Greed today, gone tomorrow?

Board of Trustees approves $1 million research position to study money matters

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Index of Trustees made it official by creating a $1 million endowed research position dedicated to the “understanding and prevention of greed and to foster the development of altruism.”

The idea was not theirs, but rather dictated in the will of a rich man who believed there are better ways to spend money than on one’s self.

Before he died in 1996, Orlando businessman Robert Heintzelman, the former owner of Heintzelman Ford car dealerships, conceived and titled the research position, for which he set aside $600,000 in his will to be given to UCF on the condition that such a post be established within the

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—WILLIAM F. BUCKLEY JR.
Operation Knightwatch arrests 75 for underage drinking

CRYSTAL ESPINOSA  STAFF WRITER

Tallergues were out in full force Saturday at UCF’s first home football game, and law enforcement agencies worked as well, nabbing underage drinkers and drunk drivers during their first Operation Knightwatch patrol.

The state Division of Alcohol Beverages and To­bacco reported 75 arrests for underage drinking. At least 31 of the 75 were UCF students. Three of the arrests were minors, the youngest being 16, said Sgt. Troy Williamson of the UCF Police.

UCF Police issued five tickets and made one arrest for a fake ID. The Orange County Sheriff’s Department made five DUI arrests and six misdemeanor arrests. The Orange County Sheriff’s Department totals have not yet been con­firmed. In total, authorities dealt out 134 tickets for traffic violations.

Underage drinkers who were caught this Saturday must either pay a fine of $250 or face a court date and a maximum penalty of $500 or 60 days in jail, said Williamson.

"UCF students will also get referred to the Student Judicial Office for any other sanctions or treatment," said Williamson.

Law enforcement officials addressed the media beforehand to warn students of the severe scrutiny they would face at the game in regard to underage drinking.

"We wanted to let students be aware of the fact that law enforcement would be out there looking in hopes of preventing any law violations," said Williamson. "Hopefully [the arrests] will go down with the media coverage."

POLICE BEAT

Student runs from four charges, earns five

CARLY MORRIS  STAFF WRITER

Nagman Aris McKinnon, 20, was arrested on charges of driving with a suspended license, possession of a suspend­ed license, possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia and resisting an officer without violence.

On Sept. 24, Officer Punter stopped McKinnon for improper­ly displaying the tag on his vehi­cle. When McKinnon presented his license and insurance infor­mation, he told Punter that his license was suspended, and although he had already paid the fine, he had no paperwork to prove it.

Punter smelled burnt mari­juana coming from the vehicle, so he called for assistance. McKinnon claimed the vehicle and ran, but was stopped and hand­cuffed by Officer Brauning. Brauning found a plastic bag in McKinnon’s pants that had mar­juana in it. McKinnon was transported to the Orange County Jail.

You swing, you swerve

Katherine L. Brune, 18, was arrested on charges of driving under the influence on Sept. 19.

Officer James Roberts stopped Brune for swerving her car out­side the left lane of the road. When he approached Brune and could smell alcohol on her Brune told Roberts that a man had bought her some drinks at The Orange Knight’s Out Pub earlier in the evening. Brune submitted to field sobriety tests before her arrest.

40 days, 40 beers

Grain James Chapman, 18, was arrested on charges of underage possession of alcohol on Sept. 24. Officer James Mangun was patrolling on foot when he noticed Chapman stag­gering in the courthouse parking lot.

Mangun asked Chapman what was in his bag and Chapman told him he had beer from a party.

Mangun opened the bag and found about 40 unopened beer bottles. Chapman said he was coming from a party at Lake Claire Apartments, but when Mangun asked where the party was located, Chapman said he didn’t know. He also refused to tell Mangun who gave him the beer. Chapman was transported to the Orange County Jail.

Red means stop

Katrina Joy Ratliff, 18, was arrested on charges of driving under the influence on Sept. 25.

Officer Anthony Lupo stopped Ratliff when the car hit the cur in front of her as a red light. Ratliff was also speeding on Gemini Bivins Circle.

Ratliff told Lupo that she had been at Bar Orlando earlier in the evening. When Lupo asked if she had been drinking, Ratliff said she had three rum drinks.

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Do what?

Laetitia Ann Russi, 22, was arrested on charges of driving under the influence on Sept. 24. Officer Scott Penvose stopped Russi for committing traffic infractions. Penvose asked Russi if she had been drinking and she admitted she had three or four drinks.

Russi agreed to a field sobri­ety test. She performed two parts of the tests before saying, “There is no way I can do this.”

Russi was transported to the Orange County Jail where she registered .212 blood-alcohol content.

JASON IRSAV  STAFF WRITER

Rosen to build new dorm for hospitality school

"The commute wouldn’t be so bad," said Pizam.

Pizam said that, although the Rosen School has been eventually moving off­ campus, he wants hospitality­ management majors to be in the same building as UCF.

"We don’t intend to cre­ate a new organization that is not UCF," said Pizam. Evaluation of public transportation might eventually link the Rosen School with the campus, he said, so that students still feel like they are part of the university.

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Performer cancels, but Homecoming will go on

Libby Baird
Staff Writer

Rap star Ludacris declined to sign a contract to perform as headliner for this year’s Homecoming concert less than three weeks before organizers anticipated his show. Organizers say they will look for a replacement that is equally marketable.

