medical reasons. Hardman finished this past season third on the team in tackles with 96 and he led the nation in total fumbles forced and recovered with seven. Rodriguez, Davis and Shorter will all be with the Golden Knights for their senior seasons, but will graduate after the 2001 season.
**Men's Basketball Notebook**

**Kristy Shonka**  
**Staff Writer**

UCF has now dropped six straight games. The UCF men's basketball team is now on a six-game losing streak, its longest stretch without a win this season. The six losses came last Saturday at home against Murray State. The Golden Knights led at halftime 40-30, shooting 51.5 percent from the floor and 55.6 percent from three-point range. The Bears opened the second half on a 26-7 run, however, giving them a 56-47 lead. UCF tied the score at 60 with 7:42 left in the game, but went scoreless for 4:25 and Mercer gained a 10-point lead. The Golden Knights lost 82-74.

Al Miller had a season-high 13 points to lead UCF. Jason Thornton added 11 and Joey Graham had 10. UCF Head Coach Kirk Speraw said his team came out of halftime lacking the desire to win. "The thing that jumps out at you is the lack of intensity coming out of the locker room in the second half," said Speraw. "Letting them shoot 57 percent, I think they scored 18 out of the first 29 possessions in the second half. We played a nice first half. And to come out of the locker room with the lack of desire we had there was too bad, disappointing."

UCF lost 74-69 to Troy State on Thursday. The win gave the Trojans their second straight season sweep of the Golden Knights. UCF began the game on fire from three-point range. Senior Joey Cooks, Billings, and Nicole Dunson each had a team-high 12 points.

According to UCF Head Coach Gail Strieglar, tough defense was the key to victory. "I thought it was an outstanding overall team game," said Strieglar. "No question about it, we won it on defense. Our defense led to our offense, which is exactly what we've been talking about all year long. If you can go out every night and play great defense like we did tonight you have a chance to win every single game."

UCF's career-high 16 points came when she scored 15 points and hit six-of-seven shots for UCF. The last game Dunson scored in was at Delaware on Jan. 20 against the Hatters. The Golden Knights have now dropped six of their last eight games. UCF is 10-10 (at the break) and Mercer hit a three-pointer and UCF never recovered.

Speraw was disappointed in the lack of basketball fundamentals exhibited by the Golden Knights. "I thought we got good looks (at the basket)," said Speraw. "We got four three-pointers out of four tries and we missed four or five free throws in a row when we had the lead in the second half. We had inside shots, lay-up opportunities on good possessions that we missed. We got wide-open looks from the perimeter in the second half and we didn't knock those down."

Miller moved up on UCF's career assist list. Sophomore point guard Al Miller moved into sixth place on UCF's career assist list with 10 assists on Saturday against Mercy. His four assists in the game gave him 254 for his career, moving him ahead of Bob Blackwood, who played from 1986-1990.

Golden Knights won't get first-round bye It's official. It is mathematically impossible for the Golden Knights to get a first-round bye in the Mar. 1-3 Trans America Athletic Conference Tournament. UCF, currently 3-11 in the conference, still has four TAAC games left on the schedule, but the best finish possible is seventh place.

If the Golden Knights were to win out, they would finish with a 7-11 record. Six of the 10 teams in the TAAC have already achieved eight conference victories, making it impossible for UCF to finish higher than seventh.
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The week started with an 8-4 win over B-CC. As that game was big for him, "He'll need to stay closer to his family, and UCF gave him that opportunity," Cookman said. "Hoston is one of six linebackers highlighting the Golden Knights 2001 recruiting class." Hoston is rated as the No. 26 linebacker in the nation by Rivals.com and as the No. 6 linebacker on Max Emfinger's National Nazi-150 Blue Chips. He was the Class 5A Player of the Year in Hillsborough County this year and was first team All-State, All-County and All-Seaount. Hoston was a four-year starter and totaled more than 100 tackles. "He can cover in pass coverage and does a remarkable job and we're very fortunate to have him," said UCF Head Coach Mike Kruczek.

Hoston heads talented class of incoming linebackers

"Probably the most visible, most regarded athlete in our signing class," said UCF Head Coach Mike Kruczek. "He's incredible. Makes plays all over the field. He's tough up inside. He can cover in pass coverage and does a remarkable job and we're very fortunate to have him." In addition to Hoston, UCF also signed Linebacker James Cook, Stanford Rhule, Lamon Stringfield and Dee Williford. The Golden Knights will graduate three linebackers after the 2001 season and have already lost Tony Hardman to personal medical reasons in the off-season, creating a hole at that position.

