On Monday, March 6, University President John C. Hitt hosted an open forum, an event sponsored by the office of the president. The event was held on the second floor of the Student Union, and was welcomed to all members of the faculty and student body.

In addition to President Hitt, many content area experts, including Vice President William Merck, Assistant Vice President Paul McQuilkin and the University Provost Gary Whitehouse, also attended the event. The purpose of the open forum is to bring the president to the students, something that doesn't happen often due to the president's usually full schedule.

"The open forum helps put the accent on the individual," said associate Vice President of University Relations Dean McFall. "It helps to get that small feeling back to the university."

The open forum is an information-sharing event, giving students access to the top levels of the university. In addition to making the president more accessible to the students and to clarify issues and concerns, the event also helps to bring unknown problems to the attention of administration.

Experts believe that the project is important because the earliest stages of a child's educational life are the most vital. "I believe that we lay the foundation for all future learning in those first years...once you value that responsibility, it's hard to ignore it," said Donna Leising, UCF's principal investigator for the Mathematics and Science Professional Development.

Leising, coordinator for UCF's Academy for Teaching, Learning, was an educator for sixteen years.

She believes that the committee is focusing on what is referred to as systemic change. Instead of looking to the past for guidance on educational techniques, the committee will use this project to discover what will work in the future. Through developing a more knowledgeable teaching staff, with help from business and community leaders, the project will attempt to create innovative and effective educational techniques that will benefit the students of today's society.

"The event is handled like a question-answer session. Some of the administrators prepare for the event by doing some preliminary research, while others merely show up, expecting a similar line of questioning. According to the representatives, the event holds a rather typical line of questioning, with very little deviation from what they expect.

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Relay for Life

The American Cancer Society will hold the fifth annual Relay for Life during March 21-23 at 6:00 p.m. on the UCF campus. The relay is a 18-hour walkathon designed to raise money for the American Cancer Society while increasing cancer awareness.

Over 1,000 people have formed ninety-nine teams representing businesses, civic organizations, clubs, schools, and local communities to celebrate the fight against cancer at the American Cancer Society’s Relay For Life being held at UCF, where organizers hope to exceed the $164,000 raised to combat the disease last year. For more information contact Rich Sloane at (407) 823-2465.

Hair donations needed

The American Cancer Society is looking for people to donate ten or more inches of human hair to Wigs For Kids, a nonprofit organization providing hair replacement solutions for children affected by hair loss due to chemotherapy, radiation therapy or other medical conditions.

Hair will be cut and collected at Relay For Life, the American Cancer Society’s fund-raiser being held March 23-24 at the University of Central Florida. Professional hairdressers from Mr. B’s Hairstyling, a salon located adjacent to UCF, will be on hand at Relay For Life from 8:30 p.m. March 23, to cut the hair.

To participate volunteers’ hair must be at least ten inches in length, clean and dry. The collected hair will be sent to Wigs For Kids in Rocky River, Ohio, where it is offered to children 18 years of age or younger unable to finance a hairpiece, and who have been referred by a medical professional. Seven hairdressers from Mr. B’s will be on hand at Relay For Life to snip the locks; “no waiting.” Those wishing to donate hair are asked to call the American Cancer Society at 407-843-8610, extension 308.

Trial Team tryouts

On Friday, March 23 at 4:00 p.m., the UCF Trial Team will be holding tryouts. The requirements for Trial Team are that the student must be an enrolled UCF undergraduate student for Summer & Fall 2001 and Spring 2002. Trial Team is open to any major.

To sign up for tryouts, students must stop by room HPA 318 on Monday, March 19 and Wednesday, March 21 at the following times: 8:30 - 9 a.m., 10:00 - 10:30 a.m. and 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. or room HPA 316 on Monday, March 19, Wednesday, March 21 at the following times: 8:30 - 9 a.m., 11:00 - 11:45 a.m. or Friday, March 23 from 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and also pick up a tryout packet and pay a $2 fee.

Minority Graduate Fellowships

The Office of Graduate Studies is now accepting applications for the following minority fellowships for graduate students:

- UCF Foundation Minority Graduate Fellowship
- FGAMP Graduate Fellowship
- Delores A. Augustine Fellowship
- Florida A&M (FAMU) Feeder Fellowship

Fellowship descriptions and eligibility requirements are posted on the Graduate Studies web site (www.grada­uate.ucf.edu) under Financial Support / Fellowships / Fellowship descriptions / Minority fellowships at this address: www.gra­duate.ucf.edu/p妖gens/index.cf­m?PageID=32

To be considered for one of these minority fellowships, students must complete a UCF Fellowships Application (available at www.grada­uate.ucf.edu/filebox/Fellowship_app.pdf) and submit it to the Office of Graduate Studies by March 30, 2001.

The UCF Graduate Fellowship Committee will meet in April to review fellowship applications and determine award recipients. For more information, please con­ tact UCF Office of Graduate Studies - Financial Support in Millican Hall room 230 at 407-823-4377 or 407-823-6497.

Paley Graces UCF

Writer Grace Paley will be on cam­ pux March 29 at 8 p.m. to read some of her short stories, including The Little Disturbances of Man, Enormous Changes at the Last Minute. Just as I Thought, Paley writes mostly political or personal essays, and has published many books to date, the latest being Begin Again; a collection of poetry. She has appeared once before at UCF, but as part of the World Writers series, not as a solo feature. Paley will be in the UCF Arena Skybox at 6:30 on March 29 to sign books before moving on to the Arena at eight for her reading.

Contributing

If you have information or a brief you would like to contribute to the Future, e-mail it to editor@uconfuture.com or click on ‘Letter to the Editor.’

Libby Bailer and Becki Panoff con­ tributed to this report.

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Did you know?

Useless Facts of the Week

- A McDonald’s straw will hold 7.7 ml, or just over one- and-a-half teaspoons of whatever you are drinking. This means that it would take 17,000 straws of water to fill up a 34-gallon bathtub.

- A simple, moderately severe sunburn damages the blood vessels to such an extent that it takes four to five­teen months for them to return to their normal condition.

- Before they made their marks in entertainment, a number of actors worked in the field of journalism: Candice Bergen was formally a photojournalist; Sir Michael Redgrave and Patrick Stewart were journalists; Peter O’Toole, Nelson Eddy and Cornel Wilde were newspaper reporters: Angela Basset was a photo researcher at U.S. News & World Report and Ali MacGraw was an editorial assistant at Harper’s Bazaar.

- Most cows give more milk when they listen to music.

- Tigers have striped skin, not just striped fur.

- “Dreams” is the only English word that ends in the letters “mm.”

- Women are made to be loved, not understood." - Oscar Wilde

- Born on this day

March 21
1685 - Johann Sebastian Bach composer, d: 1750
March 22
1952 - Bob [Robert Quinlan] Costas, sportscaster
March 23
1953 - Chaka Khan [Yvette Marie Stevens], singer
March 24
1874 - Harry Houdini magician, escape artist, d: 1926
March 25
1966 - Tom Glavine baseball
March 26
1930 - Sandra Day O’Connor U.S. Supreme Court Justice
March 27
1953 - Quentin Tarantino Academy Award-winning screenwriter
Graduate program to be housed on main campus until theater is finished

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to Kathryn Seidel, Dean of UCF’s College of Arts and Sciences, is to make the structure safe as soon as possible for each child’s programs in summer camps and classes. This will cost an estimated one million dollars. These programs should be up and running in the Loch Haven facility sometime by 2002. The partnership between civic groups and a University on a program such as this is based on a Yale model, and has been widely used nationwide.

While it is possible that the United Arts of Central Florida may contribute as much as $80,000 to the project to fund children’s activities, the responsibility of raising the rest of the necessary revenue falls on both UCF and the Civic Board, and most donations will be coming from private investors, corporations and foundations. The board’s president, Pete Dagostino, plans to raise between $3.2 to 4 million dollars to restore the theatre. So far, the board has successfully raised $530,000 and upon reaching $1.2 million will apply for a grant of $500,000 from the state of Florida. Renovation will begin once $500,000 is available to get involved with the project to make the Loch Haven facility some time by 2002. The partnership between civic groups and a University on a program such as this is based on a Yale model, and has been widely used nationwide.

The empty civic theater has sat unused while plans for renovations have been made. Renovations are now projected to be about $4 million. The new graduate program will start off occupying any space UCF-Civic artistic director Don Soy can find on an already densely populated campus. The new master’s program will begin with sixteen students, eight in acting and eight in design.

The purpose of the partnership between UCF and the Civic Board is for both groups to be able to work on theatrical productions in their respective seasons. Initially we hope to have two of the three stages open for use in fall of 2002. There is a third stage which will be available once the renovations are complete,” said Montplaisir. The theatre is 48,000 square feet, and the cost of building such a structure would be far greater than the four million it will cost to make this theatre ready for use. The Civic Theatre is a way for UCF to get involved with local non-profit organizations. While productions will begin in the new theater in 2002, campus residents can still expect to see their share of theatrical performances.

College Friendships worth keeping

Ruth Heidt
Staff Writer

The concept of friendship has been around since time began and yet it still hasn’t been mastered. After college, the world changes very rapidly for recent graduates. Everyone goes out into the world looking for jobs, starting families and settling into their “adult” lives.

Many students begin to believe that college friendships are a waste, or that they serve no purpose if they are just going to end eventually, so they look to romantic relationships instead. All of their emphasis goes towards these relationships and the friends they might have been able to keep are lost. When the relationships end, they are left completely alone.

Does this mean that all hope is lost and every friend you once had will disappear? Not exactly. The friends might not disappear, but the terms of the friendship are going to change. Not being able to see all of them every day or talk to them as often as you would like to changes how “friends” are perceived. Friendship after college is slightly different in terms of contact. The people you are used to seeing everyday could possibly end up on the other side of the country so new ways of communication arise.

“I have all of my friends on my buddy list,” said UCF student Catrina Dupont. “If I didn’t have instant messenger I probably wouldn’t be able to keep in touch with half of them.”

Instant Messenger has made friendships easier to maintain. Just imagine having to write letters to all of the people on your buddy list. Impossible? Most likely. After awhile the list would get shorter and shorter until there were only one or two left, who either you continue to
Women's crew a force to be reckoned with

The women's crew team rows on nearby Lake Pickett when practicing. Members must be dedicated enough to practice at 5:30 a.m. four days a week.

The Lightweight Varsity Eight boat of Women's UCF Crew defeated Rollins College on Saturday, March 3 at the Metro Cup race in Winter Park. The Freshman Novice Four boat and the Varsity Four boat came in second to Rollins.

In addition, the open-weight rowers traveled to Tampa to race against the University of Michigan, which is ranked fifth in the country. "Even though we didn't win, it was very exciting and inspiring to race against such a nationally ranked team," said Amy Robinson.

Dennis Kamrad established crew as a club at UCF in 1972. At that time, it was a man-only sport. However, by 1975, the girls' team had been established and was racing against other colleges. Today, the women's team is recognized by the NCAA as an athletic team, but the men's team remains a club.

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"When I started crew, I had never rowed before," said Kim Hans. "First I just learned a lot about technique, and we worked my way up to getting in the boat and competing in races."

The team now gets new members through posting flyers, attending club days, visiting high schools and recruiting from other sports such as volleyball or basketball. Rowing crew offers many benefits. "Crew can give you a great feeling of yourself, good health, a sense of purpose, and self discipline because of the level of dedication it requires," Kamrad said. "It's a great feeling of unity, of working in a team."
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Controversy about merit of SAT reaches Florida's education system

Katie Giraulo
Staff Writer

Most students who are in college now had to take the SAT or another standardized test at one time or another. However, the test might not be a stressful beginning to students college careers in the future. Florida educational leaders are considering abandoning the SAT as an admission criterion for Florida public universities. Despite the immense popularity of the SAT, Florida chancellor of the Board of Regents Adam Herbert said of the SAT, "We place far too much importance on a test that has some clear weaknesses."

