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Institute of Simulation and Training director resigns

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STAFF WRITER

Professor Dennis McBride has resigned from his position as director for the University of Central Florida’s Institute of Simulation and Training (IST) in order to return to his family in Virginia. McBride has been at UCF as both the director of IST and a member of the faculty for various departments since October 1999.

"We're very disappointed that he's decided to leave, though we can't exclude his priorities," said M.J. Solleau, the Vice-President of Research for UCF. "It's a good direction (for McBride) but a great loss for UCF."

The official date for McBride's resignation is June 1, 2001. McBride will continue to work for IST until this date, at which time Deputy Director Brian Goldiez will temporarily replace him. Goldiez will only serve until a new director can be appointed; a process of selection has all ready begun in the Office of Research.

"We hope that this new director will take the Institute to the next level," said Solleau.

And they're off

Students feel tenure may lower education's quality

AMY PAVUK
STAFF WRITER

Many University of Central Florida students feel they are receiving a poor education and are assigned incompetent professors because of the academic tenure system.

"I hope to God school will get me somewhere," George, a UCF junior, said. "But, when my teachers care about their paychecks more than the experience of their student's education, I am almost positive I won't."

He added, "The problem with tenured teachers is that they just don't care anymore."

George explained, "They've been here so long that teachings no longer about making sure students retain the knowledge."

George feels incompetent professors on tenure status lack communication and teaching skills. He explained: "Yes, teachers know what they are talking about. However, if they cannot relate it to their students in a way that young minds understand, then what is the point of teaching in the first place?"

Students registered in the Engineering Concepts and Methods class competed in a potato race at the Reflection Pond for a grade. The objects used could be worth no more than $2ilter and had to keep in contact with the water until the potato traveled from one end of the stairs and around the fountain to the opposite side.

Different For All, Over Me, Show Me Love and The Broken Hearts Club: A Romantic Comedy. Each is held at 7 p.m. in the Student Union, and dates are available on the GLBSU website. Throughout the entire month a display called The GLBT Experience in America will be on show at the UCF Main Campus Library on the second floor.

GLBSU sponsors many of the events during this month. The club’s goals center on the elimination of homophobia and the enactment of legislation for the protection of homosexual and bisexual people. One of the GLBSU’s biggest rules is the Golden Rule, which upholds their main goal of tolerance. Anyone interested in becoming involved with the GLBSU should contact them through their website, http://pegasus.cc.ucf.edu/~ucfglb

Student operates painting business

ADA LAM
STAFF WRITER

Student Justin Diamond runs his own painting business, for which he put together a marketing strategy, sets up his own paint jobs and hires his own painters.

Diamond is a branch manager for College Works Painting, an organization that allows students to manage their own business. Students, trained by the CWP, get as many paint jobs as possible during the summer, According to how many houses were painted, the students get paid in August.

CWP’s District Manager Ben Young, spoke in one of Diamond’s business classes. He wanted to establish a branch of College Works Painting in Florida, so he recruited from the University of Central Florida in the fall of 1999.

“I’ve always planned to run my own business one day,” Diamond said. “This was the perfect opportunity for me.”

Diamond went through four interviews and had to speak with past interns before he was finally hired.

This semester, Diamond has been attending training workshops in between meetings with Young and other branch managers in Florida. He has been calling potential customers, giving estimates on potential paint jobs and setting up appointments.

Diamond has also begun to look for possible UCF students to paint houses for him this summer, from May to August.

Diamond is a full time student in business management. He works from his home and puts in an average of 20-30 hours a week.

Along with training students, CWP also does volunteer work. This past March, Diamond along with other branch managers volunteered with Seniors First, a charity that paints the homes of senior citizens who are not able to afford it themselves.
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UCF Alum’s credits include “Real World” and “The Mole”

Paul Wilson
STAFF WRITER

For Clay Newbill, Orlando has been the birthplace of a dream. Newbill, a ’82 UCF alumni in radio/television and film, has turned his degree into an extraordinary career. “UCF was a absolutely positive experience for me,” said Newbill. “When I was at UCF from 1979-1982 it was a wonderful time. The campus was growing and expanding, it was exciting.”

While at UCF, Newbill was a cheerleader, a member of Pi Kappa Alpha and an Orientation Team member. “When I came through UCF I was lucky enough to be told how to register, what classes and which professors to take. I just wanted to be able to do the same thing for incoming students,” says Newbill about his experience as a member of O-Team.

While attending UCF, Newbill worked at Walt Disney World attractions, but always had his eyes on production. Upon graduation, he continued working at Disney and at Channel 6 as a production assistant. While Disney, Newbill got his first real break. He landed a job with the Media Productions Department as a production coordinator. It was there he was introduced to Don Ohlmeyer, former producer of Monday Night Football on ABC.

Newbill’s department at Disney eventually became Disney MGM Studios. “Since I was able to get in on the ground floor, I got to do so much. I eventually made some great contacts in the business. Everyone told me that if I wanted to make it big I would have to go to Los Angeles or New York.”

Newbill went to Los Angeles in 1991. “People kept telling me that I would never make it. I would be back in six months, but I was very well connected and was able to get work fairly easily,” he said, while acknowledging that he experienced culture shock in Los Angeles.

“Cool as Ice,” a documentary on white rapper Vanilla Ice, was Newbill’s first job in Los Angeles. He worked as a second assistant director on the independent film. “It was great just to have a regular paycheck at that point, but it was a funny experience for me. Can you imagine playing tennis with the back-up singers for Vanilla Ice? It was an experience,” he said.

Newbill then worked on “The Extreme Edge” on ABC, a one-hour special on extreme sports and one of the first shows for extreme sports enthusiasts. “The hit MTV documentary “The Real World” was Newbill’s next gig, where he was the coordinating producer for the second [Los Angeles] and third (San Francisco) seasons. “From those things really took off,” said Newbill of becoming producer and director of the hit MTV series “Road Rules.” “Road Rules” was amazing, I traveled all over the world and did all the missions the road rulers did. I jumped out of a plane, saw the running of the bulls, went wing-walking. The list goes on and on,” said Newbill.

Last year, Newbill became the co-executive producer of “The Mole,” on ABC. The show was a success and Newbill was named executive producer of next year’s Mole. Newbill recently signed on to work with Dreamworks on a game show that will air in the fall of next year 2002, on ABC. Newbill has also developed his own company, Dog Fight.

“Early on is this is what I wanted to do and this is what I was going to do,” said Newbill. “I worked hard and I believe that when you work hard and stay focused, you will be successful.”

Newbill has some advice for UCF grads who want to follow in his footsteps. “The mistake I made early on, I had a diploma, but no practical experience. When I graduated I felt I was ready to take on the world, but I didn’t have enough experience. You must be willing to start at the bottom and work your way to the top. You have to be driven and work hard. If you keep at it, it will come.”

Money matters in college

Darcy Elena Rodriguez
STAFF WRITER

College students know the concept of not having money very well. It is an inevitable component of many student’s college years. The majority of college students depend on financial aid either from their parents, a job, government grants, scholarships or a combination of these. As seemingly as it may sometimes seem, there is money out there for students. The problem is knowing where to look.

At the beginning of every search should be the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). This form will get the US Department of Education (DOE) acquainted with the financial “need” of the student. The federal government will consider the finances of students and parents and decide an award amount. These awards are in the form of grants and loans.

The federal government primarily gives out Pell Grants, Federal Stafford loans and Federal Perkins Loans, which are based on a number of criteria including citizenship, residency, enrollment and academic progress. Aside from federal aid, the FAFSA information is passed on to the state and to the college or university. The state DOE may present grants also based on need. Some common need-based awards are the Florida Student Assistance Grant (FSAG), the Supplemental Education Opportunity Grant (SEOG) and the Bright Futures Scholarships which are based on high school GPAs, courses and activities. The FSAG and SEOG are given only to undergraduate students.

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Are cell phones a risk on the road?

Imagine running out to Publix to satisfy a late-night chocolate craving. The guy in front of you is weaving back and forth and doesn’t seem to be responding to the situation very well. Of course, you give him his space and get around him at the first opportunity you get. You glance at him as you go by and notice that, big surprise, he is on his cell phone.

The number of people with wireless subscriptions has risen from less than ten million in 1990 to almost sixty million in 1998 according to a study done by Alasdair Cain and Mark Burris of the College of Engineering at the University of South Florida. Cain and Burris’s study also went on to survey the frequency of mobile phone usage while driving, finding that 17 percent of cell phone owners say they use their cell phone on most trips and 10 percent use it about half the time.

The distraction caused by cell phone usage is mainly physical and hence, has less to do with the dialing mechanism than is commonly thought. According to a study done by James McKnight and A. Scott McKnight, an intense business conversation could distract a driver to the point that vital cues to impending danger could be missed.

Why is America obsessed with connectivity in recent years? As recently as 1993, cell phones were used more for business purposes than for personal conversations. Since then though, most usage has changed to personal, with 58 percent of all cell phone calls in 1997 and 61 percent in 1998.

Also, surprisingly enough, ladies are not entirely to blame. In fact, 16 percent of males who own cell phones use them on most trips, while only 5 percent of females do the same. While 7 percent of males never use their phones while driving, 14 percent of females abstain from cellular use in the car.

The advantages to owning a cell phone usually pertain to safety, such as the ability to call for car help and emergency medical assistance. In fact, calls to 911 from wireless phones amounted to 193,000 in 1985 but have skyrocketed to 30,500,000 in 1997. While this may seem like a positive thing, many emergency phone operators say that multiple calls come in from the same accident because passersby report the same incident. Also, it’s not yet possible to locate the accident using a cell phone as it is using a normal household phone.

In Cain and Burris’s study, drivers talked on the phone and drove at the same time. The time taken to complete the route was about ten percent longer when the drivers were talking on the phone and the driver’s heart rate was signifi-
Summer vacations on a college budget

Five vacation getaways for under $500 provide thrifty students with a chance to explore the U.S.

Casey McCorkle  Staff Writer

The key to any great vacation is a well-thought out itinerary. However, summer is quickly approaching and many students still find few vacation options on fixed budgets. Here are several ideas and vacation destinations that might help get you started:

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Web sites prime spots for finding financial aid

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Did you know?

Useless facts of the week

On average, clergymen, lawyers and doctors each have 15,000 words in their vocabulary. Skilled workers who haven’t had a college education know between 5,000 and 7,000 words. Farm laborers, about 1,600.

The penguin is the only bird that can swim, but not fly. It is also the only bird that walks upright.

