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Institute of Simulation and Training director resigns

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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. Soleau, 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.

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 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?"

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Every April 1 marks the beginning of Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Awareness Month. This is the seventh year that UCF has celebrated the month. Many of the events held on campus are sponsored by the Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Student Union (GLBSU). The biggest event in this month was Pride Night, held Friday, April 13, which featured Bob Smith, a comedian and actor. A number of discussion groups were held, with topics such as the gay and lesbian experience in America, an intimate look at relationships, sexuality and religion and sexuality and politics.

Also available this month, free to all UCF students, faculty, alumni and the general public are four film fests, including different films. Several students, faculty, alumni and the general public present and receive the 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 the main goal of tolerance. Anyone interested in becoming involved with the GLBSU should contact them through their website, http://glbsu.ucf.edu/se7-ucfglbsu/.
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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 unlikely 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.

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Money matters in college
**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 16 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 significant.
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 find few vacation choices on fixed budgets. Here are several ideas and vacation destinations that might help get you started:

Washington D.C.
Visit our nation’s capital. Slightly over eight-hundred miles away, a 12-14 hour drive, D.C. is loaded with free attractions such as The Smithsonian, White House tour, the Capitol, Arlington National Cemetery and the Capitol.

“Definitely save time for a walk around the monuments after dark,” said student Nick Palmer, “Check the local papers for cheap concerts and shows.”

Other hotspots such as Georgetown are mixed with college students and young professionals. Upscale shopping and restaurants convert to popular bars at night. Adam’s Morgan, another local nightspot, is more culturally diverse with many bars and clubs. This will be more than the high-class essentials. Remember to budget money for food and drinks. Also, hotels will be more expensive here, so be sure to reserve ahead of time. Best advice? Shop around. Internet lists certain rooms as low as $50 a night. But remember driving is nothing like our daily 1-4 commute. Take the Metro instead, a $5 pass and you can ride a full day. Another hint, certain tour tickets are hard to find so begin days bright and early. Find or purchase maps and familiarize yourself with the area, or you might spend most days lost.

Cruise
Sail away. Many cruise packages can be purchased for under $500. Russ Wade, a frequent cruise traveler suggested, “For $500 or less you are looking at 3 or 4 nighters on Carnival (most likely western Caribbean to Cozumel and Key West).”

- Activities abound include multi-course meals, entertainment, 24-hour drinking and of course, gambling. All this is included in the total package price. Again the Internet is a great source for information, but be careful, some cruise packages may not include port charges. Reserve your tickets early, cruises often fill up and prices fluctuate according to seasons. Most cruise lines depart from Miami, Port Canaveral or Tampa, so you will need to provide your own transportation.

Whitewater Rafting
Take the scenic route. Some students may wish to take “Mini Vacations” as provided by Appalachian Wildwaters. This company offers custom vacation packages that involve camping in the New River country with activities such as rock climbing, mountain biking, horseback riding, and white water rafting. Nights are spent participating in various entertainment activities such as live music and story telling. Adventure “Mini Vacations” range from two to five day/night prices from $515-500.

Both lodging and food are included in package price.

Atlanta
- “Hotlanta” far away, but close to home. Just eight hours away. Atlanta is perhaps the best unknown affordable vacation spot. Visit the famous Coke museum for just $6.
- It was fantastic because in a completely different and they gave us free coke but I thought it was a waste of money, too over priced,” said student Krista Lehn.

For those who prefer an outdoor adventure, try hiking Stone Mountain. College students will want to visit Buckhead, an area offering numerous clubs, with diverse atmospheres from Swing to Salza dancing. Those looking for cultural enlightenment may want to see exhibits at The High Museum of Art, located in Midtown, the business district just south of Buckhead. Also located in Midtown, history buffs should plan to see the house of Margaret Mitchell, author of Gone with the Wind. Sports fans won’t want to miss an Atlanta Braves baseball game, with ticket prices ranging from $40-51.

Thrill seekers need look no further than Six Flags over Atlanta, a popular amusement park featuring a variety of roller coasters and thrill rides. Check listings for park hours, tickets are $23. Remember also to set aside parking fees. Finally for great shopping, go to Underground Atlanta, with over 130 shops, and a great nightlife, hotel room rates are as low as $60 a night, plan ahead.