The debate isn't a new one, according to Gordon D. Chavis, Jr., J.D., executive director of Undergraduate Admissions at UCF. "This conversation has been had by many scholars for the last 15 years or so."

Recent discussion of an overemphasis of the SAT and other standardized tests in the admission process comes as a spin-off of the University of California's president Richard Atkinson's suggestion that the SAT be eliminated in UCF's admissions processes. Atkinson noted that because the SAT is a reasoning test, it fails to truly measure what a student learned or gained from their high school education. "The problem is tests that do not have a demonstrable relationship to the student's program of study - a problem that is amplified when the tests are assumed to measure innate ability," Atkinson said.

Another issue Atkinson cited for his disapproval of the SAT was the amount of time and money spent in preparation for the test; instead of on studying traditional classroom curriculum. "I visited an upscale private school and observed a class of 12-year-old students studying verbal analogies in anticipation of the SAT. I learned that they spend hours each month - directly and indirectly - preparing for the SAT, studying long lists of analogies..." he explained. He pointed out the time involved wasn't aimed at bettering the student's knowledge of the subject, but at their ability to take tests.

President Atkinson called the "most troubling of all" the effect SAT's have on students' self-image: "All of us have known students who excelled in high school, students who did everything expected of them and more, suddenly doubt their accomplishments, their abilities, and their basic worth because they scored poorly on the SAT," said Atkinson.

In keeping with Atkinson's concerns, others have raised issues with what exactly SAT does measure, and if our country's reliance on it does a service to our students or not. Originally SAT stood for Scholastic Aptitude Test. Aptitude, because in 1926, the test was intended to measure a student's potential for performance regardless of background, education or other variables. The test has its roots in the earliest IQ test (1905) and was used on wide scale in World War I to filter out the most intelligent recruits. After analyzing results from the test, soon-to-be SAT developer Carl C. Brigham wrote that American education was declining "and will proceed with an accelerating rate as the racial mixture becomes more and more extensive." Soon after, Brigham formed his own version of the Army test and he was appointed by the College Board to develop a test that could be used by a wider group of students. In 1933, Harvard President James Bryant began a scholarship program to expand Harvard's candidate pool to include those who didn't come from the standard Eastern boarding schools. He adopted the Brigham's version of the SAT because he felt it measured the student's intelligence, regardless of former education.

According to Wayne Camara, the executive director of the New York College Board's Office of Research & Development, "It's certainly an IQ test which would be an innate measure of ability. It's much more developed reasoning-the type of skills students develop over an extended period of time."

So if SAT isn't an IQ test, is it an ability test? Even people at SAT have removed themselves from this attachment, changing the acronym SAT in 1984 from "Scholastic Aptitude Test" to "Scholastic Assessment Test." In 1996 was the abandonment of the acronym altogether, leaving the letters to literally stand for nothing. This posed the question—which is the SAT meant to measure ability (aptitude) or education (assessment)? What do American educators want to measure?
Handicap parking, Greek Park II discussed

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generally got," said President Hitt, "We get very general questions. They're pretty typical."
The questions asked at the forum, which began at about 2:30 p.m. on March 6, seemed to follow this typical pattern, though some issues were more frivolous than others. Some of the more unnecessary questions ranged from individual personal issues over parking tickets.

A more consequential issue that repeatedly arose was that of Greek housing. These questions began with the problem of financial aid to sororities that have no housing for certain fraternities and the issue of building new houses and dorms and moved on to the larger problem of Ethernet connection to the Internet itself or through Greek Council, though housing would be a problem due to limited space.

Another point brought up by students involved a change in the structure of the university. This was the abolition of the Board of Regents (the group that makes certain decisions regarding the university). According to Hitt, this group will be replaced by a statewide board of education and that members of the staff will no longer be considered employees of the state. While this would appear to have a massive impact on the campus, Hitt made assurances that the event would not have a major impact on the school over the next year.

"The most likely forecast for tomorrow is today," said Hitt in regards to this change.

Of all the issues, one problem raised by a disabled student had what seemed to be the deepest impact on the administrators. The problem, brought up by Jenny Spencer, involved the lack of parking on campus available to disabled students. While the university does have the legal number of handicapped parking spaces, Spencer said that she felt that this was not enough. She feels that access to the certain buildings (particularly the Classroom A Building and the Library) are not convenient enough, with some cases where students cannot attend classes due to the distance.

In response to the issue of handicapped parking, Hitt and Merck both replied that more spaces and parking garages are to be built around key buildings, though they said they currently have no plan on how to handle parking around the library and other buildings (due to the problem that spaces can’t be placed in front of them).

"It was good to hear the points about handicapped parking," said Merck, "That is an issue I’ll have to look into."

Of all the issues, some didn’t like the answers they received.

"It was informative, and he answered my question to my satisfaction, even though I didn’t like the answer," said student Marshal Blessing, who asked a question in regards to the new grading scale implemented by the university, which, to his displeasure, would be run on the new plus and minus scale.

Though more than likely this was the last open forum for this semester, Hitt plans on conducting many more of these sessions in the semester to come. It is hoped that attendance will rise so that more issues may be brought to the attention of the higher levels of authority on campus and hopefully resolved.
Is it Napster or nothing? No way

A compilation of alternatives offered to music swapping service

ADAM SHIVER  
STAFF WRITER

With the demise of Napster' free music exchange just around the corner, any are furiously downloading as many songs as possible. In a rush to get all the music their hard drives can hold, many do not realize the plethora of other choices available to them.

There are a wide variety of different file exchange alternatives on the Internet just waiting to be tapped into. With Napster's overwhelming problems these sites are now coming into the spotlight. With Napster soon-to-be a pay site, these programs and pages offer their services at no charge.

Some of the Napster alternatives are:

- iMesh (www.imesh.com) - A very Napster-like download/search program. Allows users to locate audio, video and graphics files.
- Napster: A peer to peer file sharing network that has no central server like Napster. Allows users to search for and download audio, video and graphics files. One of the most used Napster alternatives. Platforms: PC Compatible. Macintosh versions are available through Macintosh ver- 
sions are available through sites such as CNet.com's download web site (MacTella). This program has spawned many clones such as NewTella (www.newtella.com), gotOells (www.gotoells.com) and Gnutella (www.gnutella.com).

Napster style networks

Peer-to-peer networks

Peer-to-peer networks consist of users' computers connecting directly to one another through identical software on both machines. Napster style networks consist of many different users' computers connecting to a central, or several central, server(s) owned by a specific company such as Napster. In both instances copyrights are being violated. With peer-to-peer it is simply harder to put a stop to the file sharing due to the lack of a centralized server.

- TouNode (www.tounode.com) - A web-based database for exchanging MP3 audio files. No downloading of a search program such as Napster is necessary. This however means that users' files are not included in the search, only those that are in the database, which in turn means a limited selection of files. Platforms: Any with access to internet browser.

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Can't touch this
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The victim then produced a copy of an injunction which specifically states that the husband, Philp Mendelson, is not to have any contact with the victim whatsoever by phone, e-mail, mail, fax, computer or third party contact. Darcey decided that by contacting the victim by phone, Mendelson had illegally violated the injunction. A written statement was taken from the victim, who said that she is willing to prosecute.

Saw Blues Brothers too many times
Lieutenant Randy Mingo observed a small black Nissan enter the South parking garage at a very high speed. The car then performed a U-turn and ran the stop sign at Andromeda Circle and Gemini Blvd.

The car then cut off an oncoming car, almost causing an accident. When bicycle Officers Chronister and King attempted to stop the car, it accelerated as to outrun them. Mingo joined the pursuit and activated his emergency lights and sirens. The Nissan continued to drive quickly, however, and Mingo could not keep up.

Finally, it turned left onto Alafaya Trl, where Officer Deannay was waiting with sirens and lights activated. Deannay was able to get behind the vehicle in the center median turn lane. Finally, officers were able to block the car in and end the chase without any damage. The three occupants were removed from the car, and the driver, Jason Brandon, was charged with reckless driving and attempting to evade police intervention.

Invisible friend
Fredrick Penoyer was charged with loitering and prowling after Officer Lyon was dispatched to the West parking garage regarding a male in his forties looking into a vehicle window. Upon arrival, Lyon asked Penoyer what he was doing, to which Penoyer replied that he was waiting for a friend. When asked about his peering into a car, Penoyer replied that he was interested in it because it appeared to be a "hybrid." He claimed that he was waiting for someone named Margot as he did "every Tuesday and Thursday."

Lyon remained at the scene, but did not make contact with a Margot. Penoyer was arrested for two outstanding warrants. An inventory of his white van revealed numerous equipment, including a police blue light from a motorcycle, handcuffs, sirens, tools and old cell phones.

Educators question value of the SAT

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measure in determining who to admit to college? The answer to this is crucial in the argument for whether or not to keep the SAT.

If educators still value aptitude over educational experience, perhaps the SAT could work, analogies measure a student's way of making associations in the outside world, and math problems with calculators mean that the student may have to reas on in addition to crunch numbers. These factors are meant to complement the student's academic history. But if the student happens to be a poor test-taker and a large emphasis is placed on the SAT, then it doesn't matter how well they've done in classes, they may not get into college. However, in the interest of making college admissions fair to everyone, most seem to agree that not all educations and opportunities are equal and educators can't simply test strictly on subject matter or high school performance.

As more and more high school students are college-bound, and testing has become increasingly important all throughout American education, people are still talking about the best way to measure someone's potential. "Standardized tests taken alone cannot begin to measure a student's potential for success. A combination of things should be considered -- GPA, tests, writing ability as measured by an essay, dedication and commitment as measured by involvement in activities, etc. to determine a student's potential for success," said Chavis.
Technology helps keep friends close and in touch

write or they write you.

Email is just as important as Instant Messenger. Email is a convenient form of communication across long distance because it gives the two people a convenience level. They can write whenever they have a free moment and there is no pressure. With phone conversations it is hard to tell a friend that you haven’t spoken to in awhile that you can’t talk right now.

“Friend's from college and I tend to set up a monthly time when we can talk on the phone, so that it is less expensive,” said UCF graduate Maggie Johnson.

Phone conversations are still a good source of communication as well. Many phone companies have special offers for college students on long distance plans as well as discounted rates during certain hours of the day.

In some cases these hours are inconvenient for many people because they tend to fall on nights and weekends. Try to set up a time with your friend so you can talk, that way other events can be scheduled around it, and the friendship can continue.

There are three main points to remember about how to maintain college friends. Don’t rely so heavily on a friend in college that when you graduate you have trouble standing on your own two feet. Make sure that you can lead your own life rather than having the necessity of someone there to hold you up. Friends are supposed to be there to increase the value of your life, not be the value of your life. Only you can make your life the way it is.

Don’t worry about the time spent with your college friends or the length the conversations you have. Cherish the fact that you have kept in touch for so long. Don’t be disappointed, but be grateful that you are able to talk even if it is for only a moment.

Finally, remember that it is not only two people to make a friendship work. When a friendship fails many people begin to blame themselves, when it doesn’t last. You can only work 50 percent of the relationship; the rest is the responsibility of your friend.