Allergies cause students in the United States to miss 1.5 million school days a year. Allergy sufferers experience a significantly reduced ability to second degree-seeking undergraduate students can be awarded.

Aside from federal and state grants, the college or university may provide students with grants and scholarships. These may include Merit and Scholar Awards and are awarded based on academics, need, student activities, leadership, or work experience. The UCF Merit Award is given to full-time undergraduate students who exhibit need and academic achievement.

There are scholarships available for every kind of student. They range from military to minority scholarships. There are also gay and lesbian scholarships, Greek student scholarships, and at least one for every major imaginable from astrophysics to home economics. Finding such funds is facilitated by the Internet. There are hundreds of sites existing to identify those who do.

The key to receiving aid is starting the search early. The funds can and do run out. Deadlines must be met and the requirements for aid differ with the various awards and organizations.

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Though current market bad, investors must be optimistic

Ryan Totka
Contributing Writer

Two years ago it was easy to make money in the stock market, simply buy technology issues and watch your portfolio make monstrous gains. In today’s current market, it is a totally different ballgame. Some people get sick; others can’t sleep at night and the real simplicity exists to look at their portfolio. Those who just started investing in the past year have got a bad taste in their mouth and are experiencing one of the worst declines in market history. So the big question younger investors want answered is, what is the reason for this big mess and what can stop the bleeding?

Reason number one is simple. Company valuations were trading at unsustainable levels. The price to earnings ratios (which many analysts use to find how cheap or expensive a stock is trading at) were through the roof. The price of stocks, mainly technology issues, could not sustain their prices compared to earnings. How could company’s balance sheets who are in the red and not scheduled to make money for years down the road or ever make money, trade at ridiculous prices? The bubble has finally burst and is taking no prisoners. Most of these dot-com’s will trade at pennies and many will go out of business. Just look at the stock chart of any dot-com issue on the market. It is very hard to find one that is not trading at or near a 52 week low.

Reason number two is a little more complex. Consumer confidence is down. People do not have a reason to get excited right now. We had positive announcements among the blue chip stocks that have been beat up this past year. Companies continue to disappoint the street with bad earnings, in turn forcing investor confidence and taking the demand out of stocks. It’s a vicious cycle.

So what can be done to resolve this mess? Most importantly, we want to see investors gain back confidence in this difficult economic environment. There are a lot of investors right now sitting on the sidelines with plenty of cash trying to get in at the right time by picking a market bottom, a near impossibility. The NASDAQ has plunged 67 percent from its high and the Dow is off close to 20 percent from its 11,700 levels back in January of 2000.

Chairman Alan Greenspan has cut interest rates three times this year to help spur the economy, but that has not been enough. Look for a few more interest rate cuts in upcoming months by head-honcho Greenspan. We need positive economic data and for companies to beat expected earnings in order for us to see another good run in the market. Just like in life, confidence is key! If you’re a younger investor with a long-term investing horizon, consider this a valuable opportunity. The pain will stop soon. Stay positive!

Seminar

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Pi Kappa Phi fraternity works with disabled kids

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Pi Kappa Phi fraternity has a unique relationship with Push America, a service organization that raises money and awareness to help create handicapped-accessible constructions across the country; an alumni from the University of North Carolina actually founded Push in 1977 as the fraternity's own service organization. In the past two weeks, Pi Kappa Phi members who are UCF have been continuing the fraternity's service-oriented tradition, working with Push America.

Spencer Newman was accepted several months ago into Hope, an annual charity bicycle trek from San Francisco to Washington, DC, that last for about two months. Along the ride, the sixty cyclists visit homes for disabled children across the country. Before any of these Pi Kappa Phi brothers—-from many different chapters throughout the nation——can even begin their bicycle ride, they each must raise at least $4000 through their own fund-raising efforts.

UCF Pi Kappa Phi brother Joe Regenstein was also accepted to participate in the Journey of Hope, though he will be part of the crew team that follows in cars to ensure the riders' safety. Another brother, Chris Klein, was accepted to ride in Gear-Up Florida, a similar bicycling event that covers 750 miles in Florida in just two weeks.

Six UCF Pi Kappas also traveled to Brandon, Florida, last weekend for the regional Give-A-Push Weekend, another Push America project to benefit the Susan G. komen Breast Cancer Foundation. This project utilized the efforts of 40 men from Pi Kappa Phi chapters across the Southeast to construct an all-persons accessible stage and amphitheater in the Clayton Park, marking the first time in the history of Push America that something has been built in a public park. Usually, units are constructed at private facilities.

The fraternity also hold their annual fund-raising bowling tournament, Bowl-schlagert, last Sunday. The event, held at the Aloma Bowling Lanes, raised over $600 for Push America.

Alpha Delta Pi sorority won first place overall, followed by Delta Delta Delta and Zeta Tau Alpha.

Zeta Raises Awareness

Zeta Tau Alpha sorority used the University of Central Florida campus last week to support and raise awareness for the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, a philanthropic organization whose main focus is to empower women with information that could help them to detect breast cancer. The sorority women distributed over two thousand breast self-examination waterproof shower cards—which can be displayed in the shower and demonstrate the proper method of breast self-examination—and reminder stickers for daily planners and calendars.

The sorority also coordinat- ed an event Wednesday night called "Fashionably Loud," a fund-raising fashion show between the sororities on campus, and it was held in the Pegasus Grand Ballroom. Pi Beta Phi sorority won the fashion competition, and all proceeds from the event also went to the Susan G. Komen Foundation.

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Studies find cell phones a distraction

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cantly higher. This leads researchers to believe that conversing while driving causes the driver to proceed more slowly. Also, phone use increased lateral position deviation, known to most of us as swerving.

Since inattention among cell phone users is consider-
ably higher, (17 percent of all cell phone users as opposed to only 9 percent of all drivers) they tend to get into more acci-
dents. Between 1992 and 1995, the total traffic related accidents was 233,000, 1,548 of which ended in fatalities. 4.2 percent of total accidents involved a cell phone, but in 7.7 percent of the accidents with fatalities someone involved was on the phone at the time. Drivers using a phone at the time of the accident were nine times more likely to die during the course of the accident. Finally, drivers with phones were more likely to incur a collision because of lateral deviation, or swerving.

Also, 7 percent of cell phone users drive under the influence while only 4 percent of non-cell phone users do.

The conclusions reached by Cain and Burriss are the fol-
lowing:

1. All forms of cellular phone usage lead to significant increases in the establishment of non-response to highway-traffic situations and increase in time to respond.

2. Complex, intense conversation leads to the greatest increases in likelihood of over-looking significant highway traffic conditions, and the time to respond to them.

3. Drivers over age 50 are more easily distracted by cell phone use.

4. Prior experience with cell phones appears to bear no relation to the distracting effect of cellular phone use.

There are safer options for those drivers who plan to con-
tinue to use cell phones while driving. Drivers should be extremely familiar with the features and functions of the phone and should keep fre-
quently called numbers in them memory, including 911. Hands-free accessories for cell phones keep your hands free for driving. Drivers should practice using their cell phone while the car is stopped, to prepare to drive and talk. Finally, make sure the phone is easily accessible and close to your line of vision.

One new technological invention designed to make cell phone use as safe as pos-
sible is the 'intelligent answering machine.' The answering machine is a device which increases the safety of the vehicle by only allowing the driver to converse during safe periods of driving. The answering phone would receive data from vehicle sen-
sors or even visual data and keep the driver informed about safety levels, even disconnect-
ing the call in extreme cases. Should a call be disconnected, the caller is referred to the dri-
er's voice mail and told that they will be reconnected short-
ly. While this is not readily available for consumers yet, such technology is inevitable.

Results of the 2001 Energy Challenge

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The State University of New York, College of Environmental and Forestry (SUNY ESF) took first place of $15,000 on April 7 at the 2001 Energy Challenge in Gainesville, Ga.

SUNY beat out four other schools including UCP, University of Maine, Miami University (Ohio), and North Carolina State University. The competition was to build the most dynamic and stable sailboat to race from wood chips. Their ship finished in a time of 11:42, with an overall score of 82.8.

The second place prize of $10,000 was garnered by the University of Maine, whose boat finished with a contest best time of 10:48. However, their score only amounted to 78.1. Miami University (Ohio) grabbed the third place prize of $5,000 with a total score of 76.2.

Even though they placed fourth, the UCF team did not fair poorly. Their boat finished the race por-
tion of the contest in a time of 12:08, and earned a final score of 75.6.

Total scoring for the event was based on best sail performance during the timed race, written reports, gross weight, and stable and dynamic sailboat design. The race portion accounted for only 20 per-
cent of total scoring for the event.

Energy Challenge '01, sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy, Institute of Paper Science and Technology (Atlanta, Ga.), Vanguard Sailboats and Hercules, Inc., allowed engineering students to work with energy efficiency and waste minimization concepts that have real applications in the pulp and paper industry.
He earned his Ph.D. from the University of Georgia in experimental psychology, emphasizing a study of learning theory (the areas involving conditioning, learning, etc.). In addition, McBride has received graduate degrees from the University of Southern California and Troy State University in the areas of psychology and engineering.

Prior to becoming director of IST, McBride worked for the Office of Naval Research, where he did research for the Aviation Medicine and Human Performance Program, particularly in the Medical Science and Technology Division. Based upon his former experience with the areas of learning theory, engineering and biology, McBride was ideal for the position of director of IST, being what Soileau called a “broad scientist.”

IST, one of the largest producers of grant/research money for the university, has the purpose of researching and developing simulation programs for various fields in combat and medical situations. It is currently one of the leaders in the field of simulation training in the world. The examples of research conducted by IST range from flight simulation for pilots to simulation of wounds and various disorders in dummy soldiers/patients for medical personnel.

The main purpose is to provide a safe training environment for situations gone catastrophic.

As simulation science evolves and stretches across a variety of disciplines, IST’s mission is to help the University achieve true world-class status as a provider of cutting edge modeling, simulation, and training research,” said McBride in his Director’s Notes for IST. “To this end, our goal is to play an increasingly diverse role in fostering relationships among staff, faculty, industry colleagues, and sponsors.”

As director of IST, McBride has been able to bring numerous improvements to the program, even though he has only served as director for a short time. One of McBride’s major accomplishments has been to bring the Institute closer to the academic arena of UCF, making it more accessible to undergraduate and graduate students. As McBride said, it was a sort of building of an “academic bridge” between IST and UCF.

In addition, McBride has worked towards expanding the already existing Master’s degree program in simulation (one of the first and only such programs in the nation) to a Ph.D. program, working through the colleges of engineering, arts and sciences and computer science, and program in the process of being created.

