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Dance Marathon raises over $20,000

MICHAEL ROBBINS

The affair is the only campus-wide, student-run philanthropic event. In order to attend, students had to raise a specified amount of money to be contributed to the organization. Those donations were then appropriated to two local hospitals through CMN: the Shands Children’s Hospital at the University of Florida and the Arnold Palmer Hospital for Children and Women.

T’Shelle Daniels, a junior in Interpersonal Communications, is one of seven finalists for the Florida College Student of the Year Award sponsored by Florida Leader Magazine. Daniels is not only one of the finalists for the scholarship program, she was also featured on the television show Hollywood Squares and competed in Miss UCF.

Final seven

Battles, Peña decide election

AMY PAVEK

Student Government elections were held March 26-28, and despite online voting this year, voter turnout was bleak. According to results published March 28 on Polaris, only 2,762 students voted. Election results were:

Peña/Campbell/Shavers 30.1%

Battles/Reynolds/Henry 25.2%

Raul/Thomas/Pfeiffer 22.6%

Maccio/Kovener/Miles 15.4%

Grizzard/Koenig/Vertrees 5.4%

Because no candidate won a 50 percent majority, a run-off election was held April 2-4. Students voted for one of two tickets: Peña, Campbell and Shavers or Battles, Reynolds and Henry. Marco Peña said he wouldn’t change a thing about the way his ticket campaigned. “I think we reached out to a lot of students. We had a web site and passed out 4,000 flyers,” he said.

Brian Battles said overall, elections and campaigning went well, but lost an hour of the event due to Daylight Children’s Miracle Network Marathon, held March 31 at the O’Connell Center.

They agreed more tents should have been placed on campus to advertise and give information on the candidates.

“In the past, five tents were used.

“Next year, we are planning to have four tents placed around campus,” Peña added.

High school student population may mean ‘U Can’t Finish’

CASKEY MCCOKLLE

As enrollment numbers continue to increase, many students are facing serious delays with graduation. The university is expecting as many as 3,800 incoming freshmen next year, which would put the headcount for the university’s own success. “We have had such a demand for

Upperclassmen,

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College and religion: are they compatible?

Elissa Jacob
Staff Writer

Students grapple with religious questions

When you walk into a test unprepared, do you utter a desperate prayer? The “good or tests,” the “god of mercy” or “the lord of extra credit?” What if, while driving, you slam on your brakes to avoid smashing into the car ahead… do you pray to them? Or maybe, you don’t feel the need to pray at all.

Most people wander through life believing in some Supreme Being, while others rationalize religion as a sign of moral or physical weakness.

What about college students, are they religious? Out of random students polled, 50 percent considered themselves to be, while the other half did not.

An college students live a time in their lives when they even think about religion? Granted, some are deep, philosophical thinkers, but the majorities are just thinking about that upcoming party Friday night or which classes to take next semester. Most 18-23 year olds are still finding themselves as they wander through college, but many include religion in that search.

Stephanie Burton, 19, has included religion in her college life. Burton, a religious sophomore, is in the University of Alabama chapter of Chi Alpha, a Christian fraternity. She explained religious indifference saying, “Most students don’t really seem committed to anything specific. Then when they get to college, they’re confused maybe.” She also said, “I don’t think it’s as important to be religious, as it is to have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.”

Chris Bandette also believes in that personal relationship. The 20-year-old UCF sophomore is involved in the UCF Christian Campus Fellowship and agrees that many students don’t remain religious through college. “Statistics show that 50 percent of those who start out religious, walk away from it during college,” he said. “Everybody is searching for something—we all have a void in our lives to fill.” For some, religion fills that void.

Wendi Harris, the director of the Central Florida Hillel, works with both UCF and Rollins Jewish students. “We create a lot of opportunities for Jewish students to interact with each other, and we invite students who are not Jewish to come and learn more about Judaism,” Harris said.

When asked, whether it was hard for Jewish students to not have their religious holidays observed by the academic calendar, as a day off, Harris explained that most students understand, because they’ve grown up used to that. “As long as professors aren’t penalizing students for taking those days off,” she said, “It can be inconvenient, but it’s just a part of life.”

Some students recognize it as a part of life, but don’t agree with it.

UCF student Jen Brown said she was penalized for taking off a Jewish holiday in high school. “There was one holiday my parents made me miss school for… it just so happened that we had a big Chemistry lab that day and my teacher refused to let me make it up. I ended up having to drop the course, but that was my only real conflict.” In reference to school giving days off, Brown said, “I think it should be all or nothing. If they give one religious days off, then holidays that are of equal importance should also be recognized.”

Harris said that in December she took a group of 38 students to Israel, as part of Hillel, and admitted that it impacted them. “I wouldn’t say they came back more religious,” she said, “but definitely more spiritual, and more in touch with Judaism on a personal level of understanding in their lives.”

Religion is a strange thing though as something that is supposed to bring a person peace and spiritual happiness, is often used as a reason for discrimination and hate against a person of a different faith. It has started wars throughout time, there have been countless martyrs killed for what they believe in, in every religion. In the Middle East, the Muslims and Jews have been fighting over a piece of land for thousands of years, citing religious reasons for ownership.

So, with so much discrimination going on between Christians, Jews, Buddhists, Muslims, and Hindus—why can’t we just be accepting of each other’s beliefs?

That’s exactly what Dr. Sheri Dressler at UCF wonders. She is a firm believer in Bahá’í—a 150-year-old faith, now practiced by 6 million worldwide. Webster’s Dictionary describes the faith as “a religion founded in Iran and teaching the essential worth of all races and religions and the equality of their human qualities.” Dressler said Bahá’ís strive for the lowest common ground in the world today.

“Bahá’ís is a message of unity, of one God, and that all religions come from the same source—that they’re not in conflict with one another,” Dressler said. She believes in what all religions say, and that although different profits in religions came at different times in history, they were bringing the same message. “We meet in groups and accept what the Bible says, along with the Koran—we study them all to see how they connect to each other, because they do.”

Dressler said most students that believe in Bahá’ís have “grown up in various faiths and are searching for something they can believe in where they can use both their mind and heart.” She explained that it’s important to also use your head, when researching religions. “You should ask questions,” she said, “Questions are a reflection of our ability to think, and it’s important to think in religion—the truth will stand out on its own.”

She explained that a lot of college students are searching because “they a desire to find a balance between science and materialism—religion is that balance,” she said.

College is a melting pot of diversity, with people of all races, backgrounds and religions. Most college students are at a time in their lives when they’re open-minded, as a result of being exposed to that diversity. Hopefully, after they leave college they won’t lose that lack of prejudice in their adult life.

UCF Students like Melissa Bernstein, and Wes Knight, both in the Nicholson School of Communication have a liberal view of religion. Knight stated that although he was raised in a specific religion, he became open-minded once in college. “Fundamentally, I am the same, but I’m probably more tolerable of people who don’t believe what I do; after all, it is their right not to believe in the same things I do,” he said.

Bernstein said that although she celebrates Jewish holidays she is not particularly religious. “My parents raised me to be open-minded and decide a religion for myself,” she said, “I consider myself to be a spiritual person, but I don’t let conformity control my decisions.”

For more information on UCF’s religious organizations visit UCF’s United Campus Ministries at http://peegasus.ucf.edu/ucm
Amy Pavuk  STAFF WRITER

Brian Battles  “Bringing Results Home”  Year: Junior  Major: Finance  Post-Graduation Plans: Enter the work force: capital budgeting analysis

Marco Peña  “No excuses...Just results”  Year: Junior  Major: Marketing  Post-Graduation Plans: Attend law school

Q. What would the main focus of your administration be?

Battles: Getting more students involved with Student Government and campus activities.

Peña: Increase student pride and UCF traditions. Also, we want to bring all students together and get everyone involved with activities.

Q. What word would sum up your administration?

Battles: Helpful

Peña: Results

Q. How would your administration differ from those in the past?

Battles: We want to implement a cabinet committee system similar to CAB committees. More students would have a voice without having to devote their lives to Student Government.

Peña: Our ticket would bring in a new composition; Tommy Shavers is an independent athlete. We can work closely with the athletic department, administration and students. Also, we have experience.

Q. How would your administration be similar to those in the past?

Battles: We wouldn’t change any cabinet members...we would keep it very similar.

Peña: We would continue to get more students involved and reach out to organizations.

Q. How would your administration be accessible to students?

Battles: We would continue to meet a lot of students, let them put faces to our names. Also, be involved with orientation so freshman know who we are.

Peña: The entire cabinet would be present at town hall meetings. Students can make comments and we would be present to answer questions. We want to set up a web site that students could anonymously make comments and questions about Student Government.

Q. What three issues would your administration like to tackle first?

Battles: Before we would do anything, we would find the major problems of the past administration. We want to fix the problems of the past before starting our own agenda.

Peña: 1. We would start working with the athletic department to get more students to events. 2. We would reach out and build relationships with the community. 3. Establish a director of community relations with the (city of Orlando) Chamber of Commerce.

Q. How does your ticket differ from your opponents?

Battles: Dawn Henry is very familiar with CAB and the student activities office. Also, Mike Reynolds and I were involved with orientation and had the opportunity to meet a lot of freshman.

Peña: We have experience with Student Government as well as individual areas, and we are a more diverse ticket.

Q. Students complain there isn’t enough school spirit. What would you do about gaining student support for UCF?

Battles: We want “spirit police.” The “spirit police” could issue citations to students wearing clothes that advertise other schools. The citation would actually be a coupon for a store on campus that sells UCF apparel.

