Global positioning system in cars will make driving safer

UCF professor and student create system to warn drivers of impending crashes

Libby Baird
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 Amar Olofua, a UCF civil engineering professor, and one of his students have been working on making roadways safer by creating a system that will warn drivers of possible collisions, giving them the time to stop and thereby avoid the accident entirely.

The system involves installing a connection from a car to a Global Positioning Satellite, which will then send the signal to a central computer. The central computer tracks the direction and speed of the vehicle and those around it. Many new cars are available with Global Positioning Units (GPUs) already included, and many more are expected to be used in the future. Also, the GPUs in cars today are not of sufficient quality and exactness to be used in Olofua's system.

Olofua completed the first phase of this project in the last year or so. The purpose of this early exploration of the project was to see if such a system would be viable and effective in driving situations. The next phase is contingent upon receiving more funding from UCF's Center for Advanced Transportation Systems Simulation, (CATSS) who provided the $50,000 for the first phase.

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$75,000 in grant money distributed

Becky Panoff & David Marsters
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Students in a UCF LEAD Scholars course teamed with students from local high schools and the Jewish Community Center in Maitland to help distribute $75,000 worth of grant money to community groups.

Beginning in the fall semester, the course, taught by Professor Aaron Liberman, mentored students from Boone High School, Winter Park High School and students from the Jewish Community Center, helping them look at ways to distribute the money.

Healthy Community Initiative (HCI) of Orlando received three grants in the amount of $25,000 each from three local benefactors, the Winter Park Health Foundation, the Edyth Bush Charitable Foundation and from Michael and Sydney Green, a local philanthropic family. The money was to be used as seed money for programs in which local children got involved in solving issues. HCI allowed local high school students and the UCF LEAD Scholars program to decide how the money would be distributed.

Under the guidance of the LEAD Scholars, the high school students prepared a Request for Proposal (RFP) and sent it out to over 100 community organizations that represent children, and invited the organizations to submit project proposals for no more than $5,000. Twenty-five organizations submitted proposals, and the high school students awarded grants to 22 of them in varying amounts. Groups that received grant money included the YMCA, the Jewish Community Center and BETFA.

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Graduate Studies offers many benefits

DARCY ELENA RODRIGUEZ STAFF WRITER

Many students want to graduate and go into the working world, tired of already spending four long years in college, but for other students, there is Graduate School. Spending a couple more years at a university can be even more rewarding than those few four.

UCF’s Graduate Studies opened its doors in 1969 with a masters program for Business and Education. Several years later, in 1980, the doctorate program was implemented with a doctorate in Computer Science. Graduate Studies now offers over 50 masters programs, 17 doctorate programs, 15 certificate programs, three specialist programs and there are plans for more to come.

“We have 5,700 graduate students,” said Dr. Patricia J. Bishop, Vice Provost and Dean of Graduate Studies, “and in terms of numbers of graduate students, we have a very large graduate school.”

UCF’s Graduate Studies is composed primarily of UCF alumni. According to Dr. Bishop, 70 percent of UCF’s graduate students are from UCF.

Students desiring to become graduate students must meet the minimum state set requirements of having a 3.0 GPA or a 1000 on the verbal section of the GRE. Students should also take the GRE or GMAT, depending upon the program. Each college’s graduate program creates its own set of requirements. And it is the program itself that decides acceptance.

One of the biggest concerns of students is the cost of tuition for the graduate program. For the 2000-2001 year, the cost per credit for in-state was $124.61, while the undergraduate cost per credit was $51.79, not including the various fees. However, Graduate Studies offers financial assistance including assistantships, fellowships, loans and tuition support.

“In terms of applying to a graduate program, the most important thing is to apply early enough to be considered for financial assistance,” said Dr. Bishop, “and in fact two-thirds of our students receive some sort of financial assistance.”

One reason for the increase in price is the advantage of having smaller classes, one-on-one work and assistance, and research-oriented programs as well as professional programs.

“It’s much more research oriented so there is a great deal more expense involved,” said Dr. Ben B. Morgan, Jr., Associate Dean of Graduate Studies.

Costs of the graduate programs are more rigorous and the workload is tougher than undergraduate programs. For this reason, full-time is only 9 credit hours as opposed to the undergraduate 12 credit hours.

After spending two more years in graduate programs, students can reap the benefits of their hard work. According to Dr. Morgan, the average family income for an individual with a Bachelor’s degree is $59,075, while with a Master’s degree, the average goes to $71,843. Families with a Doctorate degree may find themselves making $73,713.

Aside from the monetary value, there is a great amount of knowledge that graduate students gain through one-on-one and smaller classes which can not be attained with auditoriums full of students when attaining a bachelor’s degree.

“Having a graduate degree gives you a whole lot more opportunity and flexibilities in your ultimate job responsibilities,” said Dr. Bishop, “the payoff is tremendous.”

Applying is simple and has never been easier with the online application. More information is available online on the UCF Graduate Studies web site at http://www.graduate.ucf.edu.

Second phase to test larger number of vehicles

CRASH INTO,h a said Oloufa. In addition to such safety features as these, the system may in the future be able to automatically apply the vehicle's brakes, stopping the vehicle more quickly than human reflexes could, though the actual length of road it would take the car to stop would still be contingent upon the conditions of the road and the vehicle's brakes. While it may seem that this would lead to pile-ups and fender benders from people rear-ending the car in front of them, Oloufa is confident that the system would stop all of the cars that were in danger of colliding with another car.

While the system sounds promising, it is not flawless.

"The only issue is that perhaps drivers will rely too much on the system," said Oloufa. "Drivers could become dependent on the system and cease being alert while driving, assuming that they will be warned if they are about to hit something."

And since the GPUs that are of high enough quality are very expensive, it will bring the cost of new cars up about a thousand dollars, though Oloufa draws a parallel to computer prices, and fully expects this price to decline once the GPU’s become more common.

There is also the issue of the invasion of the privacy of the driver. Oloufa said that this could be circumvented by using a number to track vehicles which does not correspond to the license plate number of the vehicle, and which cannot be traced to a certain license plate, thereby protecting the privacy of the driver. Like many other innovations, the system does have the potential for abuse.

The success of the hardware infrastructure of the system will make it extremely useful to all drivers on the road. The system will also be able to find local restaurants and gas stations, and possibly even alert the Emergency Medical System that an airbag has deployed, indicating a possible accident.

Also, the system will be especially useful in the railroad industry. "Training users the system will be especially safe because railroad tracks are less common than roads, so it's easier to apply automatic breaks and warn drivers. It has immediate implementational possibility," said Oloufa.

The same principle can be applied to boats, though since the ocean is so large, it would be a difficult principle and may be applied only in ports until the technology increases.

Oloufa is in the process of applying to CATS for the money for the second phase of the project and thus cannot predict when the project will be completed, but he is confident in the system's effectiveness.
UCF showing a 36 percent increase in summer courses

Michael Robbins
Staff Writer

Some courses offered at local community colleges in association with university

In an expansion of the University of Central Florida's resources, 238 summer courses will be offered in association with various community resources, 36 percent increase over the original 175 courses offered last semester.

The increase is reported to be the most ever offered in these counties in Daytona Beach Community College and Brevard Community College. Brevard will see a 25 percent increase from their original numbers, while Volusia will have a 30 percent increase from their original course offerings.

In addition to Volusia and Brevard, UCF will offer another 24 courses in their other associations with various community colleges. The Community Colleges of Citrus, Lake, Marion, Osceola, Seminole and West Orange County will show an additional 83 percent in their total courses offered over the summer.

The new courses will be available to students registering in the summer. This increase is reported to be the most ever offered in these areas, and it is the hope of those administering the change that it will help to increase UCF's total prestige.

Rockin' on Campus

(Above) Lindsey Cox, with O-Rock promotions handing out O-Rock t-shirts, O-Rock, 105.9 FM, was on campus April 18 in front of the Student Union.

(Right) Nancy Colllisah, with O-Rock promotions, helps hand out t-shirts and stickers. The promotion was held in conjunction with O-Rock and the Army.
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Career fairs: Are they as beneficial as you think?

Amy Pavuk
Staff Writer

Interviews aren’t the only time students need to be well dressed, confident, prepared and concerned about making a good first impression. The first time could actually occur before an interview is even scheduled.

Career fairs can cause students to boost or lose their chances of even getting an interview with a potential employer in a matter of seconds.

Luann Clark is a communications coordinator and helps recruit interns for Orlando Sentinel Communications. “Career fairs provide students with the opportunity to practice presentation skills and make a solid impression,” she said.

