Will your degree be enough?

ELISSA JACOB
STAFF WRITER

You don't have to play the stock market to know that the U.S. economy has been faltering lately. With companies everywhere downsizing and leaving experienced 30 to 40-year-olds jobless, the question is, where does that leave the college graduate?

Finding a job after college is scary enough, without having to compete against experienced professionals that were just laid off a week earlier. For example, in December, Motorola Inc., the second largest cell phone maker proposed shrinking their payroll by 15 percent, or 22,000 employees.

Of course a college degree is important, but statistics like this are enough to sober up any cocky graduate.

Some students strut away on graduation day, confident that all

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Disabled students find campus parking a major problem

MICHAEL ROBBINS
STAFF WRITER

Thousands of students, faculty and staff members commute to the University of Central Florida every day, struggling to find a parking space located near their classroom. While it would be ideal for every student to have a space located exactly where they want, it is not plausible, so many are forced to walk across a 1,415-acre campus.

While this may seem like a minor inconvenience for most, many have physical disabilities that make a simple walk across campus an arduous event. These physically disabled students are finding it more and more difficult to get around, finding fewer parking spaces for them near the buildings.

UCF has 36 parking lots on campus, 33 of which are surface lots and three of which are parking garages. These are distributed across campus around the edges and near various buildings, though not near some of the key buildings located on the inner parts of the campus. These lots, according to the most recent survey conducted by Parking Services, contain an estimated 12,000 spots, 9,244 of which are available to students. While this seems like a large number, the number available to physically disabled students, faculty and staff is only 166, or about 1.4 percent of the total available spaces.

"I want disabled folks to have better access to [UCF] then what they are getting," said Jennie Spencer, a disabled student at UCF, who's disabilities include a foot injury that makes travel on campus by walking very uncomfortable and inconvenient.

Spencer is one example of some of the disabled students that find it more and more difficult to move around campus. She finds herself forced to leave for classes an hour before they begin, though she lives ten minutes from campus. The reason: she is unable to find a space close enough to her building to get into it; so, she is forced to travel around various buildings until a space becomes available.

She is not the only one who has this problem.

"Even though I live ten minutes from campus, I have to leave an hour in advance to get a parking space over by Classroom Building 2," said Spencer. "Several [disabled students] line up waiting for a space to become

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As April again rolls around, it's time again for Founder's Day. An annual event at UCF, Founder's Day is a time for honoring students and faculty for their exceptional excellence. This will be the thirteenth annual Founder's Day, held on April 4. The purpose of the day is to recognize excellence in teaching, research, service and students' academic performance. The first Founder's Day was held on April 12, 1989.

There will be an awards ceremony in the Grand Pegasus Ballroom in the Student Union followed by a reception. Both of these events are open to the UCF public. While the service awards are presented last year at the ceremony will not be included this year, there are still many awards to be given, including the top one percent of each college, Faculty and Professional Advising awards. Honors in the major Thesis awards and the prestigious Pegasus Professor. While the names of the Pegasus Professor were not released as of March 22, it has been stated that there will be two winners of this award.

Each college and school selects the recipient of the College Award for Excellence in Graduate and Undergraduate Teaching, and then the winners of the awards you'd be selected from those winners. Other organizations on campus will also be recognized, including LEADS, the University Honor Society, the Honor program in the Major Program and the University Honor Society. Also part of the ceremony is a musical interlude by the UCF Madrigal Singers, conducted by Dr. David Brunner, UCF Music Faculty and one of last year's Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching Award recipients. The singers will be performing Yarmouth Fare, a folk song. The UCF Brass Knights, directed by G.W. Roy, UCF Music Faculty, will perform the National Anthem. As a service to students who are hearing impaired, a sign language interpreter will be seated at the ceremony.

Recipient of awards are notified in advance, and receive a certificate of their accomplishments. While the best, Madrigal Singers are scheduled during this time, this year, like last year, they will not according to a decision made by Provost Whitehouse.

Career Resource Center helps students find jobs

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they'll have to do is flash their degree, like a police badge, and be let through the corporate doors of the professional world - but in today's competitive market, a degree just isn't enough anymore.

Laila Silva, a branch manager at Snelling, an Orlando career placement agency, has definitely seen that overconfidence in graduates, and she's quickly had to bring them back to reality once they started their job search.

"I have graduates come in all the time and hand me their diplomas like it's a sure thing and say, 'Ok, get me a job that pays $40,000 a year.' It just doesn't work that way," Silva said. "They've got to work their way up to that management position, and pay their dues.

Silva also stressed that prior experience plays a key role in matching people with companies.

"When placing graduates, it really depends on what their done while in college," she said. "We can only help them so much, for example if they've been a waitress throughout college, it doesn't mean as much to employers as if they've got real experience in their field."

Before you seniors with little or no experience start to stress, there's hope for you. UCF students are fortunate because they have an excellent source of career services on campus: the Career Resource Center.

Silva said that it's unusual for college graduates to use the services of an employment agency when confronted with the job hunt. "It's good to use an agency," she said. "They usually act as a supplement in your job search, and it's a free service - we only charge our clients, which are the companies recruiting."

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Another option for seniors, who haven't already done so, is to visit the Career Resource Center. An open mind, enthusiasm, and of course experience will take you far - like that old saying, "Charm will last you about 15 minutes, after that, you'd better know something."
Cancer walkathon brings 100 teams to UCF

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Donor Relations Director for the American Cancer Society.

All teams set up campsites focusing their decorating theme on their favorite storybook. Teams coordinated their story book themes with inspirational messages for cancer treatment and cures. Campsites were judged and awarded based on creativity.

The highlights of the evening included a pie eating contest and a bad hair day contest that took place in the early morning hours. Hair stylists from Mrs. B’s hair salon dared volunteers to lop off ten or more inches of their hair to donate to children who had lost their hair to cancer treatments. A Survivor game competition chose participants through a raffle. Contestants were eliminated through contests and physical challenges, including a mystery meal contest, a penny stacking contest and a bead-threading contest.

Relay for life first began in 1985 and 15 years later the event has become the American Cancer Society’s signature fundraising activity with 1.5 million participants nationwide. This year UCF’s Relay for Life fundraising goal was $150,000. Among the financial contributions raised, 60 percent of funds are used locally for patient services, cancer prevention, detection and treatment. The remaining funds benefit the American Cancer Society nationally to produce national instructional material for patients and their families and towards cancer research.

“We hold two other major fundraising events, but Relay is our biggest,” said Hughes. “The Cattle Barons Ball is our high end gala where corporations and individuals dress up in jeans and boots and attend a country western dinner at $200 per person to raise money.”

Hughes continued, “The Making Strides Against Cancer walk is held in October and funds only breast cancer research and education programs.”

Financial donations also support college scholarship programs for students with cancer and childhood cancer programs for younger children. The American Cancer Society’s scholarship program grants up to $2,500 to students diagnosed with cancer by the age of 21 who attend Florida colleges or universities. Summer camp programs send young children with cancer to horse back ride, swim and vacation with other young cancer patients at a cost of $1,000 per child. Cancer Family Weekend provides training to families to medically care for their children with cancer.

UCF was one of five locations in the Orlando area that host the Relay for Life event. Five locations including Apopka, Altamonte Springs, West Orange, Edgewater and Lake Mary will host a Relay for Life this month.

The first Relay for Life event at UCF hosted 14 teams in 1998. Among this year’s teams, 31 teams were composed of UCF students, staff or alumni.

President John Hitt took part in the relay event, along with other faculty from the office of the President, under the team name Hitt’s Hikers. Their campsite was designed to resemble Treasure Island. Hitt’s Hikers raised a
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JAMES NUNEZ
STAFF WRITER

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On March 9, Officer Lashinsky reported that he witnessed a vehicle stopped at a red light on Gemini Blvd. When the light turned green, the driver of the vehicle attempted to proceed, but stalled four times before finally driving through the intersection. Lashinsky came up behind the vehicle and followed to the stop light at Alafaya Trail and University Blvd.

This time the driver bounced forward several times before pulling away smoothly. Lashinsky activated his emergency lights and pulled the car over. Upon making contact with the driver, Jonathan Cosme, Lashinsky noticed that his eyes were red, glossy and watery. His speech was slightly slurred and alcoholic impurities could be smelled on his breath. Lashinsky performed the proper tests on Cosme and claimed that Cosme admitted to smoking marijuana.

Feel the burn
Officer Johnson stopped a gold four-door Lincoln for running a stop sign on Gemini Blvd. Once he made contact with the driver, Johnson identified him as Russell MacDowell. Johnson reported that he could smell alcoholic impurities coming from MacDowell’s breath.

Johnson went on to mention that when he asked MacDowell for his license, MacDowell barely opened his glove box so as to conceal something. Johnson asked MacDowell to exit the car so that he could conduct some field sobriety exercises on him. Johnson noticed that MacDowell’s stomach and thigh muscles were quivering as he was doing the exercises. He also noticed that MacDowell’s tongue was white and bumpy.

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Delta Upsilon Goes Country
Delta Upsilon fraternity packed up and left town this past weekend, leaving behind the Orlando city life. It was the fraternity’s bi-annual brotherhood retreat, held at a brother’s ranch in Claremont, far removed from the hectic atmosphere of a university in a major city. Members received vital alcohol responsibility education while also growing together as a brotherhood.

Delta Upsilon’s national Leadership Consultant, Phil Ranford, began the retreat by putting the fraternity through Training for Intervention Procedures (T.I.P.S.). T.I.P.S. is an alcohol responsibility course designed to train members on how to handle intoxicated individuals; it also educates members about the potentially deadly effects of alcohol abuse.