Peña: We would like athletes to be more accessible to students and bring big-name UCF athletes, such as Daunte Culpepper, back to games...to get fan support for UCF teams.

Q. Students always complain about parking. What would your administration do to face the parking situation?

Battles: We would like to set up a trolley system for the parking lots. There are spaces on campus; it’s just that they are so far away for some students. The trolleys would have routes during peak school hours.

Peña: We would sit on the parking committee, making parking friendlier to students. We want to fight for what the students want.

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**Primary ends in run-off between Battles and Peña**

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This year, only one was on campus. Peña said Battles said the tests would also allow students to vote on location, if logging onto Polaris wasn't convenient for them.

Battles said the timeframe for candidates to campaign and student votes to could have been expanded. "Trying to get information to 34,000 students in one week isn't ideal," he said.

Here's what students thought about elections:

Ahmed El-Assair, a graduate student in environmental engineering said he didn't vote because of a lack of information on the candidates.

"The candidates should tell more about their plans or explain more about them; this would help stimulate me to go vote," he said.

Walter Phillips, a senior, said he has never voted in an SGA presidential election. He didn't know students were voting online this semester, but thought it was a good idea. "If you can vote online, it's much more accessible," he explained.

Junior Chancellor Prosperi agreed online voting is good for students, but said she thinks, "People come here to get their degrees and go. They don't care about other things."

She said, "I just come to school and that's it. I didn't see much about who was running or what they were running for."

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**Fifth annual event featured different themes every hour**

**FROM PAGE A-1**

pediatric centers and hospitals, buying equipment for medical treatment, funding research and providing entertainment for sick children.

Dance Marathon, an event started by CMN based upon the tradition of dance marathons in which couples dance for hours, has been working to raise money for pediatrics over the years. In 1997, the event was first held at UCF where it has been a tradition since, raising more than $78,000.

"Dance Marathon is a unique event because of the students," said CMN Director Sandy McPherson. "It's an increased opportunity for them. Because of people like this we are able to build a legacy to these students."

A major aspect in planning the event is the recruiting of Morals and dancers. Dancers are the students who dance at the Marathon, as well as participate in the other planned events. In order to be a dancer, a student must raise a set amount of money, which was $100 this year. It was originally estimated that 200 dancers would arrive, but fewer than 100 donated and were allowed to attend.

Dancers must remain on their feet for the full 24 hours. Participants are allotted breaks for the five meals that are provided. The objective is not for the dancer to just dance, but to move around and have fun, doing activities ranging from playing games to watching movies.

Morals, who are selected by an interviewing process in October and must raise $510 in donations, help to plan the events that occur to keep the spirits of dancers high (something that is vital at 4 a.m. when dancers are beginning to tire).

"The Morals were great," said Chris Rush, director of morale and Dance Marathon participant for the last four years. "They were so energetic they made my job easy."

After over a year of planning, Dance Marathon began at about 12 p.m. March 31. For every hour, there was a planned theme, ranging from Dance Movie theme to Chue theme to a Matrix theme. Each theme, thought up by various committees, composed of executive committee members and Morals, was accompanied by movies and various games, while dancers had the option to dance, enjoy the games, play different games, etc.

Other forms of entertainment were provided to the students. There were Kung Fu demonstrations, dances from various organizations, and think Fast ga me shows and the UFC Swing Club. There were also various live bands, some of which were former survivors of diseases who had been helped by CMN, like Kimberly Thach, a 13-year-old girl who sang at the closing ceremony.

"It was wonderful," said Stephanie Pappas, student at UCF and Moraler for the Marathon. "It feels great to help the kids and have fun at the same time."

In addition to the other events at the Dance Marathon, one of the biggest boons to the dancers was the telling of stories from CMN families. They encouraged and thanked the participants for all their help, and told stories of how CMN had helped their children to survive. "I hope that the families will help get others inspired," said McPherson. "For UCF to see what the kids go through hopefully makes it all worth while."

The event raised $20,013.47, a number that may go up over the next few weeks from extra donations.

"It was a long 24 hours but it was worth the effort," said Small.

The end of Dance Marathon involved a closing ceremony, where awards were handed out to organizations (this year to several Fraternities and Sororities) for their efforts, including awards for Fundraising Spirit, and the Hero's Cup for overall effort. This was followed by a candle lighting session, where the executive committee thanked those who participated. Planning for next year's event is scheduled to begin soon.

"It was wonderful," said Murphy. "The people involved made it more exciting. We're together for one, dancing for many."

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**Sorority Recruitment Registration Fall 2000**

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Upperclassmen find it tough to get into needed classes

Students that want to attend this institution," said Huddleston. With the addition of many new students each semester, Huddleston accounts for the overwhelming rise in student numbers by focusing on three major factors. The first is the retention of students, those students who return to UCF, continues to increase. Another is that students are taking more student credit hours each semester. Also the University selectivity rate continues to decrease.

"Formal applications for fall will number approximately 16,000 for a class of just 3,800," Huddleston contended, "We are the 26th largest university in the nation, these are all indexes that good things are happening."

"I worry that since the new student orientation is on May 7 and summer classes begin May 8, I will never get the classes I need," said transfer student Shannon McGinnis. "I will have to take classes that aren't really going to help me in my major like a ridiculous elective."

Still most degree-seekers are left unimpressed and maintain that it is impossible to sign up and receive the major courses they need to graduate. While this may not be a problem for incoming freshman, juniors like one political science major claim that upper level classes are seldom taught, "...if you register late and can't get into a particular course, you may not be able to take that class again for another year."

Incoming transfer students must also overcome obstacles in the registering process. "I registered late and can't get into a number of classes that I need," said computer science major like a ridiculous elective. Another is that students are taught over the summer, how can I possibly graduate on time?"

The Journalism department is not the only department criticized for offering a limited number of classes. Many departments involving Fine Arts programs are having trouble providing enough classes for students. Professors point to a lack of funding for the small assortment of upper level courses. What hope can UCF offer students that may not be able to graduate on time? As of now, UCF administration is working to address the obvious problems associated with the population growth. "A newly formed Course Planning task force is currently studying enrollment trends and course offerings," said Dr. Dennis Dulniak of the registrar's office. "This task force is also creating projection models to meet student needs for the upcoming and future semesters/terms for courses, sections and capacities at the undergraduate level."

First Year Advising director Bob Snow also offered students some advice, "...We encourage students to meet with their advisors and check audits for any holes. Students are urged to investigate their major requirements by questioning advisors, professors and fellow students.

Snow also suggested that students who look to future semesters and "map out" their schedules, which would make them better prepared to handle a limited course selection, "It doesn't hurt to do some long-range planning."

"Students must be aware that things can change, a lot of things can occur to throw you off the registration task," said Snow. He maintains that the key to registration success is awareness. "Review your audit with an advisor, know your registration time, and be aware really look at your catalogue. Students really need to be proactive, this will certainly help to avoid serious problems."

Decrease in state university budget leaves questions about UCF's growth

Jennifer Patterson
Staff Writer

This year, the overall increase in UCF's budget rose by a total of $47 million, up from $355 million in the 1999-2000 school year to $402 million in the current academic year. Students have seen the increase in funding in a number of ways. Most visible are the addition of 60 new faculty members and the funding of a number of adjunct professors.

"One of the best things about the UCF is the quality of undergraduate education," said one student. "I have one friend at the University of Florida who says that he had a teacher who videotaped past lectures and required students to go to that for class because he was too busy doing research."

"That's one thing that has never changed," said Dr. Whitehouse, Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs. "Despite the tremendous growth of the university, our commitment to the quality of undergraduate education has remained..."

However, budget recommendations currently in the House and Senate fall far short of the $72 million dollars that the state university system proposed for enrollment growth. The Senate offered nothing while the House offered $59 million. Because UCF is the quickest growing university in the state and will be adding 1,500 students in the fall, this has led a lot of people wondering if the same quality of undergraduate education will be able to be maintained. "I was never disappointed with my undergraduate education here," said Todd McFliker who graduated in 1999. "It would be a shame if the increase in students would end up being a negative instead of a positive due to decreased funding."

Cuts could be made in the number of classes offered, class size and how many classes that each professor teaches. Also, in following years the exploding growth of UCF could be curtailed to ensure that students continue to receive a high quality undergraduate education.

A final decision on the budget recommendations is not expected to go through the state legislature until another two or three weeks so the bottom line for budget growth is yet to be determined. Governor Bush actually proposed a budget that originally asked for a 5 percent increase in the money allotted to the state university system.

"It is going to be a lean year," said Whitehouse. "But I think it will be okay."
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UCF has been invited to compete with four other schools around the United States for a $15,000 grand prize in the 2001 Energy Challenge in Gainesville, Georgia.

Captivated by David Myers from Melbourne Beach, Florida UCF's engineering team will compete along side North Carolina University, University of Maine, Miami University (Ohio) and the State University of New York. Each university received a $2,000 grant to assist with the funding of their project. The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), the Institute of Paper Science and Technology (IPST), Hercules Incorporated and Vanguard Sailboats are sponsoring the April 7 event.

The competition will challenge students to construct a non-woven synthetic composite sail for an Olympic class sail boat and race the sailboat in a closed course at Lake Lanier. Officials hope that the Energy Challenge will increase interest in science and engineering and promote awareness of energy efficiency, manufacturing design, recycling, waste minimization, packaging maximization and pulp and paper industrial processes.

"This competition is a long-term strategy we're hoping will get the students interested in energy conservation," said Dr. Jim Ferris, president of IPST. "Energy uses seem to be increasing. The importance of introducing energy efficient technologies cannot be understated as we try to protect our national interest and our environment."