"Lynch" may have a chance to play next year," said Kruczek. "He benches well over 400 pounds, squat over 500 pounds. He's very strong academically." In the defensive backfield, UCF first-year defensive coordinator Bobo Newsome said, "We've got that opportunity. Hoston is one of six linebackers highlighting the Golden Knights 2001 recruiting class." Hoston is rated as the No. 26 linebacker in the nation by Rivals.com and as the No. 6 linebacker on Max Emfinger's National Nazi-150 Blue Chips. He was the Class 5A Player of the Year in Hillsborough County this year and was first team All-State, All-County and All-Seaount. Hoston was a four-year starter and totaled more than 100 tackles. "He can cover in pass coverage and does a remarkable job and we're very fortunate to have him." In addition to Hoston, UCF also signed Linebacker James Cook, Stanford Rhule, Lamon Stringfield and Dee Williford at the linebacker position.

Bernard is 6-foot-1, weighs 180 pounds and comes to UCF from Bishop Verot High School in Fort Myers. As a senior, he made 77 tackles, seven sacks, had five blocked punts and one touchdown on defense. He doubled as a tailback in high school. On defense he rushed for 1,000 yards and nine touchdowns.

KRUCEK, Page A-13
Ten years ago to the day we were introduced to the essence of "likeable" human evil. Author Thomas Harris' character Dr. Hannibal Lecter (dramatically played twice by Sir Anthony Hopkins) quickly permeated the American pop culture psyche, causing a gash in the artery between what can be dismissed as literate fake and what can be considered as a model for being true. Although this kind of evil is able to manifest in various forms, never had an audience become so tard, didn't we? All gruesomes aside, half and what can be considered as a model for at the same time being so terribly frightened.

So, why aren't we scared of him anymore? He's free enough, not confined to a basement dungeon-chamber in a Baltimore hospital. He still likes to eat members of both sexes; every-one could be considered a walking Sizzler to him (especially if you're "rude"). And let's not forget he is still a Deranged Psychotic. That's a characteristic that can't be shed simply by going to group therapy meetings, taking turns pouring your heart out in organized semi-circles.

No. We're not scared because the tellers of ALL that came by to visit his glass cell. This imaginary man with such an inquisitive glare and an even more demonic dietary regiment achieved a position not found in most fictional figures; he was thought of as being real. That's good movie making; that is why people went to The Silence of the Lambs in droves, and that's why now we have his name in our easy-to-rec-gnize lexicon of casual crazy speak.

That's what the book is also comprised of—only with a worse ending. Might as well call this sucker Buddy of the Re-animator. It's eerie only because it has an obligation; of course, that's what we come to expect, but surely the scribes would know that we would choose to be surprised and discomfitted rather than just grossed out and gagged.

This is not Silence of the Lambs, nor is it Michael Mann's 1986 quasi- Lester film...
Manhunter. To judge Hannibal on the aforementioned would be a slight mistake, but since it wants to be treated as a sequel and not as a separate entry, we'll view it as an inferior picture next to the likes of those caliber films. In Silence there were two stories going on in the picture, writer Ted Tally and director Jonathan Demme balanced both with precision. In Hannibal, there are three separate sub-plots (the doctor's new life, Starling's fading star and the agenda by the new monster, Mason Verger), but they are handled quite ineffectively. The cat-and-mouse between Hopkins and Moore across continents is slow and unexciting, and while the vile Verger (Gary Oldman) is engaging, the part transpires as being underwritten with an inanimate flair to it. This is Hopkins' movie though. The courageous Clarice we knew back in 1991 is gone now; Moore handles the accent, but everything else has changed. I'm not too sure if Jodie Foster could've done any better with it. To spice up the dull flavor in the middle act, the script turns to moments of almost self-parody. Huh? There is no room for this sort of Nubian comedy in this picture; we're not supposed to laugh at Hannibal Lecter...

