Global positioning system in cars will make driving safer

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

**Libby Baird**  
**STAFF WRITER**

Amr Oloufa, 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 in the future. Also, the GPUs in cars today are not of sufficient quality and exactness to be used in Oloufa’s system.

Oloufa 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 $25,000 for the first phase.

"We are applying for the second phase which is a larger number of vehicles to test response time," said Oloufa.

The next phase will involve more cars to see how the system responds to a higher number of cars in the test, and will require about double the funding that the first phase did. The purpose of the second phase is to determine the system’s response time, since the time available to avoid an accident is marginal at best.

"The biggest challenge is that the system must be extremely responsive," said Oloufa.

The system is expected to track the speed and direction of vehicles on the road, and alert them to possible collisions by sending an audible and graphic warning. The driver may then respond by braking, thus avoiding the accident. This would be useful in many driving situations.

"If the system is used, for example if a driver is drunk or has lost control of his vehicle, the system will send a cautionary signal to those who could be involved," said Oloufa.

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$75,000 in grant money distributed

**Becki Panoff & David Marsters**  
**STAFF WRITERS**

Students in a UCF LEAD Scholars course teamed up 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 BEITA.

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**Bon Appetite**

The tenth annual Celebrity Chef Gala, hosted by the Rosen School of Hospitality Management, took place April 1 at the Rosen Centre Hotel on International Drive. The sold-out event was a chance for the students in the Celebrity Chef class to show what they had learned this semester along with the celebrity chefs.

**PHOTO BY CHRISTINA JOSEPH**

**Looking back...**

Students visit the traveling Vietnam wall located on campus April 20-22. The wall gave students a chance to see the impact of the Vietnam conflict.

**PHOTO BY JENNY SCHROTH**

**Vietnam wall visits UCF**

**Becki Panoff**  
**STAFF WRITER**

A vital part of American history visited UCF April 20-22. Located on the campus green by student housing, was a four-fifth scale replica of the Vietnam wall, brought to campus by the UCF Student Veterans Association.

"A girl named Sandra Pennington, who goes to UCF, her parents are the ones who bring the wall, and she approached me in the office a year ago about it, and this year as president I decided to do it," said Karina Carlock, president of the Student Veterans’ Association. "It cost over $30,000 to bring it, we did a few fundraisers but most of it was through donations and SGA contributed"
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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 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 $124.81, while the undergraduate cost per credit was $54.79, not including the various fees. However, Graduate Studies offers financial assistance including assistantships, fellowships, intern 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 of the cost of graduate school. "The classes are more rigorous and the workload is tougher than with 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 school, students can reaping the benefits of their hard work. According to Dr. Morgan, the average family income for an individual with a Bachelor's degree is $91,075, while with a Master's degree, the average goes to $104,483. Families with a Doctorate degree may find themselves making $134,713.

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 afforded 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 pay-off 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.gra u. ucf.edu.

Second phase to test larger number of vehicles

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crash into him," 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.

Also, 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 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. "Trains using the system will be especially safe because railroad tracks are less common than roads, so it's easier to apply automatic brakes and warn drivers. It has immediate implementation 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.

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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 colleges across the central Florida area, a 36 percent increase over the original 175 courses offered last semester.

This increase in courses, which will be seen when courses begin on May 8, was meant to give more convenience to the students who go to UCF in different counties. These new courses, offered from the Colleges of Arts and Science, Engineering, Education and Health and Public Administration, are being seen in both the campuses in Brevard and Daytona as well as in the community colleges in eleven other counties that work in association with UCF.

"The campuses and sites beyond the main Orlando campus are critical to UCF's growth in size and quality in the years ahead," said Jack Rollins, the chief executive officer in charge of UCF's regional campuses in a recent press release. "As UCF creates additional educational opportunities at both undergraduate and graduate levels in partnership with community colleges across our 11-county service area, we need to be mindful that the effort doesn't slacken just because summer arrives."

The bulk of the increases will be seen in Volusia and Brevard County. Thirty-nine new courses will be seen 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 10 in front of the Student Union.