The Education Fair was held April 18 in the Pegasus Ballroom in the Student Union. Fairs such as this help undergraduates find jobs and make contacts.

The recruiter listed problems she sees when recruiting at UCF career fairs:
- Students aren’t dressed appropriately.
- Students don’t bring resumes or portfolios.
- Students don’t know what they are looking for.

“Students need to dress for the job they want to get,” the recruiter said. “Dress appropriately in the morning, before you go to school. Some students will even change clothes in the parking lot, before they come in.”

Resumes are a must. “Don’t even come to a career fair with plans to speak to a recruiter without a resume,” she said. Without resumes, recruiters get an immediate impression that the student is unprepared.

Students need to know what they are looking for. “Excluding first-year students, you need to have at least an idea of what type of career you’re interested in,” she said. Students need to be honest about their career even if they don’t know specifics. “If you aren’t sure what job you want, tell the recruiter what your major is and what your interests are, and tell them you are still looking into all the options for that major.”

Tips for speaking with recruiters at career fairs:
- Find out what companies will attend and research exactly what their business does.
- Review a list of open positions before speaking with the recruiter.
- Introduce yourself first, and tell the recruiter your major and the specific job you are interested in.
- Know what hours and days you are available to work.
- Know your salary requirements ahead of time.

Attending a career fair can be just as important as an interview. Even if students don’t receive a call back from a recruiter or get an interview, attending career fairs have many benefits.

Ron Nebgen works at UCF’s Career Resource Center and suggests all students attend these fairs.

“Career fairs are like supermarkets,” he said. “If students are thinking about finding a career or internship, they can casually ‘shop.’”

The face-time is very important, Nebgen said. “Ask the recruiter specifically who to contact in the company. Students should immediately call the employee and tell them they spoke with the recruiter at the job fair. “This is much more important than a cold-call.”

Even if students aren’t qualified for immediate positions, career fairs are a great way to make contacts. The recruiters can tell the students about the company, who to speak with and general tips for their career choice.

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Casey McCorkle  
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Las Vegas

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Las Vegas is an excellent family vacation destination, not just for adults. Famous and extravagant hotels, but cheeseburger in paradise! Not yet landmarks such as Hoover Dam or the Grand Canyon. Crime is prevalent, but not to worry any tourist attractions, crime has been a notable problem in this city.

Nashville

City of Country Music! For those not quite convinced the King is still alive, Nashville is just three hours away. Famed country music stars perform at the Grand Ole Okey on the weekends. Stars include Vince Gill, Lorrie Morgan, Brad Paisly and Martina McBride. Stop by the historical Ryman Auditorium, and The Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum. Opryland Hotel is expensive, but at least you can see the stars up close.

Memphis

Hardcore Elvis fan? Tour the great estate of Graceland for a paltry admission price around at $20. This will include shuttling to and from sites such as the Mansion, the car museum, the museum's gift shop and entertainment. A fun tour with live entertainment and no cover charge. Restaurants include B.B. King's Cafe, the Rum Boogie Cafe as well as the King's Palace Cafe. In the mood for some shopping? The Memphis mall is complete with an indoor ice skating rink. See the Peabody hotel where parts of John Grisham's novel The Firm was filmed. Vacations can go to Mud Island for concerts and also The Pyramid where all the new concerts and events are held, including WVF events. But be careful, as with many tourist attractions, crime has been a notable problem in this city.

Savannah

The Garden of the Good and Evil. Savannah is one of America's oldest cities, and is still alive, Nashville is just three hours away. Famed country music stars perform at the Grand Ole Okey on the weekends. Stars include Vince Gill, Lorrie Morgan, Brad Paisly and Martina McBride. Stop by the historical Ryman Auditorium, and The Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum. Opryland Hotel is expensive, but at least you can see the stars up close.

Savannah's claim to fame are the four forts traced back to the Civil and Spanish-American Wars. Definitely make time to see Fort McAllister, built between 1861-1862; it has a 1.3-mile hiking trail, a dock, fishing, and picnic areas. Water Attractions include riverboat cruises, Tybee Island's Marine Science Center and the University of Georgia's Skidaway Institute. Visitors don't have to wear their Sunday best to see some of America's oldest and historic churches, built as early as the 1700's. It was at the Second African Baptist Church were citizens first heard The Emancipation Proclamation from General Sherman and Martin Luther King's "I Have a Dream" speech before he later gave it in Washington DC. Completely saturated with culture, Savannah is home to many great historical sites such as museums, a symphony, and theatre company.

The riverfront offers a unique atmosphere with shopping and restaurants. See locations of movies such as Forrest Gump, The Legend of Baggec Vangel, and Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil. Not afraid of ghosts? Take the Savannah candlelight ghost walking tour and see famous historical homes remade to be haunted. Having problems finding transportation to your great vacation destinations? Amtrak has a valuable deal 1-3 free, offering your first ticket at regular price, the second for half, and the third free anywhere in the continental U.S. For more info, their web site, www.amtrak.com, can be accessed for further details. But if a train isn't your idea of travel, try car rental agencies. Most car renters will phone about 225-30 a day for a small compact car, but remember to look around and find the most reasonable prices. The same goes for hotel rooms and cars.

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Urban Legend: Asbestos in tampons a proven myth

In my attempt to perform a grand, journalistic and in-depth investigation on the recent allegations of asbestos being included in tampon production, my plans were promptly foiled. Thus, this article takes a new shape.

When I started to research, it became almost immediately clear that tampons produced in the United States have never had asbestos as an ingredient. Statements from the FDA and several doctors and medical "in-the-know" through the country supported this.

I thought I'd check out the other host of Internet hoaxes, urban myths and legends sailing around in cyber space to our happy little desktops. You may have heard of some of these incidents on 'net lore'; they include the very, very false to decisions minor surgery is the best option and cuts her tongue, because of her age. In any tongue. And .... gasp! What did the good doctor find? A live roach crawled out.

The legend explains that there were roach eggs on the seal of the envelope and the egg was able to hatch inside her tongue, because of her warm and moist saliva. Real word has it that this is entirely impossible because roaches don't lay eggs inside things, they - okay, I'll spare you the details. Anyway, this is completely unfounded.

Cellular explosions

This legend still has yet to be proven false, so be careful all you gawkers out there: mobile phones can produce sparks that can be generated by the high powered battery inside the phone. For obvious reasons, sparks are a no-no in a gas station. This legend maintains that a driver suffered burns and his car was severely damaged when gasoline fumes ignited an explosion while he was using his cell phone by the pump. Motorola, Ericsson, and Nokia all apparently print cautions in their user handbooks against using the phones in gas stations, fuel storage sites and chemical factories. Just a word to the wise...

Afghan women's rights

This goes to show that even a legitimate attempt to help can get out of hand and misguided on the part. This e-mail petition for Afghan Women's Rights began several years ago and has garnered much success if you only look at the numbers. It has been sent millions of times, to millions of different people. Trouble is, the address is no longer valid because the person receiving all the final mail was never prepared to be the recipient, and now any mail going to that address is deleted. This was a noble effort gone awry. Hopefully the affair will be redirected to an end that is helpful.

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Student Government Association is hosting a Midnight Breakfast on April 25 from 10:30 p.m. to midnight. The event will be held in the Atrium of the Student Union, room 199.

Have problem, will fix

UCF "Problem Solvers" meet Wednesday, April 25, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. in the Student Union Cape Florida Ballroom. "Problem Solvers" is a program that goes the university community an outlet for problem solving. To submit topics e-mail mawencey@mail.ucf.edu.

Summer camps from UCF sports

Soccer

UCF Women's Soccer is hosting four weeks of soccer camps for girls. Day camp for ages 6-14 is June 8-14, resident camps for ages 10-18 are June 10-14, June 24-28 and July 22-26. Call (407) 823-6811 or (407) 823-5819 for more details.

Golf

Head women's golf coach LPGA teaching professional Jill Fjelstul conducts summer golf camps for boys and girls on June 4-7, June 17-20 and July 8-11. E-mail jfjelstul@mail.ucf.edu or call (407) 823-6448 for details.

Volleyball

Meg Colado, Head Women's Volleyball Coach at UCF, will conduct volleyball camps for girls ages 10-18 this summer.

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money for it.”

The traveling memorial has all 58,220 names of service men and women who died while serving in the Vietnam conflict, and attracted students, faculty and members of the community.

“I always like to come and see the memorial,” said Harley Pritchard, a Vietnam veteran who brought his son with him to visit the wall. “I was involved in the effort for a certain amount of time, and I come back and look at some names of some people. I was in B-52 operations and did four different tours over there and got some guys back there that were in one of my crews.”