Amtrak
Ride the Rails! Have a little more time on your hands? Try a month traveling cross-country by taking advantage of Amtrak’s limited offer “One Continent, One Price” which gives you the chance to plan your own itinerary. For thirty days, you and your closest friends can travel across America and into Canada along Amtrak and VIA train routes. 28,000 miles of railways are available for students at an off peak special discount of $242. This offer is only valid through May 31, 2001 so reserve your boarding passes beforehand.

All this information is easily found on the Internet. Vacation prices will vary based upon personal spending habits so budget carefully. When planning your vacation, remember to reserve everything in advance and confirm through the telephone.

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Web sites prime spots for finding financial aid

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graduate students. Some students may also qualify for Federal College Work-Study (FCWS), a need-based grant that allows students to work on campus for a set amount of aid. Students should check with the Financial Aid Department to see if they qualify. Undergraduate, graduate and 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 UCFMerit 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.

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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.

Useless facts of the week

On average, clergy, lawyers and doctors each have 1,500 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 learn, researchers have found.

Actor Jeremy Irons provides the voice of the narrator for Spaceship Earth at Walt Disney World's Epcot Center in Orlando, Florida.

In 1994, Michael Kearney received his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of South Alabama. Michael was also 10 years old and the youngest ever college graduate. In 1997, Mary Fasano graduated from Harvard University at the age of 89, one of the oldest to ever graduate from college.

Born this week:
April 18, 1963: Conan O'Brien, TV talk show host, Emmy Award-winning writer
April 19, 1979: Kate Hudson, actress
April 20, 1925: Tito [Ernest] Puente, jazz musician, bandleader
d: 2000
April 21, 1816: Charlotte Bronte, author
d: 1855
April 22, 1870: Nikolai Lenin [Vladimir Ilyich Ulyanov], Russian premier, d: 1924
April 23, 1564: Charlotte Bronte, author, d: 1855
April 24, 1972: Chipper Jones, Atlanta Braves baseball player

Quote of the week

"In literature as in love, we are astonished at what is chosen by others."

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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 rest simply resist to even 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 saw 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 investors to cut costs by laying off workers as we have seen being daily, even by Wall Street’s most respected companies. For example, just this year alone, Motorola has laid off a total of 22,000 employees. When all this happens, analysts downgrade stocks and lower earnings estimates, therefore losing 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 plowed 67 percent from its high and the Dow is off 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 soon pass. Stay positive!

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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 1971 as the fraternity's own service organization. In the past two weeks, Pi Kappa Phi members at UCF have been continuing the fraternity's service-oriented tradition, working with Push America.

Spencer Newman was accepted several months ago to ride in this summer's national outreach project, the Journey of Hope, an annual charity bicycle trek from San Francisco to Washington, DC, that lasts 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 his 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 Klenk, was accepted to ride in Gear-Up Florida, a similar bicycling event that covers 700 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 fraternity's own service organization, the Journey of Hope, through their own fund-raising efforts.

Alpha Delta Pi sorority was 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 won a certification at the Vasa Festival and a victory in the Fraternity/F Sorority Bowl national competition. The sorority women distributed over two thousand highway safety safety kits.

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Studies find cell phones a distraction

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Total scoring for the event was based on best sail performance during the timed race, written reports, gross weight, ease and usable strength and novelty of design. The race portion accounted for only 20 percent of total scoring for the event.

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Results of the 2001
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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 UCF, 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.

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McBride integral in doctorate program in simulation

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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 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 researcher 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 high-level courses for graduate students in engineering programs 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 willing, capable, 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.

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Faculty: Tenure gives professors freedom of expression...

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George said: “Tenure status is not fair because teachers are never fired. I can be fired from my job if I am unemployed, why can’t they?”

Tenured professors are guaranteed a lifetime position after demonstrating highly competent performance, according to a UCF report on tenure and permanent status.

The report states the tenure policy permits dismissal for just cause, and some students question what a professor can do before being fired.

Junior Kelley DeHart said she had a professor who was late to class, taught while he was drunk and could not control his students. She described her class, “Students didn’t respect the teacher and everyone spoke out loud during lectures.”

DeHart said several students made complaints, but nothing was done. “I know people who had the same problems with this teacher many years ago.” She questioned, “Why is he still teaching?”

DeHart feels she is not getting a quality education with tenured teachers because they are rarely fired. “I’m sure my teacher is very intelligent, but just because you are an expert on a subject doesn’t mean you can teach it to 300 students.”