(Right) Nancy Collinson, 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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- Reaching out to new students at summer Orientations
- Summer Welcome Back Expo
- “The Meeting” Diversity Event
- Initiation of Scholarship Committee And Implementation of Scholarships
- Fall Club Rush
- Multi-Cultural Dance Extravaganza
- “Medieval Charge” Pep Rally
- Bike Auction
- Increased communication and accountability with Branch Campuses
- On-line voting
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- Improved relationships with campus agencies
- Spring Athletics Promotion & Baseball Pep Rally
- MidKnight Breakfast during Finals
- Wet N’ Wild Spring Fling
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- Clubs & Organizations Calendar On-Line
- SGA Information brochure
- Strong summer orientation presence
- Health Fee Setting
- Midnight Breakfasts
- SGA scholarships & Agency Advisory Board meetings

We want to thank YOU the Student Body, for this golden year. Best of luck on finals and farewell,

Dennis, Christine, Marco, the Presidential Cabinet, Judicial Council, and the 33rd Student Body Senate

Greetings,

A little over a year ago, you sent us up to Student Government with a clear mandate: stop the incessant bickering and take care of business. Well, a year later, I am happy to report that the State of Student Government has improved, Let it be known, that the era of irresponsible and inefficient Government is over.

With the assistance of the Offices of the Student Body Vice President, Executive Vice President, and the Cabinet, the Administration has set Student Government on the right direction. There is an ancient Chinese proverb that “a journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step” and this is no more evident than right here at UCF. We have accomplished many of the goals that this Administration has set. Involvement is up, Pride and spirit at this university is at an all-time high. We have attempted to prove that everyone receives equal support under our Administration.

Again, this is just the first step... the task of serving your fellow students is a daunting, yet rewarding one. I have never had so much fun, stress, disappointment, and pride in one year. My last offering to you is to remember that...we must think and act not only for the moment but for our time. I am reminded of the story of the great French Marshal Lyamot, who once asked his gardener to plant a tree. The gardener objected that the tree was slow-growing. The Marshall replied, “In that case, there is no time to lose, plant it this afternoon.” Fellow students, there is no time to lose...
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. These events can be very beneficial if you know how to impress the recruiter. “We look for confidence, brevity, clarity and personal appearance,” Clark explained.

However, she agreed with other interviewed recruiters that many UCF students aren’t prepared when they attend career fairs. “I’m still trying to figure out why other school’s students are better prepared than UCF’s,” a professional recruiter said. “Students from FSU are marvelous. They are well dressed, bring resumes and some even bring portfolios.”

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.

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.

• 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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**Savannah**

The city that never sleeps? Not if you aren’t there for travel. Savannah is completely saturated with culture, of course, and Second avenue. The parking in Savannah’s claims to fame is the for four forts traced 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. Savannah’s Visitors don’t have to wear their Sandy 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 where citizens first heard The Emancipation Proclamation from General Sherman and Martin Luther King’s

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**Memphis**

Hollywood Elvis fan? Tour the great state of Graceland at a park in price package around at $20. This will include shuttling to and from sites such as the Mansion, the car museum, the Graceland Elvis and personal's air plane collection. Admirers of blues music may wish to visit Beale Street for a fun night 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. 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. Vacationers can go to Mud Island for concerts and also The Pyramid where all the new concerts and events are held, including WFF events. But be careful, as with many tourist attractions, crime has been a notable problem in this city.

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Urban Legend: Asbestos in tampons a proven myth

KATIE GIRAULO STAFF WRITER

Other myths such as roach eggs in envelope glue is false as well

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 professionals "in-the-know" throughout the country supported this.

I thought I'd check out the other hotbed for Internet hoaxes, urban myths and legends circulating around in cyberspace to our happy little desktops. You may have heard of some of these incidents on "net lore"; they include the very, very false to the "unfortunately just wrong" category. In any case, always further investigate what you receive in that inbox of yours. The "information age" doesn't always mean the "right" information!