Keeping college friends is not only a hard thing to do, but it takes a lot of effort. The work must be done on both sides, if the strength of the friendship is to withstand time. Even with the most modern technology, contacts are lost and friendships disappear. Just understand that you will not be able to see your friends every day, but that doesn’t mean they are not there.

“Sometimes the gaps in friendships get larger, but the best friend you could have is the one who thinks about you,” said Johnson.

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Greek Beat

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Delta Gamma Works With Prevent Blindness Florida

Delta Gamma sorority used this past month to educate its members about blindness, and to work with different blindness-oriented philanthropic organizations. The sorority participated in the annual CITE Walk through downtown Orlando and Church Street two weeks ago, raising $1600 for the Center for Independence, Technology, and Education (CITE). CITE is an organization that offers programs to the community that raise awareness of people that are blind, visually impaired, or that have multiple handicaps. Thirty-three Delta Gamma sorority members walked in this mile and a half fundraiser alongside many other community groups.

Delta Gamma sorority also worked with Prevent Blindness Florida, the local chapter for the national Prevent Blindness America, an organization that works in the community giving screenings to detect early signs of vision and cancer. Prevent Blindness Florida visited the Delta Gamma chapter meeting and educated members about the organization's cause and how they work in the community; members were also educated about different eye diseases, their causes, preventative measures and treatments, and were actually trained to screen adults for the eye diseases. This training proved useful just days later, as Prevent Blindness Florida came to the UCF Health Center to offer free screenings and Delta Gamma members helped during the screenings. Delta Gamma member Bethany Ensor organized these events, for which the newly re-organized chapter saw a tremendous amount of participation. Several other members also walked in the Orlando St. Patrick's Day Parade this past weekend with the service organizations the sorority has helped.

health nut

Dear Health Nut,

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What can I do to lower it without using medication?

-Looking to lower it

Dear Looking to lower it,

That is a little high, especially for someone your age. High blood pressure is definitely something to be concerned about, when your blood pressure remains too high, the arterial walls become weakened and are more prone to fatty build up on the inner walls of the arteries. This creates blood clots and can eventually cause an aneurysm or hemorrhage.

If you have a history of hypertension in your family, are of African-American descent, smoke, are overweight or consume alcohol frequently you are automatically at a greater risk. But, through dietary changes and exercise you can lower your blood pressure.

- Check your blood pressure often.
- Eat lots of nutritional foods, including whole grains, fruits and vegetables.
- Exercise regularly.
- If you smoke, stop as soon as possible.
- Cut down on added sodium and salty foods.
- Learn to manage your stress efficiently.
- Restrict saturated fat to no more than 10 percent of daily calories.
- Limit your daily cholesterol intake to less than 200 mg per 1000 calories of food.

You should talk to your doctor about medication. It may be a good idea, but see what they recommend. You should get this under control now before it becomes a bigger problem down the road.
Young murderer should serve time for crime

A Florida State Trooper, you would assume, would understand that if her son was convicted of murder that he may possibly serve life in prison. Apparently she didn't, though, or so she said.

Kathleen Grosset-Tate was shocked that a jury convicted her son, 14-year-old Lionel Tate, of first-degree murder. She was appalled that her son would serve the rest of his life in jail.

 Shocked? Your son killed someone. That's the place where he belongs.

For those of you that may have been out of the loop for the past two years—Lionel Tate brought young Tiffany Eunick's life to an end two years ago in what has been called the "wrestling death" case.

Eunick was being baby-sat by Grosset-Tate the night she was killed. Grosset-Tate fed the children dinner and then headed upstairs to put Tate into a juvenile detention center for a mere 3 years, then placed him under house arrest for one year and would have been concluded with 10 years of probation. A small price to pay for taking a young girl's life.

Instead Tate was tried as an adult and found guilty of first-degree murder and was sentenced to life in prison without any chance of parole. As well he should have been.

Many argue that a child as young as Tate should not be tried as an adult.

I agree with the old saying: "Do the crime, do the time."

As much as I disagree with the plea-bargain that was offered Tate, I feel that if he had accepted the one deal they received. But they didn't.

Tate's attorney and his mother are planning on pleading with Governor Jeb Bush to "consider reducing [Tate's sentence] to a sentence for juveniles." Groset-Tate is not the only one who feels that the criminalization of marijuana has caused considerable more problems for our society than the drug itself.

Recently, a friend and I began the post-graduate job hunt. Since both of our aspirations lie elsewhere, neither of us were looking for a job that included, individually crushing, creatively quelling nine-to-five employment. From what we could gather, no job besides dishwasher and dish washer require prospective employees to take a pre-employment drug test. When did this violation of our civil rights become the norm?

Now the non-profit Corporation America is dictating what you can do even in your spare time? Regardless of whether you indulge on weekends or while you are on a two week vacation in Amsterdam, you are not free to exercise control over your own mind and body for fear that you might lose your job? When are the politicians of this country going to decide that enough is enough and refuse to let their jobs dictate the terms of your little lives?

Regardless of your income, and regardless of the prestige associated with your job title, your job should not be your life. Why our state and federal government allowing these invasive corporate policies to become standard operating procedures? The erosion of our civil liberties occurs incrementally, not in large leaps, but in tiny measures. How long until corporations begin demanding DNA samples? They could discover if you are genetically predisposed to any diseases and then decide whether to hire you or not based on that knowledge. And with money-grubbing Republicans dominating our two of three branches of government, you can expect a slow but steady return to the days before the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr.'s "The Jungle," when industry and the almighty dollar exploited and undermined our education and underpriviledged.

In March 7's issue of the New York Times, two of the three arrests listed in the "Police Beat" were for marijuana.

My hunting friend, was rejected for a job he was over-educated and overqualified for simply because he tested positive for cannabinoids. We have a president in office who was arrested for DUI, used cocaine during his extramarital teenage years, and used insider information to make a fortune in the stock market, but no one has ever been hired for a serving position because he took a toke of a blunt?

What about mandatory drug testing of individuals such as the preschool bus driver and the airline pilot in the interest of public safety? Then they should also be tested to discover if they smoke alcohol as well. Where did the absurd, unfounded idea originate that alcohol is the only drug that can be used responsibly and in moderation? Alcohol use and abuse causes considerably more damage, and death than all other drugs combined. But a society's simplotinos continue to attach a stigma to mari­juana use simply because it is illegal.

The only concerns an employer should have about an employee's recreational use of drugs or alcohol are whether their employee uses drugs within a certain period of time before punching in, and the only time an employer should legally be permitted to drug test an employee is if that employee's behavior is erratic and causes a dangerous situation for his or her co-workers.

One method frequently used by law enforcement to ferret out marijuana growers is the use of marijuana "molesters" at large in our neighborhoods. Do we remember the days when the police were sworn to protect and serve the citizenry of the United States, not come barging in on our homes in search of potted plants? If there is anything more grizzly about the beating of Rodney King, the arrest of Abner Louima, and the execution of Amadou Diallo should have taught us is that drug laws and enforcement should not be used as moral benchmarks. If there is anything that the Kent State Massacre should have taught us, it is that armed agents of law enforcement should never be against helpless, unarmed citizens of this county. And if you believe that the federal government really cares about the moral climate of this country, than you have not been paying attention. That's caused by antiquated, conservative ideology and government mind control propaganda. The only reason the govern­ment treats marijuana cultivation, distribution and possession as a crime is because the unregulated sale of it generates millions of dollars of untaxed revenue yearly.
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Opinion  

Incredulous Thoughts  

Adam Shiver  
Staff Writer  

Give me education, or give me death 
Orange County's children are attending schools in trailer parks and lack the supplies and books they desperately need to get a reasonable education. The county, instead of putting money into the schools to move children into real buildings instead of portable classrooms, and instead of buying supplies and books, not to mention paying teachers more, are arguing over whether to give Rich DeVos $200 million dollars. 
DeVos wants to build a new arena with this money. One that would include restaurant and places to shop. This is not all the new areas would tout. The new complex would contain more seating and more luxurious sky boxes. If the county finds any cuts what-so-ever they would say: "Go screw yourself Mr. DeVos".  
We the tax payers do not need to have our money going into DeVos' new arena to make him more wealthy, we need to improve the education of the children by using that money where it really counts-- our school system.  
Over 500 people showed up at the County Administration building to protest what they thought to be a dance hall moron- torium just a month ago. Where are you all now to stomp on DeVos' dreams of a new arena? Or have you all already given up on the county government?  
Support this:  
There seems to be a support group for everything nowadays. Groups for alcoholics, groups for young widows, groups for people with what they call wrestles leg syndrome. I think I need to form a group for those of us who are sick and tired of Dale Earnhardt, autopsy photos, race car seat belts, Hans (Head And Neck restraint System) and anything else having to do with good-old number three and NASCAR. I would call it the 'Get Over It group.'  
Once you pop...  
It seems like every time I get a bag of potato chips there are fewer and fewer chips in the bag. I purchased a bag of chips recently that was no more than half full. If I wanted a bag of air I'd go breathe into a Zip-Lock bag.  

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Shiver: In your article last week (March 7) you wrote about many of the things Bush has said to the media. You made him look ridiculous, Clinton and Gore I'm sure have said lots of things that were stupid too. 
Matt: They may have but it's George's turn to receive the
Freeze dried lies

Ranting and Raving

CHRIS HALE
STAFF WRITER

It was brought to my attention a few days ago that there is a seri-
ous lie being told or sold to the public. The source of this lie is in
Cape Canaveral in Daytona Beach. The lie is space food. What they
sell the public is harsh and dry and not very pleasant at all. Do you honestly think that
they would spend money on that crap and give it to their astra-
onauts? Would the astronauts put up with it? I don't think so. So
why is the public buying into this lie?

Simple, they're buying into it because that's what they're being
told to believe. If you grow up being told that something is what
it is and that's it, then you don't question anything. You accept it
and move on. It takes someone like me, who's a major pain in the
ass, to come along and fill the master plan of a government-
sponsored juggernaut like NASA.

I watched a video on space a while ago and I can see to
remember that the pilots had everything from M&M's to grape
jelly, but they didn't have any of that freeze dried garbage that they
sell in the gift center. They were up there in their special little
"shuttle" throwing M&M's across the cabin to the others in the crew
who were catching them in their mouths. They were squirting little
boxes of grape drink into their gravity lacking atmosphere and
then sucking it up with little atten-
tion to something that their par-
ents taught them.

Just think about this for a sec-
ond. Someone should seriously
teach these guys some manners. What are the aliens going to think
when they aboard a whole group
of these poopheads and at feed-
ing time they are playing games
with their food? Come feeding
time they will condemn us to a
life of slavery because they didn't
know how to use their forks and
knives. That is of course assuming
that the aliens are forks and
knives or that there even are
evil aliens.

So, speaking of evil aliens, why are
they trying to eat us? And most of all
what exactly does the real stuff
taste like, because frankly, I'm
absolutely sure that it doesn't
taste like cardboard.

This is a major culinary con-
spicuity; aren't you glad I enlight-
ened you?

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ridicule. Look at the man, he
begs to be made fun of. And
deserves it.

Bushisms not appreciated

Shiver. I just read the col-
umn 'Bush, unfortunately, speaks again.' How nice that
there are so few topics of impor-
tance in the news that your writ-
ers find nothing better to discuss
than verbal gaffes of our
President. Apparently, his poli-
cies and initiatives are sound
enough that you are reduced to
doing what the rest of the media is - smearing him as an idiot.

Silly guys, but those of us with
a fully functional brain realize a
few absolute truths:

Communism was a lazy idea
from the get-go. Supply-Side
economics works, and that
Texas oilman with an MBA
from Harvard is no dummie.