“I am extremely proud of the Ph.D. program for Simulation. I anticipate international notice and recognition of the program,” said McBride, “I regret that I will not be here for the first lecture. I recommend that IST continue the momentum with regard to academic and push forward with it.”

McBride has also worked towards increasing the prestige and finances of the Institute. During his period as director, IST has increased its income by 17 percent, to a total of $5.2 million in grants and state funds. This figure is expected to increase at the close of this fiscal year. Also, he has taken the program to new research sources, which are more commercial than some of their former foundations, primarily military.

The cause of these changes, according to Soileau, is McBride’s transformation of IST to a more fundamental, “curiosity-driven” type of research, which was able to diversify funding.

“He’s been a true leader for IST, and we’ve developed a friendship,” said Soileau, “I hope to keep him involved, though it won’t be the same.”

In addition to his duties as director of IST, and as a research for UCF, McBride also served as a professor for numerous courses at the university. These were done not out of obligation to, but rather as a favor to UCF, according to Soileau. These courses ranged from cutting-edge courses for graduate students in computer science to introductory courses in general psychology for honors students.

“Professor McBride was very dedicated and passionate about his work. I certainly felt I learned a lot about psychology in his class,” said Jennifer Evans, a former student of McBride. “Future students will be missing out.”

Though saddened to leave UCF, McBride feels that family priorities must come before all others, and thus must return to his home in Virginia. However, he is leaving the university with positive feelings towards both the university and IST, seeing both as something for him to always be proud of.

“I’ve been proud to be associated with UCF. It is a university on the rise, and I’ve enjoyed being associated with faculty and students who really get it, and are really funny, and kind, and promising people,” said McBride.

Despite the fact that he will be leaving the University in June for Virginia, McBride will still participate in activities of IST as chair of the IST Advisory Board, where he will advise studies conducted at the Institute, and as a member of the Board of Directors for Simulation, working for the program in Washington, D.C.
Faculty: Tenure gives professors freedom of expression

Teaching is important for academic freedom, but "tenure does not work when things are normal, there is really no reason for it," Jones said normally, professors are not extremely worried about academic freedom. He explained, students are generally more open-minded than previous generations. "It would be very difficult to dismiss tenure altogether," Jones has considered suggestions for reorganizing the tenure system, but he said he has no real answers. "It is not right to block students from having good teachers, but at the same time, it would be difficult to protect academic freedom." He added, "I do not think tenure is the main reason for low quality instruction and advising. I regard it as a distant factor way down the list." Four out of five interviewed professors disagree, and believe the tenure system is effective. Dr. Brian Tonner, chairperson of the physics department, said, "Academic freedom is one of the most important aspects of teaching." Tonner feels public universities would not attract high-quality professors if tenure were eliminated. "Particularly in the physics area, qualified professors can choose career alternatives that pay much better than academia," he explained. According to Tonner, physics experts can find jobs in the business world paying much more than a university salary.

Director of the history department, R. Crepeau, feels tenure is vital to the success of professors in the social sciences. "The history department is a bit more sensitive to criticism because of political views," he explained. "Sometimes people don't like certain views of history and events that have occurred." Crepeau said academic freedom would not exist without tenure.

Brooks Madsen supports the tenure system, but he said it needs mending. "The tenure evaluation process at UCF is too complex and involved," he explained. Madsen said there should be a simpler, streamline format. He said a system should exist guaranteeing only the best teachers receive tenure status.

According to The Chronicle of Higher Education, the tenure system is being examined nationwide. Florida's newest public school, Florida Gulf Coast University does not grant professors tenure status. "I don't know if students have an advantage or disadvantage when a school doesn't grant tenure," Jones said. "High-quality professors may be reluctant to teach at a school that won't grant tenure." Jones added, if tenure is not awarded, universities might lack experienced teachers.

"It will be interesting to see what happens at UCF in the next few years," Jones said. "Many professors that were hired in the early 1970s still teach because they were granted tenure, and students want younger teachers. Will UCF be under pressure to keep the teachers that have been awarded tenure status?" Jones said because tenure is supported by professors nationwide, "There is nothing we can do."
Four years of college and then what?

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That wasn't the exact question I was asking myself when I began my college career almost three years ago. I believe it was more along the lines of "Awesome parties, my own sweet apartment and sleeping in silkfully late on the weekdays. I'm registering for a fortune!" Three universities, one community college and 90 credit hours later I'm beginning to question the collegiate path and my place in it.

Upon attending three of Florida's state public universities I have come to ask—Why is it when students face the impending pursuit of academic advancement, typically we are hypnotized by a myriad of promises? Promises of a future for which we ourselves cannot control. A life limited only to the restrictions we ourselves impose.

I doubt this three-year college experience of mine prevents me from seeing the ultimate conclusion of which I am speaking. Which is my point. Students are in a zealously frenzy to leave their traditional suburbia home in hopes of finding new perspectives, a true purpose via a four-year education and hopefully some sort of academic degree. But rather than bask in the glory of unfamiliar expectations that the four-year plan provides, scholars rush to graduate by whatever possible curriculum that equates to the most minimal time spent at that particular institution.

Why? I thought we loved college. At least that's what we are conditioned to believe in high school. Did we do anything with the entirety of our time or academic capabilities senior year? No, our final years of K-12 education were spent pondering the many wonders of a key party; along with other endless surprises and benefits college life might offer. Once in attendance and after the joys of rent payments-reality sinks in. We suddenly find college isn't merely an annoyance, a trivial task that inhibits us from finding "real work" and in the end succeeds in becoming a competition to see who leaves the fastest.

But what happens when college ends? Where do we go then? Hello, enter the real world. Which leads me to my real objective—graduate schools. Many students feel that graduate schools, unlike college, offer no real necessities. For example, in cyberspace the word "terrorists" or bomb an objective. With a sniper rifle sitting on top of the roof getting ready to take someone who's pointing an MP5 at me. I'm being watched. There's this eerie feeling that makes me want to turn and run because there's someone who's pointing an MP5 gun at me from the bushes. Then there are other times that I can see the library from a distance. Help is around the corner. A gun with a sniper rifle sitting on top of the roof getting ready to pick me off. I don't think I'm paranoid or anything; it's just that I'm starting to become more aware of the world.

So I'm scared, I think I've got some serious problems that may require me to stop playing on the computer: But the problem is that whenever I stop playing the computer, I have nothing to do. I could go out and do something like see a movie or hit up college for a good true sex trance, but then I'd be missing out on some good games online. I mean I could stop anything I want, I just don't want to right now that's all.

I am writing in reference to your April 4 issue. In your "Greek Beat" you showed a picture of the ladies of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. dancing to open their "Delta Week." However, in the Greek Beat, you did not mention anything about their week or any of the events that were held. Why would you send a photographer to take a picture, and not a reporter to interview any of the ladies about the reasons for having their week? In fact, I don't recall reading anything about Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity's week, or any of the other Black fraternities or sororities for that matter. Why is it that some of these events are covered, yet you cover all the events of the traditionally White sororities and fraternities? It's also kind of strange that many W. White students don't even know that we have Black sororities and fraternities on campus. In the past two days, I have had two different people ask me if we had Greek Black representation on campus. Maybe they should get a little more coverage too. So much for equal rights and freedom of the press.

Sincerely,

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Equal coverage?

I think one of the main reasons UCF students are "indifferent" is because they don't know what is actually going on.

I walk by the Student Union everyday and see things going on, but I didn't know that they were going on. The promotion and advertising that UCF and its organizations do are not enough. I actually see chalk writings on the sidewalk that inform students of upcoming events, which is a good idea. Where was that last year during the fall term? The spring term is always laid back, most likely at other schools as well. The fall term is where everyone is fresh and ready to get nutty. You also have to take into the fact that maybe one of the reasons people come to UCF is that people don't want to cheer for our teams, they just want to party and go to school.

Finally, you have to consider the fact that UCF is young, very young in comparison to the other big schools like UM, UF, and FSU. It is going to take time to build "traditions" and mold our university into a great school.

Tantrum and Raving

Counter Strike: my electronic addiction

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I'm an addict. It's cool though because I feel all right. I'm addicted to an electronic drug. The drug is called Counter Strike and if there's anyone who needs more of a daily fix than me then you need some serious help.

Here's the basic idea of the game. There are terrorists and counter-terrorists. If you are the terrorists then you run around and try to either kill the counter-terrorists or bomb an objective. If you're the counter-terrorists then you either rescue hostages or kill terror- ists.

All in all, this is a pretty violent game. There's animated blood and a plethora of weapons to choose from. The thing that's getting to me is that it's starting to sap my mind. I find myself thinking in computer talk in my head.

For example, in cyberspace the word "blow" means laughing out loud. This is usually used when someone has done something stupid or made a funny comment. Well for me, when I walk around campus and see something comical or someone in the apartment says something funny, the immediate thing that pops into my head is "blow," I've almost said it out loud a few times.

Then there's "ruffling," that's rolling on the floor laughing. That's used when someone does something really dumb or severely stupid. A few days ago I witnessed a stupid mistake made by a cop, he did something or other that made me want to burst out laughing but instead I thought "ruffling".

Now however, there's another problem. When I'm out alone getting gas or some other mundane task that requires me to unlock my computer, I don't even think about it. I'm so used to being watched. This entire feeling that makes me want to run and run because there's someone who's pointing an MP5 gun at me from the bushes. Then there are other times that I can see the library from a distance. Help is around the corner. With a sniper rifle sitting on top of the roof getting ready to pick me off. I don't think I'm paranoid or anything; it's just that I'm starting to become more aware of the world.

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It’s time to change

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I realized something very important yesterday. Even though I’m going through rough times, there’s many more people out in the world who are suffering much worse predicaments. And then I realized something else—I want to help them.

Yesterday, in sociology class, we watched a movie about people living in poverty. There were families living in decrepit hotels (funded by the government) that were trapped in an endless circle of poverty. These hotels were falling apart and infested with rats and other vermin. However, the catch is once someone begins work, they are forced out of the hotel and must find an available apartment that is cheap enough to afford with the salary they make. Therefore, anyone with children living in these hotels has no choice but to stay if he/she wants to keep a place to live.

Then there was an interview with one family—a young married couple with five children. Their story is quite shocking and melancholy in that an apartment fire forced them into poverty. Just two years before, the fire ravaged their home and took everything they ever possessed. Now, the family must live in one of these “unlivable” hotels. The father can’t afford to lose this shelter to a meager paying job because he would be unable to afford a new apartment, furniture, and care for his five children.