All information for these myths was taken from Urban Legends and Folklore with David Emery at http://urbanlegends.miningco.com/science/human/69.html.

Sealed with a roach egg

This is got to be the grossest I've heard all year. This email story began circulating in January 2000 and goes something like this: a California postal worker licked an envelope and cut her tongue. After a week she noticed a swelling on her tongue. She reported it to the doctor, who told her nothing was wrong. Her tongue began to get worse and pain accompanied the swelling. Upon her second doctor's visit, the physician took an X-ray of the postal worker's tongue and noticed a lump (here's not a lump the same thing as swelling?). Apparently the doctor decides minor surgery is the best option and cuts her 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 of 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 flames ignited an explosion while he was using his cell phone by the pump. Motorola, Ericsson, and Nokia all apparently print caution 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 effort will be redirected to an end that is helpful.

-News Briefs-

Around Campus

Take a break from studying

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 109.

Have problem, will fix

UCF "Problem Solvers" will meet Wednesday, April 25, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. in the Student Union. Please bring your problem to the meeting. The UCF "Problem Solvers" is a program that gives the university community an outlet for problem solving. To submit topics e-mail mwweeney@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 4-8, resident camps for ages 10-18 are June 10-14, June 24-28 and July 22-26. Call (407) 823-6611 or (407) 823-8519 for more details.

Golf

Head women's golf coach LPGA teaching professional Jill Fjelde conducts summer golf camps for boys and girls on June 4-7, June 17-20 and July 8-11. E-mail jillfjelde@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. For a free brochure and additional information call Juliana Lima at (407) 823-3255 or email jlima@mail.ucf.edu.

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Shorr: This is healing to show that that time is over

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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 Shorr, 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 that there are more important things than just school going out here, that they could do what they have to do what they have today.

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"Actually I came out to study for finals, but on the way here I saw that it was up and displayed at UCF and thought I would just come out and remember who fought for our country," said student Chris Girard.

"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 come 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.

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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. "They're establishing a network of contacts right here while they're in school, and I think that's real benefit of the program."

Liberman added that programs like this one help to improve UCF's reputation in the Orlando business community.

"When we as faculty have an opportunity to go out with the people who live in this community and work with them in developing programs, the benefit to this university just can't be calculated," he said. "And with this one class, they have produced more goodwill in the last eight months than any student making all A's in coursework here at the university."

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Greek Beat

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CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Phi Delta Theta wins national scholarship

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 those 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.

Phi Delta Theta

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

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Annual Greek Awards given

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house. Sigma Gamma Rho belongs to the National Pan Hellenic Council (NPHC), which comprises seven historically African-American Greek-lettered organizations: the University of Central Florida. Each year, Sigma Gamma Rho hosts this diversity dinner to facilitate discussion between organizations about differences in culture, tradition and structure. The dinner served as an opportunity for all fraternities and sororities to sit together and dispel stereotypes about their own organizations, while learning a great deal about each other and about the different fraternities and sororities at UCF.

Greek Awards

The annual Greek Awards ceremony - sponsored by UCF’s Interfraternity Council and Panhellenic 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 an honorary chicken-on-a-stake by his fellow fraternity brother after winning the award. Lindsay Lyon won the same award for sororities, and she also represented a newer organization, Chi Omega sorority, which was founded at UCF just years ago. Pi Kappa Phi, a traditionally smaller fraternity, founded at UCF just three years ago, saw two of its members win individual awards: Peter Bacopoulos won Outstanding New Member, and Justin Bachtler 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 Aimie Bailey 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 at 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 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! is 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 straightenouted before graduation. Then comes the spending of tons of your own money. Time to order a class ring, $50. 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 ZAPATER
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 perspective 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 my life, my will go on. I consider self-sufficiency to be an admirable trait. Co-dependency is not an attribute I care to possess. My disposition will never be pegged as an underachiever. My personal and professional aspirations will never be understated for my marriage. I refuse to spend the best years of my life, like so many girls I have known, waiting for a knight in shining armor to appear and provide the sense of purpose their existence lacks because of low self-esteem, absent spiritual and intellectual enlightenment and failure to love themselves. If you are not happy with yourself you will never be happy.