Still, some aspects shouldn't be overlooked. Director Ridley Scott, working again with Cinematographer John Matheson, captures the richness and elegance of Florence, a perfect setting for the brilliant doctor. The way they choose to bend and manipulate natural light is very impressive and is beneficial to the tone. The dark stone hues of Italian architecture are represented with care, juxtaposed with helicopter shots of the fertile North Carolina green. Classical music plays a big role in both Silence as well in Hannibal; and Hans Zimmer's score chimes at the nerves like a cold knife safely bouncing off your skin. But still, it is a complete and undeniable freak show. The blood doesn't just flow freely in Hannibal; it hemorrhages out of the crotch until you begin to feel that metallic taste in the back of your throat. Scott is a smarter director than this; all this cheap visual gimmickry can do is compromise the overall worth of the film. There is no real fascination as to how the movie works. The macabre is good, but this thing is packaged in such a persuasive and ugly manner that it almost dares you to walk out... or throw up.
Aries (March 21-April 20)
Image: "A crystal goblet full of red jelly beans" Message: Innocent clarity. Early this week colleagues or key officials may request specific business advice. Work limitations or short term contracts are now complex: expect close associates to rely heavily on your input into stalled projects or difficult mistakes. Before mid-week your idealism will be in demand: watch for new assignments or greatly extended schedules. After Thursday ongoing social and romantic relationships will be quickly resolved: remain open to new romantic overtures or unique group proposals.

Taurus (April 21-May 20)
Image: "Floating on a glacial lake, a red rose" Message: "At the local gas station, Columbus power failure" Message: "A crystal goblet full of red jelly beans" Message: After some Geminis romance will also be compelling declarations of love. All that has been previously withheld in key relationships will soon be made public. Be expressive, Taurus: shared honesty and social commitments will soon intensify. Later this week avoid excessive spending: for the next 8 days financial and business promises are unreliable.

Gemini (May 21-June 21)
Image: "At the local gas station, Columbus power failure" Message: "A crystal goblet full of red jelly beans" Message: Aries romantic attractions are a major influence this week. Early Thursday sensuality, emotional triangles and new friendship will be difficult to resist: expect quick romantic proposals or competing declarations of love. All that has been previously withheld in key relationships will soon be made public. Be expressive, Taurus: shared honesty and social commitments will soon intensify. Later this week avoid excessive spending: for the next 8 days financial and business promises are unreliable.

Cancer (June 21-July 22)
Image: "On a green felt table, a pair of white dice" Message: Taking a risk. Before mid-week expect a close friend or relative to suggest unusual business solutions. Over the next few days social influences can help resolve long standing Workplace struggles. Listen carefully to the advice and experiences of others: unexpected sources may now offer concrete ideas. After Thursday a powerful mix of new attraction and past romantic memories arrives. Release yesterday's expectations and outdated relationships. Cancer: it's time to commit to new growth.

Leo (July 23-August 23)
Image: "At daybreak, an opera singer humming in the shower" Message: Knowing your strengths. Over the next few days, Leo, focus on long term goals and new business strategies: workplace ideas introduced over the last few weeks will now become firmly established. Jupiter's transiting influences may have recently brought unusual communications or a third party influence onto your workplace. Imprint your unique style in the minds of authority figures, Leo, and all will be well. After Friday close relationships begin to deepen: watch for subtle invitations and unique proposals.

Virgo (August 24-September 23)
Image: "Moments before a Broadway show, a power failure" Message: Dramatic pause. Before Thursday a close friend may be particularly moody or long term plans. Romantic doubts will pass quickly, Virgo, so not to worry. Do, however, expect new self awareness and reflection to inspire greater trust between loved ones. Spiritual and social intimacy is now on the rise: enjoy private encounters and subtle communications with close friends.

Libra (September 22-October 23)
Image: "Five hot air balloons floating skyward" Message: A gentle momentum. Long term work decisions and career intention will now work in your favor. Late Tuesday an 8 day period of Social clarity and renewed confidence in business relationships arrives. Many Librans will now discover that their quietly detached approach to workplace differences has been completely successful. After mid-week expect key officials or colleagues to request that you publicly set your own standards and priorities. A subtle but powerful few days, Libra: stay focused.

Scorpio (October 24-November 21)
Image: "At the bottom of a deep well, a network of snarled tree roots" Message: Inner strength. Stand your ground in romantic or family power struggles this week, Scorpio. Over the next few days public honesty and emotional integrity will be a key concern: expect loved ones to soon request your support, agreement or continued guidance. Broaden your social or emotional circle, Scorpio: new information and outside influences will bring relief. After Thursday a subtle new confidence emerges: expect the next 14 months to bring meaningful house change to all long term relationships.