Matthew Treskovich

Ranting and Raving

What, no aliens, sometime you have to be a fol-

low? Sort of like our current

'president.' You certainly can't
call him a leader.

By the way, the column
was in opinions, not news.

Oldies, but goodies

"I'm from the government, and
I'm here to help you."

"If you pick it, it will never heal."

It's all about...

Why are so many songs
about love? Is it because it is so
easy to write about? Or perhaps
it is because so many people
want to find true love?

Bet you didn't know...

You probably didn't know
this, and probably never wanted
to know this.

Mules will not sink in
quicksand, but Donkeys will.

So, you've been warned, keep
your donkey out of the quick-
sand.

A can of Spam is opened
about every day, somewhere
deep in the interior of
America. I didn't even
know that much Spam existed.

A person who is lost in the
woods and starving can get
nourishment from chewing on
his shoes. The leather has
enough nutritional value to sus-
tain life for a short time. Rubber
Sole might have been one of my
favorite albums of all time, but
Rubber Sole is certainly not
"What's for dinner."

In France, an apple turnover is called a "chaussone
aus pommes," which means, lit-
erally, "slipper with apples." Those crazy (not to mention
smelly) French.

Defending the one you love

A bride stands to the
groom's left at a wedding so
that his sword hand would be
free. Apparently Anglo-Saxon
bridles were often kidnapped
before a wedding and brawls
were common. That, also why
the best man stands with the

groom, the tribe's best warrior
was there to help the groom
defend the bride.

Quote of the week:

"Ninety eight percent of the
adults in this country are decent,
hard working, really honest
Americans. It's the other lying
two percent that get all the pub-
licity. But then, we elected
them."

-Lily Tomlin
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**Jeff Dolnack**
Contribution Writer

Tru Ballaz continued a string of dominance of Women’s Free Agent teams in recent leagues. They finished the season with a perfect 6-0 record.

Nathan Walters and Matt Crawford also helped contribute to the victory. BCM avenged a loss from a year ago in the finals, undefeated with a 9-0 record. It was only Pi Kappa Phi’s second loss of the season.

Tru Ballaz won the Women’s 3-on-3 Basketball Championship with a 30-17 victory over 2 Insane. Carly Ricker led the way with her outside jump shot in what was a tough battle throughout the game. Sarah Fortin also was a major contributor with her inside rebounding.

“We worked very hard for it,” said Belkion Williams, the third member of the Tru Ballaz. “We came ready to play.”

BCM escapes with narrow victory over Yahuds
Mike Winfrey led the way as BCM won the 3-on-3 Recreational Championship 30-25 over the Yahuds.

“It was a hard fought victory today,” Winfrey said. “Thank God and the fans for their support.”

**Tribe Threat knocks down Pi Kappa Phi in Competitive Finals**
Matt Krzesinski buried long-range shots throughout the evening, as Triple Threat ran away with a 30-19 victory over Pi Kappa Phi, claiming the 3-on-3 Basketball Competitive Championship.

“It was great competition, and this win was an overall team effort,” Krzesinski said.

**In Other News**
This year’s 3-on-3 Basketball season saw a record 64 teams playing, with another 21 teams registered on the waiting list... For the first time ever, Intramural Bowling filled to capacity, capping at 32 teams, with another 6 teams stranded on the waiting list.

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BOISE, Idaho: He is the last of a dying breed.

In an era when many college coaches dress, talk and act like Fortune 500 CEOs, Chauncey "Lefty" Driesell is nothing more than a good ol' boy still trying to win basketball games.

Driesell, 69, has won a lot of them in his 39 years of coaching, first at Davidson, then at Maryland, then at James Madison and now at Georgia State. In fact, only a handful of coaches, including Dean Smith (839), Adolph Rupp (876) and Bob Knight (874), even more victories than Driesell's 761.

This season only Duke (29-4) won more games than Driesell's 28-4 Panthers, which set the right opponent Thursday in the first round of the NCAA tournament. Georgia State is a 6 seed, Driesell and his 11th-seeded Panthers upset No. 6 seed Wisconsin (18-11), a Final Four team a year ago, in the first round.

As has become his specialty, Driesell took over a moribund program and in four years has it in the NCAA tournament. Georgia State, located near downtown Atlanta, is the fourth school Driesell has taken to the tournament; only Eddie Sutton (Creighton, Arkansas, Kentucky and Oklahoma State) and Jim Harrick (Pepperdine, UCLA, Rhode Island and Georgia) can match that feat.

Despite 548 wins in 17 seasons, Driesell was fired at Maryland in 1986, in the aftermath of All-American Len Bias' death from a cocaine overdose. He was let go at James Madison in 1997 because he was believed to be too old. Most coaches with his resume might have considered Georgia State beneath them, but not Driesell.

"I went there for the money," I guess my wife said, "Get a job, boy," he said with a big smile.

"That's not true. I went there because I didn't feel as though I was through coaching, I love coaching."

He also saw some potential at Georgia State. Based on its location, Driesell saw it becoming an attractive recruiting program. Like DePaul in the late '70s, Georgetown in the '80s or Cincinnati in the '90s. "I think it can be a really good job," he said. "I would personally rather go to school in downtown Atlanta than in the woods somewhere."

How obscure was Georgia State? Panthers guard Kevin Morris said he didn't even know the school had a team until he was playing across town at Georgia Tech.

Morris is one of 11 transfer players on the Panthers' roster. Most came from junior college, but Morris came from Georgia Tech and teammate Sherrard Long, Georgia State's leading scorer, transferred from Georgetown.

Some coaches won't accept transfers, but Driesell has no qualms about doing so.

"I love transfers," he said. "All of my players who have been transfers were good students, academic qualifiers. You have them there the whole year when they can't play. They can get in the weight room, they can work on their strengths and weaknesses, they can learn your system. They don't have to jump right in the fire."

Morris was sent Driesell's way by former Georgia Tech coach Bobby Cremins, Driesell's longtime friend and coaching rival. Cremins had recruited Morris from New York, but when he had trouble getting playing time for the Yellow Jackets, Cremins suggested he try Georgia State.

"I won the first one to come with him," Morris said. "Coach Driesell told me he was going to put the players in place to go to the NCAA tournament."

Though the Panthers bowed out to Maryland in the second round of the tournament, Driesell still was happy with his team. "This might be the my most satisfying team," he said. "I don't think it's my best team, but they're pretty good, I think."
Pope throws second complete game of season

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fourth, Kurella knocked home Jason Graham by beating out an infield single hit in the hole between first and second. In the fifth, Graham knocked home Jeremy Frost with a single through the left side of the infield.

Summers and Kurella each went 2-for-5 in the game. Mike Myers went 1-for-4 with three stolen bases.

Florida Atlantic starter Aaron Dech (2-1) departed after 3.1 innings, yielding five runs on four hits while walking four and fanning five.

The Golden Knights and Owls continued their weekend conference three-game series with a doubleheader March 18 at Jay Bergman Field. UCF right-hander Jason Arnold faced Petersen Benjamin in the first game and Brad Busbin pitched against Danny Core in the finale.

UCF baseball sweeps IUPUI

Led by catcher Jeremy Frost, the 12th-ranked UCF baseball team swept IUPUI last week, winning games 15-2 and 8-3.

In the first game, Frost went 4-for-6 knocking in two RBIs with two stolen bases and Mike Fox went 3-for-4 with two doubles and two RBIs, leading the Golden Knights to a 15-2 victory.

Freshman left-hander Burt Clark (3-0) surrendered a two-run home run to Joe Longenecker in the first inning, but settled down to give up only two hits with three walks and a career high seven strikeouts in six innings for his third win in as many starts. UCF jumped on IUPUI starter Taylor Miller (1-2) for six runs in the first inning. Andy Johnson, Mike Myers and Frost all recorded RBI singles, while Fox dealt the big blow with a two-RBI double to straight-away centerfield. Miller left after three innings giving up nine runs on nine hits while walking two.

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In the first game, Frost went 4-for-6 knocking in two RBIs with two stolen bases and Mike Fox went 3-for-4 with two doubles and two RBIs, leading the Golden Knights to a 15-2 victory.

Freshman left-hander Burt Clark (3-0) surrendered a two-run home run to Joe Longenecker in the first inning, but settled down to give up only two hits with three walks and a career high seven strikeouts in six innings for his third win in as many starts. UCF jumped on IUPUI starter Taylor Miller (1-2) for six runs in the first inning. Andy Johnson, Mike Myers and Frost all recorded RBI singles, while Fox dealt the big blow with a two-RBI double to straight-away centerfield. Miller left after three innings giving up nine runs on nine hits while walking two.

The Golden Knights tacked on runs in the second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh innings with two-run frames in the fourth, fifth and sixth. Kurella knocked home Jason Summers with a single through the left side of the infield.

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Cooks, Guillory, Ash to provide senior leadership

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contributor for the Golden Knights this year. She averaged 7.3 points and five rebounds a game. She played in 26 of UCF's 28 games, starting 21. The two games Guillory missed were at the beginning of the season when she suffered an ankle injury a few seconds into the first game of the regular season. She sat out the next two games.

Guillory said that this year's team played better than last year's team, and that next year she is looking for the team to take another step towards the top of the conference.

"This season was a good season," she said. "We had our ups and downs. We had injuries here, injuries there, but overall we had a good season."

Last year's team finished in last place in the conference. This year the Golden Knights finished in sixth place with a 10-18 record. A big part of how UCF does next year will be in the hands of its point guard. Regardless of whether next year will be Ash's last or not, she will come out and get the job done as floor general.

"I'm more of a defensive player on the court at the point guard position," Ash said. "I try to run the offense, get us in the offense, then try to keep the team calm."

Ash led the Golden Knights this year with 70 assists. She also averaged 2.4 points per game. She said she will work on her shooting in the off-season in order to become more of an offensive threat.

UCF Head Coach Gall Strieglter said that she is looking for her seniors to take over the leadership role that is now vacant due to Graham's graduation. She said that the team can expand on what it accomplished this year.

"(This season) is very easy for us to build off of," Strieglter said. "We went from 10th place to sixth place, almost in a tie for fifth place. We beat the third place team and played the first place and second place team very, very close."

Guillory said that while the seniors will help lead the younger players, success will be the result of a total team effort.

"Everyone is going to have to do their part," she said. "I think we have people that are able to do that, (players) that have the capabilities to do that."

Cooks concluded the season with a threat to upcoming opponents.

"Next year watch out for the Lady Knights," she said.

Pew finishes 14th in heptathlon

COLLEGE STATION, Texas - UCF track and field junior Jamie Pew amassed a total of 4,647 points in seven events to place 14th in the heptathlon gold division of the College Station Multi-Event Festival March 16, hosted by Texas A&M.

After the first day of competition, Pew stood at 10th place with 552 points, having recorded a personal best of 14.5 in the 100m hurdles for 903 points. She earned 792 points for her 200-meter dash time (26.06), 747 points in the high jump with a leap of 5-12.5, and 610 in the shot put with a mark of 56-9.75.

Pew's points remained in the 500 range on the final day of the festival, when she had a long jump mark of 16-5.5 for 515 points, a javelin throw for 517 points, and a time of 2:42.65 in the 800-meter run for 543 points. Pew, a junior transfer, came to UCF from Central Arizona Junior College, where she was the 2000 Junior College National Heptathlon champion.

Men's golf places 13th at LSU Spring Invitational

BATON ROUGE, La. - The UCF men's golf team finished 13th of 18 teams at the LSU Spring Invitational on March 5-7.

The host Tigers won the event by shooting 873 (26), with the University of Tulsa five strokes behind. The Golden Knights finished with a 598 (+48), 99 strokes behind the leader.