Perhaps what is the most depressing is the fact that these young children must live in such squalid conditions. Instead of worrying about what cereal they want from the grocery store or what clothes Barbie will wear today, they must see the pain in their parents’ faces, fend off insects and witness the drug abuse in these dwellings.

Often times, we see a homeless person on the street begging for food and we simply drive by apathetically and ignore them. However, we don’t know their story. We don’t know who they are or who they are. Instead, we are quick to conclude that they are useless bums whose misfortune is a result of laziness or dishonesty.

Perhaps the real problem in this situation is human apathy. Why can’t the government help more? It’s not right that children must grow up struggling to get by. Impoverished people have stories, stories that someone needs to hear.

It’s sad that we let money rule our lives. It brings about happiness, depression, greed and corruption. It murders people. During the Depression, many people jumped off buildings. It’s no different today when farmers lose their land. It is quite ironic that this institution which gives us freedom imprisons us as well. Just a mere piece of paper can ruin a country and we let it. We just stand by and let it take over; conquer us all like a vicious, incurable disease.

Money is a classification. Similar to the nonsense of classifying race, money evokes biased opinions. We have a tendency to believe that destitute people are lazy, while wealthy people deserve their fortune because they worked hard to achieve the “American Dream.” Some dream. Whatever happened to dreams of peace, harmony and humility?

All I know is that I want to help. If I ever obtain great amounts of money, I am definitely going to donate it to people who need it more. It’s sad how millionaires can spend their money lavishly on more homes, jet airplanes and luxurious cruise liners when there are human beings just a few blocks away living like animals because they can barely afford a stick of gum.

Money is destructive, and we have to do something about it. We’ve made a monster out of our own machine.
Outrage comes too late in riots

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Bob Deardorf of Davis Furniture said it best. "I think it's absolutely terrible," said Deardorf. "They act like kids. I have no idea why they do this." He was referring to the protestors who had just broken his front window, but in truth he may as well have been speaking of the entire situation. The situation has been escalating behind the scenes of this city for many years, and finally hit a boiling point April 16 when a group of 100 to 150 protestors began to riot.

I think it's absolutely ridiculous. I am not the one that caused all this to happen. This is my place of business. I'm a taxpayer. I've been in Over-The-Rhine for six years," said the manager of the Jump Cafe and Bar. The popular eatery lost its entire front window and was left with considerable damage. The manager was correct. He was not involved in the death of Timothy Thomas, an unarmed teenager. The police, however, played their part in Thomas' death.

These two men were absolutely correct and dead wrong at the same time. While they may not have been the cause of this riot, their outrage parental response from almost anyone's parents.

The first example of a sheltered life is the poor soul was a girl I meet recently. I couldn't believe her when she said she had never been out of the state of Florida. Can you imagine never leaving the state and being almost 22 years of age? What life can you have experienced without seeing what different kinds of cultures, society and theme parks make up this beautiful country called America? I have traveled as far West as New Mexico and traveled as far North as Boston. Giving me the opportunity to see the beauty of the land, such as the mountains of Colorado and the ghetto of New York City. Can you imagine seeing nothing but the flat lands of Florida, unless of course you pass a landfill.

The next example of a sheltered life is the trapped boy behind the parent's wrath of denying him freedom. I met a guy recently, if you can call him a guy, that had been living at home and his parents would give him the third degree when he wanted to go out on a weekend night. Can you even develop the thought of being treated as if you were in middle school when your college buddies are going to the strip club on a Tuesday night? Sorry Sweetie, I think you should stay in tonight, you have class at 1 p.m. tomorrow and those strip clubs are filled with dirty girls. Of course, some of those girls are in your class working their way through college. Mother is always right, obey or get used to the terrible nightmares she will make you live into. My parents, since I was legally an adult, have held me responsible for making those decisions to stay out late and be dead for class or to have a good night of sleep before class begins. I usually choose sleeping in class, no really, sleeping in the daytime is always better. How can you beat a good old captcha in the middle of the afternoon?

The final example of a sheltered life is the daddy's little girl syndrome. Yes, plenty of college girls still get everything they want from their parents. They send them checks in the mail and they buy them everything they could possibly need. This is all because they have always been daddy's little girl, most of the time as an only child. If my parents bought me everything I needed, life would be much easier. When I started college, work was a must. I still can't believe some people don't have to work at all. Guess I'm just not Daddy's little girl, because that would be impossible without traveling to Sweden.

Sheltered life can be seen throughout life, not just in college. Wait until you get into the real world. I'm sure as many, but still a few will be in one of the categories above. But let's be glad that the majority of us are not as sheltered as my previous examples. I know experiencing life is a big part of my existence and my parents realize that I'm not a little kid too. I hope your parents have the same ideals. Please don't even make your kids seem totally sheltered when they are in college.
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Opinion

All residents deserve access to the Ethernet

For the students who live under the umbrella of the Office of Housing at the University of Central Florida that provides quicker connection speeds than dial-up, the only stipulation is that they follow a certain set of rules for usage (mainly to avoid file-sharing programs).

However, there are certain areas within the boundaries of UCF that do not receive the luxury of using the Ethernet. For the students who live in the area of Greek Park and for the women who live in the Business and Professional Women's Scholarship House (or the BPW House), Ethernet connectivity is not achieved.

And while it is merely a luxury to use the Ethernet, many of these students feel that it is a luxury they, as residents on the campus of UCF, are entitled to.

The BPW House is a small home provided to female residents of UCF at a monthly rent. These students are clumped in the same category as the dorms (that is, they are in the jurisdiction of the Office of Housing) despite the fact, they are not given usage of the Ethernet that all other residents of UCF are given.

Greek Park is the row of Fraternity and Sorority houses along Gemini Road, which is maintained and supported by individual Greek association. However, they are still considered to be on campus property and to be residents of UCF, and some feel they are entitled to the use of the Ethernet.

At a recent open forum conducted by President Hitt, students from Greek Park and the BPW House asked President Hitt for the extension of Ethernet to their residence. In response, President Hitt informed the group that their housing was too much of a "low-density" population, meaning that not enough of them lived in the area to warrant the money necessary for the connection. However, he did say that he would like to see Ethernet connected to those areas despite the fact that it was too costly for such a small group. This implies that if there is a plausible way to do it, it may be done.

While President Hitt is correct in his assertion that it is too costly to connect these smaller organizations to the Ethernet, and that it would probably clog the already low-bandwidth; these students should still be able to use the Ethernet from the safety of their own residences on campus. It isn't as if they are miles away and that connection was absurd or impossible, just overly expensive.

I am of the belief that if there is a simple way to solve a problem, it can be found. Besides which, forcing someone to use dial-up is a form of torture in some areas. And, in addition to the pain the students suffer for using dial-up, the appeal of living in the BPW House or on Greek Park is dropped massively, making students biter to the idea of living in these areas and providing for a loss of students and possible income (from the lack of students applying to live in those places).

There is also the consideration that some students, who own their own computer and would rather not use the Computer Centers, have to use the LAN in order to do certain projects or assignments. Others may find it necessary to set up academic servers, conduct research over the LAN, or any other number of activities.
People ask why it happened; answer is racism

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at being victimized merely illustrates a point. Where was their outrage when it was far too late.

Now that there has been violence and destruction, people are asking why it happened.

A better question is why does our society routinely ignore problems until they have escalated into violence?. The answer is something city officials dare not mention—racism. For many years white suburban children have been told not to go into certain sections of Over The Rhine because it had a high crime rate. If you were white, then in all likelihood you would be killed. Unfortunately, these kids grew up without ever learning otherwise. These children became police officers and had to patrol the very streets they learned to fear as children. Because the majority of the residents are African-American, the officers automatically believed African-Americans, and particularly males, secretly meant to do them harm. At the same time young African-American males learned from the environment that the police were their enemies. So when these people finally meet as adults every encounter has an undertone of tension. That tension has resulted in violence 12 times.

The African-American community has been saying Cincinnati has a learned history of racism and its police force has a history of violence toward African-Americans. There have been countless opinions written, investigations made and promises uttered, but no real change has occurred. Consideration of real change has only occurred after violence. Whether that change occurs remains to be seen.

Cincinnati has many race issues that need to be addressed and it is time that we come together and try to solve them. Once upon a time Cincinnati was voted the most livable city in America, as of now it seems like the only thing African-American males can look forward to is dying by police hands.

Installation of connection cheaper than new cables

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other scholarly necessity that might arise where access to the LAN would make it much less painful to do.

So, I decided that I’d like to find out if there is an easier way to get students living outside of the Libra, Apollo and Lake Claire Communities, an Ethernet that wouldn’t involve a massive loss of funds on the part of these students. After a short while of thinking, I was reminded that the reason I am not an engineering major is because namely, I know nothing about engineering. I forgot the main rule that all people should abide by is, “When in doubt about something technical, go and consult an engineer.” So, I consulted some computer-engineering students for any possible solutions to the problem.

According to the engineers I spoke to, there is a simple method that could provide these students with cheaper connection to the Ethernet, which is one that has all ready been implemented in several buildings on campus, including Classroom Building 1 and the Engineering Building: the 802.11b standard, provided by companies such as Cisco through products such as Airnet 340 Series, which is another way of saying wireless Ethernet. This Wireless LAN (WLAN) provides access to the LAN without the use of cable modems (thus solving the problem of the massive construction necessary and can be accessed from building-to-building).

The process of installation of this product would be simpler and cheaper than the installation of new Ethernet cables to Greek Park and the BPW House, though the BPW house all ready has Ethernet cables surrounding them. Since the installation of the wiring has all ready begun, and the goal is to eventually extend wireless Ethernet across campus and establish a WLAN, it wouldn’t be difficult at all to extend this privilege to the other residents of UCF. By simply installing receivers in central locations and having students install the necessary card components to their computers, the students would be able to access the Ethernet at a lower cost. These products are considered to be excellent for areas where a regular LAN proves implausible.

There are additional benefits to using this system as well: the school could charge students for the cards, thus avoiding that cost. In addition, there would be the charge for accessing this connection. Thus, all could be made happy by this process, provided that all students are residents of UCF and given the faster connection speed that they desire.

UCF should try to provide as comfortable an environment for students as possible. There shouldn’t be certain drawbacks to choosing to live on-campus but away from the dorms. While it is a small luxury for students to enjoy, the faster connection speed of the Ethernet is a joy that the students are entitled to, and which, if possible, should be given to as many students as feasible.