Junior Erin Slatterly said she understands the tenure system was originated to grant academic freedom, but said it is abused. Slatterly had a professor who did not openly admit she was a lesbian until she was granted tenure. “I think my professor benefited from the tenure system,” Slatterly said.

“The tenure system is still 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 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 interviewees, professors disagree, and believe the tenure system is effective.

According to a Christian Science Monitor publication, “Tenure protects the unpredicive and insulates professors from pressure to update skills.”

Donald Jones, a philosophy professor, agrees with many students. “I don’t like the idea of keeping professors on staff who shouldn’t be teaching anymore.” Jones said.

If tenure were eliminated, “Particularly in the physics area, qualified professors can choose career alternatives that pay much better than academic.”

According to Tommer, 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 said it needs improving. “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 guarantee a tenure-earning line.”

Jones does not know how students will be affected in the end. He said if academic tenure continues, students may be subject to incompetent professors.

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 who 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.”

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Four years of college and then what?

CASEY MCCORKLE
STAFF WRITER

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 summertime 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 college path and my place in it. Upon attending three of Florida's ten state public universities I have 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 can control. A life limited only by the restrictions we ourselves impose.

I doubt this typical university experience of mine prevents me from seeing the ultimate conclusion. Which is my point: Students are in a véritable frenzy to learn their traditional suburban home life 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 majority of our time or academic capabilities senior year? No, our final years of K-12 Education were spent pondering the many wonders of a kid party; along with other endless surprises and benefits of K-12 education might I add. Once in attendance and after the joys of rent payments-reality sinks in. We suddenly find college 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 incentives. But rather a promising future, making certain considerably more money and greater possibilities to climb that corporate ladder. But hey, what do I know?

Aside from this, graduate schools do provide an opportunity, A chance to be literally a human being by way of additional scholastic enlightenment? No, by what I like to call "Delaying Real Life." Yes, I have DRLS—Delaying Real Life Syndrome. While several more years of schooling may cause serious financial debt and a multitude of all night study sessions, in actuality it is preventing the inevitable obstacle and challenges associated with acquiring total freedoms-uncertainty that I would rather not tend to at this moment in my life. Please don't misunderstand what I am saying. I do plan to grow someday and accept real world responsibilities, but I am just not sure that 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 terrorist then you run around and try to either kill the counter-terrorists or bomb an objective. If you're the counter-terrorist then you either rescue hostages or kill terrorists.

All in all is this a very violent game. There's an animated blood and a plethora of weapons to choose from. The thing that's getting to you is that it's starting to warp my mind. I find myself thinking in computer talk in my head. For example, in cyberspace the word "left" means laughing out loud. This is usually used when someone has done something stupid or made a funny comment.

Well for me, I walk around campus and see something corny or someone in the apartment saying something funny. The immediate thing that pops into my head is "lol," I've almost said it out loud a few times.

Then there's "refining," that's rolling on the floor laughing or laughing. That's used when someones doing 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 and instead I thought "refining?"

Now however, there's another problem. When I'm out alone getting gay or some other monumental task that requires me to unlock my computer, I feel like 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 MPS gun at me from the bushes. Then there are other times that I can see the library from a distance and it is saying, "come closer 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 this monster near you."

So I'm scared. I think that 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 find that I have nothing to do, I could just go and do something like see a movie or hit up local for a good truce set, but then I'd be missing out on some good games online. I mean I could stop any time I want, I just don't want to right now that's all.
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. Their 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 she/he 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 depressing is the fact that Severson and care for his five children. Instead of going to donate it to people in squalid conditions. Instead of going to donate it to people in need, 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.”

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 home-less 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 why they are homeless or who they are. Instead, we are quick to conclude that they are useless bums whose misfortune is a result of laziness or dishonesty.

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 help. Perhaps 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 affected people jumped off buildings. It’s not 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 be. 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.”

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.
The sheltered life of a college student

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Have you ever met anyone that has been so sheltered throughout their existence that they have not experienced life? Recently I have encountered many of these so-called sheltered people. No, they are not twelve years old, they are over the age of eighteen. They are considered adults in most countries but not in the state of mind of their parents. I personally had the luck of my parents treating me as an adult, making me responsible for my actions, especially after I turn the age of eighteen. My mom said you’re an adult now, you can do what you want, but remember to be responsible for your actions, especially when you’re under my roof. This is a typical parental response from almost anyone’s parents. The first example of a sheltered life is a poor soul was a girl I met 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 ghost 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 weeknight. 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. Usually choose sleeping in class, no really, sleeping in the daytime is always better. How can you beat a good old camping 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 anything 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 out 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 real like 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.