Matt LaCosme recorded the lowest score for the Golden Knights with a 228 (+12), good enough to tie for 41st place. Ben Obrach and Kevin Kahle were one stroke behind for tied for 45th place with a 229 (+13).

Kahle started out on fire with a 73 in the first round and a 74 in the second before dropping to an 82 in the final round. David Ingles of Tulsa won medalist honors for the event by shooting a 211 (-5), winning by three strokes.

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Georgia State upsets Campbell for TAAC title

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bid to the NCAA Tournament. Campbell looked to be on its way to its second-straight trip to the Big Dance as it led most of the second half. The game was tied with under a minute to go. Two free throws by Georgia State’s Evtiva Rogers with 1.9 seconds left gave the Panthers the victory and the bid. Rogers also hit a free throw to tie the score at 26 heading into the locker room.

Georgia State defeated Mercer and Stetson to advance to the championship game, while Campbell beat Sanford and Troy State. Though the Camel’s wins were more decisive, the Panthers won when it mattered most. Campbell outscored its opponents by a total of 50 points and GSU only outscored its three opponents by 19.

Georgia State’s Leslie McElrath was the tournament’s MVP. She was joined by Rogers and Marcia Maddox on the All-Tournament team. TAAC Freshman-of-the-Year Crystal Clary, TAAC Player-of-the-Year April Pittman, and Stacie Hinkel of Campbell were also honored as members of the All-Tournament team.

Air Force rallies to defeat UCF

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UCF tops University of Denver
Denver, Colo. - Due to cold weather, the University of Denver men’s tennis team was forced to move to the inside courts at Heather Ridge Racket Club in Aurora, Colo., for its home opener against UCF. The Knights won the match 5-1.

Due to a lack of court time, the singles matches were played first and the teams did not compete in doubles because the Golden Knights had already wrapped up the victory following singles play. Denver lost all but one match on the singles courts, as only junior Jay Patel managed a win, defeating UCF’s Augusto Sanabria in three sets, 6-6, 6-1, 6-3.

UCF 5; Denver 1

Singles:
Federico Camacho (UCF) def. Boris Turkic, 6-4, 6-4
Catalin Brada (UCF) def. Tomasz Wawrzyntuk, 6-3, 6-2
William Guerin (UCF) def. Magnus Ramfelt, 7-5, 7-6
Jay Patel (DEN) def. Augusto Sanabria, 4-6, 6-1, 6-3
Ryan Winter (UCF) def. Trevor Young, 6-3, 6-3
Johan Westin (UCF) def. Mike Ceilley, 6-3, 7-5

Air Force rallies to defeat UCF

U.S.A.F. Academy, Colo. - Air Force’s Justin Mancinelli rallied from a set down to beat Augusto Sanabria, 6-7, 6-3, 6-3, in the deciding match Saturday, giving the Falcons a 4-3 victory over UCF in men’s tennis action at the Cadet Gymnasium’s Indoor Courts.

Mancinelli dropped the first set in a see-saw tiebreaker to Sanabria, 10-8, before capturing the final two sets in the No. 5 singles match. Falcon Doug Fike had tied the team match at 3 by winning the No. 6 singles match, 6-3, 6-4, over UCF’s Ryan Winter. UCF, which fell to 9-3 this season, took a 2-1 lead when No. 1 player Federico Camacho and No. 3 William Guerin won their matches within seconds of each other. Camacho defeated Eric Pittman, 6-2, 7-5, while Guerin beat Rene Ramirez, 6-4, 7-6. Air Force’s Chris Zielinski captured the No. 4 match with a 6-3, 7-6, decision over Gabriel Strangberg, winning the second-set tiebreaker 10-11.

Air Force, now 12-4, started strong by winning all three doubles matches. Chris Zielinski paired with his brother, Greg, to defeat Strangberg and Catalin Brada, 9-8, at the No. 1 position. The Zielinski’s are 14-1 this season and 10-1 at No.1 doubles. Pittman and Mancinelli won 8-2 at No. 2 doubles while Ramirez and Kyle Rainey captured the No. 3 match, 8-6.

Air Force 4; UCF 3

Singles:
1. Federico Camacho (UCF) def. Eric Pittman, 6-2, 7-5
2. Catalin Brada (UCF) def. Kyle Rainey 6-2, 6-3
3. William Guerin (UCF) def. Rene Ramirez, 6-4, 7-6 (4)
4. Chris Zielinski (AFA) def. Gabriel Strangberg, 6-3, 7-6
(11)
5. Justin Mancinelli (AFA) def. Augusto Sanabria 6-7 (8),
6-3, 6-3
6. Doug Fike (AFA) def. Ryan Winter 6-3, 6-4

Doubles:
1. C. Zielinski/Greg Zielinski (AFA) def. Brada/Strangberg
9-8
2. Pittman/Mancinelli (AFA) def. Camacho/Sanabria 8-2
3. Rainey/Ramirez (AFA) def. Guerin/Winter 8-6

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Men's Tennis Notebook

The UCF men’s tennis team is ranked 60th in the nation, which is the highest ranking the team has ever achieved.

Singles:
- No. 1 Jamie Gresh (PSU) def. Federico Camacho (UCF) 7-5, 7-6
- No. 2 Gabriel Strangberg (UCF) def. Fungai Munjanja (PSU) 6-0, 6-2, 6-3
- No. 3 Catalin Bradu (UCF) def. Javier Gresch (UCF) 6-0, 6-3
- No. 4 William Guerin (UCF) def. Jason Ontog (UTC) 6-3, 6-3, 6-3
- No. 5 Augusto Sanabria (UCF) def. Jesse Koti (UTC) 6-3, 6-3, 6-3
- No. 6 Ryan Winter (UCF) def. John Hangstefer (UTC) 6-3, 6-3

Doubles:
- No. 1 Gresh/Guerin (PSU) def. Camacho/Guerin (UCF) 8-6
- No. 2 Frakes/De Stefano (PSU) def. Strangberg/Winter (UCF) 8-4
- No. 3 Westhuyzen/Nielson (PSU) def. Bradu/Sanabria (UCF) 8-6

UCF downs Tennessee-Chattanooga

- The UCF men’s tennis team beat defending Southern Conference champion Tennessee-Chattanooga, 5-1, March 5 at the UTC Tennis Center.
- Catalin Bradu gave the Golden Knights an early 1-0 lead after dismissing Fungai Munjanja, 6-2, 6-0, in the No. 4 slot. Senior William Guerin handed UCF its second point on the day. Guerin ousted past John Hangstefer 6-2 in the first set, but had to fight through a tough second set tiebreaker to win the match. Leading 6-9, Guerin rushed the net and forced Hangstefer to overhit a passing shot for the victory at No. 3. The Mocs cut the lead to 2-1 when Jason Ontog outlasted Federico Camacho, 4-6, 6-2, 7-5, at the No. 1 position. But then it was all UCF. Gabriel Strangberg defeated Jesse Koti, 6-2, 6-7, 7-3, at No. 2 for his seventh straight win. Augusto Sanabria clinched the match for the Golden Knights after dismissing James Dickerson in straight sets, 6-2, 6-2. Johan Westin, who played his third match after coming back from an injury, rallied to beat Fabian Bechura, 7-6, 7-6, at No. 6.

UCF 5, Tennessee-Chattanooga 1

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Women's Tennis Notebook

UCF Falls to No. 35 Florida International
MIAMI, Fla. - The UCF women's tennis team fell to Florida International 5-2 March 6 at the FIU Varsity Courts.

The Golden Panthers, ranked No. 35 in the national poll, grabbed the doubles point to take the 1-0 lead. Anna Westin and Julie Pecastaing defeated Marianna Faustinielli and Nazis Elsawah 8-3 at No. 3 for UCF's lone win.

In singles action, Florida International's top three players defeated their opponents.

6-3, 6-1, defeating Cristina Campana, 6-1, defeating Marieke Gunawan (UCF) def. Anna Westin (UCF) 6-2, 6-4, 6-3

Sonja Okal

6-3, 6-1, at No. 5. Julie Thompson (UNCW) 6-2, 6-1

UCF's freshman and senior combination of Pecastaing and Prokopec collected two singles points for the Golden Knights. Pecastaing outlasted Faustinielli, 3-6, 6-4, 6-3 at No. 4 and Prokopec picked up her 97th career win by defeating Cristina Campana, 6-1, 6-3, at No. 5.

Singles:
1. No. 54 Anneliese Rose (FIU) def. Ann-Jeanette Svantesson (UCF) 6-3, 6-1
2. Mari Toro (FIU) def. Anna Westin (UCF) 6-2, 6-1
3. Alexandra Guzman (FIU) def. Marieke Gunawan (UCF) 6-3, 6-3
4. Julie Pecastaing (UCF) def. Marianna Faustinielli (FIU) 6-3, 6-4, 6-3
5. Sonja Prokopec (UCF) def. Mariana Campana (FIU) 6-1, 6-3
6. Mei Ly (FIU) def. Daniela Okal (UCF) 5-7, 6-1, 6-1

Doubles:
1. No. 1 Rosefforo (FIU) def. Gunawan/Prokopec (UCF) 8-5
2. Guzman/Campana (FIU) def. Svantesson/Okal (UCF) 8-3
3. Westin/Pecastaing (UCF) def. Faustinielli/El Safwaf (FIU) 8-3

UCF blanks UNC-Wilmington

The UCF women's tennis team cruised past UNC-Wilmington 7-0 March 8 at the UCF Tennis Complex.

The Golden Knights swept the doubles to take a 1-0 lead. UCF continued its dominance in singles as Marieke Gunawan and Ann-Jeanette Svantesson gave the Golden Knights their second and third point on the day. Gunawan dismissed Hunter McRae 6-1, 6-1 at the No. 3 position and Svantesson defeated Sam Thompson 6-2, 6-1 in the top slot. Daniela Okal clinched the match for UCF by dumping Stephanie Phillips 6-1, 6-4 at No. 5.

UCF 7, UNC-Wilmington 0

Singles:
1. No. 1 Ann-Jeanette Svantesson (UCF) def. Sam Thompson (UNCW) 6-2, 6-1
2. No. 2 Anna Westin (UCF) def. Elizabeth Perry (UNCW) 6-4, 6-4
3. No. 3 Marieke Gunawan (UCF) def. Hunter McRae (UNCW) 6-1, 6-1
4. No. 4 Julie Pecastaing (UCF) def. Joy Sohn (UNCW) 6-4, 6-4
5. Daniela Okal (UCF) def. Stephanie Phillips (UNCW) 6-1, 6-4
6. No. 6 Hadas Ronen (UCF) def. Jacky Gibbons (UNCW) 6-3, 2-6, 1-0 (10-5)

Doubles:
1. No. 1 Rosefforo (FIU) def. Gunawan/Sonja Prokopec (UCF) 8-5
2. Guzman/Campana (FIU) def. Svantesson/Okal (UCF) 8-3
3. Westin/Pecastaing (UCF) def. Thompson/Kat Bowles (UNCW) 8-2
4. No. 3 Westin/Pecastaing (UCF) def. Thompson/Kat Bowles (UNCW) 8-2
5. No. 56 Old Dominion tops UCF

The UCF women's tennis team lost to Old Dominion 5-2 March 6 at the UCF Tennis Complex. The Monarchs, ranked No. 56 in the latest Intercollegiate Tennis Association poll, grabbed two of the three doubles matches to take the opening point. The 20th-ranked duo of Nataša Cahana and Ana Radičević defeated Marieke Gunawan and Sonja Prokopec 8-2 in the No. 1 slot and Lara van Rooyen and Patricia Araujo beat UCF's freshman combination of Anna Westin and Julie Pecastaing 8-6 at the No. 3 position. Ann-Jeanette Svantesson and Daniela Okal outlasted Milly Kannarkat and Julia Soriti 9-8 for UCF's lone doubles win at No. 2.