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Wrestling tournament crowns ten champions

Jeff Dolnack
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Seventy individuals participated in the annual Intramural Wrestling Tournament on April 3 in the Education Building's gymnasium. Wrestling is one of the more popular one-day tournaments, and that showed true again this year. Ten different weight classes were provided for the participants, crowning the following champions: Nick Beane (130), Matt Einhorn (140), Roman Buckner (150), Scott Parker (160), Johnny Carreon (166), Jered Beaird (172), Joe Meneskie (180), Angel Nieves (198), Dan Smith (210), and Richard Alexander in the Unlimited weight division.

Pi Kappa Alpha holes Golf Scramble Title
Will Griseld and Chad Brad combined for a 66 score to take home the Golf Scramble title on April 6th. "And you thought Phi's could only lift weights", said Griseld, as they edge the second place team Delta Upsilon by 3 shots. 40 teams competed in this year's event which was held at the Twin Rivers Golf Course. Lambda Chi's Chris Dunsmor captured the Long Drive competition that was held on the 10th hole at Twin Rivers and Harold Lawson put it simply by saying "I'm the best", as he won the Closest to the Pin Competition on the 7th hole.

Teammates Keith Walsh and Andrea Daddario knock out Home Run Derby Championships
Keith Walsh hit 3 home runs in the finals capping his run for the Home Run Derby Championship. "It was a long night, but it was a lot of fun", said Walsh, as over 40 men and women came out for the first time event...Andrea Daddario edged her roommate Amelia Simpson in a 5th round tie-breaker to win the Women's Title. "It was a Red Rocket night", said Daddario, as her and Walsh both play for the Red Rockets in the Softball division.
Westin OK
Sophomore Johan Westin, who has been plagued for much of the season with a strained back muscle, tested his back out in the two matches last week and reported no ill effects. He played doubles and singles against Rollins, though only doubles against USF for precautionary reasons.

“He probably could have played singles again but we wanted to rest him for the TAAC,” Cashman said. “He’s doing much better, he played a great match in doubles and singles.”

Winning records
The entire team finished the regular season with singles records at or above .500. Strangberg leads the team at 13-3, followed by Guerin and Bradu, both 11-7. Camacho is 8-8, though primarily against top seeds. Sanabria is 9-6, Westin 8-6, and Winter 7-5.

In doubles, Camacho and Guerin are 6-6. No other team played enough to establish a significant record.

Doubles changes
In an effort to improve the team’s doubles play, Cashman continued to juggle his lineup. Camacho and Guerin were reunited after a few matches with other partners. The teams of Bradu and Westin and Strangberg and Sanabria are just beginning to work together.

The team has lost the doubles point 11 times this season.

Still in the rankings
Though inactive for a week, UCF remained among the teams in the WingspanBank.com Collegiate Tennis Rankings. The Golden Knights sit at No. 68, up two spots from last week’s No. 70 ranking. This is the sixth consecutive week UCF has appeared in the rankings.

Around the TAAC
Other TAAC teams in the rankings include Georgia State at No. 56, up three spots from the previous week’s No. 59. Also on the list is Florida Atlantic at No. 63, down six spots from No. 57.

Florida Atlantic is in first place in the conference, with a 6-0 record against TAAC opponents. Stetson is second at 4-1. Troy State is next at 2-1, followed by UCF’s 3-2 record and Georgia State’s 4-3. Jacksonville follows at 2-3. Campbell, at 1-2, Samford at 1-3, and Jacksonville State and Mercer at 1-7.

Jacksonville State’s win over Mercer on the 12th was their first of the season, making them the last team to win TAAC game this year.

Stetson and FAU both have six players with double digit wins totals in singles. The next closest is UCF and Jacksonville with three. Jacksonville and FAU also are the only two teams that have two doubles teams with 10 or more wins.

Junior designated hitter Andy Johnson makes it to second base with a stand-up double in Friday’s game against Campbell. Johnson had two doubles in the game, and ranks second among UCF players with a .388 batting average.

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Women's golf team comes up short at TAAC Championships

JOE MANZO
STAFF WRITER

The UCF women's golf team came up eight strokes short of its third consecutive trans American Athletic Conference Championship last week at The Landings Golf Club in Warner Robbins, Ga., shooting a 926.

Campbell won the tournament with a score of 919, while Jacksonville placed third with a 943.

With the loss, the 33rd-ranked Golden Knights must hope for an at-large bid to the NCAA East Regional. Without an at-large bid, the 33rd team will be left out.

All five of UCF's golfers played in the Top 20 of the tournament. Junior Kim Tudor did the best, taking third place overall by shooting a 72. Fellow junior Tanja Arnold finished tied for eighth with a 76.

Without an at-large bid, UCF's season is over.

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Cashman hopes tough schedule prepared UCF for this week's tourney

Still, UCF isn't without its weaknesses. The team has struggled badly in doubles matches, and it showed in their last TAAC regular season match when they were swept against Florida Atlantic. Injuries have also beset their lower singles seed, putting their depth into question.

UCF still has to consider themselves one of the tournament favorites. The Golden Knights join Florida Atlantic, Georgia State, Stetson, and Troy State. FAU, 18-4, comes in as the favorite following its undefeated TAAC record. The Owls went 6-0 with victories over all four of their fellow competitors. Led by top-seeded singles player Doug Devriendt (5-5 season record) and the doubles tandem of Marin Jirak and Yalin Bilgin (14-4), FAU presents a tough lineup for any TAAC team to face.

Last year's champs, Georgia State, also had a strong season. Going 4-3 in conference and 12-10 overall, the Panthers' lone win against the top seeds came against UCF on Feb. 17. UCF later defeated them 4-3 on March 3. GSU is led by Carl Lumsden (12-7) and the doubles team of Chris Stewart and Jon Monk (3-3).

The team that beat UCF last year, Stetson, compiled a 4-1 conference record and 18-3 overall record this season. UCF's lone meeting with the Hatters was canceled in mid-February. But their lone conference loss to FAU was also their lone conference game against a major opponent. All six of their singles players have 13 wins or more, paced by Libor Sedviak's 18, compiled mostly as a fifth seed. They also have three doubles teams with at least eight wins, led by Sedviak and Tobias Tangberg (11-4). But Stetson's record may be inflated because of a weak schedule, putting them in a similar situation to the Golden Knights - team they beat last season.

Troy State, conversely, has compiled a subpar record against a tough schedule. The Trojans went 2-1 in conference, but were just 7-8 overall. Though losing to FAU, they did beat GSU in February. UCF did not face Troy State this season.

Troy State is lead by Daniel Quincero's -10-5 singles record and Willy Campos and Amanjeet Gill, 6-2 in doubles. But Troy State has faced ranked opponents Southern Alabama, Alabama, GSU, Florida State, UAB, and FAU, going 2-4 in those matches.

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Miami pounds UCF in women's tennis

MIAMI, Fla. - Senior Ann-jeanette Svantesson picked up her 73rd career singles win and her 17-11 on the season. The Hurricanes swept the Golden Knights-26-1, 6-1 loss to No. 32 Miami on April 8 in women's tennis action at the Neil Schiff Tennis Center.

The Hurricanes swept doubles play in the senior duo of Alanna Broderick and Katia Bogomolova defeated Marieke Gunawan and Sonja Prokopec 8-1 in the top slot.

Miami, who improved to 17-5 on the season, received straight-set victories at No. 2 through No.6 singles. Finishing up her last regular season match in a UCF uniform, Svantesson picked up her 73rd career singles win by beating Broderick 7-6, 6-7 at the No. 1 position. With the win, Svantesson improved to 17-11 on the season.

The Golden Knights dropped to 12-5 and return to action for the Trans America Athletic Conference Championships on April 19-22 in Macon, Ga.

NO. 32 Miami 6, UCF 1

Singles:
1. Ann-jeanette Svantesson (UCF) def. Alanna Broderick (UM) 7-6, 6-2
2. No. 95 Bettina Hafner (UM) def. Anna Westin (UCF) 6-3, 6-4
3. Katia Bogomolova (UM) def. Marieke Gunawan (UCF) 6-3, 6-4
4. Marcy Hora (UM) def. Julie Pecastaing, (UCF) 6-0, 7-5
5. Silhen Bentnacer (UM) def. Sonja Prokopec (UCF) 6-2, 6-2
6. Ann-jeanette Svantesson (UCF) def. Westin/Pecastaing (UCF) 8-5

Four school records fall at Florida Women's Challenge -

GAINESVILLE, Fla. - The UCF women's track and field team smashed another four records and had nine Top Three finishes in statewide competition April 8 at the Florida Women's Challenge, hosted by No. 11 Florida.

Senior hurdler Kelcie Marzetta set a 59.36 time in the 400-meter hurdles for first place and a personal best to break the record she set in the event at the Florida Relays on March 23. Marzetta narrowly missed the NCAA provisional qualifying standard of 59.20.

Senior thrower Katara Beard broke the UCF record in the shot put, coming in second with a mark of 46.0-75. She also placed second in the javelin throw with a mark of 112-1. For the jumpers, LaTricia Firby broke the triple jump record she set in the indoor season with a leap of 41-2.25, and also placed third in the long jump with a mark of 18-5.25. The 4x400-meter relay team of Emily Pugh, Firby, Mikala Riddlesworth and Jamie Pew also broke the school record with their time of 3:52.58.

Other top performers for the Golden Knights were Pew, who won the javelin throw with her mark of 122-11; Kelly Rohoff, who finished second in the high jump with a height of 5-5.75; Brianne Huntington, who finished second in the 3000-meter run in 10:21.00 for a personal best; and Michelle Daniels, who finished second in the 5,000-meter run in 18:20.00.

From the Sports Desk

The UCF women's tennis team enters this week's 4AC Championships coming off a loss to the University of Miami.
Men's golf heads to TAAC Championships

Craig optimistic about UCF's chances at conference tournament

The UCF men's golf team will attempt to win its first Trans America Athletic Conference Championship since 1996 next week in Dadeville, Ala., and Golden Knight Head Coach Brian Craig is optimistic about his team's chances.

"Our team has a great chance of winning the TAAC," Craig said.

The Golden Knights are coming off a strong performance at the Alabama Spring Invitational on March 23-25 in Tuscaloosa, Ala. UCF placed eighth out of fifteen teams at that tournament, which included some of the nation's best. Freshman Jordan Dempsey and Andy Hollis have been improving throughout the year for UCF, and look to be ready for big performances at the TAAC Championship. Dempsey finished eighth individually at the Alabama Spring Invitational, while Hollis finished fifteenth.