In the agreement between Ludacris and Campus Activities Board officers, Ludacris was to cancel his contract if a more lucrative offer came along. When the offer appeared, the school had a definite deal with the rap star. CABS has a few options for filling the headliner spot, including a comedian, but the board still is considering musical acts to replace Ludacris. CABS has already booked bands Three Doors Down and 7 Mary 3 to perform at other Homecoming festivities.

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While a comedian may be an option in filling out the Homecoming line-up, CABS says they will continue to search for a band to take up Ludacris's now-open spot.

UCF says research dollars justified

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Training, also offered a defense. “The grants are competitively solicited,” he said. “If the program results are not immediately relevant to the Arryg, then it won’t be funded.”

Shabir Choudhry, a political science professor at UCF, said chrysalis projects as wasteful spending, as a means of protecting the perspective.

“We’re in the middle of a war on terrorism,” he said. “The simulation research is essential. It is not an option. If I was trying a different perspective, I would consider pork spending.”

The fiber-optics study also represents valuable research, insists Esmail Radwan, executive director of the Center for Advanced Manufacturing and Transportation Systems Simulation.

Radwan said the program, in its fifth year, benefits the community because it maintains a website showing traffic on I-4, updated every 20 seconds throughout the day.

Radwan said he hopes to expand that website to include images of traffic on other Central Florida roads, such as state routes 408 and 417, and Orange Blossom Trail. The network is expected to be complete within the next five years.

In the language of the law, it says that after four years, there would be competition for the fifth and sixth year slot for funding,” said Radwan. “There were 10 slots. We won. We are bearing the fruit of hard work.”

Also dubbed an example of wasteful spending was a chloroplasts research program that received $216,000 to genetically engineer chloroplasts to produce plant-derived pharmaceuticals. The research has resulted in vaccines for an influenza and cholera. Researchers are currently working on a cancer treatment, diabetes insulin and other medicines, said Henry Daniell, a professor of microbial and molecular biology.

“Plant-derived pharmaceuticals are expected to be 100 times less expensive than current pharmaceuticals,” he said. “Only a small fraction of my funds, $19,000 out of $12.5 million, was received through federal appropriation,” he said. "All other funds were obtained through rigorous competition at the national or international level."

Justification for this research should be pretty obvious," said Daniell. "We are saving human lives and reducing the cost of prescription drugs."
Embattled Torricelli drops re-election bid
By Scott Ensign
Robert Torricelli, a New Jersey Democrat initially by scandal, ultimately by fundraising problems, gave up his re-election campaign Monday in a desperate bid to prevent the Democrats from reclaiming the Senate seat they gave up to his advantage in the Senate.

With control of the Senate hanging on a razor-thin margin of just a handful of competitive races, Democratic officials scrambled to find a way to settle a stalemate set up with legal grounds to change names on the ballot close to the start of the election.

Leading the list of potential replacements was former Sen. Bill Bradley, who行业 to former Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle Al Gore for the Democratic presidential nomination in 2000.

Democratic officials said they hoped a different candidate would be able to tap New Jersey's increasingly Democratic population and put that Senate seat on sure Democratic footing.

Torricelli began the race against the advantage of money and name recognition. But his edge began to fade July 30 when the Senate Ethics committee announced Torricelli for accepting expensive gifts from a business associate, David Chang. Chang, who is serving jail time for illegal fundraising, accused Torricelli of performing favors in exchange for the gifts.

Weapons inspectors open talks with Iraqi officials
VIENNA, Austria — United Nations weapons inspectors praised their opening meetings with Iraqi officials Monday in Vienna as “positive, businesslike” but said they are grappling for completely open access when they search Iraq for weapons of mass destruction.

The inspectors turned over what they said were CD-ROMs containing documents they have seized the U.N. since 1999 detailing materials and equipment they possess that could be used to develop weapons.

The papers report from the U.N. negotiators contrasted with the Iraqis’ refusal over the weekend to accept the new U.N. resolution ordering more intrusive inspections than were practiced from 1992 to 1998, leaving unclear what any final terms might be. U.N. negotiators are pursuing Iraq to accept “anytime, anywhere, any person” inspections without restrictions.

However, the Vienna negotiators are not discussing inspection terms for Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein’s eight presidential palace compounds. Winning unrestricted access to those sites is essential to the Bush administration. It will be left to the 35 nation members of the U.N. Security Council, not to the Vienna negotiators, to resolve inspection terms for those sites.

Monday occurred with President Bush struggling to garner international support for his hard-line approach. Debate on resolutions authorizing the possible use of force against Iraq could start as early as Tuesday in Congress and later this week in the U.N. Security Council.

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Retailers Expect Little Holiday Cheer

Feeling that months of econo­mic bad news and uncertainty about Iraq may finally be sinking into consumers’ psyches, many big retailers have been bracing for a chilly holiday. Now, a big holiday iceberg may be heading their way.