In singles action, Okal tied the match at 1-1 after dismissing Araujo, 6-0, 6-0, at No. 6, but Old Dominion got three straight set victories from the top spots to secure the win. Cahana, ranked No. 4 in the nation, beat Svantesson, 6-1, 6-0, at No. 1, van Rooyen defeated Westin, 6-4, 6-4, at No. 2 and Radičević topped Gunawan, 6-4, 6-0, at No. 3.

Old Dominion 5, UCF 2

Singles:
1. No. 4 Nataša Cahana (ODU) def. Ann-Jeanette Svantesson (UCF) 6-1, 6-0
2. Lara van Rooyen (UCF) def. Anna Westin (UCF) 6-4, 6-4
3. Ana Radičević (ODU) def. Marieke Gunawan (UCF) 6-4, 6-0
4. Milly Kannarkat (ODU) def. Julie Pecastaing (UCF) 6-7, 7-5, 1-0 (10-8)
5. Sonja Prokopec (UCF) def. Julia Soriti (ODU) 7-5, 6-2
6. Daniela Okal (UCF) def. Patricia Araujo (ODU) 6-0, 6-4

Doubles:
1. No. 2 Cahana/Kačan (ODU) def. No. 49 Gunawan/Prokopec (UCF) 8-2
2. Svantesson/Okal (UCF) def. Kamarka/Sošta (ODU) 8-6
3. van Rooyen/Araujo (ODU) def. Westin/Pecastaing (UCF) 8-6

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Second baseman Mike Fox gets congratulated after hitting a home run on Saturday.

Above: Jeremy Kurilla (left) and Chad Ehrnsberger (right), both transfers from Big 10 schools, have been instrumental in UCF's success this year.

Left: Center fielder Mike Myers drove in the winning run in the 13th inning of UCF's 2-1 victory over FAU on Sunday.

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UCF takes two of three from Florida Atlantic

The UCF baseball team played a three-game series with Florida Atlantic last weekend, winning the first game on Saturday and then splitting a double-header on Sunday.

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March 18 UCF 2, FAU 1, 13 innings
March 18: FAU 7, UCF 5, 8 innings

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Women's basketball falls to Stetson in TAAC Tournament

Kristy Shonka  
Staff Writer

At the 2001 Suntrust Trans America Athletic Conference Tournament, intrastate rival Stetson University knocked off the UCF women's basketball team March 8, ending the Golden Knights' season and hopes for an NCAA Tournament bid.

In a first half plauged with UCF turnovers, the Hatters jumped out to a 39-25 lead. UCF committed 23 turnovers in the half. The Golden Knights made a run in the second half to cut the lead to six with 16:36 left and remained close for the next 10 minutes. A jump shot by Stetson's Amy White with 5:59 left gave the Hatters a 10-point lead and UCF could not recover.

Lanetra Cooks led the Golden Knights with 18 points. Adrienne Billings, who was named to the All-TAAC Freshmen Team, scored 11 points and grabbed seven rebounds. Senior LaToya Graham finished her career at UCF with eight points, four rebounds and one steal.

Georgia State won the tournament, upsetting No. 1 seed Campbell 64-62 in the championship game. The contest was a role reversal for the two teams, as Campbell upset GSU last year in the title game to earn the TAAC's automatic

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Pope blanks FAU with one-hitter

Justin Pope struck out 12 batters in a one-hitter shutout as No. 12 UCF blanked Florida Atlantic 6-0, in Trans America Athletic Conference baseball action at Jay Bergman Field on March 17. Pope (5-1) didn't walk a batter through 6 2 innings until Mike Valdes slapped a single through the left side of the infield. The senior gave up the single in addition to two walks and one hit batsman in 117 pitches.

The Golden Knights (20-4, 1-0 TAAC) have won 13 straight and their last 18 at Jay Bergman Field. The Owls (16-9, 0-1 TAAC) drop their first conference game after defeating two ranked opponents earlier in the week.

UCF started the scoring in the bottom of the second inning when Mike Fox hit his fourth home run of the season, a three-run line drive shot, over the left field fence. Wayne Summers followed with a single and was brought home on Jeremy Karella's double into the right-center field gap.

The Golden Knights plated single runs in the fourth and fifth innings. In the

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Looking Ahead

Kristy Shonka  
Staff Writer

Now that its season is over, the UCF women's basketball team is already looking ahead to next year. The Golden Knights will move ahead without LaToya Graham, who they will lose to graduation this year.

LaDonna Laery was set to leave this year with Graham, but graduated in December and decided that she did not want to remain with the team for the rest of the season. She only played six games for the Golden Knights this year.

In Graham's place, UCF will look to rising seniors Lanetra Cooks and Khaliah Guillory for leadership. Next season could be Vytje Ash's last as well, if she forgets her final year of eligibility. Ash will be a senior by academic standing next year, but will have two years left of basketball eligibility because she did not play her freshman year.

Cooks was second in scoring on the team this season, averaging 9.1 points per game. The junior college transfer came on strong at the end of the season, leading the Golden Knights by averaging 14.3 points a game in their last 11 games, including a career-high performance on Feb. 24 against Florida Atlantic. She scored 24 in that game.

A three-point shooting threat, Cooks shot 35.3 percent from behind the arc. She ended the season, with 47 three-pointers, placing her third on UCF's all-time list for most threes made in a season.

Cooks said that the team has two weeks off following the Trans America Athletic Conference Tournament, and then gets back to work. Individual players will work to improve their weaknesses, and the team will work to improve where it has struggled.

"I'm going to work on penetrating and shooting," Cooks said. "(The team) is going to come back and work on our free throws."

Free throws proved to be a major weakness of the Golden Knights throughout the season as they shot a conference-worst 59 percent from the charity stripe.

Guillory is another player that was a key

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Rising seniors hope women's hoops will progress next season

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In his faded blue jeans and worn brown t-shirt, Ben Gibbard looks the part of your typical indie-rocker. You'd never guess that they are the top act in the middle of a sold-out tour—a more modest guy like Gibbard would never own up to it himself. Success is a slow climb up a tall hill for independent musicians, and the 5-year-old indie band Death Cab for Cutie has learned to feel that they have arrived.

Bands like DFC choose to produce music on smaller labels, on their own terms. While this allows for a certain amount of artistic freedom, it doesn’t always pay the bills.

Gibbard says he and bandmates Chris Walla (guitar/keyboard), Nick Harmer (bass) and Michael Schorr (drums) have finally been able to quit their day jobs and focus exclusively on music, but don’t expect them to start adding a new car anytime soon,” Gibbard said. “But as long as we keep making records and continue touring, I can call this my job.”

DCFC is currently wrapping up the last few dates on a successful winter tour that has sold out venues across the East Coast and Midwest.

The tour is sponsored by Holiday Matinee, an independent publicity company that bases their business on their bands’ attracted fans of all ages, from high school kids being dropped off by their parents to 30-somethings hitting the bars. They are packed in the small club and stood shoulder to shoulder, bobbing their heads to DCFC’s bittersweet pop songs.

Now on their third release, DCFC have developed a sound that is full of warmth, lush instrumentals, honest vocals and poignant imagery. And music critics have noticed, proclaiming them “indie-pop’s finest band,” and “one to watch closely” in the music industry.

Even Spin.com ranked their latest release, an EP titled Forbidden Love in their top 20 albums of 2000, quite an accomplishment for a four-song album recorded at home.

As pleased as they were to be on the list, the band also took the honor as a backhanded compliment of sorts. “I was really surprised and it was really flattering, but at the same time, it was like ‘yo! 20 albums of the year and an EP shows up. And for as excited as I was, I kind of was, ‘Well, why didn’t they put our full-length album on the list? And some of the press was coming out saying, ‘Gibbard is a mediocre second album’,” said Gibbard, with a self-deprecating laugh.

The critically acclaimed EP was a way for the band to tie up their loose ends after releasing their second full-length album, We Have the Facts and We’re Voting Yes.

“We like to keep up with our material and not let stuff sit around. We just decided we had some songs sort of lingering around in our set that we had played live a few times, and we just wanted to find a home for them,” explained bassist Nick Horner.

Only three out of the five tracks are new, the last two, “405” and “Company Calls, Epilogue” are alternate versions of songs from the previous album. “The first two tracks, ‘Technicolour Girls’ and ‘Photobooth’ were the last songs recorded after the second album was mastered and ready to go to press, and if you have songs sitting around for that long they get really old, really fast. So we said, we have these three other songs that we can release; let’s just put them all on one EP, get it out and get it taken care of and not have them sitting around for another year, year and a half before we make another album,” said Gibbard.

When speaking, Gibbard takes care to speak for the band, using “we” and “our” rather than “I,” which is interesting considering he is the one who created the band, and continues to write their material. Although Gibbard is the dominant force behind their music, DCFC is a genuinely close knit band. “It’s almost as if they are in awe of each other; each band member is quick to point out the other member’s strengths.”

Back in 1997, Gibbard inadvertently created DCFC through his own solo project, a cassette of songs that he wrote and played himself. Gibbard’s friend Chris Walla offered to produce and record the songs, and an album was released titled, You Can Play These Songs Chords.

In order to perform the songs live, Gibbard recruited his roommate Nick Harmer on bass, and Michael Schorr on keyboards. “I could perform the songs live, Walla played guitar and keyboards. Most of the songs off the original cassette proved to be so solid, they made the bulk of DCFC’s first major release.”

The arrangement worked out surprisingly well, and few things have changed since. The band was signed to Barks Records in 1998, but Gibbard still writes all of the songs. Walla is still the sole producer and the band continues to record their albums at home.

“We’re going to wherever Chris goes. He’s the guy for us, and he’s going to make the decision. We’ve always trusted him. If think that we need to record in this little dank basement in the middle of nowhere, we may cock our heads and say ‘oh, okay’ but we trust him,” said Harmer.

Releasing albums on a small label like Barks allows for a certain amount of artistic freedom, but doesn’t guarantee decent exposure or publicity for bands. Despite these obstacles, Harmer remains optimistic about surviving as an independent band.

“I think there’s money to be made in the underground,” he said. “I don’t think there’s any way the industry can keep progressing with only a few key bands. Eventually bands get old and things happen, times change. And I’m hoping the rise of the Internet will help things change. It’s becoming more possible for bands like us to exist and be able to survive—in a monetary sense, I mean. Not to get rich, but just to survive.”

Any of their recent live performances prove that the band is doing more than surviving. After their set at the Sapphire in downtown Orlando, excited fans surrounded the band, thanking them for playing and wishing them well on the rest of their tour. In their typical down-to-earth style, they stayed late shaking hands and talking with people throughout the club.

Approachability is a value that each member of the band takes very seriously, expected that fans who admit to responding to as many as 130 emails a day from fans. “I always feel obligated to respond to every one of them, even if someone is just writing to say that they just bought the record and they really like it, I always want to write back and say ‘thanks very much.’ And I take the time to do that, but that’s like, four hours of e-mailing. It catches up, but I don’t have a problem with that,” he said.

The Internet is arguably the most valuable resource for indie bands like DCFC. Through official and unofficial fan sites, bands can easily and cheaply promote their albums and connect with fans. For their current tour, fans can access regularly updated road diaries, photos from past shows, and post messages for each band through the Holiday Matinee web site.