"Kevin Kahle, Jordan Dempsey and Andy Hollis have all been playing well lately," Craig said. "All three have a chance to have a good tournament."

Last year, UCF finished fourth at the TAAC Tournament, 28 strokes behind the winner Georgia State. However, despite having a less experienced team, the Golden Knights may have a better chance at winning the tournament this year.

Kevin Kahle, Jordan Dempsey and Andy Hollis have all been playing well lately, Craig said. "All three have a chance to have a good tournament."

Ehrnsberger hits home run number 13, Pope breaks strikeout record

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however, as 14 of the top 25 teams lost over the weekend.

Bergman said that the losses and UCF's lack of offense was surprising.

"We didn't get on top of the ball," he said. "We didn't stick to the game plan. We tried to go for the big fly and we had a lot of pop ups. We made no adjustments at all the whole three games. When you get into conference play, it's hard to run off a lot of win streaks. But losing two out of three at home is not the type of thing that you would expect at this time of year.

"But baseball's a funny game. We scored 16 runs against a good South Florida team, and then we score six runs in three games against what I thought was just average pitching. Go figure. You've just got to fight through it.'

UCF wins midweek game against South Florida

TAMPA, Fla. - Matt Meath went 3-for-5 with four RBIs and a triple, while Justin Cerrato picked up a win in 3.2 innings of relief as No. 11 UCF battered South Florida 16-9 at Red McEwen Field on April 10.

Cerrato (1-0) came on in relief of a 7-1 game and shutdown the Bulls offense for five innings before giving way to a run in the seventh inning. The outing was the longest of Cerrato's freshman season as he threw 5.2 innings, scattering five hits, while fanning eight in 105 pitches.

Chad Ehrnsberger continued his bombing escape by hitting his 13th home run of the season, a two-run shot to straightaway centerfield in the seventh inning. Ehrnsberger has 10 of his 13 home runs on the road this season.

Jeremy Frost went 3-for-5 with four runs scored and an RBI.

Bill Oakley had a solid night going 3-for-3 with three RBI.

The Golden Knights defense, ranked 14th in the nation in fielding percentage, committed zero errors and turned four inning-ending double plays on the night.

South Florida used eight pitchers on the night, unintentionally, as the Bulls struggled to keep the Golden Knights off the bases and off the scoreboard.

Brendan Fuller (0-2) took the loss in relief for USF. Mike Barclay went 2-for-4 with a home run and three RBI. Daniel Boyd posted a double play on the night.

Ehrnsberger has done a good job replacing last year's seniors.

Sophomore Ben Ostrach placed 18th at the TAAC Tournament last year, and has improved since then.

Defending champion Georgia State is again the favorite to win this year's tournament. Campbell, which finished fifth at the TAAC Championships last year, also is expected to do well.

"Georgia State and Campbell are going to be our toughest competition, and we believe we can beat both," Craig said. "We're very optimistic."

The tournament takes place April 23-25 at StillWaters Resort in Dadeville, Ala. Samford University will be the host school.

UCF's team batting average rose to .332 after the 19 hits tonight.

Pope breaks UCF career strikeout record

With 14 strikeouts in his start against Campbell on Friday, Justin Pope moved past Brian Ahem into first place on the UCF career strikeout list. Pope's third punchout was the 271st of his Golden Knight career, passing Ahem's 270. Pope is now 9-1 this season with a 1.47 ERA, and has struck out a TAAC-leading 105 batters.

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Ehmsberger among conference leaders in nine categories

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would be the top Ehmsberger among conference leaders in nine categories the third spot in the rotation, giving runs (44), homeruns (13), RBI (32), and total bases (90). When Ehmsberger first got to UCF, he said it was strange being the new guy again, which is why he thinks it took him a while to get comfortable.

"It was like I was a freshman all over again," he said. "I felt like I had to prove myself to (my teammates) and the coaching staff. That may have had something to do with my struggles at the beginning of the season. I was pressing too hard, trying to prove myself. Now I'm just relaxing and playing."

At Ohio State Ehmsberger was named All-Big Ten his sophomore and junior years. He and teammate and fellow transfer Jeremy Kurella were the only two players ever to earn that distinction in back-to-back years. Kurella transferred from Northwestern University.

Ehmsberger was named second-team All-America his sophomore year and was a Miami, Freshman All-American, but Ohio State wasn't where he wanted to finish his collegiate career.

"I was leaving Ohio State regardless," he said. "I had a bad situation up there with the coach. I looked at a lot of different things and UCF was a good fit for me. I knew we were going to have a good team."

Ehmsberger said he is happy with the decision he made. "I expected us to be doing this well," he said. "We lost some games I think we should have won, but I think we've fought back as a team. I like our chances right now. I love it here."

Growing up, Ehmsberger said he really did not look up to any athletes. It was his parents that had the greatest impact on him. "I really didn't look up to any players," he said. "I really look up to my parents. They've been very supportive of me. They're always my biggest fans. Even tonight they're still up in Ohio, but I guarantee you they're listening to the Internet broadcast."

While he played other sports in high school, such as golf and basketball, Ehmsberger said baseball was his first love and he knew he would be able to play at the next level.

"I've always thought I could (play Division I baseball)," he said. "I started getting letters early in high school, so that kind of drove me to want to get that much better. It just kind of snowballed from there."

Bergman said that Ehmsberger has been a big contributor to the team, both offensively and defensively. "He does very well for us," Bergman said. "The one thing that's really gone unnoticed in his streak offensively was the good plays he's made defensively."
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Ehrnsberger shines in first season at UCF

**Kristy Shonka**

STAFF WRITER

The UCF baseball team received some much-needed power when third baseman Chad Ehrnsberger decided to transfer to UCF from Ohio State. So far this season, the senior third baseman has 10 home runs for the Golden Knights, leading the team and the Trans America Athletic Conference. Second baseman Mike Fox is next on the team with seven home runs.

Weird? Because they've been there.

**David Marsters**

STAFF WRITER

Entering the seventh inning of the first game of last Saturday's doubleheader with Campbell, the 11th-ranked UCF baseball team appeared to be headed for a sweep and Top 10 national ranking. Then all hell broke loose.

After winning the opening game of the series Friday behind yet another masterful performance by Justin Pope, UCF held a 2-0 lead entering the final inning of Saturday's opening game. Jason Arnold was in process of matching Pope's brilliance, carrying a one-hitter into the inning. But Arnold couldn't finish off the Camels, and when the dust settled, Campbell had won the game 6-2.

Tony Della Costa started off the seventh for CU with a double and then advanced to third base on a wild pitch. Arnold then walked Michael Wincek, and pinch runner Travis Cobb stole second. Della Costa scored on another wild pitch, and Cobb came home on a single by Jeff Huff. After another run and two more baserunners, Nic Carter hit a three-run home run, chasing Arnold from the game. Zach Sutton came on in relief and struck out Della Costa to end the inning, but the Golden Knights were unable to score in the bottom of the seventh.

UCF never recovered from the Campbell rally.

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**Men's tennis among the favorites at TAAC Championships**

**Chris Bernhardt**

STAFF WRITER

When the UCF men's tennis team walks onto the courts of the John Drew Smith Tennis Center this weekend in Macon, Ga., they'll be in far better position than were they were a year ago.

Why? Because they've been there. This year's team won't get an easier draw in the first round of the Trans America Atlantic Conference Championships, but the Golden Knight team that as a No. 3 seed lost 4-1 in the opening round to No. 6 Stetson last season pales in comparison to the team that will have a similar seeding this year.

Last season at this time, Bobby Cashman's first as head coach, the Knights came into the TAAC championships with a decisive 11-11 record. But the numbers were deceiving. That team faced little in the way of major competition and it showed when the stakes rose. With his first opportunity to make an imprint on the team's schedule, Cashman took action.

Matches against the University of Florida, the University of South Florida, UAB, Penn State, and DePaul appeared on the schedule. All of these teams and DePaul appeared on the schedule. All of these teams spent time in the WingspanBank.com Collegiate Tennis Rankings this season, and so did UCF.

"It's going to help us cause I don't think we're going to be afraid to play anyone," Cashman said of the tough schedule. "And that's what it really comes down to - just not be afraid to play anyone," Cashman said of the tough schedule. "And that's what it really comes down to - just not be afraid to play anyone."

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Outkast brought down the HOB

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A lot of people were surprised that I had tickets to see Outkast's "Stank Love Tour" at House of Blues Wednesday night. Being an indie-rock kind of girl, I don't make it a habit to go to hip hop or rap concerts, but I like listening to a lot of hip-hop artists like Jurassic 5, Lauryn Hill, Delfonics 2000. A Tribe Called Quest and the Beastie Boys. I had high expectations for Outkast, and although the show didn't disappoint me, it had its drawbacks. Namely, vomit on my new shoes.

House of Blues was sold out well in advance for the show, and if you haven't been to a sold out show there, it's hard to describe how seriously crowded the venue can get. As the opening act Ludacris started his set, I squeezed into a small spot upstairs and jealously eyed the empty rows of VIP seats directly below. About ten minutes into the opening set, the couple hugging the bench next to me surprisingly got up and left. I shrugged and slid over to finally get a view that wasn't obstructed by a giant wooden pole.

Something was wet and sticky under my feet, and it wasn't just spilled beer. Obviously my neighbors had had a little too much to drink (or eat), and I was standing right in whatever it was. But like I said, the view was good. What's a little vomit? A lot of people were surprised that I had tickets for the show, and if you haven't been to a sold out show there, it's hard to describe expectations for Outkast, and although the show included older songs like "So Fresh, So Clean." Compared to the bold, but simple black and white American flag backdrop used during Ludacris' set, Outkast's stage was Broadway caliber. They had dancers in uniform, live musicians, a few costume changes, back-up singers, a really neat lunar-looking backdrop and a cavernous set-up for their DJ.

Big Boi and Andre 3000 took the stage, dressed in their trademark yin-yang style: Big Boi in an Atlanta athletic jersey and Andre sporting just a pair of wild blue spaceman pants. Throughout the show, they alternated songs off of Stankonia, their critically acclaimed newest release. "Gasoline Dreams" was the perfect opener-powerful, loud and in your face. Big Boi and Andre were all over the stage, rapping directly into the crowd. Other highlights of the show included older songs like "Wheelz of Steel," "ATLIENS" and "Aquemini" and newer tracks like "So Fresh, So Clean." So much of hip-hop revolves around ego, and there was plenty of posturing and self-promoting.