A team of students will judge the sails constructed by each team on the following: gross weight, material composition, total sail area, tear and tensile strength performance, novelty of design, material engineering considerations and sailboat performance. The first-place prize of $15,000, the second-place team receives $10,000, while the third place team receives $5,000.

The competition correlates with DOE's Agenda 2030, which is a program designed to enhance the economic competitiveness of the U.S. paper and pulp industry and to help the pulp and paper industry reach the vision of more energy efficient manufacturing processes in the year 2020.

POLICE BEAT

JAMES NUNEZ
STAFF WRITER

Get your story straight

On March 23, Officer Lashinsky stopped a vehicle for making several traffic infractions, including stopping in a roadway, improper U-turn and speeding. After stopping the vehicle, Lashinsky performed the proper tests on the driver and other passengers to step out of the car so that he could search it.

After a moment, the driver gave permission and Lashinsky found a backpack in the backseat. He asked who owned the backpack, including passenger Robert Strome. Strome claimed that the bag did not belong to him. Upon further search, Lashinsky located a tag on the pack with Strome's name on it. He opened the pack and found a bottle of Canadian whiskey. He then found Strome's Canadian ID card. Strome was charged with possession of alcohol under the age of 21.

Never a dull moment at the ballpark

Officer Ingerham made contact with a man who was unidentified by police on March 17 inside Jay Berman Field. The defendant, who had been confronted by police before, was smoking on the field's premises.

Ingerham asked the defendant if he was a UCF student, to which the man replied yes. However, after he was asked to produce his student ID card, the defendant first told Ingerham that he did not have it and eventually admitted that he was not a student at all. Ingerham then asked him for further identification. As the defendant was pulling his ID out of his front pocket, Ingerham noticed a clear plastic baggy containing what appeared to be marijuana in his hand. Once Ingerham asked the defendant what the bag was, the defendant showed it back into his pocket. As Ingerham reached for his arm to place him under arrest, the defendant pulled his arm away. To keep him from pulling away any further, Ingerham forced him against a brick wall located behind him.

Officer Carpenter saw the struggle and assisted Ingerham with handcuffing the defendant. He was placed in the back of a police car, and the bag that would later be proven to contain marijuana was obtained. Once inside the police car, the defendant appeared to get into position to kick out the car's back windows. Officers Lashinsky, White and Ingerham then pulled the defendant out of the car and placed a restraint on his legs.

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Staying in Central Florida after graduation?

Most UCF students want to reside and work in Central Florida

KATIE GIRAULO
STAFF WRITER

Seventy percent of UCF seniors recently surveyed plan on living and working in Central Florida following graduation. Most students cited employment and family as the chief reasons for staying in the area. "Once you've invested all the time and work at school here, it doesn't make sense to travel somewhere else to live and work," said Carianne Lupinski, a finance major who grew up in Orlando. "You get involved in your major, secure an internship and before you realize it, have some potential jobs lined up for yourself down the road. At first I thought I'd like to leave, but I found that there really are a lot of opportunities here."

Another fourth-year student, business major Obhali Modin commented that keeping close to his family and friends here was more important than relocating immediately after college. "College helped me figure out more of what I wanted in life, and helped build some really great relationships. I'm not in a hurry to leave them for an out of state job," said Modin.

The other thirty percent of UCF students don't see leaving the area as missing out on a job or family. Instead, they see staying in Central Florida as a possible limitation. "If you only look here for a job, or something to do with your life, you might never open some very important doors," said Kimmi Syung, an English writing major. "I don't think I'd feel secure in a job or position here until I knew I wasn't just taking what was in front of me. You have all your life to settle down. Take your time."

Local loyalty seemed to wane among UCF students with a decrease in age or class standing. Most UCF students cited reason such as Chicago and Los Angeles. Only those who study, work or live at UCF can produce the photos that show what really occurs at the university. Participants will have just 24-hours to document campus life. Cameras must be returned to Marketing Department representatives at the Student Union April 12 from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

All film will be developed by the Marketing Department and judges will select a multitude of UCF images that will be published in university promotional materials, including pamphlets, postcards and brochures. A book, "UCF Uncut", will be published and a special Web site created.

The single photo judged to be the best will appear on the cover of the "UCF Uncut" book, with a photo credit. Photographers who place first in various categories will be recognized with prizes from campus vendors, such as Loco's, S.T.A. Travel, College Optical, Sonic Boom and the UCF Bookstore, at a late April ceremony. Their photos will also be published in the book, along with other selected images. The photos must be original and shot with the cameras provided. They must be tasteful and represent the university in a positive way. Needed are candid, unposed images of day-to-day activities, in class, at events including sports events, studying, dorm life, research, whatever illustrates the photographer's unique, creative take on UCF.

Additional instructions will be given when the cameras are issued. "We hope students, faculty and staff have fun with this, and I am looking forward to seeing what UCF looks like uncut," said Jeanne Hartig, Director for University Marketing.

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Delta's national philanthropy, Choose pageant has raised money for a service fraternity man each year at their Xi Man Children's organization in the spirit of Alpha Xi Delta since 1996, and each year the Alpha Xi Delta Xi Man last Wednesday night, a title the sorority bestows upon one contestant the pageant's Honorable Mention for his generous contributions to the Beta Center, which included a child's bicycle.

Delta Upsilon Celebrates Six Years at UCF
Delta Upsilon held its first-ever invitational golf tournament on Saturday, March 25 to commemorate the fraternity's six-year anniversary at the University of Central Florida. Nearly 40 people participated in the event, including Delta Upsilon alumni, founding fathers of the UCF Delta Upsilon chapter, and even fathers of current fraternity members. While golfing, members were given the chance to interact and network both with their post-graduate brothers and parents, and with UCF faculty. Even though the event was designed primarily to celebrate the chapter's founding and to foster interaction, everything still came down strictly to winning; the winning golf team for the day was made up of Johnny Lau, Matt Reeves, Mark Lim and Tony Agolini.

Flaggin' Down the Fun
Alpha Delta Pi hosted their annual Flaggin' Down the Fun football tournament this past weekend to benefit the Ronald McDonald House, raising over $1500 for the Children's Miracle Network. Last Monday, PJ Weiss organized the event for Delta Delta Delta, a sorority that has had very strong ties to the Children's Miracle Network (CMN). CMN is a national service organization dedicated to helping children with diseases, birth defects and injuries, and has treated more than 14 million children in 170 non-profit hospitals.

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Alpha Xi Delta, Xi Man 2001
Frank Soldano of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity was crowned as Alpha Xi Delta sorority's sixth Xi Man last Wednesday night, a title the sorority bestows upon one fraternity man each year at their Xi Man pageant. The sorority has been organizing this event since 1996, and each year the pageant has raised money for a service organization in the spirit of Alpha Xi Delta's national philanthropy, Choose Children. Last year Xi Man raised money for the Boggy Creek gang, a camp for terminally ill children. This year, contestants pooled money and resources for the Beta Center, a service organization dedicated to helping pregnant teens and their babies. A total of 14 contestants participated, representing 13 different fraternity chapters. Darrin Potter of Lambda Theta Phi fraternity received the pageant's Honorable Mention for his generous contributions to the Beta Center, which included a child's bicycle.

Members of the Delta Sigma Theta sorority dance along to music to kick off "Delta Week," a week of social activities and events.
Fame: Is it really worth all the trouble?

JOSHUA MURDOCK
STAFF WRITER

Movie stars, pop stars and sports stars have more than just the word stars at the end of their names (or here), you get all kinds of stuff for free, you pick up all the hot chicks, you even have a sandwich named after you, but is this all? No, don't forget the crowds of people following you around no matter where you go. As soon as someone recognizes you they call everyone, that includes their divorced tramp of an ex-wife and their red headed stepchild. That means you can't get a moment to yourself at a bar or even on a local taco bell.

Just recently I witnessed this bizarre event in person. My friend is a fellow reporter for another college paper and happens to get press pass to see an SNL star perform a great show at Stetson. Afterwards we told this star to meet us at the Blind Pig Pub. Wow what a name right. It is in the big town of Deland, no place better to party than there. We figured it would be crazy and it's pretty laid back of a bar. My friend and I go on down to have a couple of beers, since the star went back to his hotel to check messages and change clothes. Maybe he should have grabbed some sun glasses too.

We did not say a word to anyone about him coming, since we wanted to keep it cool for him and not have a mob of college kids attack him. Of course once he got there the word of him being at their own local pub started to circulate fast since the great creation of cell phone makes communication extremely so mobile. The bar became packed, I'm sure the owner and bar tenders loved it.

The other bar in town, which is usually packed on a Saturday night, was empty, because everyone wanted to come over and meet the star. He was a cool guy and seemed pretty normal, he didn't even seem to have an inferno ego. Then comes along my second down side to being famous, everyone around you seems to be acting fake. People act totally different and change their personalities so that a star will adore them and love them. Maybe more so they can hate and abuse the star as much as they can possibly get away with. Of course I got a poster signed by him and my friend and I got a picture taken with him. I didn't act any differently around him then I do anyone else I know. He is a normal guy who is very talented and funny, but what I want to know is the true him. I wouldn't want to have tons of people acting fake around me. I would want to hang out with my buddies, drink some beer and pick up some chicks, like I do now. I don't need all the hype from other people, I don't need other people drooling at my feet, and I don't need a bunch of people who don't give a damn about me trying to be my friend. I can't say I would mind a bunch of hot chicks around me all time, but most likely they would be just using me too.

My friend even got caught in the hype because people were coming up to him, thinking he was down with the star and could get them some extras. I like meeting stars, I like doing cool extra things that most people don't get to do, but I am who I am and don't need the fake drooling fans at my feet to live my life happily.