Sagittarius (November 22-December 21)
Image: "A row of baby ducklings on a clear blue pond" Message: Aligning your priorities. Work officials may be unusually annoying this week. Sage: Small duties and the completion of recently forgotten tasks may be the only source of emotional security for anxious authority figures. Remain philosophical: this is not a good time to ask for special consideration or publicly challenge the ideas of others. After Wednesday a romantic or social invitation is expected to be re-scheduled: expect family commitments or previous engagements to cause minor delays.

Capricorn (December 22-January 20)
Image: "A bright blue sapphire" Message: "Cool and vibrant passion. Early this week a distant romance or sudden attraction may become unavoidable. Over the next few days expect previously shy lovers or new friends to offer subtle gestures, unique comments or seductive invitations. All looks promising, Cap, so not to worry: do, however, avoid public displays of affection in the workplace. Before mid-March work officials or close colleagues will be watching your social style, private agendas and daily emotional choices: be discrete.

Aquarius (January 21-February 19)
Image: "Four tall ships sailing on a bright green sea" Message: Ancient wisdom. Inner journeys, quick intuitions or flashes of insight are a strong influence over the next few days. Key areas of concern are past emotional limitations in romantic or family relationships. Some Aquarians may now begin to experience minor physical aches or pains. If so, this may be an indication that much unconscious movement is taking place. The body has a wisdom, Aquarius: listen and gather valuable clues. Late Friday new business options arrive: expect fast financial proposals.

Pisces (February 20-March 20)
Image: "In the park, an elderly couple holding hands" Message: After the fire, gentle warmth. Public home communications and deep feelings of intimacy are on the agenda over the next few days, Pisces. Before Thursday expect loved ones to gently express their dedication or continued affection. Recent power struggles in family and romantic relationships are now ending: for the next 8 days watch for lovers and relatives to plan quiet romantic evenings or shared home activities. Be receptive, Pisces: romance and shared understanding are alive and well.

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Dear Sexpert,

Since the beginning of this semester, I have been instantly in love with one of my classmates. Thinking about her can keep me awake all night. Since we met, I've noticed a lot of subtle hints that she likes me (glances that turn into stares, smiles, hugs, her leg against mine under a table and more). I asked her out and she said she was dating someone else. Since then, she has yet to stop all the actions that suggest she likes me. Am I being teased or reading the signals wrong, and either way—what do I do?

-Confused, 20

Even though she might be flirting with you she still has a boyfriend. Coming between them might cause a confrontation; so let nature take its course. Let her break it off with him before any more advancing takes place. If you really like her then be patient. She won't go anywhere. Especially if she is flirting like you say she is. If you wait, then you won't be in the wrong if a break up should occur because of you. And since you're not in the wrong, the other guy can't really be pissed at you, and a very ugly conflict will be avoided. Be wary of waiting for too long though, more than a few weeks for example. She may think she can have you on the back burner as long as she wants. If you can't wait any longer and you ask her out again, and she says it's OK to see him and you at the same time, then you are indeed being played. But if this girl is only doing what she thinks is harmless flirting, she could have no idea how seriously into her you are. Level with her after you've waited patiently long enough, ask her how serious she is with the other guy, and size up your real chances for things to advance to the next level with her. Good luck, and thank you for writing in.

Dear Sexpert,

I'm stuck. I just moved to Florida about a month ago. I have a girlfriend now, but I'm still not familiar with the area. Can you tell me any ideas for a good Valentine's Day?

-Wanna treat her right, 19

Although I personally disagree with this holiday, I guess I can help you out this one time. First, the best ideas are not the ones that have been played to death (i.e. chocolate, jewelry). Instead, be creative. Think, "what is the one thing my girlfriend likes more than anything else" and play off that. For example, say your girlfriend likes stars; go out and buy some star gazer lilies (one of the only flowers that resembles a star), and put a note in them that says something like "since I can't bring the real stars to you I hope that these will do." Then take her to one of the many beautiful beaches in the area like, New Smyrna or Daytona Beach, and have a nice romantic dinner stargazing with the one you love. Be spontaneous, adventurous, just don't be predictable and you will do fine. Some other places that might be nice to take her in the area are Lee's Lakeside or Brio for some really great food. But remember just because "Valentine's Day" only comes around once a year, it's no excuse to only do something special once a year. Treat your girlfriend to something like this regularly. Make her feel special. I guarantee that it will be worth it.