Besides the music itself, one of the best things about hip-hop is that it draws such a diverse crowd. In my section alone, I spotted two young girls with their father, a few enormous afros, two girls who semi-striped for the "HOB security guards, a girl with short pink hair, a family who brought their child and every race and type of tattoo imaginable. You will never see such diversity at an indie-rock show.

Ludacris, who is also a dirty south boy from Atlanta, Ga., worked the crowd into a frenzy with songs from his latest release Back for the First Time. Everyone on the floor seemed to know all the lyrics to his songs, and it was great to see so much support for an artist who really worked his way up in the industry. Sex, hoes, violence and life in the South makes up the bulk of Ludacris' material; his music is more about intensity than meaning. It's amazing how a song that repeats four lines about hoes can earn so much money and airplay. It's almost...judicious.

Certain moments in his set were a little odd. As many musicians love to do, he went on and on about smoking marijuana and asked the audience to hold up their lighters if they "were smokin' tonight." Pretty funny in a place that forbids pot smoking and funny in a place that forbids pot smoking and had also hung big banners for Truth, a popular anti-tobacco organization.

At the end of the show, Ludacris asked girls in the audience to flash him for t-shirts. A few were happy to oblige, but not many. After telling the crowd multiple times to go and buy merchandise, Ludacris' crew threw t-shirts, posters and free CDs out into the audience. Note to bands: CDs are not a good thing to throw to people. One of the plastic cases thrown from across the room came hurtling by and missed me by a few inches. Not cool.

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Comedians in the Mist

DAVID TAYLOR

Staff Writer

Last Tuesday, at 8 p.m., I had the opportunity to observe two very unique creatures in their natural habitat. The place was Loco's in the Student Union. Hidden behind a glass panel, with pen in hand, I watched these strange creatures known as "comedians" perform before me.

The following text is from my own personal journals, recounting my experience. Jane Goodall would be so proud.

The first of these "comedians" was a male by the name of Mitch Fatel. Some may remember him from such documentaries as "The Tonight Show" and various programs on the always-insightful "Comedy Central." This past Tuesday, Mitch Fatel presented the eager onlookers with a clear display of comedy. At the beginning of the show, I noticed that Mitch seemed to have the Adam Sandler-esque voice down pat. You know, the child-like voice that Sandler uses so often in his own "documentaries." However, unlike that abomination of nature, Mitch Fatel was true to his ancestors, possessing what is known in scientific circles as "humor." In observing the behavior of this exquisite specimen, I noticed some particularly interesting habits. His constant references to the act of "mating" were just one of these behaviors. For instance, he described that his two favorite things in the world were muffins and women. If present, one may have heard him utter, "If I pulled down a woman's pants and saw a muffin there, I would say, 'Baby you need to go see a gynecologist about that, but after I eat.'" This is of course a rough summary of the sounds heard. Overall, this creature was very amusing; I would encourage any willing student out there to study him up close if given the chance.

The natives knew the second specimen I encountered as Joe Matarese. This creature may also be familiar to all the nature-watchers out there, having appeared on programs such as "MTV's Spring Break," "The Carson Daily Show" and "The Jim Breuer Show." Here is my description of this creature's behaviors, eager naturalists. Joe Matarese had many characteristics that set him apart from other members of his species, Comedius Vulgarious. For one, his intense hatred of those playing air hockey is particularly notable. At one point during my observations he got off the stage to convince those playing the game to stop. After a rather rude response from the creatures playing the game he remarked, "Next time I don't want to have an orgasm, can I think of your face?" Clearly a very hostile verbal statement, although in this case warranted. Another point of interest was Joe Matarese's dislike of "Beverly Hills 90210," or at least the opening scene. Also, his willingness to mock the nerdy members of the audience sitting near the stage were characteristic of his species, although still highly amusing. All in all Joe Matarese was an excellent specimen of the "comedian" species. He is a worthy candidate for dissection any day of the week.

Taking all my observations into account, these two "comedians" present two of the best specimens I have seen in my long years as a naturalist. Clearly there must have been some heavy natural selection at work here. So, if given the opportunity to see either of these creatures, I encourage you to do so.
Wondering what to do with those empty nights waiting for the television to spontaneously create some decent programs? Why not go out and see a live show somewhere in Orlando? What? You don’t know what is coming to this great town of ours? Well, here are a few options for consideration.

Friday, April 20: Moody Blues will be playing two shows at the Hard Rock Live. A group that has kept their songs as deep and melodic as they were when “Knights in White Satin” and “I Know You’re Out There Somewhere” first infected our radio waves. This is sure to be a good show if you are in the mood to kick back and listen to some very mellow music. Shows start at 7 p.m. and 10 p.m.; Ticket prices are $58.75 floor and $53.75 balcony.

Friday, April 20: D.L. Hughley comedy hour at the Bob Carr Center. One of the “Original Kings of Comedy” Hughley will be sure to keep the crowd in hysterics in his one-man show. Tickets are $32 and $36 and the show begins at 7:30 p.m.

Friday, April 21: Matchbox Twenty (with Everclear and Lifehouse) at the T.D. Waterhouse Centre. Orlando locals Matchbox Twenty come back to rock the town they sprung from promoting their sophomore album, Mad Season. Always a great performance, they will definitely bring the house down with their home-town return. Ticket prices range from $25 - $32.50 and the show starts at 7:30 p.m.

Monday, April 23: Atlantic Records Showcase, featuring Edwin McCain, Uncle Kracker, Duncan Sheik & David Garza at Hard Rock Live. Easily the most promising of the upcoming April live events, this show is a songwriters showcase that looks to be very entertaining with four talented lyricists and musicians on the same ticket for one venue only. This will be the only night and place to see these four artists in one place together. It should be a great show. Tickets are only $22 and the show begins at 7 p.m.

Thursday, April 26: MXPX with Ultimate Fakebook and Good Charlotte at Hard Rock Live. The punk/rock combination that is MXPX is always a good recipe for a live show and with the addition of two openers, the show should have at least one good set of music. Cheap tickets at only $12 each and the doors open at 8 p.m.

Sunday, April 29: WJRR’s Earthday Birthday in downtown Orlando. This all day event, on par with Lollapalooza in terms of selected artists, should really, really rock. The scheduled bands on the ticket are: Disturbed, Staind, 3 Mary 3, Monster Magnet, Taist, Skrape, Soil, Wreck, Sustained, SpineShank, Cold 7, Buckcherry and headliners The Offspring. You can’t beat 12 bands in one afternoon, but it would be wise to drink what you want before you get in because water and other beverages are likely to be pretty pricey. Advance tickets are $25 while tickets bought the day of are $28.
Dear Sexpert,

For our six month anniversary, my boyfriend bought me some lingerie. The problem is that it’s hideous! He picked it out all by himself and apparently thought that it would be sexy. It is two sizes too big and has a horrible flowered pattern. I asked him to take it back, or take it back myself, without hurting his feelings?

-Grandma nightie, 22

I wonder if you’ve tried it on in front of him yet. As soon as you do put it on in front of him, he will be able to see how horrific looking his present truly is. Or there’s a slight chance that he actually gets turned on by seeing you in moo-moo type sleepwear. You can be the judge of how to handle the situation just based on his reaction to the sight of you wearing it. If he does burst out laughing (if it really is that hideous), then you can both laugh all the way to the store to return it together with no awkwardness. But if he oohs and aahs over it, you have to be more careful. It’s mostly trial and error until he gets it right, but that’s the part you need to come out all by himself and apparently thought that it would be sexy. It is too big for you. If he says that it’s “just right”, then you need to come right out and tell him that you’re not comfortable in it or be stuck wearing it for him. It’s mostly trial and error until he gets it right, but that’s the part you need to come out all by himself and apparently thought that it would be sexy. It is too big for you. If he says that it’s “just right”, then you need to come right out and tell him that you’re not comfortable in it or be stuck wearing it for him all the time. It is meant more for him than you in the first place, but if you don’t feel sexy in it, then it defeats the purpose. Ask him to go with you to the store so he can observe what you pick out (not to mention your correct size). It’s mostly trial and error until he gets it right, but that’s the part. Any present is better than no present at all.

I’m glad you have been somewhat reluctant in trying this out. Actually it really isn’t the safest thing for you to be using. The thing is, your body’s cells, no matter where they are located, need oxygen and to get rid of waste materials that are produced. Sex takes a lot of energy, so there are going to be a lot of waste materials being produced. When you restrict the blood flow back to the body therefore prolonging and in most cases not allowing an orgasm. My question is: am I in my right mind to place this accessory on my penis? Is it perfectly safe, and I shouldn’t worry at all? Any guidance will be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

-Ringading, 20

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Aries (March 21-April 20)

Image: "Outside the Kremlin, an American shoe salesman"

Message: Seizing the moment.

Before mid-week, Aries, watch for a key official to introduce unexpected financial information: cancelled loans and temporary restrictions are accented. Although news may be negative, Aries, past employment or money mistakes can now be easily transformed into sound business decisions. Pay special attention to new property options, government contracts or lucrative, short-term projects. After Thursday social relations will be delicate; expect increased gossip and fast romantic speculation.

Gemini (May 21-June 21)

Image: "At the Bingo hall, four expectant players"

Message: Waiting for the numbers.

Financial speculations and new contracts will work in your favor this week, Gem. Early Wednesday watch for a key official or government agency to offer unique opportunities in promotions, media, advertising or management. Thoroughly research all major proposals, however; before mid-May employment facts, money promises or public records may be temporarily misleading. After Friday expect a sudden burst of physical energy: health, fitness and social optimism are now on the rise.

Cancer (June 21-July 22)

Image: "At sunset, birds quietly chirping from across the lake"

Message: Secure places.

Love relationships will be satisfying this week, Cancer: early Tuesday expect loved ones to leave behind past social anxieties or romantic doubts. Family differences or needs and watch for important emotional breakthroughs. After Thursday small financial decisions may be required. Key issues involve short term investments, property management, repairs or renovations; stay focused.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)

Image: "Five brilliant stars in the pale morning sky"

Message: Discovering another world.

Private love affairs or hidden loyalties between friends may now be subtly revealed, Taurus. Over the next few days romantic flirtations will be unmistakable; watch co-workers and officials for small indications of emotional change. Some Taurceans will also now enter into a highly passionate relationship. Remain open, Taurus; new relationships will be temporary but seductive and rewarding.

Leo (July 23-August 22)

Image: "In prehistoric times, a nest of dinosaur eggs"

Message: Ancient beginnings.

Family and close social relationships will now enter a brief but intense period of past reflection or confrontation. No serious or long lasting influences can be expected here, Leo, but do watch for loved ones to openly discuss recent events, past social loyalties or yesterday's decisions. Be attentive, Leo; others may now need your dedication and support. After Thursday news from a distant relative will be pleasing: travel plans, home renovations or large purchases are indicated.