I don't go show a paper in people faces to make them read my story. I'm sure most of the people in my public administration classes don't realize I am writing this weekly article. If you're out there, please let me know what you think of this column, do you actually read the paper?

Fame has its benefits, but also its downsides. If you ever become famous just remember who you are and how you got there. Because unless you do, the star will be nothing but a piece of the "Weekly Updated" and a great impression of Adam Sandler. I would like to thank him for being a cool guy, who isn't stuck up like other famous stars. Everyone hopes this just one thing for my column, remember that there is more to life than popularity.

Letters to the Editor

Thank you to the idiot who decided to spread peanuts all over the boardwalk outside the Student Union today to please the growing squirrel population here at UCF. As if they are not fat and tame enough, the students feel they must contribute to this problem by feeding the squirrels.

When you go to the beach there is an unwritten rule about feeding those pesky seagulls. Floridians scowl at and ridicule the tourists who take part in this. There should be some rule about feeding the squirrels on campus as well. What prompted me to take notice in this problem was an incident with the squirrels I had today. All I wanted was to enjoy my french fries and read the paper on the boardwalk in peace, but I nearly had a heart attack when a squirrel got nearly two inches from my face in an attempt to eat too. I won. I jumped up and my fries fell to the ground, giving the pesky squirrel a feast. This has never happened before and I am convinced that whoever gave them the peanut treat made them hungry for human food the rest of the day. Please stop feeding the squirrels on campus.

Jennie Hayer, UCF Student

(Regarding Chris Zapatter's 'Gray Matters' in the March 21 issue of The Future.)

The statement that possession and sale of marijuana is criminal because it is not taxed is simply not logical. The reasoning, behind this statement is that the government cannot tax marijuana, therefore, it is made illegal in an attempt to force individuals to spend their recreational dollars on items which are taxed, such as alcohol or tobacco. If the lawmakers were driven by a desire to increase revenue and not moral imperatives, they would legalize the product and tax it like everything else - import duties, dealer licensing fees, excise taxes, and don't forget income taxes on the wages paid to everyone employed in the distribution chain.

Clearly if all the legislators cared, about was tax revenue, dope should be made legal like all kinds would not be illegal.

This column contains a quite glaring contradiction:

First it is stated that "armed agents of law enforcement should never be against happiness, unarmed citizens of this country."

Then in the next sentence "antiquated, conservative ideology" is decreed.

Perhaps Mr. Zapatter has forgotten about one of the cornerstones of Conservatism - the sanctity of private property. The Constitution of the United States. The Right to Keep and Bear Arms. What happens to what the armed troops led by a tyrant are not able to prey on "happless, unarmed citizens."

Matthew Terezkovich, UCF Student

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Uselessness

"Sherbet" is Australian slang for beer.

Because of the political-contribution habits of the two soft drink companies, Democratic administrations traditionally serve Coca-Cola and Republicans serve Pepsi.

Quote of the Week

"Reporters thrive on the world's misfortune. For this reason they often take an indecent pleasure in events that dismay the rest of humanity."


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Editorial Cartoon

Double-check that periscope, sailor... the navy's had a very bad string of luck lately...
First and foremost, I did not write this piece to defend Bill Clinton, a man who is determined to leave a legacy of bad taste and bad behavior instead of the political accomplishment. I wrote it to expose the disgusting hypocrisy of Conservatives, the "Religious Right," the "Moral Majority," whatever name these holier-than-thou hypocrites prefer. I am sick and tired of conservatives attacking the one-sidedness of the right-wing press and the diminishment of achievements by elected Democrats from all branches of government.

It takes a special kind of hypocrisy to be a conservative. When Bill Clinton chose higher education to avoid service in Vietnam, his character was attacked and he was labeled a draft dodger; however, when incontrovertible evidence surfaced that George W. joined the Coast Guard to dodge the draft, those same name-calling Republicans got quieter than a whore in church. When the Independent Counsel and House Judiciary Committee were futilely searching for impeachable offenses during the Monica Lewinski ordeal, Clinton's character was decimated, and the far right had the ammunition they needed to convince simple-minded Middle America that a Republican administration was necessary to restore integrity to the White House. However, when it came to light that Henry Hyde - a stalwart supporter of Clinton's impeachment - had a four-year extramarital affair with a married woman while holding a state representative office and having four children at home, Republicans were asphyxiated by the acid fumes of their own hypocrisy.

In a letter to the editor which appeared in the Feb 21 issue of the Future, one reader wrote, "Clinton and his Democratic party accepted hundreds of thousands of dollars in campaign contributions only when it suited their purpose. Conservatives alone donated $134 million in soft money to the Republican Party to get Bush elected. Republicans raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for the 'Vietnam War.'" These are Republicans raise hell about illegal campaign contributions only when it suits their purpose. Corporations alone donated $134 million in soft money to the Republican Party to get Bush elected. Republicans' moral outrage over Clinton's pardon of fugitive financier Marc Rich in exchange for contributions made by his corporate constituency. The Republican Party accepts millions of dollars in campaign contributions from big tobacco, whose product kills hundreds of thousands of people every year. Let the informed citizenry be reminded of Richard Nixon's pardon of Casper Weinberger for his involvement in the Iran Contra scandal, which incidentally, assured that Bush would never be incriminated for his role in the scandal by Weinberger's testimony.

In the Feb 28 issue of the Future, one impassioned reader wrote, "Anyone with real brains knows it was Reagan whose tax breaks of the 1980s tricked the American individuals pockets that fueled the personal computer/Internet revolution of the 1990s. I sort of like the automobile boom of the 1920s." This statement was made by an amateur Republican hack regurgitating what was fed to him by Rush Limbaugh. I have heard the "Reagan is responsible for the jugar­ment Era economy" theory several times, always by Republican cronies and never substantiated by credible, empirical evidence. The idea that a nation's economy could prosper completely independent of its highest elected official is ludicrous. The economy under the Clinton Administration, like the value of our currency, reflected America's confidence in our industrial/agri­cultural/technological prosperity. In layman's terms, you don't go to Disney World when you're broke. "Anyone with real brains" would not forget to mention that (begin­ning with Reagan's first term) our nation's national debt quadrupled during the 12 consecutive years of Republican rule. Additionally, "anyone with real brains" would be aware of an advanced case of selective amnesia as avoiding "What [Ralph] Nader considers the biggest corporate welfare expenditure of all time, the Savings and Loan debacle. As he writes, the well-connected S&L industry successfully lobbied Congress for a deregulatory bill in the early 1980s, which freed the industry from historic constraints and paved the way for the speculative and corrupt failures that came soon afterward. Then more industry campaign contributions and lobbying led the Congress to delay address­ing the problem - resulting in more S&L failures and skyrocketing costs for corrective measures." The result was a bailout of $500 billion - all of which the taxpayers would be forced to bear, not those financial institutions who brought about the disas­ter (Impact Press 2001). What exactly is corporate welfare? "The enormous and myriad subsidies, bailouts, giveaways, tax loopholes, debt revocation, loan guarantees, discounted insurance and other benefits conferred by government on business." Republicans hate welfare, unless it is being used to inflate the coffers of wealthy white people like Richard DeVos. Despite the rhetoric and the half-hearted efforts to convince us they do, Republicans simply do not give a crap about the environ­ment. During Bush's gubernatorial terms, Texas bore the dubious honor of having the most polluted city in the country. W's appointment to environmental guardian at the federal level is akin to putting JFK Junior behind the wheel of Air Force 1. Bush's support of drilling for oil in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge is a pathetic and flagrant example of him catering to his corporate constituency. According to the Feb 19 issue of Time Magazine, "For months, George W. Bush has spoken in favor of drilling for oil in the ANWR. As rolling brownouts sweep California, he argued that Alaskan oil exploration would keep the crisis from spreading - even through oil-fired generators produce just 1 percent of California's electricity." Now W has reneged on a campaign promise to support a global effort to significantly reduce carbon dioxide emissions, which proves two things: that industry and the almighty dollar will always be pri­ority number one for Republican politicians, and that George Junior - like his democratic presidential predecessor, like all politicians - is a liar.

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Lubrano-Busbin switch is a good call on Bergman's part.

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to improve his battered psyche. Lubrano also brings the presence of a southpaw to UCF weekend starting pitching. His start against Mercer was the first weekend start by a Golden Knight left-hander this year. Until Saturday, UCF opponents had faced three consecutive right-handed power pitchers during weekend series'.

And after being unable to catch up with Justin Pope and Jason Arnold for two games, opposing teams' bats have been perfectly timed for Busbin's offerings, which come just a little slower than Pope's or Arnold's fireballs. Busbin has been getting shelled, not because he doesn't have good stuff, but because teams have been ready for him. He throws similar pitches to those of Pope and Arnold, only slower. With a left-hander throwing those final games, the Golden Knights force opponents to make a big adjustment. Lubrano's pitches look nothing like Pope's or Arnold's.

Another good reason for the move is that throwing Lubrano into the fire of pitching in big games allows Bergman to develop another starting pitching depth, for when the postseason comes around. In order to reach its goal of going to the College World Series, UCF will have to get through a grueling gauntlet that includes the TAAC Championships, NCAA Regionals and the NCAA Super-Regionals. Teams who continuously make it to Omaha have extremely deep pitching staffs, possessing four or more quality starters. Because games are played on back-to-back days, sometimes two-at-a-time in the postseason, staff aces can't make every start. The game that concludes the College World Series often features a matchup of the two team's No. 4 starters. If Busbin can regain his confidence and Lubrano can develop his great talent, UCF will be one of those teams with enviable starting pitching depth come May and June.