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 fools . . . I have no idea why they do this."

He was referring to the protesters 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 18 when a group of 100 to 150 protesters 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 would be

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All residents deserve access to the Ethernet

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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 connection is not available.

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 house 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 this 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 homes 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 small of a “low-density” population, meaning that not enough of them lived in that 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 absent 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. Students are bittersweet 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 these 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 things.

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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 reported that since 1996 the police killed 15 people? Why weren't they outraged that of those 15, eight were African-American men? As is typical in this city, the outrage did not come until 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 believe 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 Aironet 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 BFW House, though the BFW 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 downsides 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.

Pl Kappa Alpha holes Golf Scramble Title

Will Geisdorf and Chad Brad combined for a -6 score (66) to take home the Golf Scramble title on April 6th. "And you thought Pike's could only lift weights", said Geisdorf, 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 Club. Lambda Chi's Chris Duntan 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...Andrew Daddario edged her roommate Angela 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 Coed Softball division.

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Camacho, Guerin 6-6 in doubles

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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 America Athletic Conference Championship last week at The Landings Golf Club in Warner Robbins, Ga., shooting a 79-83-77-80-236. Campbell won the tournament with a score of 919, while Jacksonville placed third at 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, UCF’s season is over.

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 227. Fellow junior Tanja Arnold Arnold finished tied for eighth with a 231. Olivia Hartley, who entered the final day tied with Arnold at 231, finished four strokes behind Arnold. Monica Gunderson tied for 12th with a 236, and junior Beatrice Fauconnu rounded out the Top 20 with a 241.

If UCF gets the at-large bid it is hoping for, the Golden Knights may have their best chance to go to the NCAA Championships in years. Last year, Gunderson led UCF with a 231 in the East Regional, and Arnold was not far behind at 237.

With a more experienced team, UCF may be able to improve on last year’s performance at the East Regional. The team came just three strokes short of an NCAA Championship berth.

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Men’s Tennis Notebook

CHRIS BERNAHRT
STAFF WRITER

UCF splits Central Florida road trip

The UCF men’s tennis team ended its regular season this week, completing the 2001 schedule by splitting a two-game road swing through Central Florida.

On Thursday, the 68th-ranked Golden Knights didn’t have to go far, taking on Rollins College, the #9 team in Division II, in nearby Winter Park. UCF defeated the Tars, 5-4. The Golden Knights, who have struggled for much of the season in doubles, started off strong in the match to take the opening point. At No. 2, freshmen Catalin Brada and junior Johan Wessman defeated Mark Thompson and Drew Sipka, 8-3. Also, the third-seeded duo of freshman Gabriel Sanabria and sophomore Augusto Sanabria beat Brandon Smith and Andrew Glassmon, 8-6. Rollins did win one match, when the No. 1 team of Matt Porter and Goran Sterijovaski beat UCF seniors Federico Camacho and William Guerin in a close match, 9-8.

In singles play, Rollins dominated at the top. Top-seeded Camacho lost to Porter 7-6, 6-2. A No. 2, Guerin was downed by Thompson, 6-1, 6-2. And third-seeded Brada lost to Sterijovaski, 6-1, 6-4. But UCF showed its superior depth, dominating the bottom seeds in a similar fashion. Strangberg won over Smith at No. 4, 6-2, 6-0. At No. 3, Sanabria beat Glassmon in three sets, 6-2, 3-6, 6-3. And sixth-seeded Westin blanked Rip Rice, 6-0, 6-0.

“We played pretty good against Rollins cause they’re actually really a tough Division II school,” UCF Head Coach Bobby Cashman said. “We played good doubles. We won at the bottom which I think we were a little bit stronger, but at the top we didn’t think we played as well as we could.”

The following day, UCF traveled a little farther to Tampa to face off against the University of South Florida. USF, ranked 34th nationally, defeated UCF, 5-2. In doubles, the Golden Knights went back to their losing ways, getting swept for the opening point. Camacho and Guerin lost to Paco Amelio and Martin Wetzell, 8-3.

Brada and Westin lost their match at No. 2 by the same score and Sanabria and Strangberg fell 8-6.

USF also took home four of the six singles points. Top seeded Antelo bested Guerin, 6-2, 6-0. Camacho lost to Wetzell, 7-5, 6-2. Brada was defeated by Max Dockborn at No. 4, 6-2, 6-2, and sophomore Ryan Winter was beaten by Jir Shan, 6-2, 6-1.