Wal-Mart Stores Inc. this week said September sales would raise expectations for the second consec­utive month. But analysts at least a year are expected to grow just 3% to 4%, not 6% to 6.4% as previ­ously projected. J.C. Penney Co. estimated September same-store sales would be down 1% to 2%, re­sorting its earlier estimate of flat sales or even a slight increase. Tar­get Corp. said September sales at its Target discount stores have been “well below” its plan of a 3% to 5% increase. It now expects same-store sales slightly below last year’s levels.

Through rounds of stock-mar­ket declines, corporate scandals and job cuts, no amount of bad news seemed to stop consumer spending on cars, homes, and big-ticket trophies. But consumers now seem to be tightening their purse strings in areas such as clothing and gifts.

Retailers are keeping invento­ries tight to help the most uncertain holiday season in about 30 years, many say. “I think consumers are starting to take a hard look at their breath,” says Chris Ogilvie, chief executive of Service Industry Research Systems. He advises to consumers: “Shop early. There will be many dull and out-of-stock signs on the shelves this year.”

Oregonians to Vote On Genetic Labels

A referendum on the ballot in Oregon this November could upend the way the food industry operates.

Measure 27, the first of its kind to go before U.S. voters, would what Congress and the U.S. Food and Drug Administrations have de­cided to do: require food compa­nies to label products that contain genetically modified ingredients. About 30% of processed food con­tains genetically modified corn, soybeans or other crop, ac­cording to food industry groups. Such crops— which haven’t been shown to cause health problems— resist pests and weed killers and are easier for farmers to grow.

With the Oregon vote initia­tive, proponents of labeling may have found the food and biotech in­dustries’ Achilles’ heel. By putting the labeling question before con­sumers, rather than politicians, such a law is more likely to be ap­proved. National polls repeatedly have shown that when asked if they would like to see information about genetically modified ingredients on food labels, an overwhelming majority of consumers say “yes.”

The food and biotechnol­ogy industries are raising a war cry to fight the ballot measure. The industry group, the Coalition for Better Labeling, says it will spend $46.4 million in cash this fall. The group says so far spent about $13.9 million.

U.S. Census Sees Jump in Uninsured

The percentage of Americans without health insurance shot up last year after falling the previous two years, and some policy experts pros­pects for improvement likely jump in uninsured.

An estimated 14.2 million—14.3% of Americans—missed medical care because of cost in 2001, up from 13.1% in 2000, the Census Bureau reported.

The new statistics and bleak for high box-office films that I season started two weeks ago, when Walt Disney Co. and Pixar Animation Studio’s animated hit “Monsters, Inc.” and Sony Corp.’s thriller “Panic Room” hit theaters at big discount and con­sumer-electronic chains on the opposite end of the crowd. The first weekend alone there are no fewer than 100 high-budget summer movies, including “Spider­man II,” “Men in Black II,” “Star Wars: Episode II—Attack of the Clones,” “Shrek 2” and Lilo & Stitch,” all set for release on video­tape and DVD by year’s end.

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Crowding the Shelves

For Summer’s Blockbusters, The Battle Now Shifts To Videos and DVDs

By John Lippmann

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daily a week goes by with­out some new blockbuster bunting the previous week’s blockbuster off the charts. Hollywood execu­tives agonize over release dates a year in advance. Marketing budgets swell. The marketplace is more cluttered and fragmented.

The make-or-break summer season? No, it’s the make-or­break fall video and DVD season. And this autumn’s crop is bringing with it all the hints of a season packed with big-budget “fran­chise” movies.

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In fact, studios are aiming for record sales this fall and winter. An estimated 40% of all video and videocassettes are sold during the combined fall and holiday season. Now, I will mark the start of the holiday video sales, when Sony Pictures Re­leases “Spider-Man II.” As of Friday, Sony had tallied retailers’ orders for 21.7 million videocassettes and DVDs of “Spider-Man” and hopes to surpass the more than 24 million units sold last year for “Shrek.”

A movie’s opening weekend at the box office still counts. But for most pictures, it is the videocon­sole and DVD market that deter­mines whether they are profitable. If sales of videos, especially in the hot DVD market, don’t hold up, it can be disastrous for the studio bottom line. So it’s no wonder the studios are pushing the start of the holiday video season back into the late summer— just as the summer box­office season has already died during the Memorial Day weekend.

Studios now spend lavishly to

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Cellphones Offer Wave of New Deals

By Jane Spender

The spurtting wireless industry has unleashed a new round of price cutting. The result: There has never been a cheaper time to sign up for cellphone service.

Cingular is making its popular "redress" plan available on nationwide plans. The plan, which allows customers to save leftover minutes and use them the following month, was previously available only on a limited basis. Under the plan, customers can bank unused minutes for as long as a year. Cingular, the nation's second-largest wireless carrier, hopes that allowing customers to save minutes will make it less inclined to switch carriers.

In addition, there is a round of discounts and rebates designed to spark interest in the industry's new high-speed wireless networks, which allow customers to use their cellphones to send photographs, use e-mail and play games with other wireless users. So far, customers have been slow to sign up for the next-generation service. Verizon Wireless rolled out its network during the summer, but it already is offering discounts and rebates. For instance, the company is working with Motorola to get people to buy the new phone needed to access the high-speed network. In a joint promotion, Motorola is offering a $50 rebate on a $299.99 phone needed to take advantage of Verizon's network.