It's not that Busbin doesn't have the talent. The right-hander has spent his college career at Georgia Tech and UCF, two of the better college baseball programs in the country. He showed great pitching ability early in the season, including a masterful outing in the final game of UCF's sweep of Alabama. Despite his high ERA, Busbin still has a record of 4-1. He will no doubt figure as a large part of the Golden Knights' postseason.

But for now, Bergman has made the right move. Let's see what Lubrano can do.
Splitlickers roll their way to bowling championship

JEFF DOLNACK
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The Splitlickers took home the Intramural Bowling Championship on March 23, combining for a total score of 2,283. The team consisted of Greg Waddell, Steve Rubin, Jeff Stahl and Steve Brickley. Scores were calculated by adding the total scores of all four players for three games. The Mad Bagger finished in second with a score of 2,107, and Kappa Sigma finished third with a score of 1,943.

Games were played at Aloma Bowl East with a record 31 teams filling the lanes.

In Other News...
A record 19 penalties were issued in the ATO II and Hollywood Floor Hockey game this past Thursday. ATO got the victory 5-3...DU clinched the Fraternity Black Floor Hockey Championship with a 4-2 victory over SAE. Lambda Chi Alpha won the Fraternity Gold title after defeating Sigma Phi Epsilon 3-1...Sigma Phi Epsilon defeated Sigma Chi 14-2 clinching the Fraternity Gold title for Softball...The Fraternity Black Title will be determined this Wednesday as Kappa Sigma squares off against Pi Kappa Phi...Monday Night Softball team G's Nuts has outscored its opponents 64-10 in three games this year.

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Shedden becomes first UCF athlete to qualify for NCAA Track & Field Championships

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totaling 267 points. UCF finished the day with 28 Top Three finishes, 14 of which were first-place finishes.

Haynes finished first in both the 100-meter and 200-meter dashes, with times of 12.58 and 23.69. Kellye Marrzatta won the 400-meter dash in 56.54 and the 100-meter hurdles in 14.29. The 400-meter hurdles race was won by Emilyugh with a time of 1:06.05.

The 4x100-meter and 4x400-meter relay teams also finished first. Brionne Harrington won the 800-meter race with a time of 2:21.32, while Sarah Kureishi finished first in the 1,500-meter run with a time of 4:56.47. In the field events, UCF was just as successful as it was on the track.

Perez set a personal best when she won the high jump with a mark of 5-4.25. In the pole vault, Newsome jumped 10-8 to win the event. Roloff hit a mark of 17-5.25 to win the long jump. With a mark of 44-0.75, Beard won the shot put and Elise Wilcox recorded a personal best of 121-6 to win the hammer throw.

Mausser-Wentworth said that the back-to-back competition was a dry run for upcoming action, which includes the Florida Women's Challenge on April 8 and the Trans America Athletic Conference Championships on April 20.

She attributes the success of the team this season to a higher level of fitness in the preseason training. She said that having UCF's first athlete go to the NCAA Championships has raised the bar for her athletes.

Shedden's repeat performance by qualifying for the NCAA Track and Field Championships is also likely to inspire her teammates as they close out the season.

Mausser-Wentworth is looking for Beacial, Marrzatta, Shedden and Fibrine to continue their dominance into the TACC Championships, where UCF will look to repeat as champions.

Pope won 38.1 innings without giving up a run

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And one thing, however, Pope went 38.1 innings without giving up a run
Gym rat from small-town Kansas fuels southwest Missouri's Title bid

TROY PHILLIPS
KNIGHT-RIDER TRIBUNE

ST. LOUIS — Somewhere in between the 30-point games in middle school and the shot that gave her the all-time NCAA career scoring mark this season, The Legend of Jackie Stiles grew legs.

Stiles’ tale is worthy of a man Paul Bunyan or steel-drivin’ John Henry. Except, only parts of it are tall.

A guard, she stands only 5-foot-8, but she is every bit the heart and soul of Southwest Missouri State’s run to the NCAA Women’s Final Four. She might as well be eight feet tall with all the buzz that surrounded her before SMSU’s Final Four loss to Purdue on Friday.

Not since Sheryl Swoopes swooped in on the Final Four in 1993 to lead Texas Tech to a title has MOSU been so close. And the Lady Bears would never reach a Final Four.

And that was with six minutes left, pointed out John Mead, who wrote the first newspaper article about her for the “Great Bend” (Kan.) “Tribune” 10 years ago.

Word spread in rural Kansas of the phenomenal shooter from Claflin. Jackie’s father, Pat, remembers a rumor starting that the Stiles home contained a gymnasium.

“That was crazy,” said Pat, Claflin High’s athletic director. “Some things tend to get a little blown up. All she had to do was walk to the school gym. She had a key.”

Her workouts became the stuff of legend. She would often stay at the gym until she made 1,000 shots.

“Reality, not myth,” said Stiles’ former high school coach, Clint Kinnamon. “Her routine was phenomenal. She’d come in at 6:30 a.m., work out, go to school, practice after school, stay an hour after practice, maybe cut and come back or just stay longer. I’m like, ‘Jack, I gotta go home. You close up!’

State-record games of 53, 61, and 71 points in high school added to the Stiles lore. As a junior, the 61 points came in only 17 minutes. As a senior, Stiles averaged 46.4 points per game and capped a four-year track-and-field career in which she won 14 gold medals in multiple events. She chose Southwest Missouri State over Connecticut and Kansas State, having spent summers since the age of 12 at SMSU camps. Pat said he tried to talk her out of SMSU, telling her the Lady Bears would never reach a Final Four.

“My dad and my coach told me to sign the letter of intent (to UConn), and if I woke up in the morning and felt right about it, I could send it in,” Stiles said. “Something just didn’t feel right the next day. SMS was in my heart.”

SMSU and Stiles were soon big news in Kansas and the Missouri Valley Conference. One night, she scored 56 points against Evansville. She had 52 against Baylor, including a game-winning four-point play.

Everyone who saw her play, it seemed, had a Jackie story. Most are true, some are exaggerated. Purdue forward Katie Douglas said she needed six stitches as a result of a head butt with Stiles last summer. Stiles’ toughness, she suffered a concussion against Toledo in the first round of the NCAA tournament and came back to score 32 points in an upset victory at Rutgers, adds to the lore.

Stiles has her own Web site that was designed by a technology student at Kansas State who began following her career casually. It is now a definitive resource for all that is Jackie Stiles.

“She inspires a lot of people,” said Jeff Gross, who designed stiles.sportswall.com.

Two furniture store workers in Claflin this week were inspired to dunk themselves in a tub of mud, then eat a pork chop with their muddy fingers to win Final Four tickets in a radio promotion.

The attention, Jackie’s mother, Pam, can be a bit too much.

“She’s still a Claflin girl,” Pam said. “She was the basketball homecoming queen in a class of 21. She’s always been the underdog, but that’s not a bad place to be. She still thinks of herself that way. That’s why she can’t believe all this attention.”

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Female athletes have come a long way but have a long way to go, said Women's National Basketball Association player Adrienne Johnson in a March 20 speech at UCF.

"You can still play a sport and be very much a lady," said Johnson, who averaged 13.6 points per game last season for the Orlando Miracle. "If you can do it, do it. Do it all. Be all that you can.

Johnson's speech, a part of Women's History Month at UCF, stressed several points:

- Stereotypes cause people to condemn sports and exercise as unladylike.
- Men are encouraged to be involved in sports while athletic women are labeled as tomboys, and this needs to change.
- The passage of the Title IX law has encouraged the establishment of more women's sports teams.
- Statistics show that sports and physical activities help women both physically and psychologically. Females involved in athletics perform better academically and have higher self-esteem.
- The world is competitive, and athleticism teaches women how to compete and feel better about themselves.
- Focusing on the big picture is crucial. Short-term goals help athletes keep working at what they want to achieve.
- Problems with inequality in sports still exist. Men make more money and gain more exposure in the media even though women's national basketball, hockey, and soccer teams exist.
- "It's taken a lot of sacrifice to get us on the map," Johnson said.

Johnson also answered questions from the audience, which consisted mostly of women.

The 27-year-old graduate of Ohio State University also said that being a role model is part of being on a professional team. You have to be responsible and watch what you do and say, she said.

Johnson, who has played with the Miracle for three years, hopes to one day pursue a career outside of sports. She wants to become a businesswoman and to mentor middle school girls when her basketball career ends.

"If you've got work ethic in your corner, that's all you need," Johnson said.

UCF Track and Field breaking records this season

KRISTY SHONKA
STAFF WRITER

Setting records has become commonplace for the UCF Track and Field team during the 2001 season. In total, the team has broken 14 school records, including two last weekend.

This past weekend, members of the Golden Knight track team competed at three different events. On Friday distance runner Sonja Shodden ran at the Raleigh Relays while her teammates competed at the Florida Relays in Gainesville, Fla. The Golden Knights returned to Orlando Saturday to compete at the Disney Track and Field Showcase.

In Raleigh, Shodden fulfilled Head Coach Marcia Mansur-Wentworth's expectations, becoming the first UCF athlete to qualify for the NCAA Cross Country and Field Championships, doing so in the 10,000-meter run. Shodden finished the 10,000-meter race in 35:08.81, crushing her previous school record by one minute.

Last fall Shodden became the first UCF athlete to qualify and compete for the NCAA Cross Country Championships. In 18-degree weather, with a minus 18-degree wind chill, she finished 198th out of 252 with a time of 22:52 in the 6K race.