Once their training was over, the fraternity then set out on a series of activities to learn more about one another, including several “Survivor”-themed activities. Members also enjoyed leisure aspects of the ranch, riding horseback and holding a country barbecue.

“Sometimes we get caught up in everyday activities,” said Delta Upsilon Chapter President Joe Barbito. “In order to concentrate on becoming a stronger brotherhood, we get away and have fun and learn about each other through team-building exercises. This weekend was one of the best we have ever had.”

Xi Man 2001 Tonight
Alpha Xi Delta sorority will be hosting its annual Xi Man pageant Wednesday, March 28 in the Student Resource Center Auditorium at 7 p.m. The event will benefit the Beta Center, a service organization dedicated to helping pregnant teens and their babies. Sixteen different fraternity men will compete for the title, which will be judged on talent, interview, and beach wear contests.

Last year the event raised over $5000 for the Boggy Creek Gang, a camp for terminally ill children. Most of that money came from sponsorships and donations. The sorority hopes to double that amount this year, and is also incorporating a contest among the contestants that will raise useful items for the Beta Center, such as diapers and nonperishable foods.
Addie penguins employ yawning as part of their courtship ritual.

South Africa has two official national anthems.

Our galaxy probably contains millions of old neutron stars that have stopped spinning, and so are undetectable.

Boiling water absorbs over six times more energy in changing to steam than is needed to heat the water from freezing to boiling.

Snails have teeth. They are arranged in rows along the snail’s tongue and are used like a file to saw or slice through the snail’s foot.

Apples are a member of the rose family.

Freckles are spots of melanin, or pigment rich spots of skin.

Canadians eat more Kraft macaroni and cheese packaged dinners than any nationality in the world.

In medieval England, beer was often served with breakfast.

Because alcohol causes cells to become dehydrated, one way to minimize a hangover is to drink a couple of glasses of water after each alcoholic drink, thus preventing dehydration. The most common symptom of a hangover is the same as that of mild dehydration - a headache.

Quote of the Week
“‘There’s nothing wrong with the average person that a good psychiatrist can’t exaggerate.”
— Toronto Star Newspaper

Florida Facts
Disney World In Orlando, Florida covers 30,500 acres (46 square miles), making it twice the size of the island of Manhattan, New York.

There are 45 indigenous species of plants in the Florida Everglades that can be found nowhere else in the world.

Florida is the number one producer of tomatoes in the United States, with California close behind.

The smallest post office in the country is an 8-foot by 7-foot converted shed that serves the 200 families living in and around Ochopee, Florida, ZIP code 33843.

Did you know?

Compiled by Becki Panoff
Staff writer

The sense of deadline meaning a time limit was originally newspaper jargon and first appears in 1920. It is an Americanism. It may derive from printing jargon referring to a guide that is placed on the press to keep the type in place. This sense appears in a few years earlier.

The sense meaning a line around a person where the prisoner’s will be shot if they cross it, comes from the 1860s and prison camps during the American Civil War. The angling sense dates to 1860 or perhaps a bit earlier. These may or may not have had an influence on the newspaper term.

Compiled from www.uselessknowledge.com

Oscar speaks
Oldest person to be nominated for an acting Oscar was Gloria Stuart at age 87. The oldest person to win an acting Oscar was Jessica Tandy (age 81) in 1990 (Driving Miss Daisy).

In the 72 years of the Academy Awards’ existence, only three films have swept all five categories in Best Picture, Best Director, Best Actor and Actress and Best Writing. They are 1934’s “It Happened One Night,” 1975’s “One Flew Over the Cuckoo’s Nest,” and 1991’s “The Silence of the Lambs.”

Walt Disney holds the record for having the most Academy Award nominations with 64. He won a total of 32.

Dates to Remember
March is Music in our Schools month.
April is National Knuckles Down month.
Born this week
March 26, 1981 Julia Stiles, actress
March 29, 1943 Eric Idle, actor (Monty Python)
March 30, 1853 Vincent van Gogh, artist d. 1890
March 31, 1948 Al [Albert Arnold] Gore Jr., former U.S. Vice President
April 1 1873 Sergei Rachmaninoff, composer, pianist d. 1943
April 2 1899 Marvin Gaye, singer d. 1984
April 3 1934 Jane Goddall (Barness W.), anthropologist

Deadline

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total of $2700 in donations.
The President’s Leadership Council chose the Care Bears as their campus theme, complete with a golf cart, decorated to look like the Cloudmobile.

“This was a group effort by the entire council. We contributed almost $1500,” said PLC chair Greg Auerbach.

The Phi Sigma Pi National Fraternity dressed as Oompa Loompas and Willy Wonka to accompany their Chocolate Factory camel.

“The entire chapter voted and we felt a lot of people could get involved, even our initiates, [with this theme] because there are a lot of characters in it,” said initiate advisor Pedro Davila. The fraternity raised $1200.

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Dear Just Curious,

First and foremost let me get on my soapbox for just a moment and preach about sunscreen. It is absolutely necessary, no matter how dark your complexion is and especially if you are pale and skin cancer runs in your family! You should be using at least SPF 15 SFP when you are out in the sun for long periods of time. I like BiSun. I've found it works the best. You can buy it over the counter.

It may be a little thick, but it's great stuff. Using a lotion daily that has a sunscreen in it would also be beneficial.

Now that all that is said, I feel much better and can answer your question. Melanoma is the most deadly of all skin cancers. Each year approximately 70,000 people die each year from it. That is why it is so important to recognize it and receive treatment before it spreads.

According to Dr. Gary Rogers, there is a general agreement among the medical community that atypical moles among people with a strong family history of melanoma can turn into cancer. This is what is known as Familial Atypical Mole and Melanoma (FAMM) syndrome.

Because your grandmother had melanoma, you have every right to be concerned. Some research shows that if a family member has had the disease, your risk of getting it is 20 times greater than the average person. Also, people who sunburn easily are twice as likely to develop melanoma than a person with a dark complexion is.

Since you are at high risk, you should have an annual skin examination. This will help your doctor keep an eye on your moles. It will be easier to note any changes if your doctor is seeing you once a year.

Moles that doctors consider problematic are flat or partially flat. They are generally larger than 5 millimeters in size, vary in color (from black, red, blue or white) and have irregular borders. Keep in mind though, that moles are not perfectly symmetrical.

You should have a biopsy done of any mole you think could be suspicious. The procedure, done under general anesthesia, is quick and painless and can be done right in the doctor's office. So, I would suggest visiting your primary health care physician or a dermatologist to have it examined.

Have a physical, or mental health question? Send them to the Health Nut. The Health Nut can be reached at healthnut@ucfuture.com

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S.T.R.I.K.E. stands for Student Tobacco Reform Initiative Knowledge for Eternity. This initiative is a sister campaign to the TRUTH and SWAT programs that have been developed in Florida high schools and middle schools.

The purpose of S.T.R.I.K.E. is to increase student knowledge about the risks associated with tobacco use, not limited to cigarettes, but including smokeless tobacco, and cigar use.

The tobacco awareness initiative will hopefully encourage current users to quit risky behaviors, and prevent non-smokers from taking up the habit.

However, S.T.R.I.K.E. has a new twist, primarily targeting 18-24 year olds with tobacco awareness messages. They are the fastest growing population of tobacco users. Tobacco companies are targeting this population, so they will be consumers for life. They use marketing schemes that make tobacco use look "cool" and socially acceptable. The companies try to exploit young people, by using tobacco products, especially cigarettes for weight loss, as an appetite suppressant.

The S.T.R.I.K.E. program at UCF has created some distinct goals and future direction to reach students, which include:

1. Change attitudes about tobacco use
2. Empower college students to lead community action against tobacco use
3. To reduce availability and accessibility of tobacco products on the UCF campus
4. To enable student exposure to second hand smoke
5. To reduce the prevalence of tobacco use in social settings that encourage alcohol use
6. Involve student leaders and diverse groups in the tobacco awareness initiative

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Interesting Tobacco Data that YOU Should Know About!

- Each year, smoking kills more people than AIDS, alcohol, drug abuse, car crashes, murders, suicides, and fires combined!
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- Cigarette use in men >15.7% and in women >3.9%.
- Smokeless tobacco >8.7% and in women <0.4%.
- Nationally, smoking results in more than 5 million years of potential life lost each year.
- One in five college students are daily cigarette users.
- Short-term use of smokeless tobacco can cause cracked lips, white spots, sores, and bleeding in the mouth.
- Tobacco users tend to be white, more likely to smoke marijuana, binge drinking, have more sexual partners, have lower grades, and use medications more than their non-tobacco using counterparts.
- Smoking is a major cause of heart disease, lung cancer, bronchitis, emphysema, and stroke, and contributes to the severity of colds and pneumonia.
- Approximately 1/5 of all deaths in the U.S. can be blamed on smoking.

*The previous data provided by: CDC, AGS, JAMA, and MAYO Clinic

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Weathering the weather

While many students huddled up and headed inside to keep warm during last week's cold snap, David Freeman huddled outside. The Misters student sat, on March 21, reading outside of Coastal Hall while sipping his coffee.

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Student Government elections

Student Government Elections final day to vote is March 28 until 5 p.m.

Runoff elections are 9 a.m., April 2 until 5 a.m. April 4.