Virgo (August 23-September 22)

Image: "An excited puppy running across an open field"

Message: Freedom, joyful freedom.

Early next week financial restrictions are lifted, Taurus: expect slow, steady changes.

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HOROSCOPES, Page 8-9
LEAD STORIES

- Taking advantage of the California electricity crisis, aluminum producers Kaiser, Columbia Falls and Great Northern have suspended production in their plants along the Columbia River and are now in the business of merely reselling their plants' electricity to California (for 18 times what it costs them), according to a February Business Week report. Kaiser says that aluminum production is unprofitable now, anyway, and that it still pays the workers in its tidally planted, however, the regional power administration in Portland, Ore., pointed out that the firms acquired their rights to electricity only as aluminum producers, not as electricity brokers, and wants them to give back some profits.

- Even Rugby Has Standards: Some players try to intimidate opponents by grabbing their genitals during tackles, but Australia's National Rugby League concluded in March that West Tigers' player John Hopoate went beyond that and routinely stuck his finger in opponents' anuses. The league suspended him for 12 weeks, but Hopoate resigned, and several days later was back in the news announcing he would seek legal action against the New Zealand Cancer Society for using his photo in ads to publicize the value of prostate exams.

A 59-year-old man was accidentally run over and torn in half by a slow-moving tractor-trailer at a gas station in West Pensacola, Fla., on March 22, but according to a Pensacola News Journal report, the torso portion continued to show signs of life, and paramedics airlifted it to the West Florida Regional Medical Center, where the man was pronounced dead until about 3 1/2 hours later.

- A 59-year-old man was finally murder despite having an airtight alibi. At Castillo's would you die instantly?• otherwise-high-end accused the Ermakova's year-old baby girl; just a month earlier, People Different Froni

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can't Possibly Be True

- Officials in the tony Silicon Valley town of Woodside, Calif. (population 5,600), recently deated compliancy with a state law requiring that town to have at least 16 "affordable housing" units (maximum rent for a one-bedroom apartment, $670) in that otherwise-high-end real estate market, and the best they could come up with, according to a November Associated Press report, was to allow how farmers to create "apartments" for middle-class residents inside their barns.

- Incumbent Mark Andrew Kem was re-elected to his seat in the Illinois State Senate, but according to The Bluefield Daily Telegraph, Mark Allen Kern (not with one voter so far expressing lack of earning) was re-elected to his seat in the Illinois State Senate, and when he heard the jailer call the name of a man he knew was asleep in a back cell, he pretended to be that man and was released. Family members convinced him to turn himself in (at about the same hour he would have been released, anyway), but the result of his case is that he now faces a felony escape charge.

- Thinning the Herd

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- Also, in the Last Month...

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- People Different From Us

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- U.S. Surgeons (unnamed in the News of the Week) were the first to perform a successful kidney transplant.

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The book is a "91 National Bestseller." So what? Movies like The Bonfire of the Vanities have shown us not to expect a lot from the movie adaptations of excellent books. While it may be on the short side, and a lot of funny parts were cut, Bridget Jones's Diary was a triumph over the "good book-bad movie" stereotype.

Casting Renee Zellweger as Bridget Jones seemed like the kiss of death when it was first announced. She is a Texan "and way too thin to play the slightly overweight, very British single-gal hero Bridget. After working very hard to make her critics eat their words, including mastering her English accent, interning at a publishing house and gaining twenty pounds, Zellweger became Jones. She was the perfect fit to a part that no one thought she could pull off.

For the men out there (or the few unenlightened women) who haven't read this book, it is a story of a true underdog, a thirty-two year old single woman, versus everyone else in the world: parents, "Smug Marrieds," smart-ass work colleagues and the single men left to choose from that aren't gay: Bridget.

She starts the New Year with a long list of the usual impossible resolutions (stop drinking, stop smoking, lose weight) and vows to keep a diary to better control her life. That plan quickly fizzles though, as life throws her obstacles from every angle. While some of the subplots are shortened and altered some, for entertainment's sake, and more than a few of the cultural references have mysteriously become Americanized, the main characters stay pretty true to the novel (Though Bridget is noticeably less neurotic on screen).

Hugh Grant takes a surprising turn as Daniel Cleaver; Bridget's boss and all around "prat." He is the embodiment of the commitment-phobic egomaniac that you can't help but love. Grant, usually playing the underdog himself (in Notting Hill, for example), is very good at playing this bad boy part, probably because it mirrors his true identity more than we can possibly know. Mark Darcy, the sophisticated and rich son of her parents' friends, is played by Colin Firth, who looks very, very different from his days as Lord Wessex in Shakespeare in Love. Firth actually played the part of the character that inspired the fictional Mark Darcy: Pride and Prejudice's Mr. Darcy on the BBC. Who better for the part in this film?

While Bridget Jones's Diary may seem like your typical romantic comedy, well...it sorta is. But it will keep you laughing, and you do get to learn a lot of cool Brit lingo like "bugger off," "Prickwitting," "snogging" and "bullocks" to annoy others who aren't in the know. It's a jolly good movie.
HOTTIE OF THE WEEK

BRITTANY DANIEL

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Late Tuesday, Virgo, a work announcement or business proposal may initiate a lengthy period of expansion and revised career ambitions. Key areas of concern are corporate permissions, shared contracts and changed job titles. Tuesday through Friday watch financial records and business tactics closely for valuable clues. Some Virgos, especially those born in August, may find that the complex workplace politics of the last 4 months now create unexpected opportunities: stay alert.

Libra (September 23-October 22)
Image: "In a crowded sandbox, a boy with a pink plastic shovel"
Message: Taking action.
Quick messages and new instructions may soon cause subtle but important changes in working relationships, Libra. Early Wednesday expect key officials or work partners to openly discuss short-term plans or revised policies. Your role may be more influential than is apparent, Libra: at present, group success depends heavily on your public confidence and leadership abilities. Later this week, social dynamics are also difficult: expect close friends to be temporarily moody or unresponsive.

Scorpio (October 23-November 21)
Image: "A small white envelope taped under a desk drawer"
Message: Finding the plans.
Close friends and potential lovers will now respond warmly to new proposals, Scorpio. Provide obvious invitations over the next few days and expect honest, decisive answers. Before next week loved ones will be receptive to your social ideas, group suggestions and romantic style. After Friday expect friends or relatives to openly speculate about recent romantic triangles or ongoing social mistakes. Remain detached, Scorpio: the loyalties of others may now be complicated by outdated social beliefs.

Sagittarius (November 22-December 21)
Image: "At bedtime, a young child clutching a story book"
Message: Asking for attention.
Early this week, Sage, a loved one may require extra support or encouragement: before Thursday expect family conflicts or romantic disagreements to be highly distracting. Remain cautious, Sage: over the next 12 days friends and lovers will be mildly dramatic and sensitive to new social or romantic information. After Friday expect friends or relatives to openly speculate about recent romantic triangles or ongoing social mistakes. Remain detached, Scorpio: the loyalties of others may now be complicated by outdated social beliefs.

Capricorn (December 22-January 20)
Image: "On a country pond, a gaggle of quacking ducks"
Message: Fowl play.
Social misunderstandings and romantic ethics may soon become an intense topic of conversation, Cap. For the next 3 days loved ones will be introspective, socially withdrawn and distant. Respond quickly to all questions or statements, Sage: before Wednesday loved ones will need your guidance and support. After Thursday approaching family invitations and home proposals will be rewarding: plan for unexpected social gatherings and unique family events.

Aquarius (January 21-February 19)
Image: "Late at night, wind whistling through the forest"
Message: Moving ideas.
Clearly state your feelings and needs in social or family relationships this week, Aquarius. Complex changes or recent time schedule adjustments may soon cause unnecessary confusion. Loved ones will be unable to resolve group disagreements without your input, Aquarius: be supportive. After Wednesday review recently strained workplace relations. New job roles or subtle emotional changes between co-workers may soon require attention: gather reliable information before taking action.

Pisces (February 20-March 20)
Image: "After the victory, a gladiator faces a cheering crowd"
Message: Social spectacle.
Rekindled friendships and love affairs will bring positive rewards early this week, Pisces. After a brief period of miscommunications, mutual respect and affection can now be re-established. Contact distant friends or lovers, Pisces, and make new social arrangements: all is well. After Tuesday avoid excess spending; this week money records and paperwork may require special attention. As you start this 20-March period, Pisces: saving and dedication to family goals should now be a top priority.

If your birthday is this week, older relatives or long-term family friends may soon request more of your time, attention and dedication. Over the next 3 months watch for a steady increase in family discussions, property decisions and creative home solutions. Living arrangements and shared responsibilities will be an ongoing theme before mid-August: find positive ways to bring greater comfort and security to loved ones. Later this year your romantic relations will become serious, dedicated and powerfully rewarding: before early November watch for important romantic proposals and shared daily or social commitments.
going down. I can’t count the amount of times the crowd was reminded of how many Outkast albums have been sold. And you can’t stroke your ego without mentioning the hoes. At one point, a girl was lifted out of the crowd and put in various sexual positions, including having her face rubbed by one of the performer’s groin. I don’t know what bothers me more: the messed-up perception rappers have of women, or the fact that most of these women like to be called hoes.

Soon after “We Luv Dez Hoezs,” Outkast turned politically correct and started preaching about responsibility and taking care of your babies, an obvious intro to “Ms. Jackson.” For a few moments, the crowd turned into a gospel choir, swinging and swaying to the sing-along music. It was definitely one of the show’s highest points. For the grand stank finale, Outkast brought down the house with the amazing “Bombs Over Baghdad.” Colored lights pulsed and bass shook the walls as the crowd frenetically danced in whatever space they could find. It was explosive; the perfect amount of intensity for a show that just wouldn’t quit.

Hip-hop shows will probably never be my thing, but once in awhile you need a band like Outkast to give you a musical slap in the face.

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And Tracy isn't.

I mean, we're your boys, man, and you never said anything.

I never said anything because I didn't have to. All through high school everyone just assumed that I was good with the ladies. I just never said that I wasn't. I let everybody keep on thinking whatever they wanted to.

But we're your best friends! You could've told us.

I know, but... I felt... uh...

I felt like I'd be letting you guys down.

Yeah? Right?

(sniff) Can't talk now. I'm having (sniff) trouble dealing with this...

C'mon, man! That would not have let us down!

Well, bro. I can't believe that you never told us.

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