“I’m really glad that they came out here, that they could do this, because a lot of people can’t go to D.C. to see it, and until you really see it you don’t get the power of it,” said Alissa Mandolana, who read about the event in a newspaper.

The wall is one of four traveling exhibits like it, and tours 45 weeks out of the year. This was the first time that the exhibit was shown on a university campus.

“It was very important to me to keep it as a student initiative...we left it to the students as much as possible,” said Scott Shorr of Veteran Affairs.

“We put a great deal of time and effort into the planning of the event, said Carloock.

“I’m worn out and proud,” she said. “I’m emotionally exhausted, it’s just really highly emotional to be here. I thank everyone who helped me out with this.”

“We have had a lot of students out here and that’s what the important thing is,” Shorr said. “It’s a unique opportunity for students and young people to see that there is more than just school going on.”

“Events like this show young people that there are more important things than just partying, just that there is more than just school going on.”

Other students couldn’t believe how big or how many names were listed on the memorial.

“The enormity of this to students is that so many of them came up and say “Wow, it’s so big,” said Shorr.

Some visitors had personal significance for visiting the memorial, while some just visited because it was accessible on campus.

Pritchard pointed out the place where his name could have been on the wall and said, “I like to come back and review the Christmas bombings panel to look for names I might have missed before. I like to come back to just make contact again, because it was a big, important effort that’s displayed on these walls, a lot of people said that it wasn’t worthwhile but it really was, it was part of the third world war—the cold war.”

“Just wanted to see it, I am a military veteran,” said Officer Tony Liberman, assistant director of LEAD Scholars.

“The feedback from the benefactors was that they were very impressed.”

The grants will be officially awarded in a May 4 ceremony at HCI headquarters.

Liberman said the interaction between college and high school students was a success.

“The kids really loved the program,” he said. “They really thought that they had learned something from it, and it wasn’t sitting in a classroom, memorizing text from a book. It was getting out in the community and working with people.”

This was the first year for the program, which will expand in the coming years. Next fall, HCI will receive $125,000 from an expanded number of benefactors, involving five local high schools and three LEAD Scholars classes, taught by Liberman and professors Ed Hampton and Mary Uhl-Bien.

Liberman’s class will evaluate the progress of the grants awarded this year. The following year, the program will involve seven high schools and HCI will have $175,000 to work with.

Liberman said the program is a good way for the LEAD Scholars students to make themselves known.

“Here we have young people who are being educated at UCF; many of them want to stay in the Orlando area,” he said.

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The grants will be officially awarded in a May 4 ceremony at HCI headquarters.

Liberman said the interaction between college and high school students was a success.

“The kids really loved the program,” he said. “They really thought that they had learned something from it, and it wasn’t sitting in a classroom, memorizing text from a book. It was getting out in the community and working with people.”

This was the first year for the program, which will then expand in the coming years. Next fall, HCI will receive $125,000 from an expanded number of benefactors, involving five local high schools and three LEAD Scholars classes, taught by Liberman and professors Ed Hampton and Mary Uhl-Bien.

Liberman’s class will evaluate the progress of the grants awarded this year. The following year, the program will involve seven high schools and HCI will have $175,000 to work with.

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Chris Marranzo of Phi Delta Theta fraternity was awarded a $300 scholarship this week by the fraternity’s national educational foundation. Phi Delta Theta awards just six of these scholarships each year to assist members from chapters across the nation with the costs of the Undergraduate Interfraternity Institute (UIF), a national leadership event for fraternity and sorority members. UIF is a hands-on, interactive program—priding itself as an “institute,” not a conference—that has helped over 3,500 Greek students to become better leaders since its inception in 1990, and will this year be held in Indianapolis.

Dr. Huddleston inducted into Order of Omega

Many times an honor is not strictly reserved to its recipient. Such was the case on Tuesday, April 17, when the UCF chapter of Order of Omega was given the honor of inducting Dr. Thomas Huddleston, the university’s Vice President of Student Development and Enrollment Services. Dr. Huddleston is a member of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity and was actually the fraternity’s former National President; he was never given the opportunity, however, to become a part of the honor society while an undergraduate.

The Order of Omega is a national Greek honor society, awarding membership to male junior and senior students whose college careers have been marked with both academic success and with campus leadership. In addition to Dr. Huddleston, the honor society inducted 40 new students this spring, from nine different sororities and three different fraternities.

The honor society does more than simply recognize these Greek students. It also provides all members with an opportunity for thousands of dollars in scholarships, as former Order of Omega President Sara Levinson learned earlier this spring, after she won a $750 scholarship from the national honor society.

Greek Potluck Dinner

Sigma Gamma Rho sorority co-hosted the annual Greek Potluck Dinner last Thursday at the Delta Delta Delta sorority house.

Quote of the week

"Man invented language to satisfy his deep need to complain."

—Lilly Tomlin, actress, author and comedienne

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In its early years, rock and roll music was believed to make teenagers crazy, drug-damaged and promiscuous. The Los Angeles Mirror printed a story in 1959 that announced that rock music "sagsthe cow's glandular system and deters milking," with a strange headline that claimed "Rock 'n Roll Makes Cows Tighten Up."

Plastic lawn flamingoes outnumber real flamingos in the United States.

The average women’s handbag weighs between 3 and 5 pounds.

Peanuts are one of the ingredients of dynamite.

The house where Jefferson wrote the Declaration of Independence was replaced with a hamburger stand.
Annual Greek Awards given

The annual Greek Awards ceremony - sponsored by UCF’s Interfraternity Council and Panhellean Council - concluded last Monday with encouraging results for the school’s growing Greek community. Beta Theta Pi walked away from the awards ceremony with two of the most coveted awards, Chapter Excellence and Chapter Programming, a significant achievement as the fraternity was founded as the seventeenth fraternity at UCF only a year ago. Six fraternities and four sororities were awarded the Chapter Excellence award, meeting all criteria for the awards ceremony.

The Greek community’s growth was also evident in several individual awards. Tau Kappa Epsilon, a traditionally smaller fraternity at UCF, won the Chapter Programming. Honorable Mention, and brother Ryan Vescio was presented with the award. Lyndsey Lyons won an honorary chicken-on-a-stake by his fellow fraternity brothers after winning the award. Lyndsey Lynn won the same award for sororities, and she also represented a newer organization, Chi Omega sorority, which was founded at UCF two years ago. Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity, founded at UCF three years ago, saw two of its members win individual awards: Peter Bacopoulos won Outstanding New Member, and Justin Bucholz won Intramural Athlete of the Year.

Though Greeks at UCF were pleased to see so many new organizations so successful, many of the larger and more established fraternities and sororities continued to show their success, as well. Sigma Chi fraternity and Alpha Delta Pi sorority both won the Highest GPA awards, and Brian Battles of Lambda Chi Alpha and Anna McManus of Delta Delta Delta won the Greek Campus Leader awards.

For a list of both individual and chapter award winners, log on to www.UCFfuture.com.
It's time to walk down the aisle

Joshua Murdock
STAFF WRITER

No, I'm not getting married—it's graduation time of course. After four years of working my butt off, I am actually graduating on time. It's hard to believe that U Can't Finish. I'm going to complete my bachelor's degree and minor with exactly 120 hours and graduate exactly four years from my high school graduation. Amazing. I think it's totally amazing sometimes.

This week will be my last classes as an undergraduate, my last finals as an undergraduate, and the last time I pick up girls as an undergraduate. No, this is not my last time to be at UCF, I'm coming back for more in the fall. I know, a crazy thought to be done with school and want more.

I feel it's the time to go after my master's degree before I totally hit the real world and don't look back.

Yes, I feel like a heavy weight has been lifted, since I'm graduating soon. Coming back for more is crazy but the smart thing to do is to do in our world these days. I want the ability to have any job I want and a master's degree will give me that edge. Wow! I'm graduating! I'm going through my head, over and over again.

Graduation isn't all just fun and games. There are a lot of things to do to prepare for the big day. First, it all starts with the grad check, which could mean trying to get all kinds of things UCF screwed up straightened-out before graduation. Then comes the spending of tons of your own money. Time to order a class ring, $500. Time to order graduation announcement, $50. Time to order a cap and gown, $45. Time to buy the stamps to send out the announcement, an arm and a leg. As you can see, the amount just keeps on jumping.

Another key element to my good graduation is the after-party. Yeah, a ton of planning, preparation, and fun goes into this element. The hardest thing is that you will invite everyone and their second cousin. Make sure you send out invitations through email, regular mail and handing out. This will not only save you money, but time too. Make sure they know to RSVP, because without it you'll never know how many people might come. A mixture of friends and family friends could be weird, but always let your friends know they can come later and stay later. Because, who doesn't want to get wasted on that special night? Party-on dude.