Students can vote online at: https://pollaris.ucf.edu

Compiled from press releases and staff reports.
Master plan to make campus more pedestrian, less parking

Deborah Justice, an assistant in the Communications and also a student of Justice has found that it is a major problem for students in the northern part of the campus, notably the Computer Science Building, the Student Union, the library, Classroom Building 1 and the Health and Public Affairs Building. Currently there is temporary parking available to that area on a dirt lot, though there's talk about the removal of that lot for a recreational-area. At the moment, however, this dirt lot provides some paved road for physically disabled students that require it, though many feel that is more needed.

"This campus is not built for handicapped, not as far as equal access is concerned. It's hit and miss," Spencer said, referring to trying to find a parking space that does not require a physically disabled student to walk across the area. Students are not the only ones that are finding it difficult to find disabled parking on campus. Many members of the staff have a difficult time finding parking near their buildings. Deborah Justice, an assistant in the Office of Communications and also a student on campus, has had numerous problems. Justice has found it difficult to find spaces in front of the Communications Building, making it difficult for her to get to work.

"With the size of this campus, we should have a trolley system," said Justice, "It's not fair to have people walk."

For Deborah, the problem has gotten to the point where she has considered calling another source of authority in, notably the Disability Council. "I want to see it improved," said Justice.

While this issue seems to be a serious problem for many of the students, the UCF administration is attempting to provide remedies for the problem, and has been working to solve it over the years. According to Janet Balanoff, Director of Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action at UCF, the campus has actually been made more accessible to disabled students. "We are way over government regulation for disabled parking," said Balanoff. "We recently made more spaces. We made those spaces a reality."

One example of this was the transformation of new disabled parking spaces near the library. About two years ago, the spaces behind the library now available were horizontal (there were only five or so). Those spaces were remodeled and made vertical, allowing for the creation of even more spaces for students. In addition, more spaces were added near the bottom of the ramp, by the loading dock of the library.

"We are trying to create an atmosphere where it is comfortable [for disabled students] based on familiarity and accessibility," said Balanoff. "We want to make more, and we try to have an ample number."

Despite attempts to create more spaces and provide more accessibility to buildings, some say it is just not possible to find a perfect space near the buildings and to have an adequate number near the buildings. With the high density of students commuting to campus, there are moments when all spaces near the buildings fill, though officials hope that that doesn't occur often.

"There are certain times in a day where you just can't find a space," said John Clark, an associate director of Parking Services. "It happens with all parking situations, though we have 12,000 spaces available. There isn't always a convenient place, though."

Another hurdle that is in getting in the way of making disabled parking more accessible to students with physical disabilities is the ongoing campus plan. According to Louise Friderici, Associate Director of Student Disability Services, and Parking Services, the plan is focused on making the campus more pedestrian and removing more of the parking. It will one day remove the spaces located around the Student Union and the Classroom Building.

"The master plan designs the campus to be a pedestrian area," said Friderici, who is also physically disabled and a former student of UCF. "It will remove more spaces for handicapped." Despite these current and future problems, many of the physically disabled students continue to search for a solution to the problem of parking. Many have suggested the use of a trolley system to help take students from building to building. According to Friderici, there's too much trouble with funding for this issue, plus past attempts at projects such as this by Student Government have proved to be unsuccessful.

"Many students complain that the lack of parking and a system of transportation for them is causing them to have a difficult time getting from class to class," said John Clark, an associate director of Parking Services. "We are attempting to provide remedies for the problem of parking. Many have suggested the use of a trolley system to help take students from building to building. According to Friderici, there's too much trouble with funding for this issue, plus past attempts at projects such as this by Student Government have proved to be unsuccessful."

Another avenue available to students, if students feel that there is a need for more spaces, is through certain departments who are more than willing to help get more access. The Office of Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action (823-2348) is one example, or the Student Disability Service (823-2372) as another. Students are welcome to contact these offices whenever they wish to get clarification to a problem or wish to bring a problem to the attention of administration.
Anti-Reparations ad sparks censorship at campuses

LISA B. SONG
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

An advertisement that labels as "racist" proposals to pay reparations to the descendants of African American slaves is triggering an emotional response on some of the nation's college campuses, although it didn't create a stir at the University of Chicago.

The full-page ad, titled "10 Reasons Why Reparations for Slavery is a Bad Idea - and Too," was run in The Daily Illini, the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign's Daily Illini, according to spokespersons at both campus newspapers.

Heated campus protests have prompted three - Berkeley Davis and Arizona State and - to print apologies just days after running the ad.

The ad, swarmed by protesters on campus earlier this month, editors of Madison's Badger Herald, Arizona State University's State Press and Brown University's Brown Daily Herald.

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Mr. Toad's Wild Ride down Rouse

I shouted orders to my roommate to, "Hit the brakes! Hit the brakes!" Unfortunately they were locked and we continued on our rollover ride down Rouse. This whole trip was just a kind of a rush. I only took about a minute but it felt like an eternity. We eventually ended by swerving into a ditch, which flipped the car on its side.

Lately I have been feeling really depressed. I just snipe around feeling sorry for myself, wondering what all of this life is about. I mean you go to school to graduate and maybe go to school only to graduate again and then find a job which you probably won't like and work for the rest of your life. You then retire and receive a small amount of money. Then you realize you have never done a lot of things you wanted to and by this time you are too old to do anything besides drink metamucil. Depressed yet?

Well this is how I feel until today. My roommate and I work together and usually car pool. So like many other days we decided to drive together. We live off Dean Road and take Buck Road to get to Rouse Road. It's a little faster than going down University to Alafaya during rush hour traffic.

My roommate was driving and we turned onto Rouse and hit some uneven pavement and then we were off. It was a mixture of Mr. Toad's wild ride and Dante's trip to the inferno. What's weird is that I saw this was happening, I just didn't laugh. Ha Ha. I scoff at you grimly.

While exiting Publix with a shopping cart full of groceries, I was accosted by a band of 18 or so persons who held up their makeshift fort just outside the doors. A cardboard sign draped over the wood and paint of their makeshift stand made the words, "South Florida News" and a few other messages. I didn't recall having heard of any recent natural disaster occurring in South Florida. So my curiosity was piqued. I approached the group of girls and asked them what the purpose of their collection was. They informed me that they were raising money for some kind of charitable contribution to some worthy cause in South Africa, but for an actual trip to South Africa. A bit confused I asked, "So you want me to donate money so you can take a trip which I could not afford? Are you at least going there to do some kind of volunteer work?"

I also believe his mother is as much to blame for the child's death as is Tate. She should have been doing her job as a mother and baby-sitter and not sleeping.

Linda: You have good points but essentially his prison sentence was brought about by his mother and attorney.
May all your dishes be washed and returned!

He won't do them again.

Adrian Shiver
Staff Writer

Family fun

I passed by a Hooters that was advertising "Kids Eat Free On Sundays." It made me ponder, what person takes their children to Hooters to eat?

Please, step away from the laser

Am I the only one that seems to find a problem in this new trend of having your vision corrected by pointing a laser at your eyes? I know that I could treat anything that takes only a few minutes that will be affecting my vision. What ever happened to glasses? They're not so bad. Or what about contacts? I mean come on, Dr. Doom always threatened to blow up the world with lasers, why would I want to point one at my eyes?

Inside joke

Next time you’re watching Disney's Beauty and the Beast watch for when Belle’s father encounters the road signs in the forest. On is marked Anaheim and the other Valencia. Anaheim is the location of Disney Land while Valencia is the location of Six Flags’ Magic Mountain. Disney Land’s rival. The path leading to Valencia is dark and menacing implying it is the way to evil.

Boredom abound

Golf fans are an odd breed. They go out, rain or shine to follow a guy around who is swatting a tiny little white ball around. They wait quietly for the ball and then follow him waiting for the next shot. I am sure golf is a great game to play, but how much fun can it be to follow someone around all day just to watch them walk around, occasionally swatting at a little golf ball?

Readers become writers

Wrong? Never

Shiver: Last we romanticized the truth here, let me make a brief clarification to what Mr. Shiver purports as "defending the one you love." Defending the one you stole is more like it.

In last week’s Insipid Thoughts column (March 21), Adam wrote that a bride stands to be the groom’s left at a wedding so the groom had his right arm and his best man free to ward off potential bride thieves.

So far this is true. What isn’t true, however, is that this was done in the name of love. The "thieves" against whom the groom was defending the bride were members of her family!

Brides in these days were stolen, and many of the common wedding methods used them to ensure a proper theft.

The best man was a warrior friend who fought off the bride’s family: the bride stood to the left of the groom so his right hand (presumably the strongest) was free to fight off her family members; and the honeymoon was actually a form of keeping the bride in hiding so her family couldn’t reach her until she became pregnant, when it was presumably too late.

The wedding wasn’t a romantic affair but a means, and the groom/groomsmen placement was only to ensure the groom’s success at taking the bride from her family.

So until abduction becomes a form of frivolity, ladies out there, you might consider standing on the right on your wedding day.

Katie

Katie: Isn’t a guy allowed to be a little off? You might want to take it up with the "Discovery Channel.

Dunn Russel

It is a conspiracy that the Mir space station did not hit the Taco Bell target winning all of America a free taco. For those of you that may not know, Taco Bell placed a huge floating target 10 miles off the coast of Australia and stated that if the Mir space station, upon it's fall into the South Pacific, hit the target, they would give everyone in America a free Taco. Note I said America. That’s why the Russians purposely guided the station away from the target. Either that or Taco Bell sponsored their space program by giving them $20 million to miss the target so they wouldn’t have to ante-up all those tacos.