LaRissa Dunn, Jamie Pew, Takita McClower and Kellie Marzetta broke the second UCF record of the weekend on Friday in Gainesville. The relay team came in second with a time of 57.82 in the shuttle hurdle relay.

At the Florida Relays, UCF had eight Top 10 finishes. Kelly Roloff (5-3) and Jasmin Perez (5-1) placed fourth and fifth, respectively, in the high jump. Placing fifth in the shot put was Katara Beard, who set a personal best with 45-6.25.

LaTricia Firby placed sixth in the long jump with a mark of 17-8.25. Kristen Newcombe and Shannon Ryan both hit a mark of 10-10 in the pole vault. Newcombe finished in fifth place, while Ryan finished 10th. The 4x100-meter relay team of Adrienne Haynes, Dunn, Roloff, and Firby finished in eighth place with a time of 47.90.

On Saturday the Golden Knights were the overall women's champions at the Disney Track and Field Showcase.

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Men's Tennis Notebook

UCF splits weekend set

CHRIS BERNHARDT
STAFF WRITER

Before the season began, UCF men's tennis coach Bobby Cashman said the team would have to beat good teams to become a good team. With less than a third of the season left, it appears that UCF has become just that.

In a season that already includes wins over ranked opponents UAB, Georgia State, and Penn State, the 58th-ranked Golden Knights registered another big win against a previously ranked DePaul last Friday at the UCF Tennis Complex, 4-2.

Things didn't look so good for UCF in the early going, as DePaul took advantage of some UCF injuries to take the doubles point. The second-seeded freshman team of Gabriel Strangberg and Catalin Bradu were defeated by the Blue Demons' Jovannik Cario and Andy Michael, 8-2.

Then DePaul's Sanjay Jeram and Dan Bennett beat Ryan Winter and Johanna Westin, 8-6 in the battle of three seeds. It was the ninth time the Golden Knights had lost the opening doubles point this season.

Bradu, seeded fourth, brought UCF back into the point, but all year long, we have stepped up in singles play. We did it again today, but to improve we need to get that doubles point and that's something that we work hard on in practice right now."

Unfortunately the momentum could not carry over to Saturday, when the Knights traveled to TAAC rival Florida Atlantic. UCF fell; 6-1.

Once again, the Knights were swept in doubles. Martin Jirak and Yalin Bilgin combined to take down the team of Strangberg and Augusto Sanabria, 8-5.

Federico Camacho and Bradu lost 8-6 to Cristian Piaz and Doug Devriendt, while Guerin and Westin fell to Sandro Spotti and Fabio Faerman, 8-5.

UCF had little more success in singles competition. Their lone point came from Strangberg's 6-1, 7-5 defeat of Spotti at No. 4.

The two matches left UCF at 11-5 on the year, 3-2 in conference play.

Great records

The Knight's individual records continued to rise in singles. Senior William Guerin and freshmen Catalin Bradu and Gabriel Strangberg are tied for the team lead with 11 singles victories.

match in singles though, beating Jeram 6-1, 6-1. At No. 3, Strangberg gave UCF the lead with a 6-3, 6-1 win over Robert Kurek. Five minutes later, DePaul tied the match with sixth-seeded Michael's win over Adam Kanaan, 6-1, 6-2.

But when senior William Guerin, No. 2, 6-4, 6-3, the momentum snowballed in UCF's favor. No. 5 Winter finished off the match with a 7-5, 6-4 win over Bennett.

"We played a solid match today against a good DePaul club," Assistant Coach David Winberg said. "Again, we are not playing good enough in doubles to get the opening win. Senior Federico Camacho is 8-6, sophomore Ryan Winter went to 7-4, while junior Adam Kanaan fell to 1-1. Augusto Sanabria, a sophomore, is 7-5.

The double records, on the other hand, took a hit. The team of Strangberg and Bradu lost their second match together; however, they are still 7-4 in their first week.

Johan Westin and Winter dropped to 1-2. The doubles trio from Saturday all debuted and lost.

Golden Knights reach highest ranking

For the second time this season, the men's tennis team has reached its highest ranking in school history. After rising to No. 60 several weeks ago upon beating No. 59 Penn State, the team has jumped to 58th last week. These rankings are from the WingspanBank.com Collegiate Tennis Rankings administered by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association.

"I'm happy with our new ranking and we still have room for improvement when we play our next quality team in DePaul, Florida Atlantic and South Florida this upcoming week," Head Coach Bobby Cashman said.

Around the TAAC

The Trans America Athletic Conference has three other men's teams ranked in the latest WingspanBank.com Collegiate Tennis Rankings. Georgia State is ranked 57th, Florida Atlantic is at 60th and Stetson is 75th.

UCF is the only school with both tennis teams ranked. The women's team is ranked 78th.

As of the March 29th, Stetson's Libor Sedivak leads all singles players with 17 wins. Teammate Vittoria Prata and Aleksandar Antonijevic are right behind with 16. The leading doubles team is Jacksonville's Bram Tekker and Tim Freiberger. They stand at 14-1.

Florida Atlantic leads the conference with a 6-0 record.

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UCF sweeps weekend series with Mercer

COMPiled by DAVID MARSTERS

MACON, Ga. - The UCF baseball team swept a three game series at Trans America Athletic Conference opponent Mercer last weekend, winning games by the scores of 5-3, 10-2 and 4-3 at Claude Smith Field.

In the first game, junior starting pitcher Austin Pope struck out a career-high 15 batters and in the process surpassed former University of Texas pitcher Roger Clemens’ Division I consecutive scoreless inning streak of 35 as the No. 17 Golden Knights edged Mercer 5-3.

Pope (7-3) won his seventh game this season placing him in a second-place tie with former UCF pitcher and current pitching coach Craig Corat at 24 wins. The right-hander gave up nine hits, three runs, and one walk.

The Golden Knights (27-7, 6-1 TAAC) scored four times in the top of the fifth inning off Mercer starter Mike Paolantonio (2-3). Jeremy Korella singled home Bill Oakley and Mike Myers. After Andy Johnson singled and Chad Ehrnsberger walked, Jeremy Frost singled home Korella. Matt McDonough finished the scoring with an infield single scoring Johnson.

Mercer (18-14, 4-8 TAAC) came right back with three in the bottom of the inning, breaking Pope’s streak at 38.1 innings. Kyle Levengood cleared a two-out bases loaded situation with a three-RBI double to right-center field, just eluding Myers.

Korella doubled to right field in the top of the ninth and Johnson followed up with a double in the same spot scoring Levengood with an insurance run.

Pope walked Bears’ leadoff batter Trevor Saas to begin the ninth inning. Bergman pulled Pope in favor of Zach Sutton who started his appearance giving up a double to right field to Ryan Newton. The next batter hit a high chopper that Ehrnsberger stabbed and fired to first for the first out. Sutton fielded a hard grounder back to the mound for the second out, then struck out Levengood with a high fastball to record his second save of the season.

The two teams continued the series Saturday with a doubleheader.

UCF won the opener 10-2 and the second game 4-3 in eight innings.

Ehrnsberger hit two solo home runs in the first game, going 2-for-3 with two RBIs and three runs scored.

Mercer’s Trevor Saas hit a homer in the bottom of the sixth to narrow the gap to 2-1, but it was as close as the Bears would get. UCF utilized four walks, three hits, two Mercer errors, a wild pitch and a hit batter to push across eight runs in the top of the seventh to put the game away. It was more than enough for UCF starter Jason Arnold (2-0) who improved to 6-1. He allowed two hits and one run in six innings. He walked two and fanned nine.

Mercer starter Jason Page (6-4) allowed three hits on three runs in six innings. Page also fanned five but walked five. In game two, each team was able to push across RBIs to send the game into extra innings. UCF took a 1-0 lead in the third on an RBI single by Korella. The Bears took the lead with single runs in the fourth and fifth innings. James McDonough tied the game with a run-scoring single in the fourth while Ryan Newton gave the Bears the lead with an RBI single in the fifth.

Ehrnsberger ripped his third home run of the day to knot the score at two in the top of the sixth, setting the stage for UCF to capture the game in dramatic fashion.

Ehrnsberger started things off in the eighth by drawing a two-out walk. After another walk to Frost, Oakley laced a two-run double to give the visitors the win. Mercer sliced the lead to 4-3 on an RBI single from Brandon Blair in the bottom of the eighth but the Bears left the tying and winning runners on base to end the game.

Mercer starter Brian Jones (4-2) allowed four runs on seven hits and struck out 11.

UCF freshman Paul Labrozzi, making his first collegiate start, gave up two runs and seven hits over 6.1 innings, but received no decision. Relief pitcher Sam Stenmark (2-0) got the win for UCF and Sutton earned his third save by getting the final out.

The Golden Knights were led by Korella who went 3-for-4.

UCF senior shortstop Jeremy Korella gets ready to go to bat. Korella has been successful at the plate this year, batting .370 and collecting a team high 51 hits.

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Men's golf continues improvement

DAVID MARSTERS
STAFF WRITER

Shame on Justin Pope. He allowed a run.

When Pope allowed a three-run double to Mercer's Kyle Levengood in the fifth inning of UCF's 5-3 win over Mercer last Friday, the longest scoreless innings streak in the history of NCAA baseball was over.

But what a memorable streak it was.

Pope, a junior right-hander, went 38.1 consecutive innings without giving up a run, breaking future Hall-of-Famer Roger Clemens' record of 35. Clemens, who has played for the Boston Red Sox, Toronto Blue Jays and current­ly with the New York Yankees set the record in the early 1980's as a member of the University of Texas Longhorns.