“The Knights’ first point of the match came off the racket of Strangberg, beating Boris Nabi in three sets at No. 3, 4-6, 7-6, 2-6. Sanabria got UCF’s only other point, rebounding from a rough first set to defeat Nadin Naser, 6-0, 6-3, 6-4.

“(USF) is a very good team,” Cashman said. “They’re better than us, a player or two deeper. We pulled two matches, which was good. That’s a good match before you play the TAAC.”

The Golden Knights finished the regular season at 12-6, 9-2 in conference. They’ll play next in this weekend’s TAAC Tournament.

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

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tournament with a 12-6 record, 3-2 in conference, they'll have far more experience. The team went 4-4 in the aforementioned big games, showing they can hold their own against top competition.

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 (15-5 season record) and the doubles tandem of Marin Jirak and Yalin Bilgin (14-4), FAU presents a tough lineup for any UCF 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 lead 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.

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

The good news for UCF is that the Golden Knights had one of the toughest schedules in the conference. They faced more ranked teams (7) than any other TAAC team. TSU's six is second, followed by GSU's four, FAU's three, and Stetson's one. This should make UCF the most tested team in the field.

Senior William Guerin ranks second on the team with 11 singles victories this year. Freshman Gabriel Strangeberg leads UCF with a 13-3 record.
The UCF women’s tennis team enters this week’s TAAC Championships coming off a loss to the University of Miami.

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Miami pounds UCF in women’s tennis
MIAMI, Fla. - Senior Ann-Jeanette Svantesson picked up UCF’s lone win in a 6-1 loss to No. 32 Miami on April 8. Her women’s tennis action at the Neil Schiff Tennis Center.

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

Miami, who improved to 14-7 on the year, received straight sets victories at No. 2 through No. 6 singles. Finishing up her last regular season match in a UCF uniform, Svantesson picked up her 7th straight singles win by beating Broderick 7-6, 6-2 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. Maricke Gunawan (UCF) 6-3, 6-4
4. Marcy Hora (UM) def. Julie Pecastaing (UCF) 6-0, 7-5
5. Sihom Bentam (UM) def. Sonja Prokopec (UCF) 6-2, 6-2
6. Ann-Jeanette Svantesson (UCF) def. Westin/Pecastaing (UCF) 8-5
7. Hafner/Bennacer (UM) def. Svantesson/Okal (UCF) 8-1

Four school records fall at Florida Women’s Challenge
GAINESVILLE, Fla. - The UCF women’s track and field team shattered 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 Kellie 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 Roboff, who finished second in the high jump with a height of 5-5.75; Brianne Huntington, who finished second in the 3,000-meter run in 10:21.00 for a personal best; and Michelle Daniels, who finished second in the 5,000-meter run in 19:20.00.
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 bull," he said. "We didn't stick to the game plan. We tried 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 wins 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 score 16 runs against a good 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 UCF battered South Florida 16-9 at Red McEwen Field on April 10.

Cerrato (1-0) came in relief of a 7-7 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 1-4th 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 baserunners and off the scoreboard.
Brendan Fuller (0-2) took the loss in relief for UCF. Mike Barclay went 2-2-for-4 with a home run and three RBI. Daniel Boyd posted a triple.

"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 Championship. Dempsey and Hollis, two of the most highly touted prospects last year, have done a good job replacing last year's seniors. Sophomore Ben Osbrach 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.

Craig optimistic about UCF's chances at conference tournament

"Our team has a great chance to have a good tournament," Craig said. "We didn't stick to the game plan. We tried going for the ball,"

Alabama surprising.
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.

Ehrnsberger has moved past Brian Ahem into first place on the TAAC career strikeout leaders 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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said, "I'm more happy that we've swept the past two weekends. I don't care if I wouldn't have gotten the award, we swept and that's all that matters."

Ehmsberger said that his sadness about losing honor and dropping its second team. We're a mature team."

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and UCF was a good fit for me. I

know 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 doesn't 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."

Senior third baseman Chad Ehmsberger is hitting .340 this season with a team-leading 13 home runs and 40 RBIs.

Pope delivers another solid performance in series-opening win

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Conference series of the year.