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Chinese Americans barred during US-China standoff

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TOWSON-ROSEBERY NEWSPAPERS

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 our struggle with Asia all too easily leads 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-deeped used an offensive mock-Chinese name in repeatedly trying to contact resident of New York City's Chinatown. He also reported jokes about imprisoning Chinese-Americans in internment camps, according to the Springfield

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THE BADGER HERALD

All over campus you can see the signs that another year is drawing to a close. The freshmen look panicked 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 as 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 only 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 a history of depression, that's when all the good drinks have to be given up.}

4. Seniors are prone to suddenly disappear. Even as adults, we are often made fun of by children, with chants like "Chinese, Japanese, dirty kids, what are these," as the kids pull their eyes back in a slant.

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 uninitiated 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. Money like "C's get degrees" and "Here we go, two-point-O" are just some of the ways graduating seniors justify hanging out on the Terrace, skipping classes and going to bars during the week.

### How to spot a graduating senior

- **Birth control** you think about just 4 times a year.
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- **What is DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?**
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- **What is the typical dose of DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?**
  - **The typical dose of DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection is 135 mg of medroxyprogesterone acetate.**

- **What is the typical frequency of administration for DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?**
  - **It is given once every 12 weeks (every 3 months).**

- **What is the typical duration of action of DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?**
  - **The contraceptive effect of DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection lasts about 3 months.**

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  - **Headaches.**
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  - **Mood swings.**
  - **Depression.**

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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 on the computer, change the sentence, and then 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.

Notify students of tickets

I must be dense, I've been ranting on this subject for the past paragraph. I'm wondering if there is 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.

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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 coveted 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 thatapulturally 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.

Rather, 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. And the extent that we are too lazy to use it, we are responsible for the negative outcomes of such neglect.

Maybe my Mexican friends I 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.

Arnallo 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. Recently, I've been moved to my hometown of 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 think that 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 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 behoove me to think 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 long resigned to the reality of my taxes being wasted — and we're really 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 retainting 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 used refers to objectification of individuals; we're providing a false moral high ground from which reasonable attempts to help these individuals can be shouted down.

As for whites having "colorful" personalities themselves, I wouldn't rule it out.

Angela Peterson
Orlando Sentinel
Senior Photographer

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

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-John Milton, Paradise Lost

is in demand and notorious on television, the natural progression to film doesn’t seem to click. Where is strange to think considering 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 any flaws are so continually apparent that it can make most bestial yearning.

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Gordon's lack of anything imaginative or non-repugnant and elder and kin committing heinous acts to one another until someone finally gives. Wanting to be the equal opportunist in his debut, Green also terrorizes his brother, the actual Freddy (played Eddie Kaye Thomas of Road Trip and Julie "living sprit of Karen Williams) whose primary interests are Singapore-style S & M and postering, 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 castigate 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 L’En 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. Anyone who laughed till they were blue in the face when Cameron Diaz moused her hair with Ben Stiller’s semen is in no position to chastise Green. His only problem is that it is too crowded in the movies to be egregious. If he can find a way to produce another season of his show, his film may be forgivable.
**Run DMC: Long live the kings!**

**FOREST CRUMPLER**  
**STAFF WRITER**

Guess what UCF—the home of hip hop, pioneers of rap as we know it were on our campus to give a free concert last Tuesday. That's right, Run DMC was once 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 know 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 unlaced 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 their sheer presence.

With old-school rap rhymes, 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 some freestyle lyrics for the crowd at furious speeds, showing that mere mortals still cannot touch him while 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, at least 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 a bass style reminiscent of the Red Hot Chili Peppers' slapman, 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 or art, 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-Grow-Some-Corn, Iowa are unable to read books like The Catcher in the Rye or The Last Temptation of Christ instead belonging to the holy art of cinema.