Now that you know some of the key elements to a graduation you can be better prepared when it's your turn. Good luck to everyone and their endeavors.

GRAY MATTERS

Relationships, lottery: Don't plan your life around either

Chris Zapatier
STAFF WRITER

There is a new spring in my step. Each tomorrow suddenly has the potential to become a memorable one. The clouds of cynicism that obscure my perspectives have momentarily dispersed.

What has happened? I have met someone who displays impressive girlfriend potential and things seem to be going well between us.

I'll confess that I am happier now than I was before. But with or without her in it, my life will go on. I consider self-sufficiency to be an admirable trait. Co-dependency is not an impressive girlfriend potential and things seem to be going well between us.

If you are not happy with yourself you will never be happy.

The second-to-last girl I dated was a religious zombie who was retarded in her emotional and intellectual development. After bowing out of that debacle after five hellish weeks of abstinence, she stalked me for several days.

The last girl I dated was so full of hot air she could resuscitate the Hindenberg with one exhalation. From day to day her attitude towards me vacillated from a mild degree of excitement to complete indifference. Any complement or confession would cause her to enact the emotionally immature defensive mechanisms of complete silence and a stotic facial expression. I believe that by sharing my thoughts and feelings liberally despite her failure to reciprocate— I skewed the balance of power between us which led her to develop the erroneous notion that she had been upgraded from a luxury in my life to a necessity.

Despite these romantic misfires and countoutr allies, I have managed to avoid forer suffer nihilism towards male/female relations. I have done so by placing their importance in perspective, by remembering that from the womb to the tomb we are alone, and our relationships are simply steps along the way, not final destinations.

You should not plan your future around meeting the perfect person anymore than you would plan your retirement around winning the lottery.

It seems to me that for a while now I have avoided writing about things that tick me off because I was trying to be "humorous". What a load of crap, I'm not funny when I write. When I write I can't even flailing arm antics nor can I animate my sense of humor so other humans better interpret it.

Today I bring to you a subject that seems to have been haunting the parking garages of UCF for a while now, but people were just too scared to point them out. This subject comes along with another subject. It seems that there is a group of people out there who think it's funny to take the parking tickets off of a ticketed car and place them on theirs; thereby avoiding having to buy a parking decal because they seem to already have a ticket and there's no one to receive another.

My first shout goes out to you mind blowing idiots. Do you have any idea how frustrating it is to wait in line to pay for a ticket and then find out that you don't have to pay $30, like you thought, but somewhere in the neighborhood of $120 because you didn't know you got the ticketed parking? It comes around to registration time, I almost expect to see that I have an unpaid fee that I don't know about. I'm just avoiding the administration building and head straight for the parking services office. There is no way, but people will certainly ruin my day than finding out that I have to spend more on something than I thought.

The second shout goes out to the parking services office. We seem to have a problem in this school with people stealing tickets. If you don't know what I'm talking about then you
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Chinese Americans barassed during US-China standoff

FRANK H. WU
TODAY'S HERALD-TRIBUNE

Like most everyone else, Chinese-Americans are relieved that the United States and China have resolved the tensions arising from the recent collision of an American reconnaissance plane and a Chinese jet fighter.

But for Chinese-Americans, the crisis isn't really over. Once again, we've been reminded that contacts with Asia all too easily lead to anger toward Asian-Americans.

In numerous ugly incidents across the nation, radio talk-show hosts blamed Chinese-Americans for the actions of a foreign power.

An Illinois-deezy used an obnoxious mock-Chinese name in repeatedly trying to contact resident of New York City's Chinatown. He also reportedly jotted about imprisoning Chinese-Americans in internment camps, according to the Springfield

ELIZABETH WEISHAN
THE BOSTON HERALD

All over campus you can see the signs that another year is drawing to a close. The freshmen look anxious at the thought of having another round of exams. The sophomores are just now realizing that maybe they should attend those last few weeks of classes to make sure they don't fail. The juniors look depressed that they have another year of this ahead of them. The seniors, especially those seniors completing their fifth or sixth years, have that look of total apathy.

I am sure that many seniors would agree that they would like to stay in college forever if it didn't cost so much. But with graduation looming, the senior class is finding it harder and harder to stay focused.

In the spirit of National Geographic, I present ways to recognize a graduating senior.

1. Seniors can be recognized by their lighter backpacks. Many seniors have given up carrying all of their books and notebooks with them. Some have even converted to the "one notebook is good enough for all of my classes" style of learning.

2. In smaller classes and labs, seniors can often be recognized by their listless posture and inability to rouse themselves to participation.

3. Seniors can often be found out and about the week, toasting to the fact that they have an exam the next day. Let's listen in on a typical exchange between a graduating senior and another student.

Graduating senior: "Hey, what's going on tonight? Wanna go to the Plaza?"
Non-graduating friend: "It's Tuesday.
Graduating senior: "I know, that's when all the good drink specials happen!"
Non-graduating friend: "But I have an exam on Thursday"
Graduating senior: "I have one tomorrow, but it's not stopping me."
Non-graduating friend: "No thanks."
Graduating senior: "Wuss."

4. In engineering, graduating seniors have another distinctive feature: the weirdly formed grin of terror. This particular trait, while not unique to engineering students, does seem to be more predominant in this species. The cause seems to be the fact that results from not yet having a job to start immediately after graduation.

The grin of terror is particularly easy to spot this year in light of the declining economy.

5. Graduating seniors are also highly recognizable through their unique speech patterns. They use an unusual number of place names, for example: "Well, I sure don't want to stay in Wisconsin. I'm thinking Portland, San Francisco, maybe Seattle."

The unmarried are left to nod wisely as they care about these topics.

6. The graduating senior also displays a highly developed ability to justify his or her actions. Moms like "C's get degrees" and "Here we go, two-point-O" are just some of the ways graduating seniors justify hanging out at the Terrace, skipping classes and going to bars during the week.

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Egg beater weeks

Amy Pavuk
Staff Writer

This week is an egg beater week. I call days and weeks like these “egg beater” weeks because of the indescribable pounding that is going on in my head. It feels like there are beaters pounding on my head, and it won’t stop. It won’t stop for at least a week, until exams are over, everything on my to-do list has been checked off, all my papers have been written, and everything else that culminates at the end of a semester. It’s the over-load of stress that causes me to have egg beater weeks.

A fine example: It’s 1:30 a.m. and I just start to doze-off when I realize I worded something incorrectly in a paper due the next morning. Nothing serious, just a sentence that sounds odd. Of course, I am journalism student so little things like this are a big deal considering the course. So what do I do? I get up out of bed, turn the lights on, turn the computer back on, open the file, change the sentence, and then I go back to bed. But, do I have sweet dreams? No, because dates, names and theories are running through my brain. I think to myself, please stop! Can’t I just have some random dream for once? But then I remember I am having an egg beater week and things aren’t that simple when stress is involved.

I have since concluded, amidst numerous egg beater weeks, that there is no real answer for stress. Not for the average college student at least. I’ve read the self-help articles, tried to get more sleep, tried to think “happy thoughts,” which I have to add is the dumbest thing anyone ever tried to market, and does not work at all, watched a funny movie, gotten a massage, everything you can think of. The stress, and the never-ending pounding from the egg beaters, won’t go away...until graduation.

Forest students of tickets

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must be dense, I’ve been ranting on this subject for the past paragraph. I’m wondering if there’s any way that you could notify students that they have a parking ticket that they need to pay for. I understand that this is a big undertaking for your small staff, so how about getting together with the accounting office so you could get into their database and send out some mass emails or something for a “warning” system.

Thirdly, I’d like to scream at the people who stole my car. I had a $100 plus parking decal on the window of that car. Why you deemed it necessary to destroy that decal will be beyond my comprehension for a long time. But if I ever find you I swear I’m going to use a bat and can of Epson’s salt to make you pay for your crime.
Diversity: A commodity in university recruiting

MARK SILVERMAN
THE BADGER HERALD

Am I similar enough to all other white Jewish males of similar age and economic background that we are interchangeable? Am I even Jewish any more if I don’t practice religion or believe in a God? What makes us alike, and what do these attributes say about me? I raise these questions in response recent discussions about campus diversity. More generally, I ask them to get the ball rolling about the topic of diversity itself.

What does diversity really mean, and when did it become a commodity? It has been put forward in recent years as a goal to be accomplished. I’ve heard that it corrects imbalances of representation between the population at large and covered positions in the workforce and at selective educational institutions. I’ve heard also that it is in my interest to “fight” for diversity in order to preserve the reputation of the college I attend. Most recently, I learned that my university spends $25 million per year to promote it.