Quote of the week:

"If you want your opinion, I’ll give it to you.” - Al Capone

Adam Shiver

Staf Writer

Opinion
Problems at home should come first

Editorial Cartoons

have asked these girls was why they would travel half way across the world to proselytize rather than (for example) working in tandem with the Peace Corps to offer tangible goods and services to people in need to improve their quality of life. No, instead they are traveling to Africa to spread the word of God, the snake-oil for man’s inherently evil nature and the cure-all for society’s ills. Why? Because Americans (especially those with white skin) are smarter, more civilized, and adhere to Christianity, the religion of the enlightened - they know what is best for everybody else.

Like British colonialists so many years before them, these missionaries will arrive in South Africa, do what they came to do, then disappear into the sunset when they are done. In the same way colonialists used technological and intellectual superiority to gain the upper hand on their victims, these religious imperialists will prey on the ignorance of the impoverished to convert them. And so what if in their zeal they render a few social norms, cultural practices and native religions extinct in the process? Never mind South Africa’s long and complex history of colonial exploitation, a dash of Christianity should do the trick. After all, look at all the good Christianity has done in Ireland and Serbia, and look at the peace the Bible has brought to the Middle East throughout history and right up until today.

At the end of the 19th century the Maleleuca tree was introduced into the Everglades to dry out the wetlands, effectively laying the groundwork for the insatiable consumption of land by development which occurs today. Because they were removed from their natural habitats, Maleleuca have no natural predators to moderate their population and their habitat has gotten out of control. Like parasites, they are stealing life giving water from the plants that are supposed to populate the Everglades.

In other words, man’s myopic and poorly thought out plan to impose his will on a unique habitat which he knew next to nothing about created a whole new laundry list of problems to be dealt with. If they are not going to learn from the history of imperialism, perhaps these well-intentioned young ladies should learn from the Maleleuca tree.

Angela Peterson
Orlando Sentinel
Senior Photographer

What’s the toughest part of your job, Angela?
“Seeing the pain and the challenges that many people have to deal with in their daily lives. But most of the stories have an uplifting outcome.”

Why’s that?
“Because one story can touch so many lives. So many lives. So many people have spread their hearts and shared their stories with me. And their lives have been changed because of their generosity of our readers.”

That must be gratifying.
“It is. That’s my favorite part of my job to be able to share these stories and help make good things happen.”

As one of many long-term employees, what do you think keeps people here?
“For one thing, it’s a very open environment, very receptive to new ideas. Everyone has been supportive in everything I’ve tried to do. They’ve helped me find my own strengths.”

What do you see for the future?
“OK, lots of change. We’re a multimedia company, so we’re redefining ourselves, doing a lot of things no one else is doing, and that’s exciting.”

Her powerful photographs have gained Angela many exhibits.

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TODD HARMONSON
KNIGHT-RIDDER TRIBUNE

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Someone get a map, please. Some crazy cartographer has to be messing with college basketball.

It might not make sense, but it's the type of geography that occasionally happens in the NCAA Tournament, only this year is more unusual than most.

"It really is kind of strange," USC forward Sam Clancy said Monday. "Both of us are playing in Philadelphia in such big games."

Before the strangeness simply is dismissed, realize it comes with a side effect.

Since USC plays Kentucky and UCLA takes on Duke on Thursday in a doubleheader from the city that inspired one great "Rocky" movie and four painful sequels, anybody wanting to see West Regional games from Arrowhead Pond of Anaheim had better find a ticket.

The locals will be on television, a KCBS2 spokesman said Monday, not the four teams playing locally.

Fans who want to see USC or UCLA might think twice about going to The Pond, since the television monitors in the building will show only the action between Maryland and Georgetown or Stanford and Cincinnati.

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"Curious tournament travel has been commonplace since the expansion of the field to 64 teams and the imposition of restrictions against conference champions meeting other teams from their conference. That's why the Pac-10 can have four Sweet 16 teams playing in three regions this week."

Only this year's matchups have made for meetings of familiar faces in rather strange places.

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1. Marcia Clark wins women's title

Mathew Kwok pocketed the Competitive 9-Ball Billiards Championship title, upsetting Bob Lang three games to two. Casello battled his way through four rounds and was in complete control of the finals.

David Haden got a few breaks in his run to the 9-ball Recreational Championship, defeating Anthony Casello three games to two. Lang had won the previous two championships, but came up short against Kwok. Lang's only victory came after pocketing the 9-ball, clearing the break in game three. The tournament was held at Locos Pub & Grill in the Student Union.

A record 36 participants entered the event.

Jeff Dolnack
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

David Haden sneaks away with Recreational Billiards title

Marcia Clark was able to hold off Heather Wilcox, winning the match two games to one in the Women's Billiards finals. The women's division began as a round robin tournament, and went to a single elimination bracket after that. Wilcox received a first-round bye, but could not survive the strong play of Clark.

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South Florida rebounds against Northwestern

Brandon Wright

THE ORACLE (U.SOUTH FLORIDA)

(U-WIRE) TAMPA, Fl. - A three-run first inning and a solid start from Jeremy Fortner were the difference as the South Florida baseball team defeated Northwestern 3-2 Wednesday at Red McEwen Field.

"For the first time in recent memory, they didn't get the run in the first," coach Eddie Cardieri said. "Jeremy Fortner got us five good innings and offensively we had good at-bats."

Unlike Tuesday's disappointing loss to Army (11-14, 2-1 in Conference USA) sleepwalked through the first inning, committing three errors leading to a 4-0 deficit, USF jumped on the Wildcats, scoring three runs in the first and giving Fortner some breathing room.

"I probably took last night's (against Army) loss harder than I have taken any other loss since I've been coaching," Cardieri said. "My whole staff did."

Fortner said that after the loss to Army, the Bulls were determined not to let the same thing happen against Northwestern.

"There was definitely a fire after the Army game," Fortner said. "A lot of the guys were really upset and we played with a lot of intensity. (Wednesday) we all came out and started things.

"We had a couple of hitting meetings (before the game)," Cecun said. "We've been fouling balls off and swinging at bad pitches and tonight we just wanted to get good pitches to hit." The Wildcats closed the gap in the top of the fourth inning, scoring their only run off Fortner. Joe Hietpas led off with a single and moved to second on a sacrifice bunt. Brandon Ackley then got Northwestern on the board, delivering an RBI single to make the score 3-1.

The Wildcats scored a run in the top of the sixth, but the Bulls answered with another three-run outburst in the bottom of the inning, increasing their lead to 6-2.

With Bill Nahorody on second, Jeremy Earle lifted an RBI single over the head of second baseman Eric Roeder. Northwestern appealed unsuccessfully, claiming Nahorody missed third base. But as starter Ryan Bos threw the ball to third, Earle caught the Wildcats off guard and advanced to second.

Mike Macaluso doubled, moving Earle to third and after an intentional pass, Myron Leslie drew a bases-loaded walk to push the lead to 6-3. Brandon Ackley then got Northwestern on the board, delivering an RBI single to make the score 3-1.

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After Fortner retired Northwestern in the top of the first inning, the Bulls strung together three straight hits, capped off by Chris Cecun's two-run double down the left-field line.

"Cuccia's been hitting a lot of balls hard right at people," Cardieri said. "But he had a great game and has been swinging the bat well."

"He worked ahead in the count and let his defense make the plays," Fortner said. "I was a little nervous, but I knew the key was just throwing strikes," Fortner said. "I had great defense behind me."

After Mike Eyliward struck out, Rick Steghauer collected the first of his three hits on the night when he laced a single to right field scoring Cuccia, putting the Bulls ahead 3-0.

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Camacho will represent Costa Rica in Davis Cup

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weather and closer to home, Orlando seemed like a perfect destination. It also
played well to his enjoyment of the beach. He heads down to places like Daytona and
Cocoa when he gets a chance to just relax. He often went to the beach with his family
back home, and grow to love it. In his mind the beaches here aren’t quite as good as in
Costa Rica, but they aren’t bad either.

Having an interest in math and physics, he chose industrial engineering as his major.
He also has three cousins and uncles that are professionals in the field.

“I still have one more year of school left,” Camacho said. “I haven’t really
thought about it, but I would like to (make a career of industrial engineering) somewhere
down the road.”

But when the books are away, his attention turns to the tennis court. As a sopho-
more in 1998-99, he posted an 11-11 singles record and went 15-7 in doubles.
Though the season was marred with a bout with chicken pox that kept him out nearly a
month, he still was able to make an impact. On Feb. 20, 1999, he defeated Marcel van
der Heide of 64th-ranked Florida
International. But his biggest upset came
that April at the TAAC Championship dou-
bles match. There, he and Greg Novak beat
the 47th-ranked duo of Nick Brooks and
Karl Lindberg, 9-7.

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Having an interest in math and physics,
Pope brings national attention to UCF with dominant pitching

**Kristy Shonka**  
STAFF WRITER

Following an opening day loss to Florida International, junior pitcher Justin Pope has won six of his last seven starts, with a no decision on Feb. 16 against Wake Forest.

With a 3-0 shutout of Jacksonville University last Saturday, the right-hander extended his streak of scoreless innings to 33.2. He has only allowed one unearned run in the last 37.2 innings.

A preseason selection to the All-TAAC team, Pope leads the team with 69 strikeouts and leads the starting pitchers with a 0.97 earned run average. He has been named the Trans America Athletic Conference Pitcher-of-the-Week three times this season and has been named the Collegiate Baseball National Pitcher-of-the-Week once. His performance this season has attracted the attention of a number of Major League Baseball scouts who have been consistently attending his starts.