And earlier this month, to help promote interest in its own high-speed network, AT&T Wireless introduced a $39.99 plan with 1,000 "whenever" minutes, by far the most peak minutes offered by any national calling plan in that price range. The company also launched one of the industry's first unlimited calling plans, offering unrestricted talk time for $99.99 a month. Both of AT&T's new plans are available only on its new, high-speed network.

But consumers should be wary of offers on the latest next-generation products. As the technology catches on, prices are likely to fall dramatically.

The latest round of price cuts comes as the wireless companies are struggling with declining growth, falling stock prices and declining revenues. Nearly 90% of Americans have wireless service, and the rate of new customers is falling off dramatically this year, pushing prices lower.

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In Business and Finance

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Mending sour relations between community and university

UCF is the fastest growing university in the state, With an enrollment of 30,000, and the status of Florida's second largest university, UCF faces many needs to expand and build to keep up with enrollment.

But everywhere UCF wants to expand these days is met with opposition by neighbors who would rather wage war and eliminate UCF's students, than give up a plot of land, even if it's to support the university's nationally recognized women's rowing team.

Community relations do not exist between UCF and Orlando and Oviedo residents who won't hear of the idea of residing side-by-side with college students who have earned a reputation as most threat to Lake Pickett residents.

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The failures of administrators at each of Henkle's schools to act to protect him are inexcusable. First, the harassment that followed Henkle from school to school interfered with his ability to pursue an education. The haras-
sling students also interfered with Henkle's basic right to live the lifestyle of his choice.

Finally, there are several precedents that taunting can turn deadly. Just ask Matthew Shepard. Oh, that's right. You can't ask him, because he's dead. Shepard was a University of Wyoming student beaten to death in 1998 because he was gay.

As the surviving students and families of Columbine High School victims can attest, the problem of bullying with deadly consequences is not restricted to gay students. Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold weren't gay; they were just different. Fellow students teased and estranged them because they were too different.

When Harris and Klebold opened fire in the halls of Columbine with semiautomatic weapons and set off pipe bombs, they said, "This is for all the people who made fun of us all these years."

Nothing excuses taking another person's life, whether by bally or belligerent.

Thankfully Henkle sought justice in court and not in school halls with an automatic weapon. But if students on both sides of these conflicts are incapable of thinking clearly and making sound decisions, it's only fair that the adults around these conflicts—beginning with school administrators—be held more accountable.

As evidenced by the cases above, we are all playing for higher stakes. These acts of violence and retaliation aren't just child's play.

So, this is not about what's fair or what creates an extra burden for school administrators—it's about life and death.

Not only should we raise the consequences for school administrators that turn a blind eye, but we need to enforce punishments for students and their bad behavior.

We can start by eliminating a double standard that downplays aggression by children and teens.

If an act is illegal as an adult, it should carry serious consequences for a student. Following someone home, beating them up, or threatening to harm them is unacceptable in adults and should be unacceptable in students of any age.

And if more and more students try reenacting their power and dignity by picking up guns and harming bullies and bystanders, schools need to implement zero tolerance policies.

While schools shouldn't be burdened with raising our children and instituting a moral code, nor can they be the sole determinants of morality, the safety of the student body has to come first.

If school administrators won't step in and protect their students, they should be held responsible. If a student has to take a case to court to either get the protection he or she deserves or to hold a harasser responsible, so be it.

If courts become cluttered with disputes that should be addressed at the school level, let the courts push back.

I'd rather read about disputes between the courts and schools than about an unprotected victim or another deadly student rampage.

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A cash settlement between a Nevada school district and a former student harassed and threatened by classmates is a good step toward increasing school accountability for protecting students.

As the Nevada, school dis-
triet agreed to a $451,000 settlement after Derek Henkle, a former high school student, filed a federal civil rights suit claiming school officials ignored his pleas for help after students repeatedly beat and harassed him because he is gay.

Henkle changed schools three times seeking relief from harassment. In the worst incident, several stu-
dents threw a lasso around Henkle's neck and threat-
ed to drag him down a highway. Henkle escaped and hid with a teacher in a classroom. Administrators took more than an hour to respond to Henkle and the teacher's call for help.

Letters to the Editor

From Page 10

How to behave like a real UCF fan

This letter is in response to the op-
ined "How to be an UCF fans," Oct. 1. In that article, the unnamed author attempts to explain his or her notion of what football is all about, and goes on to state what a real fan is.

A real sports fan, or more specific-
ally, a real UCF fan believes that any game is a game worth watching, and the fewer hours spent at the bar, the better.

There's not much to do at a game, besides cheer for your team. It's a game, so cheer for your team.

This is the beauty of sports. Of course some games cause more emo-
tion than others, but the last that I take a huge opportunity to attend fifty or thirty thousand fans all sit and "cheer" for their team as if they were at U.C. play Policub. But as far as I'm concerned, the real fans were the 10,000 to 20,000 people in the Citrus Bowl who came out to watch UCF play UAB.

These were real "UCF" fans because they go to UCF. They don't just walk in every game, they cheer with their hearts. These are the real UCF fans.