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On Monday, Feb. 5, a crowd once again converged into the UCF Arena. Inside a stage was set up, upon which twenty chairs rested around it. To the left and right large video screens hung like royal tapestries. What event were these students about to witness? Falco’s return to the spotlight (something I’ve been eagerly awaiting since, well...Amadeus)? The “Survivor” rendition of musical chairs? No, they were there to see Tom Deluca, renowned “hypnotist comedian.”

Deluca (who holds a degree in psychology) essentially travels from place to place, hypnotizing people in front of large audiences. These volunteers are then laughed and jeered at as Deluca tells them to do outrageous things. Him. .. kind of sounds like “Jerry Springer.” At any rate, Monday night was no exception as the student automatons quickly got on stage and were hypnotized in a matter of minutes. Afterwards, Deluca programmed them to the equivalent of Benji (as in the dog, you know, from the 80s), listening for sights and sounds and obeying accordingly. As a result, normal UCF students were performing booty dances, Jackie Chan impressions and even hitting themselves (don’t you just love pain inflicted on others?). All of this took place on stage in front of roughly 200 people, not to mention being displayed on the large screens hanging from above.

All in all, the show was pretty amusing. I am somewhat skeptical about how deep (if at all) the volunteers were under hypnosis. After all, nothing they did was so outrageous that they wouldn’t have been willing to go along with it, hypnotized or not. Nevertheless, Deluca certainly knows how to put on a good show. Hypnotized or not, the show was very funny, if only because the students were willing to humiliate themselves. This is Deluca’s second time here, as I recall, and if he comes back again next year I would recommend seeing his show. It is very funny, beating out every Pauly Shore movie ever made, but of course that’s not saying much.
I watched the XFL last weekend and was pleasantly surprised. I liked it, at least mostly.

I thought the camera angles were innovative and the production quality was unexpectedly high. The players, though generally untalented, were driven, and you could tell they really cared about the game.

There was no obvious scripting, as I had feared, and the gratuitous camera shots of second-rate cheerleaders were kept to a minimum. But last weekend was only the beginning, and I can only imagine that things will get worse.

The positive qualities of the XFL are not inspired by Vince McMahon and his clan of loud wrestlers. Indeed, they are the work of NBC, the oldest and most reputable network in the land.

NBC has taken a huge gamble in partnering with the XFL, and while the suits at the network may be smiling and smoking cigars now, they are likely to be missing advertising dollars in the near future.

Yes, the XFL attracted double the viewership that NBC had promised, but there is a good chance that figure will plummet. ESPN.com conducted a poll in which 50 percent of some 60,000 respondents said that, after having seen the XFL once, they would not watch it again. Further, a league in its first few seasons has to develop a fan base, and while a professional sports team is sure to draw crowds in Birmingham and Memphis, the people of LA and San Francisco are likely to scorn their XFL franchises.

And when viewership drops, NBC will realize that it has made a deal with the devil. If ratings slip, NBC, which appears to have had most of the production control thus far, will probably look to McMahon for pointers. McMahon, after all, did turn professional wrestling into a multi-million dollar industry. And that means more scripting, more trash talking, and, yes, more gratuitous shots of second-rate cheerleaders for the XFL.

The cheerleader issue is where NBC stands to get in real trouble. Though there was not as much floozy camera time as expected, the up-close shots of the Las Vegas Hitmen cheerleaders were more than enough to unsettle the masses. Even XFL commentator Matt Vasgersian voiced his disapproval.

"I feel uncomfortable," he said as the camera zoomed in on the jiggling posterior of a Hitwoman.

The attire of the XFL cheerleaders makes the outfits of the NFL cheerleaders look like winter coats. And, though I know this is an understatement, few of the XFL girls project a wholesome image that families can embrace.

The cleavage (no pun intended) between football and sex in the XFL is going to scare away advertising dollars that NBC should be raking in on a Saturday evening. While it will certainly attract the viewers that NBC wants, few respectable companies are going to want to have their products associated with the XFL.

And considering the price of a commercial during Saturday night prime time, advertisers are just not going to take the risk.

"Saturday night needs a real rejuvenation," said NBC Sports chairman Dick Ebersol in defense of his XFL partnership.

How about a "Saturday Night Live" that airs from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m.?
What the hell is this? You guys goin' to the prom or somethin'? Actually, dinner and the theatre, my good man. It is Valentine's Day, remember?