Pope was given the national and conference honors following a 5-1 win over No. 11 Alabama on Feb. 23. In what he called the best performance of his career, Pope pitched a complete game giving up one unearned run on seven hits and recorded a career-high 13 strikeouts.

An unselfish player, Pope said the national recognition was especially gratifying because it gives UCF national exposure.

“(The honors are) really nice, especially when you get national honors,” Pope said. “I like getting national honors because it puts your school on the map, instead of for personal reasons.”

Prior to the 2001 season Pope had thrown three complete games in his two years at UCF. So far this season he has already matched his career total. One of these complete games came against Florida Atlantic on Feb. 17. Pope threw a one-hitter for the win, striking out 12 while only walking two batters.

According to Pope, feeling relaxed and having fun on the mound are the keys to his success this year.

“My first couple of outings I didn’t really have my best stuff,” he said. “Then I got relaxed and started having fun and my past four or five games I’ve been pitching like I can.”

Pope said that while he tries not to let the scoreless innings streak affect him when he is pitching, he is not looking forward to its end.

“I know I’m going to give up a run eventually, but it’s going to be a set down when I do,” Pope said. “My goal every game is to give our team a chance to win.”

Winning is something the junior has been successful at for UCF. He has a career record of 10-3. As a sophomore, Pope was a third-team All-TAAC selection with a record of 10-3. He led the team with 103 strikeouts in 100.2 innings.

As a freshman, Pope was named TAAC Pitcher-of-the-Week following UCF’s only shutout win. The 17-0 win came over Stetson, and Pope gave up four singles, walked none and struck out three.

UCF Head Coach Jay Bergman is pleased with his pitcher’s performance so far this season.

“He’s done a good job for us,” said Bergman. “We’re real proud of him.”

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Women’s golf places fifth at Waterlefe Invitational

JOE MANZO STAFF WRITER

The UCF Women’s Golf Team, ranked 40th in the country, came in fifth place last week at the Waterlefe Invitational Tournament hosted by the University of South Florida. UCF shot a 934, 38 strokes behind tournament champion Northwestern. Fourteen teams played in the tournament.

Junior Tanja Arnold led the Golden Knights with a 229, which was the 12th best individual score in the tournament. Kim Finder, also a junior, finished tied for 15th with a 230. Juniors Olivia Hartley and Beate Fannes both finished in the top 50 by hitting the 239 and 241. Junior Monica Gunderson, who was third on the Golden Knights before the tournament, finished higher than her season average at 250, putting her in a tie for 64th place.

The recipient of the Alumni Distinguished Student Alumni Award, Kureshi’s 3.89 grade point average places her academically among the top five percent of the entire UCF student body, and her work with the President’s Leadership Council, Golden Key International Honor Society and Volunteer UCF led to a nomination for the 2000 Howard R. Swearer Student Humanitarian Award. She is also under consideration for a Rhodes Scholarship.

Teitinnen, a senior distance major, has maintained a 3.89 GPA during her career with the UCF men’s soccer team and has appeared on the Academic All-TAAC team four years in a row. Teitinnen served as team captain during the 2000 season, and was named first-team All-TAAC for his effort at sweeper defender.

For his career, Teitinnen is a three-time all-conference honoree, twice garnering first-team accolades. He has two career goals, seven career assists and 11 career points.

UCF set school records at Disney Relays

The UCF women’s track and field team set multiple records in relays March 16-17 at the Disney Relays, held at the Disney Wide World of Sports Complex.

Sophomore Dayton, Kelly Roloff, Mikala Riddellworth and Sonja Shields ran a record time of 1:41.55 in the 4x200-meter relay for third place. The distance medley relay team of Brianne Harrington, Sarah Kureshi, Anne Panagio and Sonja Shields ran a record time of 12:06.33 for fourth place, and teamed up again for another fourth-place finish and record with a 20:53.23 time in the 4x1600-meter relay.

In individual performances, Roloff finished first in the 100-meter hurdles with a mark of 12.44. Dem followed her to third place in 14.47. Kristen Newton placed second in the pole vault with a mark of 10.6, and LaTricia Fieber had a Top Three triple jump of 40-7.

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From the Sports Desk

Marzetta and Rivera break records

Senior Jennifer Kelle Marie and junior distance runner GeAna Rivera combined to break three school records for the UCF women’s track and field team at the PSU Relays March 23-24.

Marzetta placed third in the 100-meter hurdles in 13.99 and placed fifth in the 400-meter hurdles with a time of 1:01.31. Rivera set the school record in the 3,000-meter steeplechase with a time of 12:37.70, placing 13th.

The meet was productive for the Golden Knights, as several of the team’s seniors achieved new personal bests. Threwer, Katie Barm placed second in the second section of the shot put with a mark of 45-2. Distance runner Brienne Harrington set a time of 17.46.45 for ninth place in the 5,000-meter run. Chris Kail, a member of the men’s cross country team who competed individually, placed eighth in the 1,500-meter run with a personal best of 4:02.11.

The Golden Knights will travel to Gainesville, Fla. on Friday, March 30 to compete in the Florida Relays, and will return home on Saturday, March 31 for the Disney Showcase, to be held at the Disney Wide World of Sports Complex.

For more information, contact Joe Manzo, UCF sports information director, at 407-823-2100.

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UCF spring sports gaining national attention

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Draft. When one of the two pitchers, it has become a big event on the national college baseball scene. Pope hasn’t allowed an earned run since Feb. 17, and has earned TAAC Pitcher of the Week honors three times and National Pitcher of the Week honors once.

Both the men’s and women’s tennis teams are also nationally ranked. The women are currently ranked 69th, and have been as high as 50th. The Golden Knights are once again the favorite to win the April 19-22 TAAC Championships and move on to the NCAA Tournament. Freshman Julie Petcassting has played unbelievably well in her first season, compiling a singles record of 1-4.

The men, ranked 74th, have been as high as 60th, the highest ranking ever for a Golden Knights men’s tennis team. With a solid mix of veterans and young talent, the team has earned at least one win over #45 UAB, #70 Georgia State and #59 Penn State. They too have a good chance at winning the TAAC Championships and advancing to tennis’ version of the Big Dance.

The women’s golf team is ranked 40th in the nation, and has been as high as 28th. All nine of the team members can be UCF’s best golfer on a given day, though Tanja Arnold and Kim Tudor have consistently led the way at tournaments.

The Golden Knights won the UCF Invitational earlier this semester, and have their two biggest tournaments coming up March 30-April 1 in the State Florida State Championship in Miami Lakes, a tournament that brings together all the Florida colleges. Following that tournament, the TAAC Championship on April 9-11 in Macon, Ga. The Golden Knights hope to defend their title there and then qualify for the NCAA Tournament, which they missed by only a few strokes last year.

It is a good time for UCF sports. While some of afore-mentioned teams may not participate in what many call the “major sports,” they are still being successful and should be supported. Schools such as the University of Florida and UCF have built a reputation of not only being good in football and basketball, but also doing well in other intercollegiate sport they participate in. That is the mark of a truly great athletics program.

UCF is on the right track.

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UCF overpowers Drake, 7-0

The Golden Knights never let defending Missouri Valley Conference champion Drake have a chance last Thursday, sweeping them 7-0. After taking the doubles point to start off the match, the Golden Knights continued to dominate Drake in singles.

UCF senior Ann-Jeanette Svantesson recorded her 71st career singles win by defeating Cecily Dubansker 6-4, 6-5, 6-1 at the No. 1 position. At No. 2, freshman Anna Westin defeated Anali de Bruyn, 6-3, 6-4, and freshman Julie Pecastaing went three sets before eliminating Cynthia Skogeboe, 6-1, 6-7, 6-4 at No. 3.

With the win, Pecastaing improves her season record to an impressive 13-1. Seniors Sonja Prokopec and Daniela Okal earned their 70th and 73rd career wins respectively, as Prokopec beat Rajasree Kuruvilla, 6-3, 6-3, at No. 4, and Okal beat Jennifer Saluri, 6-3, 6-3 at No. 5.

At No. 6, freshman Amira Samara convincingly beat Marie Maisel, 6-2, 6-1. This highlighted Samara’s first appearance as a Golden Knight in the dual-match season.

"Tradition Starts Here!"
Second game of doubleheader had as many hit batters as runs

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was a different story, as Jacksonville scored a run in the top of the seventh inning to pull out a 3-2 victory.

The Dolphins scored runs in the first and second innings off Golden Knight starter Jason Arnold, who pitched a complete game but took his first loss of the season. UCF countered with a run in the third inning, as a Myers groundout scored first baseman Bill Oakley, who had reached base on an error by Weed.

The Golden Knights tied the game at 2 in the fifth inning, but used a very bizarre process in doing so. JU starter Josh Daws hit Graham to begin the inning, and was removed from the game after getting UCF's Mike Fox to ground out. Casey Shumaker relieved Daws, and started well by getting Myers to pop out to the catcher.

Then things got weird.

Shumaker hit both Kurella and Andy Johnson, loading the bases for Ehrnsberger, who had to face a left-handed hitter in the sixth inning. Andy Johnson went 4-for-4 with two doubles, three runs and two RBIs against Vermont to lead UCF to a 13-8 win. Chad Ehrnsberger also contributed offensively, going 4-for-5 with three RBIs and Jeremy Kurella added his fifth home run of the season.

Mark Smietana got the win for the Golden Knights, pitching four innings in relief of UCF starter Justin Cerrato. Against B-CC, freshman starting pitcher Burt Clark allowed only two runs in six innings, improving his record to 4-0. UCF won 7-2. Ehrnsberger had a hot bat once again for the Golden Knights, hitting a home run and driving in two runs.