Dealing with each in turn, film is perhaps the most censored form of "art" today. It's pretty obvious that studios are unwilling to take risks in their work. Just look at how many romantic comedies have come out in the past six months, and you'll see what I mean. However, when a truly unique film does make its way out of Development Hell and into production, it is quickly laid to waste by censorship. Well, due to the vast close-minded policy towards its entertainment, the studios feel inclined to not only maim the director's work, but also impose ratings on it. An example of this closed-mindedness is the so-called "moral backlash" that audiences might find unsavory. Kevin Smith's Mallrats is a clear example of this practice. The degree of language used in the film was cut down considerably, so that Universal was afraid such vocabulary would offend people. Hmm, okay, the movie was rated R anyway, so what's the point? Past the trimmings of the screenplay, the actual finished product is often cut down to size in fears of receiving bad public reaction. This alleged reaction is perceived often by test screenings in which the audience fills out forms, explaining what they liked and disliked about the film. Take Reindeer Games, a shaky movie trade downhill inferior by cutting footage that the studio perceived as "too violent" out of it. What the las audi­ence thought at a whole isn't the case, rather is it that the studio was unloyal to the vision of the director and edited using faulty logic.

Just because a "test audience" reacted negatively doesn't mean everyone would. Also, the movie is a heist film, which means that the people going to see Reindeer Games would be expecting at least some degree of violence. Apparently, the largest picture and ideas such as common sense escape studio executives.

Let us not forget about movie ratings themselves, one of the most useless ideas since the solar-powered flashlight. The system was established to help guide parents in what their children should and should not see. However, no parent supervises their kids enough for these ratings to have any kind of impact. Also, whom reading this hasn't snuck into an R rated film when they were a kid? It's not exactly brain-science, just buy a ticket for Beauty and the Beast, and go into the theatre showing Basic Instinct instead. Regardless of the holes in the system, the real problem is how it is used. First of all, motion picture studios are not obligated to submit a film to be rated, but then again with no rating, the commercial success of a film goes downhill. After all, "unrated" in many people's minds is synonymous with "hard-core sex-filled porno." So studios pretty much are forced to have their films rated anyway. If they don't get a rating they are happy with, then even more scenes end up on the cutting room floor. Never mind that crucial elements of the story can be lost in the process. As long as all the "edited" action scenes are still in there the movie should be good, right?

The only weapons directors and screenwriters have are the threats of disowning 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 facsimile means to cut pieces of cinematic art. If the public doesn't want to see a movie, then they won't see it.

However, there is no excuse in cutting apart another person's vision. Would someone destroy Michelangelo's David because it shows full-frontal nudity? Of course not, and the same respect should be given to films and other creative outlets (books, art, magazines, newspapers, music, etc.). If the studios don't think that the premise is sound, then they shouldn't back the projects in the first place.
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tions of workplace transitions," according to its contract with Humor Consultants Inc.).

- Case Western Reserve (Cleveland, Ohio) medical school professor Robert White, interviewed on a British TV program in April, said his monkey-to-
tomato head transplant 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, dis­
pinned that the recipient monkey was functional, con­
tending that the brain's only connection to the body it was in was through the 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 1995 warrant accusing them of violations of the U.S. antitrust law. The organization was forbidden by Judge Charles Weintrin from reduc­ing prices for one year, which is considered a favorite method of raising prices.

People Different From Us

- John Webb, 53, was ticketed by Janesville, Wis., police for disorderly conduct in March for an incident in a grocery store's express lane. According to the police report, Webb three times confronted a woman ahead of him who had 11 items (limit is 10), finally finnishing that he had served his country in two wars and "did not have to serve any more time

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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 Future. It was untitle d "Felix." My goal for the strip is 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, actually, I didn't feel guilty at all. I just thought that maybe I'd done something wrong. In short—I wanted to cover my ass first).

So I did my research. I went to the library, searched online, and spoke to several attorneys regarding the matter. And as it turns out, my Vice President and her sorority didn't have a case. Think about it: if Felix said that he preferred Coke over Pepsi, would Pepsi be able to take legal action? Nope.