“No that we’re doing relatively well for ourselves, I think about just how long it would have taken to do this well without the Internet and the computer age,” said Gibbard. “I can’t imagine it being 1986 and we’re having to get mailing lists filled out and sending postcards to let people know we’re going to be in their town or have a new record. Now it’s just like, oh, I’ve heard that name, I can go download their entire record. I can see pictures, I can read about them, I can find out about what their favorite foods are.”

Developing a fan base that actually cares about the bands favorite foods is an accomplishment in itself, but Gibbard remains refreshingly realistic about achieving fame.

“I have realized one of my dreams as a musician. I don’t have to work a job, I can work on this all the time. And I know everything is fleeting, nothing lasts forever, and I don’t expect this to be my life for the rest of my life,” he said. “I can’t get used to this lifestyle, but the chance to do this in my early twenties at least for the foreseeable future is great.”

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This week's passenger on the WWII bandwagon is Enemy at the Gates brought to you by Paramount Pictures. This movie portrays Hollywood's take on the true story of Russian sniper Vassili Zatsev, played by Jude Law. It takes place during the siege of Stalingrad in 1942 - 1943. Directed, Produced, and co-written by Jean-Jacques Annaud, this movie brings together a terrific cast of actors, none of which can seem to manage a convincing Russian or German accent.

The movie centers around Vassili, who is made into the shining star of Russia after some clever propaganda. This propaganda campaign is the brainchild of Danilov (Joseph Fiennes) who builds his own career along with the name of Vassili. This weeks' passenger on the WWII CENTRAL FLORIDA FUTURE

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While Law's acting was good, by far the best performance has to go to Bob Hoskins for his portrayal of the angry dwarf version of Nikita Khrushchev. Of course being a war movie means that there were many explosions, tanks, guns and planes, which are always welcome in any theatre.

If this movie had to be summed up in one word, that word would be: LONG. Way too much time was spent showing the audience how boring a snipers life can be in the hours in between shooting people. This movie was 2 1/2 hours going on 3, and a good deal of it was simply unnecessary. If you go to see Enemy at the Gates, get comfortable because it is another in a long string of films that share the mantra of 'Bigger is Better.' The next big flaw is the accents. Even though it is obvious that the makers of Enemy at the Gates put a lot of time into detail, all of the Russians are British and the Germans are American. Almost none of the main characters even try for an accent other than the one they were born with, and the ones that do make an attempt sound out of place. These flaws are made even more apparent as the viewer realizes that this too more than full-length movie made about a historical news blurb and that everything else is merely filler.

This is a movie about snipers.
Generally, television bites the big one. The programming on networks such as ABC, NBC and many other random assortments of letters, have become so formulaic and cookie-cutter that they are close to unwatchable. Every network has its sitcoms, their lawyer shows and their teenage "Dawson's Creek" wannabes. Oh, and let's not forget about the "real-life shows" made oh so popular by CBS's messiah program "Survivor." These popular television programs treat their audiences like idiots, pandering to the lowest common denominator for cheap laughs and drama. Of course, not all shows are like this, with the occasional program such as the "X-Files" (pre-Robert Patrick) and "The Simpsons" (both on FOX which, with the exception of "Ally McBeal," is probably the best of the networks in terms of quality). Needless to say these sitcoms and "L.A. Law" rip-offs ("The Practice," ahem) are huge hits because American audiences are generally very set in their ways and dislike anything different. An example of this dislike of innovation occurred in the spring of 2000 with ABC's new comedy, "Clerks." To show out there who have the pop-culture sense of Strom Thurmond, "Clerks" is an animated show (ala "The Simpsons") based on the popular cult film by the same name. The creator of "Clerks" (both the film and the series), Kevin Smith (aka Silent Bob), is well known for his other movies such as Mallrats, Chasing Amy and the controversial Dogma. The animated show featured the voices of the film's cast and was set around the same basic premise: two witty guys working at a convenience store. However, despite the promising nature of the program, it was cancelled after just two episodes due to poor ratings. What a real bummer! Why? Yes, the show was cancelled very quickly, but has recently found a new audience, on DVD. That's right boys and girls, America is the land of opportunity where everyone...even failed ABC comedies, get a second chance. The DVD contains the original two episodes, plus four more that were never shown due to ABC's hasty cancellation of the series. Having seen all six episodes, I am at liberty to say that this show was pretty damn good. While it is a given that none of the episodes hold a candle to the original Clerks movie, all six still have their own unique and clever brand of humor. Unfortunately, since the episodes were designed to air on ABC, there is not nearly as much raunchy humor as Smith usually puts in his films. Additionally, the incredibly vulgar language that has become a sort of trademark of Kevin Smith's movies has also been obviously eliminated. Despite these losses, Clerks still maintains a very funny atmosphere. Taking a departure away from his typical, cable humor, Kevin Smith has instead filled the episodes with stabs at popular culture, celebrities and even network television (yes). In essence, "Clerks" is very much like the Simpsons. Knowing all this, one may wonder why this show wasn't a hit. Well, one of the main reasons is that the humor is so much different than that of the movie, not to mention too highbrow for the average television viewer. One has to really possess a good knowledge of popular culture to appreciate many of the jokes throughout the episodes. Many fans were disappointed by its lack of vulgarity and the average viewer didn't appreciate the humor, resulting in the low ratings. However, as the shows progress they get better and better, meaning that if ABC had stuck to their guns instead of canceling the show then "Clerks" might have found an audience. Unfortunately, this wasn't the case, and now we have merely this awesome DVD to take its place.

It is really worth a look though, not only because "Clerks" is funny, but also to appreciate what it could have been. This is not to say that all the episodes are terrific. Sometimes the dialogue feels a bit contrived I think, and the references to the show repetitive, especially in the first three episodes. Nevertheless, the pros definitely outweigh the cons, and the latter episodes do get better as it goes on.

"Clerks" is a prime example of an innovative show gone downhill because of networks, ratings and America's either misunderstanding of the show or the simple unwillingness to try something new. Television does bite for the most part, and personally I am glad that "Clerks" is now on video so it can develop a real fan base among those who can appreciate it more. In summary, it is definitely a rental DVD, maybe even worth buying. "Clerks" is funny and clever, but not everyone will get it. Kevin Smith is currently working on his next film, Jay and Silent Bob Strike Back, and with any luck, that will attract a larger audience then this under-appreciated gem.
LEAD STORIES

In a dispute from a Chicago convention of "furries" (people, mostly men, obsessed with animals or animal characters), Vanity Fair magazine (March issue) pro-
filled several people as typical of the 400 attendees: some who draw as animals (so passionately as to become "humanly"), some who dress as animals (so sexu-
ally), and some who are sexually attracted to stuffed animals ("plushies"), or who otherwise ident-
ify with animals (by speaking in a voiceless way, by dressing like animals, etc.). If (a high school animal) masquerade into a suit surrounded by naked women, I'd be thinking about the masked furry typically check each other gently as a sign of affection and refer to nonhumanities as "muslimas."

-- W.S. (Michael J. O'Dea), 52, touted his high-level mari-
juana-smuggling experience in his newspaper ad seek-
ing a legitimate executive job, his phone test in which he would ask a radio interviewer, "What is the purpose of that suit you're wearing to court?"

Farrall was not drunk the night he acci-
dently off a cliff in the Angeles National Forest where he was to play the mascot. Furries typically scratch each other intensely, though nonsexually, with animals behind the ears. "If I saw a child sexual abuse case in January after quarreling, with her concept of God made a mistake in the fact that kids reach puberty about (age) 12, she asked a radio interviewer. "What is the purpose of that suit you're wearing to court?"

Thinning the Herd

-- A high-school senior was killed, apparently playing a game of chicken with a San Francisco Municipal Railway streetcar (40 tons) just after midnight on Jan. 3. A 22-year-old man was accidentally shot on Christmas Eve after he placed a plastic cap on top of his head and consented to his friend's request to try to shoot it off (Aurora, Colo.). A 24-year-old man was killed in a police chase that reached 105 mph, began when the man drove over laws in a residential neighbor-
hood at 3 a.m. and ended when the man drove through three fences and accidentally off a cliff (Plainview, Texas).

Also, in the Last Month...

-- A University of Mississippi pharmacy professor continued to seek drug company funds for trials to test his mild "medicinal marijuana" suppositories. A 37-
year-old man was arrested and charged in connection with the recent disappearance, one at a time, of more than 100 stepping stones in a small town (Jeffersonville, Ind.). A 23-year-old man was arrested, and his ware-
house arsenal of guns seized, after he was spotted in a city park taking target practice at a photo of his mother-in-law (Brooklyn, N.Y.). Two high school teachers were suspended and charged with giving a student higher grades in exchange for peak breaks on groceries at a store where the student is a clerk (Cantonburg, Pa.).
Dear Sexpert,

I have this problem. I’m moving to California because of a job opportunity that has been given to me. My girlfriend of 4 years does not want to come with me. I love her dearly and wish she would reconsider. Is there any way to change her mind?

- Leaving my Love, 22

Well, the answer on this one is to just sit down and talk to her. But, when you talk to her, go into the conversation with the attitude of just wanting to talk, not trying to change her mind. If you go into the conversation with the attitude of trying to change her mind, I guarantee you that a very bitter argument will ensue. When you talk ask her questions, lots of questions. Don’t let her stick to the answer of “I just don’t want to.” Ask her things like “Is your major offered somewhere near where I’m moving to?” or “Do you not want to leave your family/friends”? Try to find the cause of her reluctance to leave. If you can do this it will be easier to persuade her to leave with you. Good luck and I hope all goes well.

Dear Sexpert,

I think hooking up with people is better than having relationships. My friends see this as a bad thing and constantly argue with me about this subject. What do you think of this situation? Is it wrong of me to have these beliefs about relationships?

-Hooked on Hookups, 20

The situation can be looked at in many ways. I personally think that your friends are just looking out for you. Making sure you do not get hurt or get a disease. They just want what is best for you. But, whether or not liking hooking up is wrong, that is another question. In my opinion I don’t think it is wrong. This is why. Certain things must be looked at to see where I’m coming from in this subject. First, people have had bad times in relationships in the past. Or their parents had an unstable relationship. Sometimes traumatic relationships steer you away from wanting to have one. Also, at this time in one’s life, having a boyfriend/girlfriend for years and years really narrows what you think you like in a person. Marrying young and fast, in my opinion is the leading cause of our disgustingly high divorce rate. But, in hooking up you have no ties or commitment to that person so you have a totally objective view of their personality while still being physically intimate with them. Finally, if done in a responsible way (background checks and tests) hooking up can be a great way to explore ones sexuality. We all have likes and dislikes when it comes to sex, but how many of us can sit down and list them? This is a way to get in touch with ones sexuality. So, to answer your question I don’t think it is wrong to like hooking up. But you must be responsible and know that you are putting yourself in a situation with some very serious consequences. I wish you the best and hope that you can see where your friends are coming from on this one.
G Love and Special Sauce know how to throw a party. Like any good host, G Love warmly welcomes his guests, shows them a great time and keeps the party going until it gets broken up-literally.

The three-piece band drew an energetic full house at the House of Blues last Saturday with their smooth blend of blues, soul and hip-hop. They have been performing together since 1993 and with time, they have managed to capture the best of both worlds: to remain underground but still have a strong enough fan base to fill large venues like House of Blues.

Local musicians Beef Wellington and Swamburger opened the show with an amazing set of pure 70s funk grooves. These guys blew me away. Not only are they extremely tight lyrically and musically, but also lyricist Swamburger's theatrical stage presence is so great to watch. Between songs he took time to rip on everyone in Orlando, from County Commissioner Rich Crotty's ban on dancing to Mayor Glenda Hood.