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COU NTER POINT

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Kelly Clarkson getting by with a little help from her friends

BUD KENNEDY
KNIGHT RIDERS NOWHERE

FORT WORTH, Texas — The road to “American Idol” began on a country lane early one May morning.

Four months before she would hit No. 1 singing “A Moment Like This,” Kelly Clarkson feared she might miss her big moment. She stood outside a friend’s house, shouting her friend’s name and tossing rocks at the second-story window.

Time: 4 a.m.

Date: May 6 — the day of Clarkson’s “American Idol” audition.

“I don’t want to oversleep!” Clarkson shouted to friend Jessica Brake. “You have to keep me awake.”

Folks got up early in the farm country west of Mansfield. Just not that early.

The Brake family turned on the lights for Jessica’s nervous friend, the one she had met four years earlier working at a Burleson movie theater.

It was only fitting that Clarkson’s “Idol” journey would begin at the Brakes’. Because that’s where, four days earlier, mother Terry Brake had bothered for the girls to come look at a Web page that she heard about on the radio.

A local radio host read an announcement about auditions for “American Idol.” Terry Brake heard it, told Jess and persuaded Kelly when she came over that night.

“She kind of doubted at first,” said Halie Brake, a sister. “She had been trying so hard. … She just wasn’t sure.”

So instead, Jessica Brake filled out the application for her.

“We always knew she could sing,” Terry Brake said. “We just didn’t know how or where she’d get the big chance.”

Clarkson had just come home from four months in Hollywood trying to break into show business, working with a songwriter and landing a couple of TV extra roles. She had given up for the moment when a friend moved out and the apartment burned, and returned to home and family in Joshua near Fort Worth.

She told the Brakes: “I’m never going to make it. I’m not as pretty as the other girls. I’m not as skinny as the other girls.”

“We told her. Just be yourself,” Halie Brake said. “If you show you’re kind of silly and sweet, they’ll love you.”

She was silly — silly enough to poke fun at her own babbling as “ducks duking ducks” on an early show.

She was sweet and strong-voiced enough to win 16 percent in the first “Idol” election Sept. 4. That’s an American landside.

The Brakes met Clarkson four years ago when she was 16 and Jessica Brake, then 19, was managing the Hollywood theater in Burleson. Clarkson lived nearby with mom Jeanne Taylor and her husband, Jimmy.

The Brake sisters, Clarkson and other friends hung out together and played sand volleyball in south Arlington, where Clarkson waited tables for two years at Hyena’s comedy club.

When Jessica Brake fin- ished a computer science degree and landed a job, she spent part of an early paycheck helping Clarkson cut her first demo tape.

Terry Brake knew her most- ly as Jessica’s friend who liked to eat those freeze-er pizza rolls.

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Kelly Clarkson getting by with a little help from her friends

By BUD KENNEDY

PORT WORTH, Texas — The road to “American Idol” began on a country lane early one May morning.

Four months before she would hit No. 1 singing “A Moment Like This,” Kelly Clarkson feared she might miss her big moment. She stood outside a friend’s house, shouting her friend’s name and tossing rocks at the second-story window.

Time: 4 a.m.

Date: May 6 — the day of Clarkson’s auditions.

The Brakes met Clarkson four years ago when she was 16 and Jessica Brake, then 19, was managing the Hollywood theater in Burleson. Clarkson lived nearby with mom Jeanne Taylor and her husband, Jimmy.

The Brake sisters, Clarkson and other friends hung out together and played sand volleyball in south Arlington, where Clarkson waited tables for two years at Hyena’s comedy club. When Jessica Brake finished a computer science degree and landed a job, she spent part of an early paycheck helping Clarkson cut her first demo tape.

Terry Brake knew her most-friend’s friend liked to eat those freezer pizza rolls.

“When one day we were going somewhere in the car, and she started singing,” Terry Brake said. “The girls always talked about how she could sing, but — she can sing.”

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Go Knights!
Brown scores two touchdowns against Liberty

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1,000 yards on offense at Hernando. However, the Golden Knights' wealth of talent at the running back position has kept Brown out of the starting lineup and the limelight.

That would all change Saturday. Starting tailback Alex Haynes left the game in the second quarter with an injury. It was then that Brown got his chance to show everyone what he could do. He caught the first touchdown pass of his career, a short-yardage play in which Brown was the primary receiver.

Brown's play against Liberty will likely earn him more playing time, especially if Haynes can't play Oct. 12 against Western Michigan.

Said UCF running backs coach Alan Gooch: "Alex not being in there gave [Brown and Andreal Curry] opportunities to show what they can do, and we know that they can do that. They're going to continue to get opportunities."

FROM THE SPORTS DESK

Sante earns second conference honor

KRISTY SHONKA
STAFF WRITER

For the second time this season junior outside hitter Leyre Santaella Sante won Atlantic Sun Conference player of the week. She also won the award Sept. 9.

Sante averaged 8.66 kills and 4.29 digs per game. She registered double-doubles in both match-ups.

She leads the A-Sun with 320 kills and ranks 23rd nationally in kills per game. Junior setter Jenny Frank won the award Sept. 16. She and Sante combine to own three of the conference's four player of the week awards this season.

Jacksonville blanks UCF

The UCF men's soccer team lost its first conference game of the season Sunday, when the Knights were shut out 1-0 by Jacksonville University.