But what really shocked me was what this champion of law told me afterwards. To paraphrase what one lawyer told me, "Why don't you just write the apology and retraction, Steve? Then everyone would be happy." My reply to this, without any of the four-letter words that I was thinking at the time, was "Yeah, everyone but me."

I decided to fight. And you know what? I still don't care what they think. However, I do care about what they did. They threatened my publisher with legal action if I didn't apologize. They threatened me with some vaguely described "trouble" if I didn't offer a retraction. All because of a comic strip that they didn't like.

This particularly serious, so offended and disturbed by the public's perception of them by the mere mention of their name in my comic strip, banded together to form an extremist regime hellbent on silencing the individual as an artist. Namely me. Apparently, a healthy sex life is a bad P.R. problem, but censorship isn't.

And that's what it boils down to, ladies. Instead of voicing your opinion by writing to our paper or simply turning the page as a normal person, you have revealed yourselves to be something truly offensive: narrow-minded, self-serving, censorship-mongering hypocrites.

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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 occurs 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 stands up. 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, surprise 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.

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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.
Organizing a job search

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's a good idea to begin about 3-6 months before your targeted employment date. The Career Resource Center (described on pages 4-5) 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 evaluate your strengths and weaknesses. Emphasize those which connect most directly with your current goals.

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 those 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.

Interview - Organizations usually hire based on face-to-face interviews. Practice your interviewing skills and set a goal of gaining an interview with all organizations on your list even if some do not have current openings. Personal contact improves your chances of being remembered once an opening does occur.

New Job - When all the terms have been agreed upon, request an employment contract stating salary, starting date and benefits. After reviewing and accepting the offer, relax and enjoy your new job!

Review Your Decision - Career development is an ongoing process. Review your job search experience and determine successes and problems. Keep your resume current — you never know when you may need it!

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Campus to corporate transition not easy

If you tend to show up early for class, keep up with your assignments and put forth extra effort when less would do, you’re not only a model student. Chances are, you’ll also make a great employee. Most top-level executives look for qualities like initiative and efficiency in the people they hire and promote.

Because the world of college and the world of work are so different, however, many students have trouble moving from campus success to corporate success. Here are the primary qualities and strategies that can help make you a successful and valued employee:

Keep your personal life in order – Employers are usually sensitive to situations where employees are coping with difficult personal issues, such as relationship or marital problems or the illness or loss of a loved one. However, they also expect employees to deal with these issues. If you find yourself in such a situation, deal with the issues as best you can or ask for help in addressing them. If you ignore your problems, they’re likely to spill over into your work and detract from your job performance. That’s not to say that an employer should evaluate your personal life, but employers can (and will) evaluate you on the way you perform your job as a result of your thoughts, feelings and attitudes.

Work smarter, harder, faster – Accountability is one of the traits that employers value most in employees. Or, as one executive observes, “you know what needs to be done, and be counted on to do it right and on time, without constant reminders or supervision.”

In the process, think of yourself as a consultant and continually look for ways that you can function more effectively.

Another practical strategy is to let people in management know that you’re interested in doing more to benefit your organization and ask if they would consider mentoring you. Learn the ropes from others who have already climbed them. They may be the same people who sit in on meetings about downsizing someday and they’ll be more likely to go to bat for you than for someone they don’t know well.

Demonstrate and document your value – Always remember that the # 1 goal of a company or organization is to stay in business. With that in mind, find ways to reduce costs or generate revenue for your employer. At the same time, proceed cautiously with any time or money-saving suggestions. You don’t want colleagues to think of you as a know-it-all who is intent on changing everything.

It is also important to document the work you do and when asked or whenever appropriate, to let your boss know of your achievements.

You don’t have to get in anyone’s face, but the people you report to should know how well you do your job. This strategy for maintaining a positive, visible presence hand in hand with cultivating allies and advocates in the workplace.

Welcome change – You cannot do a job well without adapting to change, whether it takes the form of new technology or added job responsibilities.