My introductory example was not meant to further any argument — only to assert the ambiguity of the concept of “diversity.” I hold strongly to the belief that I am not obligated by my cultural background to behave in a particular way. Generalities and categories are an abstraction that appeal naturally to our species. They save us time and give us a common denominator for communication.

Efficiency has become increasingly in demand, often compelling people to rely upon gross generalizations at the expense of recognizing important distinctions. I ask the reader to consider how much these heuristics influence your perception of your peers.

At first glance, it is natural to take appearances into account. Furthermore, it is natural to feel more comfortable in the presence of others who we, based on this first impression, see as more like ourselves. I’d never try to reprimand these primal instincts.

Rath, I implore the reader to acknowledge them as such and take that next step to overcome them. This is the same process you engage in when you don’t vow to kill the guy who cuts you off in traffic (was it an accident?) or when you forego sex until you can find some decent protection (even though it feels so good). It is called secondary appraisal. This is the means by which long-term planning and the society of mutual trust we enjoy can exist. The extent to which we are too lazy to use it, we are responsible for the negative outcomes of such neglect.

Maybe my Mexican friends, who work with at home can safely be considered a group; they all speak Spanish, and three out of four ride their bikes at least seven miles to work each way every day. It doesn’t take long to realize, however, that just like everybody else, they are unique individuals.

Arnulfo is trying to get into the University of Mexico City, and Fidel is content to spend ten months a year in the United States sending checks home to his wife and kids. He recently moved to my hometown from Lima, Peru, and he always teases me about how much nicer his car is than mine.

They come from different cities in different countries — and most importantly — laugh at different things and seem to have extremely varied levels of comprehension. Show them to proponents of diversity, and they are three Hispanic/Latinos — any one is as good as another to meet a goal.

If I were to try to adjust my friends to the national race breakdown, for instance, I would need to cut out some “people of color” and replace them with standard white people. I don’t feel the need to do that in order to get a “multicultural” experience, and neither would I if my friends were homogeneously white or any other color.

Do my friends who are black half black and white or half Korean and white cancel each other out, or do they each give me a half-point in the Asian and African categories? Does the Asian category include my Indian friend, or does he go into a special “South Asian” pile? Do I need to be immersed involuntarily in a colorful array of people? Do I join them in the summertime after hours of biking in the sun? Are the differences between us really only skin-deep?

Should I even take the time to consider this nonsense? The university’s fiscal policy would call on me to do so. Spending money to “recruit” minority individuals is not working — but that’s not the point. Even if it did, I would be disappointed.

I am more opposed to the ideology behind the practice than the expense. I have been long resigned to the reality of my taxes being wasted — and I really am talking about my parents’ money, anyway. Enforcing diversity does not alleviate any of the injustices that may cause individuals to be underrepresented at the UW, except at the most superficial level.

The fact that the greatest effort goes towards unsuccessfully retaining people after they are actively recruited further demonstrates that any lack of representation is due to people’s performance, not outside forces that need to be compensated for. If it is these outside forces were inferior education before college, and this is the injustice that needs to be addressed.

Diversity in the context it is popularly uses to objectification of individuals who are providing a false moral high ground from which reas­ensible attempts to help those individuals can be shouted down.

As for whites having “col­ ular” personalities themselves, I wouldn’t rule it out.

Angela Peterson
Orlando Sentinel
Senior Photographer

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

Why do that?
Because one story can touch so many lives. So many lives. So many people have opened their hearts and shared their stories with me, and the stories have been changed because of their generosity of our readers.

That must be gratifying. It is. As a favorite part of my job, to be able to share these stories and help make good things happen.

As one of many long term employees, do you think keeps people here? For one thing, it is a very open environment, very receptive to new ideas. Everyone has been supportive of anything we tried to do. We’ve helped me find my own strengths.

What do you see for the future?
Oh, lots of change. We’re a multimedia company, so we’re undergoing a lot of things no one else is doing... and that is exciting.

Her powerful photographic images have garnished Angela many exhibits.

**They’ve helped me find my own strengths and feel...**
And now for something completely different. I’ll be the first one to admit that any sort of positive response stemming from the next few paragraphs rationalizing the motives behind Tom Green and his film, Freddy Got Fingered, might come off as hypocritical. It was only a week ago when I was casting brimstone in the direction of another comedian and his style of callow, third-grade demographic, shit-bum humor. How could I ever try to somehow verisomely justify just what the hell Tom Green’s problem is? Maybe by starting not to agree with the freshly written notions that Tom Green is now the Joseph Mengalla of modern comedy because of what he has done in Freddy Got Fingered.

Remember about a month ago when it was okay to be a Tom Green fan? Some of us are still holding on to that belief but not because of his new movie. As much as he is in demand and notorious on television, the natural progression to film doesn’t seem to click. Consider he can get away with such more admirable vile antics. When he is outside the box, Green works best as a character actor (as seen in Road Trip and Charlie’s Angels), but since he is unabashedly playing himself in Freddy, the film cannot afford to move anywhere else except around him. Such as it is, it never succeeds in making us laugh. We cringe not because what we consider on screen is big in Los Angeles, Gordon, finds work in a cheese sandwich factory while trying to impress studio chief Anthony Michael Hall. The dream quickly fizzles due to Gordon’s lack of anything imaginative or non-repugnant and his brother, the actual Freddy (played by Eddie Kaye Thomas of American Pie who may or may not have been “fingered”), his unlucky buddy (Harlan Williams) as well as women, their newborn children, rotting wilderness carcasses, two very endowed animal penises and the fluid that is released from them. All the while Green finds a serenepitous love match with a paraplegic (Marisa Coughlan) whose primary interests are Singapore-style S & M and pestering, habitual fellatio tasks.

So what, pray tell, is the good that can come out of this? Actually a heap if you take the time to look at it from a different angle. Before we capitate him and deport him back to Ontario, we should realize what he is doing. Green is part of a circle of comedians—the Farrelly Brothers and Trey Parker and Matt Stone to name some of the other few—that not only provide humor in the form of simple laughter but from also the reactions that stems from their doing so as well. Green is neither stupid nor crazy; he’s a non-conformist who is willing to sacrifice his merit as performer in order to communicate the essence of his personal style. This type of behavior can be traced back to Bunel and Dali’s Un Chien Andalou all the way through the apex of Andy Kaufman’s stand-up. We cringe not because what we consider on screen is immediately branded immoral or wrong but because we haven’t seen anything like it before. 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Run DMC: Long live the kings!

Forest Crumpler
Staff Writer

Guess what UCF-the time-honored kings of rock and the pioneers of rap as we know it were on our campus to give a free concert last Tuesday. That's right, Run DMC was here in living color, but where were you? Well, I can't blame everyone for not having a jam-packed arena to greet these prestigious guests, but I can blame CAB. This show was not given the hype that it needed and deserved. The seven hundred or so people who actually showed up already knew how the show was but for the rest I will tell you this; it rocked! Some of you might not remember Run DMC and that's fine, but those of you who do remember unboxed Adidas and black fedora hats can understand what a show like this would be like. Many would think that 20 years of performing would have worn a band out, but with only Jam Master J on the turntables, DJ Run and DMC blew the house down with just their sheer presence.

With old-school rap missing, wild and an impromptu break-dancing exposition from the crowd, I could almost feel the phantom zippers from my old parachute pants back in the mid '80s. Run DMC was huge when I was a kid and hearing them rip out all of their old rhymes really took me back. DJ Run would sporadically belt out new rhymes and it's a good thing that Jam Master J proved his mastery of the steel wheels of the turntable. "Tricky," "Peter Piper" and "Walk This Way" were greeted with a huge response (well, as huge as 700 people can make) while very few of their newer tunes were played at all. The only sad part was the obvious confirmation of the rumors of DMC's failing voice, because he sounded like he had laryngitis the entire night. Run DMC assured the crowd that they weren't breaking up, but it seemed to many that the end was near, at least for this aspect of their musical career. Regardless, it was a spectacular show.

Another great part of the night was the very talented opening band, 11 Red Apples. This hip hop/ funk sextet had a great range and variety to their music. Starting out with a hip hop jam moving into a mellow, sophisticated jazz and then sliding to a speedy funk, 11 Red Apples had the crowd of listeners all over the place. With a good keyboard effect, a sax player (who is from our school apparently) and a tambourine, this band showed its diversity and ability to rock. Also, the male and female vocalists made a really great addition to this-verse style reminiscent of the Red Hot Chili Peppers' lineup. Flea, 11 Red Apples has definitely carved out their own sound and it's a good one. They are based out of Orlando and are really worth checking out.
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The freedom of expression is supposedly one of our rights protected by the Constitution. In a perfect world, this means that individuals have the right to create works of art, music, literature, and other forms of entertainment without fear of censorship. The problem with this notion is that in reality, censorship is a very prevalent factor in American society.