Carlos Serrano scored the lone goal of the game at the 20:19 mark on an assist from Stephen Decker.


"I was disappointed in our overall play," Mcintosh added. "We didn't possess the ball enough and didn't have enough scoring opportunities."

Peters Sands (29) celebrates his first career interception Saturday against Liberty. The sophomore is second on the team with 46 tackles.

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Culpepper highlights UCF’s biggest Hall of Fame class

Pro Bowl quarterback Daunte Culpepper headlines the 2002 class of six athletes who will be inducted into the UCF Athletics Hall of Fame on Friday.

Fellow NFL player Shawn Jefferson, PGA Tour winner Robert Damron, place-kicker Scott Ryanson, volleyball player Renata Menchikova and baseball player Tim Foskett combine with Culpepper to form the fifth, and largest, class to enter the Hall of Fame.

In his first year of eligibility, Culpepper was a unanimous selection. He set more than 30 school records and three NCAA records during his four-year career as a Golden Knight, before being drafted in the first round by the NFL’s Minnesota Vikings. He went on to win the Sammy Baugh Trophy in 1999.

Jefferson was a ninth-round pick of the Houston Oilers in 1991, after playing wide receiver at UCF from 1989-90. He helped the Golden Knights to the Division I-AA semifinals in 1990. He was a member of the New England Patriots’ Super Bowl XXIX team and the Atlanta Falcons’ Super Bowl XXXI team.

Damron was the first former UCF place-kicker to win a college football postseason award. He earned second-team All-American honors by the Football Writers Association of America in 1999. Damron’s records include four field goals in a game and 18 in a season, two 50-yarders in a game, four in a season and seven in a career.

Jefferson was a three-time honorable mention All-American while at UCF. Ryanson set six school records in his four-year career (1989-93) as place-kicker for the Golden Knights. His records include four field goals in a game and 18 in a season, two 50-yarders in a game, four in a season and seven in a career.

Menchikova earned first-team all-conference honors and led the Golden Knights in kills and aces during her three-year career (1980-82). Her records for kills (2,151), kills per game (5.55) and digs per game (3.24) still stand at UCF.

Foskett played baseball at UCF from 1980-83 and holds the record for most hits in a career with 288. He became UCF’s first All-American in baseball in 1983, also earning all-conference honors. Foskett sits in second in stolen bases in a career with 92 and career sacrifices with 28 and in fifth in career batting average with a .333 average.

The Golden Knights Club is hosting the induction ceremony at the Hyatt Regency at the Orlando International Airport. There will be a reception at 6:30 p.m. and the ceremony will begin at 7 p.m. UCF play-by-play announcer Marc Daniels will emcee the event. All six athletes are expected to attend.

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Kaj defeats Yaqoob in IM badminton tournament

After two hours of grueling pool play, the tournament came down to two tired competitors.

Mansson defeated "Powerhitter The Swede" versus Zahld "The Pakistani" in the finals undefeated and as No. 1 seeds in their pool play. The tournament came down to two tired competitors.

Following the tournament, Mansson and Zahld were presented with the championship T-shirt.

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Twin inseparable in first college season together

We used to fight when we were little, but not that much now. We argue, but that’s it. No time for that. Too tired after soccer and Tim.

The two have become a force to be reckoned with on the field, and important parts of their team’s defense. This is especially notable for marking key forwards on opposing teams. They both can be two of the most dominant defenders in the league,” said Wilkins. As for future plans, both twins hope playing professional soccer is in their futures, with a high at觅ing college soccer, plans to go into that field when soccer is all said and done. Tim, who is currently undecided, isn’t sure how his path will take him after his soccer career is over.

For now, the two are focused on helping each other to make their respective teams win an ASUN championship.

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**EIGHT-DOLLAR DINING**

Old Germany satisfies the senses with food and fun

**DONNA SCHUMAN STAFF WRITER**

Upon entering Old Germany restaurant, guests are made to feel as though they have entered the country itself. Fountains and candelabras draped with drying laundry decorate the dining room. According to owner Petra Goldmann, this is her unique motif is reminiscent of Germany in the 1800s and early 1900s. Your nose is stimulated by the aroma of sauerbraten and bratwurst cooking in the kitchen. The air is filled with the sound of authentic German music. You may also recognize some popular American songs translated by German artists.

The entire staff is friendly and courteous. They greet you at the door with a smile and a Willkommen, or welcome. They are also very attentive to their guests and never let your drink go empty or leave your table cluttered with plates. The cooks, although behind the scenes, obviously work hard to create the delicious food.

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**CRAIG BROOKS STAFF WRITER**

L ast January the Recreation and Wellness Center opened its doors to reveal a hint of rock, 44 feet tall. The climbing rock has several sides, ranging in difficulty, topped with "pods" used to climb up the sheer faces. What is this monstrosity? Climbers have their own pet names for it, but the rest of the population is known just as "the wall."

Laura and Nicoletta Connell are freshmen twins who love to climb "the wall" and dedicate up to five hours a day to the syn-

**KATIE FLATH STAFF WRITER**

**DOUGLAS DODDS STAFF WRITER**

and Nicolette Connally after a few of difficulty.