While anger and fear are typical responses to change, optimism is the most appropriate one. Ironically, when people are worried about keeping their jobs, they are the most resistant to change. They adopt the exact opposite behavior of what companies are looking for in employees.

Commit to lifelong learning – One of the consequences of change is having to learn new skills to replace less effective work methods. But it also benefits you to continually expand and refine your abilities. Employers are more likely to retain employees who upgrade their skills over those who do not. Only knowledge – and the ability to apply it – provides this kind of leverage.

Look for leadership opportunities – Every employee, regardless of job title, should be willing and able to assume a leadership role, whenever the need arises. It’s an ideal opportunity to demonstrate your ability and value to your organization.

Communicate openly and directly – Written, verbal and electronic skills are essential in every work environment. Knowing how to listen is equally important. The way you communicate is a reflection of how you perceive and perform your job.

As you prepare to enter the work force, think long and hard about how you can get, and do, a great job. Wherever you work, you will need to have exceptional qualities and skills to launch and advance your career.


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Target resume to career field. If you plan to apply for positions in different career fields, tailor a resume for each with an appropriate objective and skills pertinent to each field. It's not unusual to have two or three resumes on hand, each targeted to a different career field.

Communicate skills and accomplishments. Instead of simply listing job duties, communicate relevant skills and accomplishments. Emphasize leadership, organizational, communication and teamwork skills. Demonstrate results of your efforts by including figures whenever possible (for example, doubled participation or increased attendance by 100%).

Keep resume current. As you learn new skills or achieve new accomplishments, add them to your resume. Change or eliminate outdated information. You never know when an opportunity will arise.

Be honest and accurate. Convey your qualifications in a positive light without embellishment or exaggeration. Employers often advertise a "wish list" of qualifications and don't necessarily expect applicants to have them all.

Create a professional appearance. The employer's first impression of you is based on your resume. Make sure it reflects the professional image you want to convey!

Proofread and edit. Have someone else review your resume to check for errors or awkward phrasing. Bring your resume to the Career Resource Center for critiquing by a career advisor. A resume is a one- or two-page summary of your skills, accomplishments, experiences and education designed to capture the interest of prospective employers. Because the purpose of a resume is to secure an interview, it can be an employer's first (and most lasting) impression of you. Consider the following guidelines when preparing your resume.

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Don't include irrelevant information. Leave out irrelevant information such as personal interests, family status, and salary requirements. Include only information pertinent to your job-related qualifications.

Don't use passive phrases. Use action and skill verbs such as implemented, established, designed, edited and sold. This helps emphasize your accomplishments rather than passively listing your job duties or responsibilities.

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While the purpose of a resume is to secure an interview, the cover letter can persuade an employer to read your resume in several ways. Like a career objective on a resume, the cover letter can tell an employer what type of position you are seeking. The cover letter can also expand on your resume by highlighting the specific skills and experiences the employer is seeking, displaying your knowledge about the career field or company, and demonstrating your writing skills. If your concern is a lack of practical experience on your resume, your cover letter can explain why you are still the right person for the job.
Open your cover letter by stating why you are writing (e.g., to apply for an advertised position or because Mr. John Smith in the company’s marketing department referred you to the recruiter). In the next one to two paragraphs, briefly discuss your background and qualifications. Most importantly, relate yourself to the company and the specific position for which you are applying. Finally, close your letter with a request for a personal meeting or interview.

Source: UCF Career Resource Center
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. "No doubt, I'm going to make All-American," she said. A pretty hefty prediction, but with the focus and determination she has shown in her first three years, Sonja Shedden cannot be counted out. She has proven time and again that once she sets her mind on something she does not give up until she accomplishes her goal.

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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 second home run of the season.

In the fourth inning, Arnold allowed four hits and three earned runs in three innings. Starting pitcher Paul Lubrano lasted 3.2 innings, allowing four hits and three earned runs. Junior Brad Bushin relieved Lubrano, allowing an unearned run in 1.1 innings before Sutton came on to finish the game. The series sweep improved UCF’s record to 36-10, 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 puffed 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. South Florida’s Rick Stegbauer went 5-for-6 in the game including a crucial double off the centerfield wall off UCF reliever Jason Arnold in the ninth inning with two outs scoring pinchhitter Ben Drawdy from first base.