If you are tired of the same old sound from local bands, check out these incredibly talented musicians at Phat N' Jazzy on March 28 at Sapphire in downtown Orlando. I guarantee you won't be disappointed.

There couldn't have been a better choice for an opening band than Swamburger and Beef Wellington. They set the tone perfectly for G Love and Special Sauce's mellow, funk-infused set.

I've seen G Love perform twice, and both times, they managed to incorporate everything I love about live shows into their performances. They have fun, the crowd has fun, the music sounds great and if you're lucky, the venue doesn't cut them off early (more on that later).

G Love's songwriting comes across as overly simplistic, but it's done in a very deliberate way. Their music is like down-home southern cooking-basic and unpretentious but so satisfying.

Musically, the band also keeps things simple with only three members: G Love provides lead vocals, harmonica and guitar, "The Houseman" Jeffrey Clemens adds back up vocals and drums and Jimi "Jazz" Prescott plays bass.

Each song tells a little story about growing up in Philadelphia, remembering summers spent in the neighborhood, or shooting hoops after school. Newer songs reveal his new life on the road, groupies who want a piece of the band and G Love's reflections on music.

Their current tour is to promote the bands eighth release, which is scheduled to be released next month, but the best thing about their live performances is that the majority of their songs date back all the way to their first release, which is a real treat for fans. When I heard the opening bars to "Cold Beverage," a song off their 1994 self-titled release, I jumped out of my seat. Only G Love could make an ode to the joys of refreshing drinks. He raps, "When I'm fishing/ Let's keep one thing clear/ The bait's over there/The brew's right here/ Two six packs and a big bag of ice/Didn't even catch a bite/But the brew tasted nice."

Other highlights of their set included old favorites "This Ain't Livin" and "Shooting Hoops," and newer songs "Numbers," "Rock and Roll," "Stepping Stone" and "Rodeo Clowns." The band also played several brand new songs, which sounded similar to their last release, Philadelphonic.

The band sounded great, in their trademark laid-back style. Their set was bordering on three hours and could have kept going for at least another half-hour, if House of Blues hadn't stepped in. Halfway through a song, one of the bands roadies inconspicuously slid a piece of paper in front of G Love's feet. What was it? A message from the HOB staff saying that they needed to wrap things up because a second show was scheduled for the evening. The band laughed the message off, but finished up their set with two more songs.

It was an abrupt ending to a great night, but in a way, isn't that the best way for a band to end a show, with fans cheering for more?

Lucky for us, we can catch G Love and Special Sauce every Thursday night as the house band for the weekly Comedy Central television show, "Turn Ben Stein On."
The Wired Cafe Laughs it Up

DAVID TAYLOR

As I walked in the Wired Cafe that night, I was first somewhat skeptical upon hearing that a stand-up comedian was performing. I had seen many a stand-up act crash and burn in the past, and because of this I was somewhat hesitant. However, this all changed when I walked in the Wired Cafe and began to listen to Michael Dean Ester's act. All in all, he was performing for. In other words, since the crowd in the Wired Cafe was made up of mostly college students, the comedy reflects things that "our people" would understand. He began with the typical "I'm in Florida" routine but quickly moved to topics such as relationships and jobs. The best part of the show, and the area where Ester really shined, was his interaction with the audience. Allowing certain audience members to tell him personal things, which throughout the show he incorporates into his act. Another thing that one could easily notice was that Michael Dean Ester is very good at improvisation. For example, he would ask the audience questions such as, "When does a conversation move away from chit-chat and become flirting?"

Needless to say, this is a question that none of the females present could answer.

Michael Dean Ester is a very talented comedian who presented an enjoyable show. The only complaint is that there were not nearly enough people present. Only around 35 people showed up which was surprising. The Wired Cafe is by no means the UCF Arena or anything, but it could easily have fit twice that number. If and when Michael Dean Ester comes back to either Orlando or UCF, he is very highly recommended. Not only is he a change from the profanity-laden comedians that inhabit television today, but also his stand-up is actually funny, a quality that is sometimes hard to find.

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Ricky May Be Loca For Latvian

Late star Ricky Martin has gone Latvian, the singer has been shaking his bon-bon with Baltic beauty Ines Lattanzio, a woman with a past. The pair, who met a few months ago in New York, were spotted two weeks ago at a music festival in San Remo, Italy. On Sunday, they were photographed holding hands in London. They're due to jet off soon to Germany, where Martin will plug his new album, "Sound Loud".

A rep for the "Shine Range" singer says Lattanzio is "his friend at the moment and I can't confirm that she's his girlfriend, but they've been seeing each other."

A true romance with Ines would give the lie to rumors that Loca-vid Ricky prefers the company of men. But some say Martin, 29, needs to be careful with his heart.

Ines, 37, made headlines in 1997 when she was used by her millionaire ex-boyfriend John Lattanzio. The older Wall Street trader alleged they're being married wedding plans, but, having been spurned, wanted her to return $50,000 in cash and jewelry he'd given her.

Martin, who once starred in a low-budget film titled "The Gold Mine," called his suit an "insult." She claimed Lattanzio had asked her to have his child, but that he didn't expect her to marry him.

In the end, Martin got to keep a diamond necklace, diamond rings and a crocodile purse — but agreed to fork over a 9-carat diamond and platinum ring worth $290,000.

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Aries (March 21-April 20)
Key career discussions will now yield worthwhile results, Aries: before mid-week expect a colleague or previously reluctant friend to now offer positive ideas and strongly defined goals. Communications, new information sources and unique messages from authority figures may now contribute to success. After Wednesday a close friend may be moody or despondent. Don't be drawn in to unusual romantic triangles, Aries: solving a friend's ongoing social problems will not be easy this week.

Taurus
(Day 21-May 20)
Dreams, flashes of insight and intuitive information will be important sources of wisdom early this week: pay attention to all subtle ideas or hunches. Areas strongly affected are romantic commitments, repeated family patterns, social power struggles and mild disagreements with relatives. After Thursday a common understanding is available: remain patient and ask loved ones to explain their comments and intentions. A delicate week, Taurus: avoid probing questions, if at all possible.

Gemini (May 21-June 21)
Romantic and social politics will be delicate this week, Gem, but extremely productive. Before Wednesday the romantic overtures of a potential lover will backfire. This is an excellent time to imprint your own style or take control in a new romance. Be creative and enjoy the subtle attention of previously shy loved ones. After Thursday watch also for a manager or authority figure to avoid direct questions and leave key decisions to the group. A demanding few days, Gem: stay balanced.

Cancer (June 22-July 22)
Past social patterns and family relationships are at issue this week, Cancer. Early Tuesday expect loved ones to open to sensitive information and dedicate home discussions. Yesterday's rules, social dynamics or family decisions may be a major concern, Cancer: stay sharp and carefully consider all long-term consequences. After Wednesday financial facts, figures and calculations may be misleading: expect minor mistakes to cause ongoing delays.

Leo (July 23-August 22)
A fresh social contact will now bring added interest and excitement into your life, Leo. Late Tuesday expect new communications or quickly arriving group invitations. Many Leos will soon expand their social connections, daily activities and employment potential. Welcome new relationships, Leo: this is a strong time for social growth and romantic passion. Later this week revised financial information may require sudden decisions: watch official paperwork for time sensitive mistakes.

Virgo
(August 23-September 22)
This week, Virgo, watch authority figures and key colleagues for quick advances, fast political revisions or subtle information: valuable opportunities may soon arrive in the form of hints, gestures or unexpectedly revealed information. Thoroughly check all sources, Virgo: accuracy and timing will be important. Late Thursday social planning or group events may be postponed. Not to worry, however: new friends and revised activities will again captivate your attention early next week.

Libra (September 23-October 23)
Your wisdom and social insight are accentuated this week, Libra: over the next few days expect colleagues, team leaders and close friends to increase their trust in your abilities. Some Librans may also encounter a rare opportunity in promotions, legal work,

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advertising or publishing. Expect fast gains here, Libra: superiors will now recognize your talents and leadership potential. After Thursday find extra time for lovers or recently isolated relatives; your emotional loyalty will be appreciated.

Scorpio (October 24-November 21)
Long-term romantic attractions will now be easily actualized, Scorpio: early Tuesday expect key relationships to experience an intensely seductive phase. Previously withheld affections will now be quickly revealed: be prepared for a few moments of awkward flirting and compelling romantic passion. After Friday minor employment or financial delays may be bothersome. Poorly timed projects may now require fast revisions and new schedules; stay alert to unexpected reversals.

Sagittarius (November 22-December 21)
Late Wednesday, Sage, a team leader or close colleague may rely heavily on your ability to communicate unusual or sensitive information to others. Key routines, unique duties or quickly changing roles may be a prime theme. Pace yourself and do all that is required, Sage: social and interpersonal tensions will be unpredictable over the next 11 days. After Thursday a subtle romantic flirtation is highlighted: expect someone close to offer rare invitations or gently persuasive gestures.

Capricorn (December 22-January 20)
Work communications or revised schedules may be disruptive early this week, Cap. Over the next few days expect key officials or managers to change daily rules or announce new assignments. All is well, Cap, so not to worry. Do, however, avoid a public display of your feelings or misgivings; although temporary, political tensions may be high. After Thursday social or romantic relationships may be briefly conflicted: changed plans, revised commitments and new messages are accented.

Aquarius (January 21-February 19)
Romantic and family attachments are now deeply felt, Aquarius: Monday through Thursday expect loved ones or close relatives to be unusually expressive or provide unique insights into their social and romantic motives. Much of this will be highly informative, Aquarius: remain open and let others explain their long-term intentions. After mid-week an unexpected message may also arrive: cancelled plans, quick home decisions or new money commitments may be on the agenda.

Pisces (February 20-March 20)
Family routines and home activities may be draining over the next few days, Pisces. Remain dedicated to previously trusted plans: this is not a good time to introduce controversial ideas, fresh expectations or revised schedules. Loved ones now feel committed to daily routines and long established social obligations, Pisces: stay balanced. After Friday financial messages are unreliable; expect officials and large agencies to offer vague explanations or inaccurate calculations.

If your birthday is this week...expect health improvements in the lungs, kidneys or circulation over the coming 4 weeks. Before mid-April a sharp increase in fitness, sensuality and social enthusiasm will create a new era of emotional involvement and romantic interest. Some Aries natives may also encounter a rare romantic proposal or mildly unethical invitation. If so, Aries, expect complex social politics and unexpected romantic announcements for the next 3 to 4 months. July, August and September accent travel, cultural awareness and financial planning; enjoy creative activities and new explorations.
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Most of us have heard of the Rollins Band and Black Flag. The punk/hardcore riffs mixed with the honest and in your face vocals of front man Henry Rollins. But, not to many people know about his spoken word career. Now that his twelfth spoken word CD had been released, A Rollins in the Wry, some of that will change. Henry Rollins brings his passion for music to the storytelling arena. His in your face lyrics have now been replaced by humor and satire while all the while keeping his honesty and opinionated views about every one and everything. Some tracks on his latest spoken word CD include "Israel", a story of when he went to that country, and "Clintonese", a story about our last president Bill Clinton. All in all I thought the CD was great. I think it is great to see a musician spread his/her talents to different arena of media. A Rollins in the Wry is a great example of just that, it is a change in gears of what musical we are used to from this man and I think that is what makes it great. If I were to give this CD a grade I think it would get an A in my book, and I encourage anyone to at least listen to the album.
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