It seems like the wall is a novelty to most of the students, a toy to be played with when it is new, then cast aside. The majority of students have either tried the wall at some point. Then it dies down to less people. "The Chimney," a senior psychology major, climbs the wall almost every day. "I've been climbing the wall since it opened," said Scotti. "I usually climb for three to four hours if I can."

He is one of the few "super climbers" who attack the wall with a prowess that is unmatched by all. He takes on the hardest course, usually titled "The Dynamo," jumping his way to the top in minutes.

Scotti is a pro at tackling difficult climbs such as "The Dyno," or even "The Chimney," a challenging course up the wall that has very few holds and a chute to slimy through. Watching someone manage their way through "The Chimney" is quite a sight.

Long is another quality climber with amazing skill who can complete any course put before him. He enjoys climbing at UCF and at Alpaca Rock. Climbing Center in
A little bit of Hollywood, a lot of physics

ALEXIS GRAHAM	STAFF WRITER

Watching an action movie on the big screen can provoke many thoughts, but how many people have actually sat there and said to themselves, “I wonder what the net force of Arnold Schwarzenegger is?”

Many UCF students are doing just that. UCF and the physics department have revamped the physical science class, otherwise known as PSCI 121. Nicknamed “Physics in Film,” the class allows students to understand physics concepts in a form that they understand — movies.

Students seen carrying around small, blue remote controls are enrolled in this class. These remote controls are used in conjunction with the class and also for attendance.

“The course uses select scenes from Hollywood films to explain ideas from science and how they work in everyday life,” said Efthimiou. “We disagree if what is seen in the movie is realistic or contradicts the physical laws.”

The class curriculum includes in-class discussions about solving numerical problems. There are also many demonstrations.

Efthimiou admits that the course needed some improvements.

“The traditional Physical Science course has degenerated to a sterile course,” he said. “The interests of students 20 years ago have changed dramatically.”

Kate McNeal, a freshman, likes the concept.

“I like the fact that it incorporates movies I like into the class,” said McNeal.

Brian Tonner, the chairman of the physics department, has found some unexpected benefits.

“Some of the homework for the class involves viewing movies, and many students view the films together as a group,” said Tonner. “This is a way for the students to get to know each other while completing homework at the same time.”

While getting together and watching the films can be fun and entertaining, there are still important concepts to be learned.

“Concepts like energy, momentum, elastic and inelastic collisions, thermodynamics and optics are all a part of this course,” said Tonner.

This new course is still about physics, but still covers the same material, but is explained using Hollywood as part of the curriculum.

“The traditional course remains bound to the traditional syllabus; it goes over the physics laws chapter by chapter in this course, we have freed ourselves from the chains of the traditional syllabus,” said Efthimiou.

Some of the concepts the class is currently learning about are those of gravity and freefall. To demonstrate what life without gravity would be like, the professors use clips from the IMAX film “Mission to Mars,” which is about the everyday life of astronauts on space station Mars.

Another clip used in the same lecture came from director Stanley Kubrick’s “2001: A Space Odyssey.” The clip of a woman walking upside down applied to a class discussion about weightlessness.

“Not everyone in the class finds the clips interesting. Casey Dore, a freshman, finds the class particularly boring. “Nothing could make this class interesting,” said Dore. “Although he is trying to incorporate movies to make it fun, it isn’t working.”

Still, others feel that the class is a better way to learn physics. McNeal likes this method better than a regular class.

“Our professor helps us because he makes it very interesting and fun. I think this is a better way to learn physics,” she said.

The class itself still has one trait from the old physical science course; it is classified as a “high-risk” course, meaning that a high percentage of students tend to fail. This is an issue the department is addressing.

“According to the summer data and my first exam this fall, the students who take the course in this format do much better on average,” said Efthimiou.

Unfortunately, it is still too early to predict if students will succeed better than if they were in a normal physics class.

Currently there are two sections of “Physics and Film” being taught by professors Efthimiou and Ralph Llewellyn.

Authentic atmosphere part of appeal

Jennifer Marroquin has been working at Old Germany for three weeks and says she loves how much fun her customers can be at times.

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Life-changing event prompted mild-mannered man to become superhero

Marc Ramirez
The Seattle Times

AUBURN, Wash. — Mark Wyzenbeek and his stepson glide through the shopping-mall doors, a trio of villains avenging girls hot on their trail and egging the man with the big “S” on his chest. The light trill of an amplifier. The red shorts and boots. The flying cape.

Wyzenbeek turns and confronts the girls, who glide and whisper to themselves until one of them croaks, “Are you doing a dure?”

“Now, he likes it,” said stepson Rick Stewart, 32.

Wyzenbeek smiled. “People would have to dure me not to do it.”

The girls consider this. “I dure you not to do it,” one finally said.

Kapow! A zinger for the Man of Steel! Go on; Take your best shot. Plenty have already “Yo, Spandex-Man” they shout. On “Halloween’s” next month, dude. Such comments are mere marauding premonitions of the Metropolis Marvel.

Not that Superman doesn’t feel pain. He’s felt it in a way. But he’s also a guy who grew up believing in heroes, because, to paraphrase a popular saying, bad stuff happens, and someone’s got to come to the rescue.