Speed kills

UCF has been on a mission on the basepaths this season, leading the TAAC with 75 stolen bases in just 88 attempts. Mike Myers leads the way with 23 stolen bases in 23 attempts, followed by Jeremy Frost with 15 and Jason Graham with 13. Right fielder Wayne Summers has 10 swipes, and Jeremy Kurella is about to reach double-digits with nine.

"I think it's helped us a lot," Bergman said.

They've got a lot of left-handed hitters in the lineup, they're very aggressive hitters and they play hard. You've got to do something to try to score a run.

Pope continued dominance

With the seven shutout innings against Jacksonville in the opener of the doubleheader, Justin Pope extended his scoreless innings streak to 33.2, and has not allowed an earned run since Feb. 17, a span of 37.2 innings. He is 6-1 on the season with a 0.97 ERA and leads the team with 69 strikeouts.

"I don't really worry about (the streak) when I'm out there," Pope said. "I just try to go out there and give our team a chance to win. Luckily I've been doing that lately."

Pope also entered the UCF record books against FAU last week, earning the dubious distinction of hitting the most batters of any pitcher in school history. Pope hit FAU batter Jason Sullivan on March 17 for his 26th hit bat, surpassing Jay Veinard's career record of 23.

Around the TAAC

After Saturday's games, UCF is in fourth place in the TAAC standings with a 3-2 conference record. Stetson leads the way at 6-0, while Jacksonville is second at 7-1. Campbell is a half game ahead of UCF with a 4-2 mark.

Hitter of the Week: Chad Ehrnsberger

The senior third baseman went 4-for-5 against Vermont, had a home run against B-CC, drove in the winning run in the first game against FAU and walked to force in the tying run against JU in the second game of the doubleheader.

Pitcher of the Week: Justin Pope

The junior right-hander pitched out of trouble all game against Jacksonville, throwing a complete game shutout for his sixth win of the season.
Men's Tennis Notebook

Team, individual records remain good

CHRISS BERNHARDT

Golden Knights serve Rattlers with a loss

The UCF men's tennis team continued to build on an already strong season,-downing state rival Florida A&M 5-2 last Saturday afternoon.

The match started out well for the Golden Knights, sweeping the entire doubles competition, 3-0. The top-seeded team of Federico Camacho and William Guerin took down the FAMU team of Isaac Yarrell and Kamau Murray 8-3. The freshman team of Gabriel Bennett and Catalin Bradu, seeded second, easily took down the Rattlers Jones brothers, Brandon and Justin, 8-2.

Third seeds Augusto Sanabria and Johan Westin rounded out the victory against Karseem Bennett and Noel Wadawu, 8-4.

UCF dominated the singles portion as well. In a match that included several heated verbal exchanges, top-seeded Camacho hit Leo Minggeri 6-3, 6-0. The UCF senior fell behind at #74 at the beginning, but the early spat seemed to rattle Minggeri and Camacho took over the team. The match ended with a straight set, 6-3, 6-2. Bradu rallied to down Bennett in a tiebreak, 7-6, 6-1, 1-0 (10-3), and Sanabria beat John Richards 6-2, 6-0.

"Federico's been pretty consistent," UCF Head Coach Bobby Cashman said. "Gabriel played a good match today. I'm happy Augusto won today at five. I was really looking for some production down at five and six." The Rattlers did win two matches. Yarrell beat second seeded Guerin in a hard fought match, 2-6, 6-4, 1-0 (10-8). No. 6 Westin retired with a sore back, losing to Wadawu 6-1, 6-2, 2-1.

"I thought we played fairly well in doubles," Cashman said. "Singles was OK in certain spots, but I felt we could have played a little bit better. But it was a good effort." The Golden Knights, ranked 74th in the nation, improved their record to 10-4, 3-1 in TAAC conference play. FAMU fell to 14-11.

Records improve

While UCF's overall record remains very good, so too do the player's individual records. Bradu and Guerin are tied for the team lead at 10-4. Strangberg is 9-3, and Camacho is 8-5. Sanabria improved to 6-4, while Westin dropped to 4-3.

In doubles, the team of Camacho and Guerin rose to 7-4, while the other two teams of Strangberg/Bradu and Sanabria/Westin each debuted at 1-0.

Westin ailing

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UCF's William Guerin hits a volley against Isaac Yarrell of Florida A&M. Yarrell won the match in a third-set tiebreak, 7-6, 6-4, 1-0 (10-8).

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UCF splits bizarre doubleheader

DAVID MARSTERS
STAFF WRITER

The UCF baseball team can’t seem to play a normal doubleheader. One week after playing a marathon doubleheader against FAU that featured two extra-inning games, the #11 Golden Knights matched up with Jacksonville last Saturday for a twist-night affair at Jay Bergman Field. The first game went rather smoothly for UCF, as junior starting pitcher Justin Pope (6-1) threw a complete game shutout that took only one hour and 40 minutes. The Golden Knights won 3-0 over JU, breaking the Trans America Athletic Conference opponent’s 10-game win streak.

Pope was not as dominating as he has been of late, allowing baserunners in five of the seven innings, but pitched his way out of trouble each time. In the sixth inning, with UCF up 3-0, Pope allowed consecutive singles to JU’s B.J. Ward and Phil Novak. Ward and Novak then advanced on a wild pitch, putting runners on second and third with no outs. But Pope then proceeded to strike out Chad Oliva, Scott Biernacki and Chad Hausman in succession, ending the threat.

“He did great,” UCF Head Coach Jay Bergman said of Pope. “He shut them down. And really he did not have good stuff. But he just battles you so hard, and that’s what happened. He still pitched his way out, particularly in the sixth inning when they had runners on second and third. He struck the side out and that was a big part of the game right there.”

The Golden Knights opened the scoring in the bottom of the first inning when center fielder Mike Myers came home on double-play ground ball by third baseman Chad Ehrnsberger. UCF tallied on two more runs in the fifth, when a single by catcher Jeremy Frost plated Myers and shortstop Jeremy Karella.

Karella finished the game 3- for-3, and left fielder Jason Graham went 2-for-3 for UCF.

The second game, however, was a much different story. A 1-0 lead held by Jurassic Pope in the first inning against Jacksonville turned out to be the winning run as Pope was hit in the second inning by a two-out opposite field double by shortstop Jacob Kurella. Kurella’s hit scored Jacksonville’s only run against Pope.

The second game ended in a 2-2 tie as Pope allowed just two earned runs on five hits in five innings. He struck out seven and walked three. Pope was hurt by a series of tough breaks in the bottom of the first when runners reached second and third with no outs, only to see both runners stranded.

Members of the UCF baseball team congratulate each other after beating Jacksonville 3-0 in the first game of Saturday’s doubleheader. PHOTO BY JASON KOKOTOFF

The Rowdy Knights have cheered on the UCF baseball team ever since the College World Series. Starting pitchers Justin Pope and Jason Arnold are receiving constant attention from professional scouts, and both could go in the first five rounds of this year’s MLB Draft. UCF, Page A-19

In case you missed it...

David Marsters
STAFF WRITER

As the end of the spring semester nears, many UCF fans may think that Golden Knight athletics are done for the year. Basketball season is over, and football season doesn’t start until September. It’s the dead of the college sports year, right?

Wrong. Here at UCF, many of the best Golden Knights athletic teams are playing right now. There are four UCF sports teams in season right now that are nationally ranked. That is certainly more than can be said for the fall sports.

The UCF baseball team is ranked 16th in the country, and could crack into the Top 10 at some point this season. This may be the best Golden Knight baseball team ever, and it could be the year that Head Coach Jay Bergman finally takes a UCF team to the College World Series. Starting pitchers Justin Pope and Jason Arnold are receiving constant attention from professional scouts, and both could go in the first five rounds of this year’s MLB Draft.

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The Rowdy Knights have cheered on UCF and budged opponents at Jay Bergman Field all season.
As Charles Bukowski so wisely stated some time ago, next to "love," "genius" may be the most overused word in the English language. So it goes almost without saying that to label modern painter Jackson Pollock as a genius would be to only superficially dismiss the man and his renowned, infamous art. With an amount of naivete, it could be harmlessly stated without knowing what compelled an artist to create such baffling works that, to this day, provoke raging debates over what the true nature of artistic creation and individual expressionism should end up being manifested as. Forty-four years after his death as a result of his own self-destruction, "the Dripper" is either deified as the inarticulate, uneducated purveyor of pure form or as the notorious drunk from Greenwich Village who settled in Long Island in order to splash acrylic across a canvas that came about looking like baked macaroni.

In Pollock, actor (and now, director) Ed Harris' moving tribute about the painter, we don't come to bare witness another side to the what-is-art argument. As irony would have it, art in this instance doesn't really matter. Whether you believe in abstract expressionism or find it as important as grass growing, the film is not at all concerned with that. It reflects the United States during era of WWII urbane industrial era but it isn't a period picture either. Rudimentary, it is a biographical story about a miserable son of a bitch, who, through his solo escape of painting, demurred the norm, alienated himself and masochistically led a short life on the way to unwanted acquiescence. Though his pieces, Pollock was also a great creator of thoughts and ideas to other people, the foundations of his legacy. Fellow artists, like wife Lee Krasner (Marcia Gay Harden, in her Oscar winning role) were intrigued, others, like complacent rival Willem de Kooning (Val Kilmer) politely questioned his techniques, while critics feverishly scrambled to find clues regarding his motivations. What is heartbreaking to come to know is that while Life magazine was conducting their baptism of fire headlining Pollock as the greatest living American painter in 1949, his personal torment of constant doubt coupled with relentless depression negated his self-worth.