UCF starter Paul Lubrano had his worst outing since taking over the third spot in the rotation, giving up six runs and six hits in just 1.1 innings of work. After spotting Campbell those six runs, the Golden Knights were unable to do anything offensively, scoring their only run of the game with two outs in the final inning.

"We didn't pitch, we didn't hit and we didn't field," UCF Head Coach Jay Bergman said. "We just got out bunts beat. I would have never believed that somebody would have come in and allow us to only score six runs in three games. That's very surprising."

Bergman said Campbell's offensive explosion in the seventh inning of the first game took the wind out of his team's sails.

"There's no question that the

seventh inning really shifted the momentum in Campbell's favor," he said. "But we're an experienced team. We're a mature team.

Leading 2-0 in the seventh inning—that should have never happened. We should not allow that to happen."

Campbell starters Wes Hepler and Matt Kleweno combined to pitch two complete games, allowing just three runs and 14 hits to a UCF team that had been averaging 8.5 runs per game.

In the first game of the series, Pope and Campbell starter Shaun Poeke put on a pitching clinic. In UCF's 3-1 win, Pope pitched a four-hitter, striking out 14 and allowing only an unearned run, while Poeke gave up just three hits and two runs in 6.1 innings.

"His slider was probably the best it's been," Bergman said of Pope. "The thing about it is that's so amazing with him is that we don't score a lot of runs when he pitches. He has to go out there every time and he has no wiggle room. It's amazing, he just knows how to compete."

Mike Fox hit a solo home run for UCF, while Jeremy Kurella and Wayne Summers also had RBIs. The series loss drops UCF's record to 32-10 on the season, including a 10-5 mark in TAAC play. The Golden Knights may not drop too far in the national polls, however.
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Men's tennis among the favorites at TAAC Championships

Chris Bernhardt  
STAFF WRITER

When the UCF men's tennis team walked onto the courts of the John Drew Smith Tennis Center this weekend in Macon, Ga., they'll be in far better position than 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 decent 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 those teams are in TAAC Championships, but the Golden Knights were unable to score to the bottom of the seventh. UCF never recovered from the Campbell rally.

Ehmsberger shines in first season at UCF

Kristy Shonka  
STAFF WRITER

The UCF baseball team received some much-needed power when third baseman Chad Ehmsberger decided to transfer to UCF from Ohio State.

“His influence has brought a lot of offense to our team,” Bergman said. “The interesting thing was, we lose Brisson with 17 homeruns and Bowser with 12 or 13, close to 30 homeruns (combined), but Chad and Jeremy (Prest) together have 19 homeruns so we really haven’t lost much. They’ve bridged that gap for us very well.”

Eight of Ehmsberger’s 13 homeruns have come since March 31, when he hit three in a doubleheader against Mercer. On April 6, he hit three homeruns in a game against Samford. He also had six RBI and five runs in the game. He won TAAC Player-of-the-Week last week, hitting .412 and scoring nine runs.

“I’m happy about the award,” Ehmsberger said. CASHMAN, Page A-23

POPE, Page A-26

UCF baseball drops two of three to Campbell

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 series sweep and Top 10 national ranking.

Then all hell broke loose.

After winning the opening game of the series on 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 Canes, 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 Winke, 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 batters, 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 to the bottom of the seventh.

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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, D’Aulaon 3000. 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 weeks 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 Dutkast brought dawn the HOB 7501 COMPLETE AUTO SERVICE CENTER • 407-677·7988

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Ludacris started her set, I squeezed into a small spot upstairs and jealously eyed the empty rows of wall of people. 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 few minutes later, the guy and girl returned with about five cocktail napkins and pushed me out of their seats. I spent the rest of the show in the back by the bar, straining to see a giant wooden pole.

Ludacris’s crew threw t-shirts, posters and free CDs over to finally get a view that wasn’t obstructed by the audience to flash him for t-shirts. A few were passed out, but many were cases thrown from across the room came hurtling by. 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 spandex 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.”

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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-stripped 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, hoa, 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 hoa can earn so much money and airplay. It’s almost...ludicrous.

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 smoking tonight.” Pretty 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.

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.

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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 doctor 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 Materese 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.
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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 sprang from promoting their sophomore album, Mad Season. Always a great performance, they will definitely bring the house down with their O-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 Giza 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门ary 3, Monster Magnet, Tantric, Skrape, Soil, Warrant, Sustained, SpineShank, Cold, 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.

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-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 delicate about things. Ask him why he likes it and if he thinks it's 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 nice 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 from leaving your penis as well as letting new blood in to your penis your cells can actually die which weakens penis function.