Works of art are censored all the time. One cannot go through life without hearing about how children in Little Rock-Some-Corn, Iowa are unable to read books like CATCHER IN THE RYE and THE LAST TEMPTATION OF CHRIST in school. These are examples of how the people going to see a movie should be good, right?

The only weapons directors and screenwriters have are the threats of disfavoring a film. If a director really sticks to his or her guns with this then in the end their versions may be granted release. Terry Gilliam did this with Brazil, and it turned out to be one of the biggest cult movies ever. At any rate, studios are relying on far-flung means to cut pieces of cinematic art. If the public doesn't want to see a movie, then they won't act.

However, there is no excuse in cutting apart another person's vision. Would someone destroy Michelangelo's David because it shows a man's full-frontal nudity? Of course not, and the same respect should be give to books and other creative outlets (art, magazines, newspapers, music, etc.). If the studios don't think that the premise is sound, then they shouldn't buck the projects in the first place.
The Future will still be here over the summer!

Look for us biweekly starting May 9!

Stay tuned for more: movie reviews, concert and CD coverage, interviews and exposés on the latest video game systems.

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Case Western Reserve (Cleveland, Ohio) medical school professor Robert White, interviewed on a British TV program in April, said his monkey-to-human transplant experiment was a partial success (in that the patient lived for a while) and that, with improvements, the procedure could one day be used on humans. However, a critic, Dr. Stephen Rose, disputed that the recipient monkey was functional, contending that the brain’s only connection to the body was brief and that rose said blood supply. “All you’re doing is keeping a severed head alive.”

In March, a federal judge in Alabama ruled in favor of the owners of the Eastwood Texaco station on a lawsuit against an insurance company in a fire lawsuit against the 11-ton oil cart OPEC for price-fixing violations of U.S. antitrust law. The organization was forbidden by Judge Charles Weiner from retrial for a year, which is a favorite method of raising prices.

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WNSC is UCF’s student radio station broadcasting to every TV on campus. You could find it on Channel 21 whether you live in Lake Claire, Libra, Apollo or Greek Park. You may find the idea of radio on TV strange, but just turn it on and check it out. As you’re listening, you’ll be able to watch a slide show letting you know all about WNSC programming and events. In addition to The Central Florida Future, WNSC is a source for information on all campus events!

Coming up on WNSC

WNSC will be wrapping up its spring 2000 programming on Friday, April 28. For those of you sticking around in the summer to take classes, why not spend those hot afternoons in your air-conditioned room listening to WNSC’s summer lineup of programming beginning on Monday, May 6! We will be debuting some new shows and continuing some favorites.

Summer Shows

“Damn it’s Hot!” is hosted by Matt Cavagnaro (Matt from Noons and Spoons) from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays. It is a new show on WNSC and is described as a blend of humor, current events and discussion that will feature music from every genre imaginable.

Roger will be back spinning the best in Reggae with “Caribbean Vibes.” Turn it on and study to his enchanted vibes, or just lay back and let the tunes carry you through a dream Caribbean vacation.

Contact WNSC

Visit wnsc.ucf.edu for further information on WNSC in the summer and updates on fall programming. While you’re there you can get the scoop on all the WNSC DJs and learn more about WNSC. And if you’re a club or organization on campus, we want to advertise your events free of charge! E-mail Station Manager Nick LoCicero at wnscam@ucf.edu.
I am guilty of a crime. That's right. I did it. You caught me red-handed. Go ahead, lock me up and throw away the key. The crime, you ask? I offended someone. Actually I offended more than one person. I think I offended about 300 people altogether. There may be more (actually, I'm pretty sure there are more), but that's the figure that was stated in the email. Oh, I'm getting a little ahead of myself, aren't I? You probably have no idea what I'm talking about. Sorry about that. I meant no offense.

You see, I write and draw a comic strip for The Central Florida Sun, entitled "Felix." My goals for the strip are modest; I just wanted to create a comic strip that has characters and situations in it that people can enjoy, and hopefully, get a good laugh from. I'd like to think that I've accomplished that at least once or twice. But I do know of one thing that I've accomplished: I've managed to offend people. Upon learning this news, I reacted in two ways. First, I felt a pang of guilt for those who I'd offended and Second, I felt a surge of joy when I realized that other people than my roommates were reading my comic! Oh, happy day.

But that happy day would be short-lived, my friends. Because as the days passed, my guilt began to subside (well, at least a lot of the ones I know do. And the ones I know who used in a strip that had a sexual overtone to it. I admit that the lack thereof). But, as far as I know, college students have sex. I realized that people other than my roommates were offended and Second, I felt a surge of joy when I realized that I no longer cared. In fact, I couldn't care less.
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Por último, querido lector. Te agradezco por tu paciencia a lo largo de esta exhaustiva reacción. Estos eventos no suceden solo a mí. Los artistas, los escritores y a cualquier otro que se atreve a expresar su opinión, están siendo censurados y silenciados en todo el mundo en el nombre de la moralidad, la decencia y la opinión pública. El espíritu individual nunca debe ser derrotado por las multitudes sin rostro. Si reconocemos los peligros de la opinión pública y valoramos la expresión individual, estamos a salvo.
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Interview crucial step in hiring process

You may receive a brief informal interview at the job fair, but you could also be scheduled for a more formal interview with a potential employer later. If this is the case, it helps to know what to expect. The typical interview will last 30 minutes, consisting of:

- five minutes - small talk
- fifteen minutes - a mutual discussion of your background and credentials as they relate to the needs of the employer
- five minutes - employer asks you for your questions
- five minutes - conclusion of interview

Interviewing skills are crucial to job seekers because prospective employers base employment decisions largely on information and impressions obtained during interviews. The interview is the most significant criteria in making hiring decisions!

Before the hello – The typical interview starts before you even get into the inner sanctum. The recruiter begins to evaluate you the minute you are identified. You are expected to shake the recruiter’s hand upon being introduced. Don’t be afraid to extend your hand first to show assertiveness. Plan on arriving at least 15 minutes early using the extra time to relax.

Small talk – Many recruiters will begin the interview with some small talk. Topics may range from the weather to sports and will rarely focus on anything that brings out your skills. Nonetheless, you are still being evaluated.

Recruiters are trained to evaluate candidates on many different points. They may be judging how well you communicate on an informal basis. You must do more than just smile and nod.

Recruiter has the floor – The main part of the interview starts when the recruiter begins discussing the organization. If the recruiter uses vague generalities about the positions and you want more specific information, ask questions. Be sure you have a clear understanding of the job and the company.

As the interview turns to talk about your qualifications, be prepared to deal with aspects of your background that could be construed as negative, such as a low grade point average, no participation in outside activities, or no related work experience. It is up to you to convince the recruiter that although these points appear negative, positive attributes can be found in them. It is also likely you will be asked questions to determine your direction and motivation. For instance, why you chose the major you did or what your career goals are.

Your turn for questions – When the recruiter asks, “Now do you have any questions?” it’s important to have a few ready. Ask intelligent, well-thought out questions to show the employer you are serious about the organization and that you have done your homework. Questions should always elicit positive responses from the employer.

The end counts – The interview isn’t over until you walk out the door. It is important to always remain enthusiastic and courteous. Often the conclusion of the interview is indicated when the recruiter says “Thank you. However, if you feel the interview has reached its conclusion, you can stand up first. Shake the recruiters hand and thank him or her for considering you. Being forthright is a quality that most employers will respect, indicating that you feel you have presented your case and the decision is now up to them.

Expect the unexpected – During the interview, you may be asked some unusual questions. Don’t be too surprised. Many times, questions are asked simply to see how you react.

For example, suppose questions could range from, “Tell me a joke” to “What time period would you like to have lived in?”. Your reaction time and the response you give will be evaluated by the employer, but there’s no way you can anticipate questions like these. While these questions are not always used, they are intended to force you to react under some stress and pressure. The best advice is to think and give a natural response.

Source: UCF Career Resource Center.

http://www.crc.ucf.edu

The Career Resource Center web site is your passport to a world of on-line career and job search resources. Simply point your web browser to www.crc.ucf.edu to check on the latest job fair information, sign-up for a career planning mini-class, or link to a variety of nationwide job bank web sites and search engines.