Pope's streak began Feb. 23, after allowing an unearned run in the fourth inning of his complete-game win over Alabama. After that run, Pope shut out Alabama for 5.2 innings, St. Joseph's for five, Western Illinois for seven, Florida Atlantic for nine (a one-hitter), Jacksonville for seven and Mercer for 4.2.

During that time period, which stretched for over a month, Pope allowed just 21 hits, striking out 51 batters while only walking three. He recorded three games with 10 or more strikeouts, and had two complete game shutouts. He was also named TAAC Pitcher-of-the-Week three times during the streak and Collegiate Baseball National Pitcher-of-the-Week once.

"The record hasn't hit me yet," Pope said. "I was just going for the win. I recall hearing Coach (Jay) Bergman saying something about me being only two innings away from Roger Clemens on the Sunshine Network a couple days ago."

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All of the right moves

DAVID MARSTERS
STAFF WRITER

At the beginning of the season, UCF baseball coach Jay Bergman stressed the importance of his team winning the final game in each weekend series it played.

But for the last two weeks, the Golden Knights have not done that, losing 11-9 to Jacksonville on March 25 and 7-5 to Florida Atlantic on March 18. Both of these losses came behind poor outings from junior starting pitcher Brad Bushin, who had occupied the third spot in the starting rotation until Bergman replaced him with freshman left-hander Paul Lubrano this past weekend against Mercer.

Behind Lubrano, UCF ended its third-game hex, beating the Bulls 4-3 in an extra-inning thriller and completing a three-game sweep. Lubrano did not figure in the decision, but kept the Golden Knights in the game by allowing only two runs in 6.1 innings. Bushin had not gotten past the third inning in his previous two final-game starts, giving up 12 runs in the process.

Replacing Busbin with Lubrano at this point in the season is the right move for a number of reasons.

First, Bushin, who has a 4-1 record but carries a team-high 6.45 ERA, will have a chance to regain his confidence as UCF's mid-week starter. College teams usually send their weaker lineups and starting pitchers in mid-week games, and Bushin will have an easier time of getting outs. Confidence is sometimes even more important than ability in pitching, and if Bushin can find some good outings in his new spot in the rotation, he may be able to

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UFC junior starting pitcher Justin Pope becomes the second Golden Knight baseball player to hold an NCAA record. Tim Barker set the record for hits in a season with 142 in 1985.

Men's golf continues improvement

JOE MANZO
STAFF WRITER

The UCF men's golf team finished eighth last week at the Alabama Spring Invitational in Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Two Golden Knights, Jordan Dempsey and Andy Hollis, finished in the top 20 individually.

Fifteen teams competed in the tournament. College of Charleston won the tournament with a score of 889, 23 strokes better than UCF. "All things considered, we did OK," UCF Head Coach Brian Craig said. "We're not where we want to be, but it's something to build on." Dempsey, a freshman from Bishop Kennedy in Jacksonville, tied for eighth with a 221 (+5). Hollis, a freshman from Palm Beach Gardens High School, finished tied for fifteenth with a 226 (+10). Sophomore Ben Obrach finished tied for 31st with a 231 (+15).

"Andy Hollis is doing a terrific job," Craig said. "He is just a few minor improvements away from being a top Division I player." The Golden Knights do not play again until April 23 at the TAMC Championships, hosted by Sanford University. Last year, UCF took fourth in the TAMC.

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Anatomy of a streak

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3/03 St. Joseph's 5.0 0 0 0 0 0 0.00
3/08 Western Illinois 7.0 3 0 0 0 0 0.00
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They Might Be Giants: The best band you’ve never seen

FOREST CRUMPLER
STAFF WRITER

They Might Be Giants, a moniker that presumably derives from the delusions of Don Quixote, has been around for quite some time without popular recognition. Two men, John Linnell on vocals, accordion and keyboard and John Flansburgh on vocals and guitar, make up the core and foundation of TMBG. The little mainstream exposure that They Might Be Giants has gotten comes from two songs featured in a “Tiny Toons Adventures” cartoon (“Particle Man” and “Istanbul”) and most recently the intro song from Fox’s sitcom “Malcolm in the Middle” (“You’re not the boss of me now...”). While the masses might be Giant-less, the underground cult following is larger than you might think. TMBG has roughly ten full-length albums out with one on the way this summer.

They were the headliners for Fri., March 24 at Hard Rock Live. The opening band that night was a group by the name of OK GO, a phrase that was also heard from the crowd as more of a request to the band than a chant to them. With the exception of the spirited bass player, OK GO was a severe let down. Hawking their CD, which boasted a whole three songs, it was the common belief that the majority of their set was made up on the spot. If you ever get the opportunity to go see this band, refuse!

With the OK GO disappointment, the arrival of the headliners was made so much sweeter by a full out rock opening complete with confetti cannon. Kicking it from the get go and keeping their stride throughout their hour and a half set, TMBG showed fans what a real live show should be like. Flansburgh’s witty banter amplified the band’s already excellent crowd interaction and had fans eating out of their hands. Also, never to be called stale, TMBG mixed it up with a kick-ass drum solo, wonderful bass solo and, believe it or not, a glockenspiel. Without a new record to pimp, TMBG was able to play many of the songs that gained them their fan base in the first place, such as “The Sun Song,” “Subliminal,” “Fingertips” and “Actual Size.” These classics were a well-received surprise to all in attendance, and not a foot in the place was still nor a head in the crowd nor a-bobbing. Finally, coming to the close of a wonderful set, They Might Be Giants capped the night off with two encores, answering the screaming pleas of fans not yet sated. All in all, it was a terrific show that left no one wanting anything but more.

They Might Be Giants is assuredly a band worth getting to know better.
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**Folk Music**

**LISA CERICOLA**

STAFF WRITER

I got to thinking about folk music after Bob Dylan’s win for best movie song at last week’s Academy Awards ceremony. Dylan thanked the Academy for choosing a song that “doesn’t pussyfoot around nor turn a blind eye to human nature.” In a way, that is the definition of folk music. 

In a few words, folk music is simple, acoustic music about life—the average person and everyday events or common themes that anyone could relate to. Every country has their own style of folk music, and folk artists like Woody Guthrie, Joan Baez, Nick Drake, Leonard Cohen and Simon and Garfunkel have defined the genre in America and Britain. 

But no one characterizes the genre more than Bob Dylan. Not only did he reinvent folk music, he broadened society’s social consciousness and the way we look at music today. Dylan’s vocals are loose, sloppy and often hard to understand. He does not have a conventionally good voice by anyone’s standards, and yet his music has been popular for decades. As a song writer, he started a trend of confessional, introspective lyrics, which inspired countless other folk, pop and rock groups, including The Beatles. Today, we define contemporary folk as the period post-Bob Dylan. But even icons like Bob Dylan have their own idols. Much of Dylan’s style was adopted from Woody Guthrie, a musician from Oklahoma who survived the Great Depression, which inspired his song “Tom Joad” and “Dust Bowl Blues.” Guthrie toured the US extensively with folk artists like Pete Seeger and Jack Elliott until he was hospitalized in 1954 from Huntington’s Chorea, a degenerative disease. Guthrie wrote about 1,000 songs in his lifetime including “This Land is Your Land” but never received much critical acclaim. As with many artists and musicians, Guthrie was truly discovered after his death, and since then he has become a major influence on folk’s biggest vote. Much like pop stars today, folk musicians of this time period sold millions of albums, got airplay on radio stations. They were talked about in the media and followed by fans. “Scenes” for folk music broke out across the US, and music labels exclusively for folk artists began to develop. 

Because folk songs are based on people and events around the world, the Vietnam War was a crucial part of the revival of folk music at its peak. Folk artists provided the soundtrack for the growing protest movement. In 1965, Dylan’s influence changed the genre once again. At a performance at the Newport Folk Festival, he used an electric guitar, incorporating more of a rock sound into his music. A new form of folk-rock had been developing, replacing the folk protest scene. Whether this was a natural evolution or just a movement away from a form of music that had now become mainstream, it stuck, creating a new form of popular music.

**Essential Folk Albums:**

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I’ve never been to the gynecologist before, and I’m really freaked out. My appointment is next week! What’s going to happen there?

-Freakin’ out, 18

There really isn’t anything to worry about. It’s like any other doctor’s appointment. They just want to make sure that everything down there is working and operating as it should be. He (or she) will ask you to get undressed (while he is out of the room, of course), put on a paper gown, sit on an examining table and put your legs in stirrups so that he can exam you. Depending on the doctor he might do a primary physical examination (to measure heart-rate, blood pressure, etc.) and ask you for any questions you may have relating to what he is doing. The physical check-up will consist of an examination of the vulva, which consists of the labia and urethra just to make sure everything seems to be functioning properly. He will most likely ask questions about your sex life and the health history of you and your family. This is so he will know as much about you as possible (and what he should look closely for) at this and future checkups. Be sure to answer everything in the most complete way; it will help him to better take care of you.

During possibly this first one and definitely future checkups the doctor will do a Pap smear, which is a test that is used to monitor the cervix. This is most women’s biggest fear about their first gynecological visit, but all he has to do is take a sample from you. Becoming anxious or nervous about this part of the visit will only make it more uncomfortable, though, so be sure to relax your entire body when the doctor is doing this part of the exam.

You will more than likely have a breast exam also. The doctor will place his (usually extremely cold) hands on your chest to feel for any lumps that may be hiding there. This is very important because you will be shown how to screen yourself for abnormalities during the other 11 months that you aren’t at the doctor. The breast self-exam should be done every month so that you will be able to easily feel when something is not right or a lump that has just formed. When you are older (or now if you have a high occurrence of breast cancer in your family), you will have to get a yearly mammogram to scan the breast tissue more thoroughly for tumors.