Narratively, the film does not try to explain the meaning behind Pollock's unremitting madness. Maybe the most important out of many questions is what drove Pollock to paint in the first place? If Harris decided to go that route it would run the risk of sentimentalizing the principle character, a common occurrence in most biographical films. Even in scenes where Pollock is with his own family he comes across as the proverbial black sheep. Sometimes unknowingly he affects everyone who comes in contact with him as he struggles with his neurosis and the forcible requirement of interpersonal relationships in the New York art scene (most recognizable is Amy Madigan as Peggy Guggenheim), he grows more and more disenchanted with the world.

For an actor who has waited so long to showcase his talent, Pollock is a tremendous accomplishment for Ed Harris. For his hallmark devotion to his subject, Harris' direction is flawless, knowing how to highlight specific occurrences in Pollock's life while also including very dramatic scenes of basic human struggle. As an actor, there is no other performer who could have done a better job. Harris' feature, such as his concave eyes being so cold and inviting, so round and mirror-like, more than supplements the times when words are not needed.

Over Spring Break, I had the distinct pleasure of visiting the Metropolitan Museum of Modern Art, and for forty-five minutes sat in bedazzlement in front of Pollock's masterpiece, Autumn Rhythm. The piece is a creation far beyond words. Like the man, the work is saddening chaos; there is no right or wrong, to try and find explanation is not only an exercise in futility but simply a waste of time. As long as it is recognized as free flowing thought, it succeeds as art. For a film to help an audience better understand a life is easy, but when it is crafted as passionately as its inspiration, it begins to inspire others as well.

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Another Mellow Spring
CyberOctave Music/Virgin Records, 2001

Some bands live exclusively in the past while others forge ahead into the future. And then there are bands like mellow, who have managed to fuse both worlds into an interesting mix of electronically-based classic pop music. The French trio's first American release Another Mellow Spring is full of simple and upbeat 1960s-style pop melodies, sung by Patrick Woodcock "Shinda Shima," the album's opening track, sets the space-age theme with the use of a vocoder, which creates an almost robotic effect on Woodcock's vocals. The danceable track "Another Mellow Winter" pulses with electronic bubbling and blips. On "Paris from La Ronde," Woodcock turns into a self-scrubbed lounge singer, and manages to pull it off with style and humor. Fans of the French pop band Air will immediately notice their influence on mellow, but even though Spring isn't completely original, it's still a fun listen.

Nikka Costa
Everybody Got Their Something
Cheeba Sounds/Virgin Records, 2001
She might look like a red-haired Jennifer Lopez, but Nikka Costa has more soul in her little finger than Lopez has in her entire body. Her debut album Everybody Got Their Something is sexy and strong-a quality that's hard to find in female musicians today. From the funk-infused opening song "Like A Feather" to the catchy title track, Costa takes us on a soulful journey full of funk beats and smooth vocals that are accented with horns and keyboards in just the right places. On slower songs "Just Because" and "Push & Pull," Costa reveals a more emotional side, often sounding a bit like a funky Fiona Apple. Summer is almost here, and this is perfect party album for a barbecue on the back porch.

Over the Rhine
Films for Radio
Backporch Records/Virgin Records, 2001

Over the Rhine revels in the dark side of pop music with its dramatic choruses, swelling vocals and stark melodies. Musically, each song is well-produced and chock-full of interesting instrumentation, from the trip-hop beat of "The Body is a Stairway of Skin" to the dark beats of the opening track "The World Can Wait," to the slightly country twang of "Whatever You Say." Fans of Sarah McLachlan and Tori Amos will appreciate singer Karin Bergquist's similar haunting and powerful vocals. With a title like Films for Radio, I expected visually strong lyrics but the band falls short in the songwriting department, relying on clichéd lyrics and phrases-comparing life to an ocean and singing about "drinking water from your well" and "moths in the flame." Unoriginal? Yes. But it's easy to get caught up in Bergquist's vocals before you even notice what's really being said.

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Gladiator
Quills
Vatel

ACTRESS - SUPPORTING
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FILM EDITING
Almost Famous
Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon
Gladiator
Traffic
Wonder Boys

SHORT -- LIVE ACTION
By Courier
One Day Crossing
Quiero Ser (I Want To Be...)
Seraglio
A Soccer Story (Uma Historia De Futebol)

SHORT -- ANIMATED
Father and Daughter
The Periwig-Maker
Rejected

MAKEUP DESIGN
Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon
Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas
Gladiator
Vatel

TOURNEY SHORT
Big Mama
Captains Call
Dolphins
The Man on Lincoln's Nose
On Top of: Genius Steps to Freedom

SHORT -- DOCUMENTARY
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DOCUMENTARY FEATURE
Into the Arms of Strangers: Stories of the Kindertransport
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Scatman Crothers: An American Tragedy
Sound and Fury

VISUAL EFFECTS
Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon
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Traffic

MUSIC (SCORE)
Chocolat
Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon
Gladiator
Malena
The Patriot

FOREIGN LANGUAGE FILM
Amores Perdidos
Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon
Divided We Fall
Everybody's Famous!
The Taste of Others

MUSIC (SONG)
Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon
Dancer in the Dark
The Emperor's New Groove
Meet the Parents
Wonder Boys

ACTOR - LEADING
Javier Bardem - Before Night Falls
Russell Crowe - Gladiator
Tom Hanks - Cast Away
Ed Harris - Pollock
Geoffrey Rush - Quills

ACTRESS - LEADING
Joan Allen - The Contender
Juliette Binoche - Chocolat
Ellen Burstyn - Requiem For a Dream
Laura Linney - You Can Count on Me
Julia Roberts - Erin Brockovich

WRITING (ADAPTED)
Chocolat
Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon
O Brother, Where Art Thou?
Traffic

WRITING (ORIGINAL)
Almost Famous
Billy Elliot
Erin Brockovich
Gladiator
You Can Count on Me

DIRECTING
Billy Elliot
Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon
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Original ideas are a valuable commodity. This statement is very true when it comes to the creation of motion pictures. Hollywood is in a present state that is very barren of original ideas. The scarcity of innovation is caused by a variety of factors, one being that Hollywood studios are afraid to take risks. Why do studios have such a fear? The answer is plain and simple: money. They are afraid to invest in something original if there is any chance they might not break even. It is easy to see why almost every successful movie has a sequel, because the studios want to milk a winning franchise for all it's worth. Another is the cookie-cutter romantic comedies or teen angst films that are released every year. These appear to have different actors and stories, but upon close examination they are almost identical to one another. Neither of these two manifestations are the most troubling when taken into consideration the concept of remakes.

Now bear in mind that when a studio remake a film, it is not always a remake of an older American movie. Instead, Hollywood has always been in the habit of remaking foreign movies. These foreign films usually have had a marginal amount of success in America, differing from the typical studio picture in that they take risks when it comes to originality. Seeing such films, Hollywood will quickly gobble them up, renaming them, and ups their budgets by $50 million dollars.

Studies are particularly bad about remaking French films to appeal to American audiences. Some examples include La Femme Nikita (Point of No Return), Three Men and a Cradle (Three Men and a Baby) and The Visitors (the upcoming Just Visiting). The last of these, Just Visiting, is a very prominent example. While the original film isn't exactly hilarious (unless you like the whole Jerry Lewis thing), if the trailers are indication of anything, the remake looks twice as bad. It features the same lead, Jean Reno, with Christina Applegate. Anyway, the trailer has a bunch of computer generated effects, including things that were never even remotely connected to the original film, like a huge dragon. Not only is the studio remaking the movie, but also they are also apparently adding further stupidity by adding their own plotlines, a sure recipe for disaster.

French films are not the only ones to share this same fate. The upcoming Al Pacino vehicle Insomnia doesn't even bother to change the name of the film it's remaking. Do not get me wrong, Pacino is cool, but while the original movie was a psychological thriller, this remake is sure to play more on the "cop after the killer" theme. Also, guess who plays the child killer in the American remake? Kevin Spacy? Anthony Hopkins? None of the above, for the killer is none other than Robin Williams! I like Robin Williams for the most part, but I can't see him as killing anyone, not Peter Pan.

On the Spanish side of film, Cameron Crowe, the man who brought us Almost Famous and Jerry Maguire is remaking Open Your Eyes with the title being changed to Vanilla Sky. The original incorporates all genres into one, making it a terrific movie, some this remake may or may not capture. Also, Tom Cruise has been cast in the title role that just further exemplifies that this movie will probably be the typical "I'm a big star so everything in the movie will go towards my huge ego." Hollywood needs to find some original ideas of its own to stop stealing and remaking foreign movies. This would not be so bad if these remakes were good. However, the problem is that often times the remakes are terrible, high-budget, pieces of crap. This is especially the case when writers start fooling around with the script to make the movie appeal to American audiences. Not only does this destroy the value of the original work, but also goes toward the feeling that studios think the public are idiots. The studies execs need to get the sticks out of their rich asses and green light something that has value, as opposed to stealing ideas from overseas.
LEAD STORIES

At least 1,400 college students are majoring in "golf" at eight universities, with more schools about to get in on the act, according to a March Wall Street Journal report. One school just completed a $1.1 million student "learning laboratory," that is, a model golf course. (All of this is why the president of the NCAA is quoted as saying: "It's a wonderful time to be in college sports.")