The web site also includes information on the programs and services offered by the CRC. UCF students and alumni up to one year after graduation can access the GOLD Connection free of charge. The GOLD Connection allows registration of a personal profile and posting of your resume so you may participate in on-campus interviews, view job postings, and track your resume referral history.
Not ready for employment just yet? Planning for your career should still be on your mind. Following is a long-term strategy guide:

The job search can be an overwhelming and time-consuming process. What do you need to do and where do you begin? Planning and organization are key elements to a successful job search. It is a good idea to begin about six to twelve months before your targeted employment date. The Career Resource Center (described on page 4) can help you develop and implement an effective job search campaign.

Self Assessment – Take time to better know yourself. Identify your interests, skills, and work values and develop and implement an effective job search plan.

Identifying this information will help you articulate your career objective, which will assist you in targeting employers and ultimately marketing yourself in the interview.

Research & Explore Career Options – Become knowledgeable about the job market. Explore occupations related to your skills and education. Know what is required to compete for these positions.

Target Employers – Use a variety of methods to identify potential employers and research their organizations. Utilize employer directories, the Internet, the CRC Career Information Library, professional associations, trade journals, and similar sources to develop a list of employer names and addresses. Find out as much as you can about prospective employers through employees, visits, company literature and reference books. Prioritize your list of employers in order of preference.

Prepare Job Search Material - Develop a dynamic resume and cover letters targeted to the needs of potential employers. Consider developing several versions of your resume, depending upon the positions or organizations you are pursuing.

Conduct Your Job Search Campaign – This part of the process requires daily attention. Develop a schedule and record keeping system. Your records should include prospective contacts, companies contacted, follow-up dates and status of contact. Access all possible job listings and contact employers of interest for potential hiring needs. Be persistent and follow through.

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Resume do's and don'ts

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Be concise. Your resume should be an outline of your specific career-related experiences, qualifications and education. Use short phrases or bullets to highlight key points; save details for your cover letter and/or interview. Limit your resume to one or two pages.

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Shedden the first UCF athlete to qualify for NCAA Track Championships

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Wentworth shares her runner's goals.

"We're going up to Drake this weekend" she said. "She's already got a qualifying mark in the 10,000 so we're trying to get her on the list. The 5,000 then sharpened her up at Villanova in three weeks in the 10,000." The ultimate goal is to be in Eugene, Ore., at the end of May for the NCAA Championships. So far Shedden has beaten the NCAA provisional mark, but she has to wait and see what her competition does before she will know whether she gets to compete in Eugene.

In the Trans America Athletic Conference Championships this past weekend, Shedden made a strong showing in the 10,000-meter run. Finishing first, she won the race by 41.33 seconds with a time of 36:24.82. Shedden also ran the 5,000-meter and 3,000-meter races, finishing third in both.

Manse-Wentworth was impressed with the effort given by Shedden.

Sonja shed the 10,000-meter race at the TAAC Track and Field Championships when she was a freshman. That season she never finished lower than third in a race. Her fourth place finish in the TAAC Cross Country Championships earned her All-Conference honors and distinguished Shedden as the top freshman in the TAAC.

In her sophomore season, Shedden became the first UCF cross-country athlete to win the TAAC Championship and the first to win the TAAC Runner of the Year Award. She repeated this feat as a junior. Shedden was forced to redshirt her sophomore track season due to a broken foot suffered during a training accident.

Shedden said she began running as a child because it was just something to do.

"We [my sisters and I] were like little tomboys," she said. "We never sat still.

From there, she became a part of the All-State and the Mid-East Champion team in high school. Shedden was the runner-up in the Pennsylvania State Cross Country Championships and in the 3,200-meter race at the Pennsylvania State Track and Field Meet.

She said she chose to come to UCF for many reasons. The climate was a nice change, but the coaches had the biggest influence on her decision. "The coaches' personalities, there was no pressure," Shedden said. "They did not put other colleges down. They said this is what we're going to offer you and this is what UCF is." Her decision appears to be paying off as she holds three school records and is a part of two relay teams that hold UCF records. The records are not all that Shedden wants, however.

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lead the Golden Knights to a 7-2 win. Arnold allowed seven hits and one earned run while walking three and striking out eight. UCF jumped out to a 3-0 lead after two and a half innings and added three more runs in the fourth. The Trojans posted their only two runs in the bottom of the third on an RBI single by junior Lance Newman and a passed ball that scored senior Ryan Petersen. First baseman Greg Good went 3-for-4 for the Golden Knights, while catcher Jeremy Frost went 2-for-3 with his seventh home run of the season and two RBIs.

UCF took the second game of the doubleheader in dramatic fashion, getting a sacrifice fly by designated hitter Bill Oakley that broke a 4-4 tie in the top of the seventh and final inning. Zach Sutton, the Golden Knights’ third pitcher to take the mound in the game, shut down the Trojans in the bottom of the seventh and picked up the win after allowing only one hit in the final two frames. Freshman Mal Wnters suffered the loss for the Trojans, coming into the game going 2-for-3 with his second home run of the season and the 27th of his career, moving him back to back with Brandon Turner for the UCF baseball record books. Paul Petersen’s home run of the season and the 27th of his career, moving him back to back with Brandon Turner for the UCF baseball record books.

Arnold allowed four hits and three earned runs in three innings. The series sweep improved UCF’s record to 30-10, including a 13-3 mark in TAAC play.

UCF wins wild midweek game against South Florida

Andy Johnson’s fly ball to right field was dropped by Daniel Boyd in the bottom of the ninth allowing Wayne Summers to score from third as No. 17 UCF defeated South Florida 18-17 in a wild affair at Jay Bergman Field.

The Golden Knights held the lead the entire game until the Bulls pulled to a tie in the ninth inning. South Florida scored in every inning after a scoreless first. UCF had four big innings to account for their 18 runs.

The series sweep improved UCF’s offense once again, going 2-for-3 with his second home run of the day, and Good went 2-for-3 to complete their highest amount of runs against each other. UCF surpassed the 17 they scored in their 25-7 season-opening win over Troy State was his 10th of the season and the 27th of his career, tying him with Brandon Turner for first place on the career wins list. He is also now the only UCF pitcher to ever have back-to-back 10-win seasons. His 13 strikeouts in the game gave him 118 for the season, just seven short of the single-season record of 125 set by Brian Ahern in 1989. Arnold went 2-0 for the week, picking up a midweek win in relief against South Florida and then winning his start against Troy State on Saturday. The two wins give him 25 for his career, moving him past current UCF pitching coach Craig Corretti into third place on the career win list.

Pope, Arnold move up in UCF record books

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Justin Holmes went 3-for-6, while Kris Courier added a pinch-hit home run and Boyd hit a home run as well.

The Golden Knights were powered by Chad Ehrenberger, who went 2-for-4 with four RBIs including a double and his 14th home run of the season. Ehrenberger now trails Dustin Brinson’s single-season mark of 17 by three round trippers. Matt Meath went 3-for-5 with his second home run of the season. Mike Myers and Summers both went 3-for-5 in the game. Myers missed the cycle by a home run hitting a double and triple. Mike Fox went 2-for-5 with two doubles to take the TAAC lead with 17 on the season.

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In singles, No. 1 seed, 4-0. He was backed up by Nicholas Lupica and Albano Hoeltschi, 6-2, 7-5, and that was all UCF would need. In doubles, UCF won on second seed and defending conference champ Georgia State. GSU had beaten seventh seeded Jacksonville Friday, 4-1. Jacksonville got there by beating host Mercer, the #1 seed, 4-1. But against GSU, they were no match, scoring a point only on Bram Tukker's 7-3, 6-3 victory over Carl Lumsden at No. 3.

 Ranked 88th nationally, GSU was unable to take the advantage early on as again UCF won the opening point. Camacho and Guerin beat Pablo Perez-Gras and Chris Stewart, 8-4, at No. 1. Sanabria and Strangberg clinched the point with an 8-4 victory over Nicholas Lupica and Albano Franco at No. 3.

In singles, No. 1 seed Camacho defeated Perez-Gras 6-2, 7-6. He was backed up by Strangberg's 6-3, 6-3 win over Stewart at No. 3 and Westin's 6-2, 6-2 defeat of Lupica at No. 6. Georgia State did make it close with second seeded Lumsden's defeat of Guerin, 6-1, 6-3, and Fernando Danus's 6-3, 6-2 victory over Sanabria.