There are many other helpful tests he might run to monitor your uterus, endometrial tissue and menstrual cycle. Going to the gynecologist, when you find one you like, is a very positive thing. Going regularly can help you prevent some major problems with diseases like endometriosis (the abnormal growth of the endometrial tissue of the uterus), cervical cancer, ovarian cysts (tumor-like protrusions on the ovaries), breast cancer and fibroid cysts (which can collect on the uterus) as well as other useful tests like screening you for the proper method of birth control if need be. Don’t be afraid to ask questions if you don’t understand a part of the exam, and if he (or she) makes you feel uncomfortable, remember that you can speak up. It is your body, after all.

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You might think it odd of me, enjoying the act of comedy.

David Taylor
Staff Writer

On Tues., March 27 yet another comedian dared to come to the UCF campus. The name of this comic performer was Elvira Kurt, probably best known for her thirty-minute stand-up special on Comedy Central. On that fateful night, the Wired Cafe was fairly crowded with around sixty people in attendance. The act started at 8:30 p.m. and continued into the night, lasting till well past 10 p.m. The question burning itself into the fragile human minds of the reader is: was the show good or the equivalent to a Carrot Top movie?

To answer that question, yes, the act was excellent. Kurt is funnier than some well-known comedians that the public has seen in the past. I would put her above people like Whoopi Goldberg any day. Kurt was simply hilarious, being almost consistently funny throughout the night. This is opposed to some stand-up that you see which is much more "roller-coaster," or rather having low points of silence and high points of extreme laughter. All in all, this surprised me because, at the risk of sounding sexist, there are only a handful of female comedians I actually enjoy.

Kurt proved me wrong at every turn with her witty insights into life that grew to an orgasmic peak. I actually enjoy toward the end of the night. This is opposed to most, likely due to the fact that Kurt made the subject of homosexuality humorous and treated it lightly. She definitely broke down the butch lesbian stereotype in many respects.

The show was truly great, so much so that Kurt stayed on stage for much longer than she had originally intended. She kept on stage as long as she wanted and had the audience on her heels. The audience seemed to generally have no big deal with the act at the Wired Cafe was a great, refreshing way to unwind after a hard day of classes.

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Mom says Eat your greens...
**LEAD STORIES**

- In Butler County, Pa., in March, Tammy Lynn Felbaum, 42, was charged in connection with the death of her sixth husband, James Felbaum, who died from a fire-breathing magician Randall Richman, 32, told court that his high DUI blood-alcohol reading might be due to an increasing population of retirees, former tennis greats, and newspaper-avoiding commuters.

- Miami's B.E.D. restaurant, where customers are urged to "Get to Dagens Industries to step up their procreation efforts," fetched about $1.25 million at a December auction.

- A team of researchers from the Netherlands' Delft University of Technology filed a lawsuit in federal court in Central Pennsylvania, charging that after nearly four years of research, it had solved the perplexing problem of how to store and pour draft beer on zero-gravity space stations.

- A former Long Island police officer Dominick Beech, 31, changed his plea and admitted in March 16 in New Plymouth, New Zealand, that after he had come to provide a royal escort (Gloustershire, England), he had shot himself while he was driving drunk. (He has since switched professionally to kerosene).

- In a February dispatch from Thessaloniki, Georgia, the German news agency Deutsche Presse-Agentur reported that surgeons at Thessaloniki's prominent Institute of Aesthetic and Reconstructive Plastic Surgery had successfully replaced a cancer patient's amputated penis with a substitute made from the man's left middle finger and had created a channel inside to allow urine (and semen) to pass.

**DUI Defense du Jour**

- On March 16 in New Plymouth, New Zealand, Steven Smit, 31, changed his plea and admitted in court that his high DUI blood-alcohol reading might have been caused by the six beers he had drunk; initially, he had pointed out to police that since he does a nightclub act as a fire-breather, it is natural for him to have methyl fuel on his breath (though he has since switched professionally to kerosene). On the same day, halfway around the world in Los Angeles, fire-breathing magician Randall Richman, 32, told the Los Angeles Times he will argue at his upcoming DUI trial that his breath-test reading detected only the lighter fluid he uses in his act (though the police report said he had also bloodshot eyes and could not stand up).

- He Was Inadequately Protected From Himself

- Former Long Island police officer Dominick Beech filed a $45 million lawsuit in federal court in Central Islip, N.Y., in January, charging the police department with failing to properly furnish him a service weapon during a period of depression, three months before he shot himself with it. And Richard L. Garcia, 17, filed a lawsuit in November against the city of Bradenton, Fla., because police let him go with no penalty after stopping him while he was driving drunk. (He crashed a few minutes later, suffering serious injuries.) And burglar gardener Robert Norton, now 77, over the years has stolen from more than 100 employers appeal to religious women who want to be "chastity". And among eateries recently in the news:...
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The year? 1997. The game? Diddy Kong Racing. Rare Studios’ answer to Nintendo’s hugely popular Mario Kart racing game. The character? A fuzzy wuzzy white squirrel named Conker, whose cutey factor was enough to make a Care Bear sick.

Like many other cuddly critters before him, Conker was on the fast track to first-class mediocrity. A Banjo-Kazooie-type game was in the works, and Conker’s Pocket Tales, the squirrel’s Game Boy debut and first starring role, was an unperspectacular, if respectable, platform.

Then, as it often does at Rare, hell broke totally loose, this time swallowing Conker whole and replacing his cute little soul with the devil himself. Conker’s Bad Fur Day, out on March 5 for the Nintendo 64; is an experience that offers a previously inaccessible area of the game. You read that right, ladies and gentlemen.


But Bad Fur Day isn’t simply a festival of sick and twisted eye candy, the game, offers from little to much. The N64 offers a spicy buffet of multiplayer mini-games that rivals Rare’s best. Modes include the Beach, a faithful D-Day rendition, only with black-hearted teddy bears; War, a strategic game of capture the flag; and Race, a Mario Kart-like sprint using hover boards. None of these modes will steal the thunder of the one-player mission, but they are a great way to kill some time with friends.

Conker is swimming, the results can be horrendous, if not fatal.

Other than that, Bad Fur Day is quite possibly the most fetching game the Nintendo 64 will ever see. The graphics are next-generation quality. And the voice-work... oh, the voice-work. Every character in the game, from the foul-mouthed paintbrush and paintcan team to the Great Mighty Poo (I kid you not!) has its own distinct twang and rhythm. It’s a first for a Nintendo platformer, and a remarkable technical feat considering the limits of the system.

For players who somehow tire of the spectacular one-player quest, Bad Fur Day offers a spicy buffet of multiplayer mini-games that rivals Rare’s best. Modes include the Beach, a faithful D-Day rendition, only with black-hearted teddy bears; War, a strategic game of capture the flag; and Race, a Mario Kart-like sprint using hover boards. None of these modes will steal the thunder of the one-player mission, but they are a great way to kill some time with friends.

With all the runners of Ray’s next doozy Dinosaur Planet moving to Nintendo’s next-generation Gamecube, Conker’s Bad Fur Day might very well be Rare’s Nintendo 64 swan song. And what a song it is. The N64 needed to end its iffy run with a bang; leave it to Conker, the most unlikely of heroes, to make sure it does just that.
I know, and I'm really sorry. It's just that I, um, have some dating issues that I need help with...

Have you talked to Mikey or Felix about it?

Uh, no. I can't really talk to them...

I know, and I'm really sorry. It's just that I, um, have some dating issues that I need help with...

Well, everything's great. We've been on a couple dates and we really dig each other. It's just that...

I think she wants to get, um, a little more sexual...

That shouldn't be a problem for you.

Right, pimp daddy?

Actually... it is.

Huh?

I'm a virgin.

Oh, really? It's about that Tri-Delt you've been seeing, huh? Cause you guys make such a cute couple and I...
Instead, I got bursts of inspiration to run as I scanned Piepenburg has compiled a handy little book. Its breezy 92 pages didn't keep me on the couch yawning. Knows about fatigue. Knows what it's like to know how it feels to and a body that's getting numbing fatigue. Other books may wax more eloquently about the joys and kinetics of running. This book has its grammatical missteps, as when an Alabama father writes of an early-June run, "Being Father's Day, my mind wandered to my children." Still, Piepenburg's small book has the flavor of real people. She hopes those who find themselves despairing about their running grab her book, read for 3 minutes and then hit the road with new vigor.

Scattered amid the inspiring stories are tips that motivate some of the world's top athletes and some ordinary runners with extraordinary courage. Here are some that caught my eye:

1. Set a goal. But not one involving your weight, clothing size or quality of a relationship. All are too unpredictable to provide steady reinforcement. Instead, enter a fitness event, then train to do your longest run of the week, or it could be joining the thousands expected to walk or run in the Race for the Cure.

2. Try the 10-minute rule. As Piepenburg puts it, "Tell yourself you'll head out for 10 minutes, and if you don't feel good, you'll jog home. I guarantee, you'll keep running. You always feel good after 10 minutes."

3. Just imagine. If fatigue sabotages a run, imagine a moment when your stride felt terrific. Piepenburg, who is 5-foot-5 and 108 pounds, refills her mental fuel tank by imagining the last two blocks of the Boston Marathon—particularly, she says, "If I've just gotten out the door and I think I don't really want to be doing this."

"I see the road lined with bleachers of people, and the sound of the crowd is so powerful. My body is saying, 'I really want this to be over.'"

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