Four years ago, Wyzenbeek’s estranged wife died in a car accident. The long-time pop-culture collector event prompted a trip to Madame Tussaud’s in New York and admission to the second wife. "I just might be saving him, and I want to give these kids," Wyzenbeek said.

As Superman, the list items watch him, inveigle to the point of disorientation. He can almost guarantee that the man in blue will inhabit their hearts for years. They believe. When they ask whether he can fly, he tells them Lex. "Lex just laid some Kryptonite on him, so he’s not up to full strength. He strives to promote the ideals of truth, justice and the American way — along with good manners. "I try to motivate them to be good in life," he said.

An exasperating man with a brown hair and a boyish grin, Wyzenbeek stays mostly close to home, dooming the cape on days off from his managerial job at a local ice.

He has addressed kids in the “The Fortress of Solitude,” he calls it — the name of Superman’s heroic hideaway. "That’s something like a Star Trek" corner and an Elvis shell. But mostly there are all things superheroes, largely culled in decades B.C. (before eBay), some from his years as a cop.

Wonder Woman, The Flash. A Superboy/Supergirl set featuring Krypto, the Superdog and Streaky the Supercat. A Lifelike Joker mask he bought straight from its maker for $300. A Batman mask — “my pride and joy,” he says — that he got from a

Heroes are something the country has rooted more than ever lately. Don’t look at Wyzenbeek, though. He’s not looking to save the world. But he just might be saving himself.

He remembers meeting Tess Parker as a boy on the set of the “Daniel Boone” show he watched every week. Even got his autograph and saw him film a scene.

"I got him to come to the rescue. "He’s not going to promote the ideals of truth, justice and the American way — along with good manners. "I try to motivate them to be good in life," he said.

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An exasperating man with a brown hair and a boyish grin, Wyzenbeek stays mostly close to home, dooming the cape on days off from his managerial job at a local ice.

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Wonder Woman, The Flash. A Superboy/Supergirl set featuring Krypto, the Superdog and Streaky the Supercat. A Lifelike Joker mask he bought straight from its maker for $300. A Batman mask — “my pride and joy,” he says — that he got from a

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Lead story

• Among the personal items that former Tyco International chief executive L. Dennis Kozlowski bought and charged to the company (without authorization, said the company in September), were two New York City apartments ($214 million), a Boca Raton, Fla., house ($25 million), furnishings and renovations ($14 million), a travel box ($17,000), and a pincushion ($445), along with half the $2.1 million tab for a 40th birthday party for his wife (a former waitress at a restaurant near Tyco headquarters in Exeter, N.H.). (The party, at a Sardinian resort featured Shell vodka loaded into a statue as the one for gay guests through his penis.)

Democracy in action

Robert Bouslaugh dropped out of the race for sheriff in Durango, Colo., through a taping of the race for sheriff in Durango, Colo., through a taped telephone call in which he boasted that he had had sex in his office with five women (but which he later denied as just "boy talk" during a night out). And the German Green party, which provided the margin of victory for Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder in September, drew 8 percent of the vote with such campaign billboards as the one for gay rights featuring a male couple and a female couple holding their respective partners' nipples.

Compelling explanations

• In August, a jury in Sarasota, Fla., awarded a 50-year-old woman $2.1 million from surgeon Holly Barbour for a faulty face-lift and neck-tuck. According to testimony, Barbour had offered the patient a discount operation (at $7,500) because Barbour had previously worked only on eyes and wanted to expand her practice to faces. Barbour's surgery took 10 hours (twice the norm) and left the patient with a lump on her face that made a popping sound when she blinked.

• Raymond Loop, who was the "weirdo" named in cigarette ads from 1978 to 1980, filed a federal lawsuit in Little Rock, Ark., in April, demanding $90 million from R.J. Reynolds because he is so torn up from remorse and stress at the role he played in creating smoking-related illnesses in people who were influenced by his ads.
Superman living a super-fantasy

By: KRT Cami

Pop-culture collector, Mark Wyzenbeek, realized he had to start living his fantasy of being Superman after his estranged wife died in an accident four years ago.

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collectors in Texas. This stuff is a hit to him.

The king of all, though, is Superman - whose square-jawed visage and majestic "S" logo adorn rugs and glasses in kitchen cabinets. Action figures and optics instead for the nearby stairs on route to the main entrance. "I've spent $500 books on," he explained.

One wall, boxes and boxes of Superman comics dating back to the 50s. In his bedroom, a VCR and two TVs set up to play the same Superman movie so it doesn't matter which way he faces.

Most women would have told him to grow up. Not Melanie. She saw beyond that, he says, saw the greater good that he could do. He met her while helping a friend on an industrial renovation project after six years on the road trying to make it as a singer-songwriter.

Melanie Stewart had been brought into the work, the same project, as a fetching blond with the same imagination. -..- - "She's the only one I ever gonna be married to," he said. "She's the only one I ever gonna be married to," he said. "I just fell in love with the whole package," Wyzenbeek said.

The two married and had daughter Meagan a few years later; a decade after their marriage, they'd separate, good friends despite the issues they have. When she crossed the center line slowly, Wyzenbeek said, "You never really know how many more tomorrows you have."
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