Florida Atlantic, the nation's 51st ranked team, began its trip Friday as well, with a match against eighth-seeded Samford. A day earlier, Samford defeated ninth-seeded Jacksonville State, 4-0. In that match, Samford won two out of three doubles matches and swept singles. But against the tournament's top seed, they would not have similar success. FAU took the opening point behind Yalin Bilgin and Martin Jirak's 8-5 win over David Misner and Raphael Bohli at No. 1 and Sandro Spotti and Pablo Foerman's 8-1 victory over Colin Thompson and Travis Johansen at No. 3. Jirak beat Chuck Haddox, 6-0, 6-3, at No. 3 and Spotti and Johansen dominated Thompson, 6-1, 6-0, at No. 5. Sixth-seeded Christian Paiz downed Johnson, 6-4, 6-1, to complete the sweep.

On Saturday, FAU faced fifth-seeded Stetson, a team that upset four seed Troy State, 4-2, on Friday. To win that match, Stetson had to rally after losing the doubles point. They rebounded with key singles victories by their middle seeds Aleksandar Antonijevic and Aleksandar Novak.

But once again, FAU dominated, beating Stetson 4-0. The second-seeded duo of Doug Devriendt and Paiz beat Tobias Tangberg and Libor Sedivak, 8-5. Then at No. 3, Spotti and Faerman clinched the point by taking down Piero Demichelli and Kyle Lapnow in a close match, 9-8.

Devriendt beat Demichelli at No. 1 in singles, 6-2, 6-2. Two-seed Bilgin defeated Vincenzo Fratta, 6-2, 6-2; third-seeded Andre Botzoni downed Antonijevic, 6-2, 6-3, and Paiz beat Sedivak, 6-4, 6-1.

In the finals matchup, FAU came out of the gates roaring again. Bilgin and Jirak defeated Camacho and Guerin, 8-2, at No. 1 doubles, followed by Devriendt and Paiz beating Westin and Brindu, 8-2, for the opening point.

After Spotti beat Sanabria, 6-2, 6-2, at No. 5, FAU's top two seeds simultaneously beat UCF's to clinch the match. At No. 1, Devrient downed Camacho, 7-6, 6-1. Guerin was downed by Bilgin, 6-3, 6-4, at No. 2. UCF finished the year at 13-6 overall. FAU finished at 21-4. FAU will now go on to play in the NCAA tournament. It is the first conference title for the Owls, and vindication after playing in three title matches in four years without winning.

Distance runner Shedden in midst of record-breaking season

Kristy Shonka  
Staff Writer

Sonja Shedden came to UCF from Pennsylvania so she was used to the cold, or so she thought. Nothing could have prepared the junior runner for the conditions she faced at the NCAA Cross Country Championships. Shedden was the first UCF athlete to qualify for the cross country National Championship, but the conditions the day of the race were nothing she had ever faced before. It was 18 degrees outside with a minus 18-degree wind chill. Despite these horrendous conditions, Shedden finished 198 out of 252 with a time of 22:52.

"It was indescribable," she said. "I'm used to the cold because I'm from Pennsylvania. I've never run in that cold (of temperature) in my entire life. I can't explain it."

With that race behind her, Shedden accomplished another first for UCF. She became the first UCF athlete to qualify for the NCAA Track and Field Championships. On Mar. 30, Shedden ran the 10,000-meter race at the Relay Ranges in 35:08.81, beating her own school record by one minute. Shedden said she hopes to qualify for the 5,000-meter race as well and is planning on knocking 10 seconds off her 10,000-meter time. UCF Head Coach Marcia Mansur...
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Fox a standout on offense, defense for UCF baseball

Kristy Shonka

Senior Mike Fox left his mark in UCF history this season. On Feb. 6, the second baseman made sure his name would forever be remembered by UCF baseball fans when he became the first Golden Knight to homer at Jay Bergman Field, which opened its gates on Feb. 3.

He has maintained that power throughout the season, as he is second on the team with eight home runs. Doubles appear to be Fox’s specialty, however. He has hit five games in which he has hit multiple doubles. Fox currently leads the Trans America Athletic Conference with 17.

"Mike’s role is that of fastballs. I think we had to get him up in the order with his experience and everything else to get us going," said he moved Fox up in the lineup, "I’m still coming around," Fox said. "I just moved into the five hole from the nine hole so it’s a little different, but I feel like I’m adjusting to it pretty well."

Head Coach Jay Bergman said he moved Fox up in the lineup because of the experience he brings.

"When he’s in the ninth slot it’s a very comfortable slot for him," Bergman said. "He’s seen a lot of fastballs, I think we had to get him up in the order with his experience and everything else to get us going. I think he’s done a nice job of finding his game.

He showed his experience in UCF’s biggest series of the season. In the Alabama series, the senior four-for-five with two RBIs and three runs. He missed hitting for the cycle by a home run. Fox had 17 multiple-hit games during the 2000 season.

His myopencare, Fox was hampered by a dislocated shoulder and injury he suffered the week of Feb. 14. That season, he hit .265 with 17 RBIs and started in 32 of the 51 games he appeared in.

In 1997, Fox helped lead the sur- render league team Coral Springs Big League to a World Series Championship by hitting .446.

Fox said that baseball was his first love and growing up with a father who played baseball at Bowling Green, he has been around the sport and playing it for as long as he can remember.

"My dad was a big time softball player," Fox said. "He played in college too, so I looked up to him a lot."

"Following Mike Fox’s graduation in the spring, UCF is looking to welcome his younger brother Matt, who has signed with the team for the 2002 season. Big brother said he hopes his little brother will enjoy it at UCF. Matt will have some pretty big shoes to fill."

Fox said his plans next year are on hold until the Major League Baseball draft.

"We’ll see what happens in the draft," he said. "I actually graduate this spring. I don’t know what I’m going to do next year. I’m going to play it by ear."

Bergman said that while Fox has a job lined up, he thinks that Mike will get to continue playing the sport he loves.

"I think he’s going to get a chance to play a little pro ball," Bergman said.

Beard wins Outstanding Performer at track championships

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assistant coaches T.J. Field, Shonda Swift, and Harry Myers.

"They might put my name on it, but in my mind it’s all four of us who won it," she said.

UCF had 19 top-three finishes in the meet. Along with Beard, Shedden, and Marzetta, four other Golden Knights had first-place finishes. Kelly Roloff won the high jump with a mark of 1.63 meters. Jamie Pew was first in the javelin throw with a mark of 37.27 meters. With a mark of 12.35 meters, LaTricia Fishy won the triple jump. Shannon Ryan won the pole vault at 3.19 meters. Roloff also finished third in the long jump (5.47 m), while Pew came in second in the high jump (1.63 m).

Ellie Wilcox was second in the hammer throw with a throw of 37.88 meters, Marzetta was second in the 100-meter high hurdles with a time of 14.01 seconds, and Sarah Kureshi was third in the 800-meter run (2:17.50).

The 100-meter relay team finished in third place with a time of 46.89 seconds. Shedden and Beard were both proud of the effort given by the entire Golden Knight team.

"It came down to guts," Shedden said. "We thought it was going to be close, but everybody went out and humiliated it and we all did really well."

"We’re really proud of them, we worked hard this whole season and it paid off," Beard said. "I’m proud of everybody."

The UCF women’s track and field team set three conference records and numerous individual records at the TAAC Championships.

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Women's track captures conference title

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The UCF women's track and field team won its fourth Trans America Athletic Conference Championship in five years last weekend.

The Golden Knights won the meet in impressive fashion with conference meet records in total points, 196, and margin of victory, 75 points. Katara Beard, Sonja Shedden, and Kellie Marzetta also set conference meet records in the shot put (14.27 m), 10,000-meter run (36:24.82), and 100-meter hurdles (11.01) respectively.

Beard's first-place finish in the shot put was the senior's 13th victory in a row, setting Trans America Athletic Conference records in total points, 196, and margin of victory.

"That felt really good," Beard said. "I'm so proud of myself."

UCF Head Coach Marcia Mansur-Wentworth, who was awarded TAAC Coach of the Year for the fourth time in five years, was proud of her team's performance.

"We're pleased," she said. "We set three conference records. A lot of people set school records or personal bests today. We had an outstanding meet and we got a heck of a lot of points from everybody out there. Everybody competed well. Every single athlete we lined up stepped up."

Mansur-Wentworth said that she shares her award with her Beard, Page 38

Men's tennis team falls to FAU in TAAC finals

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A strong season and run through the TAAC tournament came up just short Sunday for the UCF men's tennis team. Seeded third in the tournament, UCF fell 4-0 to Florida Atlantic in the finals at the John Drew Smith Tennis Center in Macon, Georgia.

Ranked 72nd nationally, UCF's journey to the finals began Friday night against sixth-seeded Campbell. At 7-13 overall, the Camels proved to be little match for the Golden Knights in a 4-0 win. After struggling for much of the