Another problem with this is, since the blood is not circulat­ing through to filter out the waste products, your penis is going to swell. Because of this you will be putting a lot of pressure on the capillaries, arteries, veins and cavernous bodies that make up the vasocongestion system that makes your penis erect. This can lead to weakening the integrity of these vessels as well as putting unwanted pressure on the caverns that the blood fills. So, weakening of the vessels and caverns can lead to bursting capillar­ies or an increased chance of a penile fracture, which is when a cavern breaks open spilling out the blood from it. It sounds like you're breaking a bone (a loud popping noise), and it's very painful as the name should imply. So, in my humble opinion, steer clear from the ring down below. Some of those things might not happen but you are going to slowly starve the tissue of oxygen, which will either destroy it or make it weaker.

I would compromise with her. Go get some books on Tantra and multiple orgasms for men. A good book about multiple orgasms is entitled The Multi-Orgasmic Man by Mantak Chia. That way you both will enjoy prolonged sex without the con­straining devices. Thank you for writing in.

-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 accentuated. 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.

Taurus (April 21-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 coworkers and officials for small indications of emotional change. Some Taurus will also now enter into a highly passionate relationship. Remain open, Taurus; new relationships will be temporary but seductive and rewarding.

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

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 22-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 and minor disagreements will no longer create a wall of silence, Cancer: openly express your ideas, opinions 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.

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)
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LEAD STORIES
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- Kaiser says that aluminum production is unprofitable now, anyway, and that it still pays the workers in its idled plant; 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: In February, tennis star Boris Becker admitted that he is the father of Russian model Angela Ermakova's year-old baby girl; just a month earlier, newspapers in Germany were reporting that he had automobile accident and impregnating himself with his own sperm in an actory plot engineered by Russian gangsters. And in December, West Palm Beach, Fla., socialite Nautica Sexton won a divorce court ruling to have her husband testified to prove that the dripped-on wet spot contained DNA from her boyfriend.

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- In a February article in the journal Nature, a University of Liverpool researcher found that male sheep on the Scottish island of St. Kilda had so much sex during mating season (average of 13 times a day) that they ran low on sperm, allowing many smaller, weaker rams to move up in the mating queue.

- Can't Possibly Be True - Officials in the tonsy Silicon Valley town of Woodside, Calif. (population 5,600), recently debated compliance with a state law requiring that town to have at least 16 "affordable housing" units (maximum rent for a one-bedroom apartment, $870) 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 horse farmers to create "apartments" for middle-class residents inside their barns.

- Mercenary Mark Andrew Kern was re-elected mayor of Belleville, Ill., over challenger Mark Alan Kern (with not one voter so far expressing Florida-style confusion over the ballot). A Maryland state agency ruled that the death of pregnant women for the years 1993-98 was homicide. Several angry viewers made death threats against Philadelphia TV meteorologist John Bodie after his prediction of an early-March snowstorm failed. Police in Christchurch, New Zealand, got burglary Stuart Robert McPherson's confession when he called up a victim just to try him to his trouble (being) crap.
The book is a "#1 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 sorts is. But it will keep you laughing, and you do get to learn a lot of cool Brit lingo like "bugger off," "prickwitite," "snogging" and "bullocks" to annoy others who aren't in the know. It's a jolly good movie.
Do YOU want to get involved?

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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 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, Scorpi. 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, Scorpi: 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 a storm, insights and glimpses into the future will be a strong theme: listen carefully to sudden hunches and quick social impressions.

Capricorn (December 22-January 19)
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. Capri. For the next 3 days loved ones will be introverted, socially withdrawn and doubtful. Respond quickly to all questions or statements, Sage: before Wednesday loved ones will need your guidance and support. After Thursday family invitations and home proposals will be rewarding: plan for unexpected social gatherings and unique family events.

Aquarius (January 20-February 18)
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 19-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. Pisc. 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; before next week money records and paperwork may require special attention. Stay focused on long-term purchases, Pisces: saving and family goals should now be a top priority.

If your birthday is this week, older relatives or long-term family friends may soon impart 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 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 shows 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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Wow. You are a virgin...
And Tracy isn't.
I mean, we're your boys, man, and you never said anything...

I never said anything 'cause 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.

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

I know. But...
I felt... uh...
I felt like I'd be letting you guys down.

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

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

I never said anything 'cause 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.

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

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