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- Apparently, the fragrance "Oh My Dog," from the French company "Dog Generation," is selling well in Paris (at about $30 a bottle, including complimentary shampoo), providing poopies (according to the label) "an emotional outburster." It is also designed to be sprayed on coats to mask their natural odors, sold at a Nordstrom fragrance counter) for failing to put a clear enough warning on the package that it was not for humans; Wagner claims serious, recurrent skin problems.

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Cuddling music:
Dido, No Angel

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Mattew Sweet, Girlfriend

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Eminem, Marshall Mathers LP

Angry Lovin’ music:
Nine Inch Nails, The Downward Spiral

Single Assertive Woman music:
Macy Gray, I Try

Ultimate Seduction music:
Sade, Lover's Rock

Wanna Seem Like a Pimp:
Barry White, Greatest Hits

Fallin' Asleep With You music:
Seal, Human Being

Angry Guy Breakup music:
Limp Bizkit, Significant Other

Angry Gal Breakup music:
Pink, There You Go

Timeless Romantic music:
Frank Sinatra, Greatest Hits

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David, I am sorry for the past, I hope we can be friends and start over. I care about you so much and always will. Elizabeth


Dear John, I love you more than anything and I hope that we can work everything out. Happy Valentine’s Day! Love, Sarah

Deja Gamma, To my Sisters, Happy Valentine’s Day, I love you all! To Kathy, Love yaLots! Melissa

Theresa, ALL MY LIFE, I have waited for you. Thanks for being the most incredible gift that God could have sent me. You are AMAZING. I love you so much. You will always be my BEST FRIEND. All my love ALWAYS! Jeff

Charlie, “Whenever I see your smiling face, I have to smile myself, because I love you.” Happy (belated) Anniversary and Valentine’s Day! Three Squeezes, Shirley

Dee Dee, Your brother is not so smart. You should hang around Charlie, “Whenever myself, because Valentine’s Day! Three Squeezes, my life, you always make me smile! Will you be my valentine? :) Love, your secret admirer (not Maridark)

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ALL of Mine! Tabitha

Andrew

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Brooke, Your SBS LOVES YOU! I’m so Proud of You! Don’t break too many Hearts! Family #1, I love Everyone! We are the Best Family Ever! Happy Valentine’s Day!!!! Pi Phi Love and ALL of Mine! Tabitha

Elliana, I’m glad we called it quits before we got married than afterwards. Now I’m right where I want to be... single and making millions. Andrew

Felix, Touch my sister and I’ll kill ya, fool! Much love, Mikey

Eileen & Paul, Your Big Sister Loves you! Jeremy, your little sister loves you. Have a Happy Valentine’s Day! Pi Phi Love And ALL of Mine! Helen

Hartia, I think you are the cutest, most adorable girl I know. I am happy to have met you and I can’t wait to hold you again. Love, you know who.

Adam, Even though your thoughts are true and hackneyed, I still enjoy every line. From a fan

John, You are the most romantic guy ever. I can’t wait until our date to the opera. Your valentine, Virginia P.S. Don’t forget the fruit.

Marshall, Happy Valentine’s! I LOVE you, silly goose! Hopefully this will put a smile on your face! I know you love surprises! Yours forever, the HUMAN PURRFACE! Melissa

Brook, From the day of its birth, On the 14th of the two, Like sunrays on a summer earth, My heart beats for you. Happy Anniversary, Love, Paul

Rik Rid: Say it wasn’t you... Shaggy

Ellis, you are the love of my life and you always will be. No one compares to you and that is why I settled down and tied the knot. By far, the best decision I ever made. Now how about we make an Ellis Jr.? :) Happy Valentine’s Day, Jenn.


Jessy, simply put...! love you baby.:) John

Missy, on a scale of one to 10, you’re a 1,000. Happy Valentine’s Day, Bob

Tito, Sweetie Pe, Honey Bunch, If you ain’t busy, take me to lunch. Love, Ashley.

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Sally, I love you with all my heart and will forever be yours. Will you marry me? Brian

Sherry Matthews and Shelley Hoy, Thanks guys for being the best friends a girl could possibly have. You’re there with a shoulder to cry on or a pair of legs to take me dancing. Both your friendships mean the world to me and I hope you guys have a great Valentine’s Day! Love, Diana

To me magically boobilicious babe (you know who you are), Happy Valentine’s Day...

My Steel, Donovan Noble

My heart cannot bear the love that I feel for you. Please help me carry it

Your Angel, Jennie Jean

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Steve: I think your comic sucks. From Ronco

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