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The 18-17 score was the largest total in the season and the 27th of his career, surpassing the 17 they scored in their 25 season. Arnold combined to post three wins last week, both moving up in the TAAC lead with 17 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 give him 118 for the season, just seven short of the single-season record of 125 set by Brian Ahem 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 pitchers Justin Pope and Jason Arnold, who combined to post three wins last week, both moving up in the TAAC record books.

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UF beat Campbell and Georgia State to reach finals

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season in doubles, UCF rolled over Campbell 4-1. The next day, the Knights defeated third-seeded senior team of Federico Camacho and William Guerin defeated Andreas Maier and Luca Ljumic, 6-4, 6-3, at No. 1. The big win clinched the point with an 8-4 victory over Sanabria and Strangberg downed Ljumic, 6-2, 6-3, at No. 5. UCF would need four seed Troy State, 4-2, on Friday. To win that match, Stewart had to rally after losing the doubles point. They rebounded with key singles victories by their middle seeds Aleksandar Antonijevic and Aleksandar Nicin.

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

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 Bosroni 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 Fink defeated Camacho and Guerin, 8-2, at No. 1 doubles, followed by Devriendt and Paiz beating Westin and Brado, 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

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 and compete 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 Races 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 Manzur.

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Fox a standout on offense, defense for UCF baseball

Kristy Shonka
Staff Writer

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 had five games in which he has hit multiple doubles. Fox currently sits in the Trans America Athletic Conference with 17.

He is sixth in the TAAC in RBIs (41), eighth in total bases (89) and ninth in slugging percentage (.627).

Fox said that though he has had to make a few adjustments, the season is going pretty well for him.

“Mike’s been a very, very good player for us, offensively and defensively,” Bergman said. “I think he’s done a nice job up in the order with his experience and everything else to get us going because of the experience he had in high school.”

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His jump (5.47 m), while impressive, was first in the javelin throw with a mark of 37.27 meters. 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 had five games in which he has hit multiple doubles. Fox currently sits in the Trans America Athletic Conference with 17.

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“I think when he’s in the ninth spot 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 through. I think he’s done a nice job.”

Beard wins Outstanding Performer at track championships

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assistant coaches T.J. Field, Shadonna 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 men’s event, along with Beard, Shedden, and Mazetta. 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 Finley 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).

Elise Wilcox was second in the hammer with a throw of 37.88 meters, Mazetta was second in the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 14.01 seconds, and Sarah Kureshi was third in the 500-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.

“I really proud of them, we worked hard this whole season and excellent, and we all did really well,” Beard said.

“I’m really proud of them, we worked hard this whole season and they 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

Kristy Shonka

STAFF WRITER

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 Shekeden, 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 (11.91) respectively.

Beard's first place finish in the shot put was the senior's fourth victory in a row in that event. She also finished second in the javelin (33.89 m) and discuss (38.20 m) throws, and finished third in the hammer throw (33.36 m). Beard won three points for her efforts in the throwing events, allowing three hits and one earned run while striking out 13 in eight innings of work. Reliever Von Stertzbach pitched a scoreless ninth inning to close out the game.

Junior right-hander Justin Pope (10-1) began the series Friday with another dominating performance, allowing three hits and one earned run while striking out 13 in eight innings of work. Reliever Von Stertzbach pitched a scoreless ninth inning to close out the game.

Senior Chad Ehrnsberger has 14 home runs this season, three shy of Dustin Brisson's record.

On the road again

The UCF baseball team went 4-0 last weekend, including a series sweep of TAAC-opponent Troy State. The Golden Knights now have a 36-10 record.

Men's tennis team falls to FAU in TAAC finals

Chris Bernhardt

STAFF WRITER

A strong season and run through the TAAC tournament came up just short Sunday for the UCF men's tennis team. Seedsed 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