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A woman and her 6-year-old son were killed in a March 21 car crash in Wayne, N.J., as they were driving to a baseball game. The woman died when the car hit a tree; the boy is being treated at the hospital.

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In a March 15 posting, a local newspaper reported that a local high school has suspended a student for bringing a gun to school. The student was carrying the gun for "protection," according to a school official.

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A 7-year-old boy was found dead in his room on March 17. His mother, who was home at the time, said she had heard a noise but didn't think anything of it. The next day, the police arrived at the house and took the boy's body away.

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A local restaurant is offering a "spring special" for $2.95, which includes a salad and a drink. The restaurant has been in business for 25 years and is a local favorite.

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Aries (March 21-April 20)

Message: Glowing strong.

Romantic passions will now steadily increase, Aries. Early Tuesday expect lovers and close family members to openly reveal their feelings or request added daily commitments. New emotional agreements are positive. For some Taureans a once promising business project may now return and demands completion. Thursday key officials may be scattered or emotionally distant, especially those born between 1976 and 1983, will now feel distant. Leo, expect unusual financial reversals for the next 9 weeks. After Thursday a rare invitation from a previously distant friend may arrive. Past social promises are now ascendant: expect long withheld passions to soon resurface. A complex week, Leo: stay alert.

Cancer (June 22-July 22)

Message: Missing the point.

Key officials may be scattered or emotionally distant this week, Cancer. Before Thursday expect important policy issues to distract colleagues and authority figures. Changing responsibilities and timed assignments may now be openly debated. Don't push for quick decisions. Late Friday watch also for co-workers, lovers or close friends to make obvious unnecessary mistakes or rely on incomplete information. Stay balanced, Cancer: facts, dates and figures are temporarily unreliable.

Leo (July 23-August 22)

Message: On stage, a well trained dancer in a bright spotlight?

Stay centered, Leo. Expect unusual financial reversals for the next 9 weeks. After Thursday a rare invitation from a previously distant friend may arrive. Past social promises are now ascendant: expect long withheld passions to soon resurface. A complex week, Leo: stay alert.

Virgo (August 23-September 22)

Message: Your expertise or offer unique partnership proposals.

Past family obligations or ongoing social stress between loved ones will fade early this week, Virgo. After Tuesday yesterday's power struggles and home disruptions will no longer play a key role in close relationships. Expect emotions to slowly but permanently shift. Virgo: loved ones will soon begin a new phase of positive thinking and fresh social optimism. Wednesday through Saturday listen to friends for subtle messages: relocation, travel plans or unique job changes may be on the agenda.

Libra (September 23-October 22)

Message: Your attention has been squarely focused on relationships. Expect emotional confusion will soon resurface. A complex week, Leo: stay alert.

Long trusted lovers or close relatives will now quality obvious and steady commitments. Libra: expect unusual financial reversals for the next 9 weeks. After Thursday a rare invitation from a previously distant friend may arrive. Past social promises are now ascendant: expect long withheld passions to soon resurface. A complex week, Leo: stay alert.
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Family duties and emotional home discussions are accentuated early this week, Scorp. Over the next few days watch watch for a close relative or long term friend to ask for added emotional support. Key issues involve neglected family duties, financial responsibilities or divided loyalties. Stand your ground, Scorp: this is not a good time to let others dictate your schedule, daily habits or commitments. After Friday romantic passions are compelling: expect a previously subtle attraction to soon demand action.

Sagittarius (November 22-December 21)

Image: "On a sunny meadow, a carpenter building a log cabin"

Message: Expecting measures.

Early this week, Sag, past financial or educational records may become briefly problematic. Study small details, minor calculations or returned documents for valuable clues. For many Sagittarians, outstanding paperwork from the past will need to be finalized before progress is available. Don't hesitate to actively probe for answers: hidden information or newly reveal facts are also accentuated. Late Saturday a social gathering may provide disappointment: watch for unexpected cancellations.

Capricorn (December 22-January 20)

Image: "Perched on a misty dock, hundreds of sleeping sea gulls"

Message: Restful positions.

Real, relaxation and inner contemplation will be rewarding this week. Cap. Before Thursday delayed work duties will allow extra time for subtle romantic decisions and social breakthroughs. This is a positive time for increasing physical energy and reflecting on intimate relations. Some Capricorns may experience this period of calm reflection as a precursor to intense romantic development. After Friday check financial records for obvious mistakes: changed deadlines may soon be bothersome.

Aquarius (January 21-February 19)

Image: "In a large bag of nails, two magnets"

Message: Irresistible urges.

Before mid-week, Aquarius, a close friend or work mate may reveal unexpected romantic information. New attractions or private office passions may soon trigger fast emotional changes in your social circle. Friends will now be vulnerable to new flirtations or love affairs: watch for rare announcements and unusual romantic couplings. After Friday group involvement, increased social gossip or suddenly passionate proposals are accentuated. Go slow, Aquarius: serious intentions are involved.

Pisces (February 20-March 20)

Image: "High atop a distant hill, a wolf howling at the moon"

Message: Hearing the call.

Business and social events may now lead to positive workplace gains. Pisces. Over the next few weeks watch closely for unusual opportunities in the areas of property management, financial counselling, corporate advancement or accounting. Many Pisceans will now use a key workplace talent to establish new administrative options. After Thursday a rare romantic flirtation may be both unexpected and delightfully seductive, Pisces: enjoy!

If your birthday is this week, group relationships and social demands will be complex over the next 9 weeks: expect both friends and work associates to provide mistaken facts, figures and statements. Many Aries natives will now experience a brief but intense period of conflicted social information and personality struggles in business relationships. Don't be derailed, Aries: planetary alignments suggest that your words, actions and suggestions will do little to improve the opinions of the bold, willful types. By mid-June a 14 month period of home progress, family decisions and new romantic commitments arrives: expect important and passionate breakthroughs with loved ones.
Dear Sexpert,

I'm female and my best friend in the world is a guy. We have known each other for years, but we have never been in a relationship together. Last weekend, we both were really trashed and ended up sleeping together. The morning after was very awkward, and I have not talked to him since then. I regret having sex with him, but I don't want to lose him as a friend. Is there any way to save our friendship?

-Friends with unwanted benefits, 21

It all depends on how you act around him. Not talking to a person, especially after an intimate sexual experience, is probably the wrong way to go about saving the friendship. My advice to you is to have a serious talk with him. You are both adults, right? So just communicate. If you regret the act that's OK, you are allowed to, you both were drunk. Alcohol can do that to a person if you're not careful. However, what you have to realize is that your friend might feel the same way about it so the only way to resolve the situation is by opening up the lines of communication again. Even if he thought that sleeping with you didn't affect your friendship, ignoring someone or something will never solve anything. Help him to see that the two of you are then I see no reason why understanding cannot be reached. I'll take a quote from one of my favorite movies, Mallrats, to end my advice to you. "Understanding can only be reached after confrontation." Things happen so don't let one regrettable incident ruin a good friendship. Good luck!

Dear Sexpert,

I've been going out with my girlfriend for about one year, and I want her to move in with me. I know this is a big step but I really like this girl. Do you think that I should take this step or will it be something I will regret?

-Moving on up, 21

Well, as far as it being something you will regret, only time can tell on that one. But, you're right when you say it is a big step in the relationship. In most cases it is what either makes or breaks a bond. If all goes well, you have the person that you love in the same apartment/house as you. But if things get stressful, that can be a downfall to the relationship as well. Now if you guys have an argument or a bitter fight then you may be able to leave the house, but the problem will still be there when you return home. So, my advice is to keep in mind that everyone has good and bad days. Try to give or get some quiet time to relax and get away every once and a while. Remember also that decisions about what goes on in the house are now up to two people instead of just yourself. And last, just be considerate of each others space and feelings, as you would any other roommate. Communicate with each other whenever a problem arises rather than let things fest until they consume you both. If you follow these tips you shouldn't have too much trouble. Good luck on the move.

-Chris

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ACROSS
1. Semiregular airship
6. Locate
10. Pleading no difficulty
14. Sound system
15. Mr. in Munich
16. Soprano Gluck
17. Vaporized water
18. Abominable snowman
19. Ice-skater
20. Martian
22. Resound
24. Fateful day in the Forum
26. Beginnings
27. Santa's helper
32. Christmas tree
34. Hair
35. Shred
39. On the contrary
41. Public square
42. Arrangement
43. Hair
44. Public square
45. Compliment
46. Hair
48. Comprehend
49. Pupils
52. Soak up rays
53. Splash and spot
56. Cold and clammy
58. Vague feelings of discomfort
60. Albania's capital
64. Mine entrance
66. June 6, 1944
67. Mouse cousins
68. Native people of Canada
69. Chills and fever
70. Make into law
71. Stabler and Venturi
72. Sharp cry
73. Sri

DOWN
1. Low voice
2. Pipe sealant
3. Brainchild
4. Dolphins' home
5. Ointment for the hair
6. Petulent
8. Equal
9. Divide into equal thirds
10. Gravely
11. False name
12. The Dresser" director Peter
21. Teller's call
23. Waiting in the wings
25. Wild guess
27. Bad to the bone
28. Horne or Olin
29. Brawl
31. Awaken
33. Traitors to a cause
36. Like a drumhead
37. Poet Pound
38. Downpour
40. "Frutti"
42. Take care of
45. Actress Weld
47. Coup d'etat
50. Silt remover
51. Whine
53. Kiss loudly
54. San Diego pro
55. Not of this world
57. Swedish bread
59. Water below
61. One-act
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66. Stingy miser

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